

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH DECEMBER 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.

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CALENDAR

December 4, Sunday	Brunch 11:00 AM Dische Route 53 Tavern 615 Washington Street, Pembroke RSVP: Phyllis Warren ASAP
December 15, Thursday	Game Night 7:00 PM Home of Sandy Carle
December 20, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 PM Home of Gail Saccone
December 25, Sunday	MERRY CHRISTMAS HAPPY CHANUKKAH
January 1, 2017 Sunday	HAPPY NEW YEAR
January 10, Tuesday	Branch Meeting 6:30 PM Casual Supper & Book Discussion Book: <u>Girl Sent Away</u> by: Lynn Griffin Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham Hostess: Susan Liporace & Sheila Doherty
June 14-17, 2017	National Convention, Washington, DC Early Registration is now open.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy belated Thanksgiving to all of you. I hope you had a nice day with family and friends. We had a great informative meeting on Nov 15th on the do's and don'ts of estate planning. On Sunday, Dec 4th, Phyllis has arranged a Holiday Brunch at Dische 53 Tavern. Please contact her as soon as possible to let her know if you are attending. Our book discussion and casual supper will be held on January 10th at the Allerton House in Hingham at 6:30 PM. Local author Lynn Griffin will be discussing her book Girl Sent Away. I hope you all have a peaceful and wonderful holiday season.

Sheila

BOOK GROUP

The next meeting of the book group will be held on December 20th at 7:00 PM at Gail Saccone's. We are reading a [Man Called Ove](#), by Fredrik Backman:

CULTURE GROUP -- Update

Hi everyone,

I was hoping to have a full roster of fun and educational dates for us this Fall. However, as many of you know, I have had some health challenges since May and I'm afraid they are not over quite yet! So I won't be planning any outings for the next few months.

But I'm hopeful I'll be back on track in the Spring and ready to go with some enjoyable outings. Wishing everyone a wonderful holiday season!

Pat Laidler

GIRLS' GAME NIGHT

The next Girls' game night is Thursday, December 15th. We'll meet at 7:00 PM at Sandy Carle's home.

PUBLIC POLICY Five Takeaways from Election 2016

November 17, 2016

The seemingly never-ending 2016 election is finally over, and it was one for the record books. It was a year fraught with controversial candidates, positions, statements, and tweets — one that saw an [uptick in voter interest and engagement](#) but then a [major decline in voter turnout](#). It was an election that saw [increased levels of anxiety among voters](#) as well as [incidents of bullying in schools](#).

One important takeaway is that candidates did speak to issues affecting women and families. Remember in the first presidential debate when both candidates had mentioned equal pay AND child care in the first five minutes? While America and the world, respectively, try to process last week's outcome, Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President of Government Relations and Advocacy, expands on five take-aways from the election.

1. It was a shocker!
2. Congress Stays the Same, Mostly
3. Good Night for Women in the Senate
4. AAUW-Supported Ballot Initiatives Did Well
5. Voter Suppression Tactics in Motion

Read the article by [clicking here](#).

Patrice Metro