

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH SEPTEMBER 2016

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Mission Statement: AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

CALENDAR

September 13, Tuesday	Pot Luck 6:30 PM Allerton House 15 Conditto Rd, Hingham RSVP: Phyllis Warren
September 17, Saturday	State AAUW Meeting Location TBA
September 20, Tuesday	Book Group 7:15 PM Home of Carol Sullivan-Hanley
September 29, Thursday	Girls' Game Night 7:00 PM Home of Hollie Bagley
October 11, Tuesday	AAUW Meeting 7:00 PM STEM Presentation Weymouth High School Library Pleasant Street, Weymouth
June 14-17, 2017	National Convention Washington, DC

BRANCH MEETING

Our Annual Pot Luck Dinner will be held on Tuesday, September 13th at the Allerton House in Hingham. Please bring a dish to share and a place setting to use for your food. Water, coffee and tea will be provided

Our meeting will begin at 6:30 PM in the meeting room adjacent to the country kitchen. We welcome everyone, so this is a perfect time to bring a prospective member or guest. The address is 15 Conditto Road in Hingham. Please let me know if you are coming by September 10th. Thank you.

Phyllis Warren, Social Chair, phylerup@aol.com

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Welcome back, everyone, from a beautiful summer. I hope all of you are well and had a nice summer season. Carol and her committee have planned wonderful programs for our meetings so it should be an exciting year. Pot Luck is on September 13th so please put that date on your calendar and hopefully we will see you then.

Last week Governor Baker signed the Massachusetts equal pay bill into law, thanks in part to our AAUW - MA members. We now have one of the strongest equal pay laws in the country. Members of AAUW sent over 600 messages to their legislators. Katie Donovan, Stacy Fatale, Liz Fagola, Linda Britt, and Joan Lovely were in attendance for the signing.

Kudos to Lynn Howard for the STEM program that was held at Weymouth High School this summer. It was a huge success. AAUW members and Delta Kappa Gama members helped Lynn with supervision and instruction in chromatography, food science, anatomy and physiology and other STEM-related subjects. I was lucky to have been a part of the program and enjoyed it thoroughly.....Thank you, Lynn.

Again, hopefully you can come to Pot Luck. I will see you then. Sheila

OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING-The Future of STEM Education

Our October meeting will be held on October 11th at 7 p.m. in the Weymouth High School Library. Come and learn more about STEM education, the Summer STEM program that was held in Weymouth, and upcoming STEM conferences. The meeting is open to the public so please feel free to share the attached flyer to invite family, friends and colleagues to join you to hear what is happening and why it's important that we continue our work promoting STEM activities for girls and women.

Lynn Howard
STEM Chair

STEM PROGRAM UPDATE - Envision the Future

Our first Summer STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Program was a success! We had 19 Middle School girls attend the week long STEM program that was held at Weymouth High School. They had the opportunity to learn about computer programming and robotics, anatomy and physiology, forensic science, engineering and more! They also had a chance to experience what college is like when on the field trip to Quincy College. While at Quincy College they learned about biotechnology, electrical engineering, robotics and 3D printing. Thank you to the following members for their help with this project: **Ruthanne Kennedy, Sheila Doherty, Hollie Bagley, Sandy Carle, Ginny Giordano, Deanne Noiseux, Gail Saccone, Patrice Metro, Carol Sullivan-Hanley, Tina Conte, Judy Zografos, and Phyllis Warren.** Also thank you to the following organizations that made a donation and provided some financial support: **Weymouth/Equitable Bank, Park Ave Market, AAUW-MA, AAUW North Shore Area Branch, Tracey Nardone (Early Childhood and Preschool Center), Roche Brothers, BJs Wholesale Club, Stop & Shop (Weymouth), Main Street Deli & Pizza, and Olympic Pizza.** The girls were very enthusiastic throughout the week and they seemed very excited to be learning about STEM. Hopefully we can run the program again next summer! Thanks again to everyone that helped out-you helped make a positive impact in these girls' lives and hopefully their future careers!

Lynn Howard
STEM Chair

BOOK GROUP

Book Group will be meeting at my home in Scituate, on Tuesday evening, September 20th at 7:15 (I come home on the train). We will be reading “The Land of Invisible Women”, by Qanta Amaed. Folks can RSVP at csulliva@lesley.edu.

Carol

GIRLS’ GAME NIGHT

The next Girls' Game Night is scheduled for Thursday, September 29 at 7 PM at the home of Hollie Bagley. There will be no date in October. We will meet again on Thursday, November 3 at 7 PM at the home of Chrisanne Gregoire.

Sandy

PUBLIC POLICY

Join AAUW’s ¡Adelante! book club for a book discussion with Carol Spaulding-Kruse and Kelsey Lepperd, authors of *The Ones I Bring with Me/Los Que Llevo Conmigo*. This bilingual English and Spanish book depicts young Latinas growing up in Iowa, with an emphasis on the importance of education and on overcoming barriers that keep Latinas from completing school. September 28, 2016. 7:30 p.m. Online and Free (You just need to register for the webinar.) [Click here.](#)

Newly Released Data Shed Light on Sexual Harassment in U.S. Public Education

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Education’s recently released [Civil Rights Data Collection \(CRDC\) for 2013–14](#) to find out how often sexual harassment is being reported in U.S. public schools. Analyzing the data by local education agency (LEA) — typically a public school district, charter school, or system of charter schools — AAUW found that more than [two-thirds \(67 percent\) of LEAs in the United States reported zero allegations of sexual harassment or bullying during the 2013–14 school year.](#)

“If these zeros were factual, I’d be thrilled. But from what we’ve heard from students, parents, and administrators, not to mention reliable research, we know these zeros bear no resemblance to what’s really happening,” said Lisa Maatz, vice president of government relations at AAUW. [Click here to read more.](#)

The Supreme Court’s Empty Seat and 2015–16 Term

This summer, the U.S. Supreme Court decided several landmark cases that will impact the rights of women and girls across the country for years to come... So what did the eight-judge court decide this summer? Three huge decisions from this term will profoundly affect gender equity. [Read more here.](#)

Patrice Metro
Public Policy Chair