

# AAUW

## NEWS OF NOTE

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Branch website: <http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/southshorearea/>

Branch Facebook page: <https://www.facebook.com/AAUWSouthShoreAreaMassachusetts/>

### *SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH FEBRUARY 2017*

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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

February 14, Tuesday	Branch Meeting 7:00 PM Thayer Public Library, Washington St., Braintree "Creating a Digital Photo Album"
February 21, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 PM "MAKE YOUR HOME AMONG STRANGERS" by Jennifer Capocruz Home of Ellen Herling
February 23, Thursday	Girls' Game Night 7:00 PM Home of Gail Saccone
June 14-19	National Convention Washington, DC

### BRANCH MEETING

Our February 14th meeting will be held at the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St, Braintree at 7:00. It will be on the Upper Level (3rd Floor). The program is titled: **Creating a Digital Photo Album**. Gail Saccone will be doing a presentation on how to make a digital album such as Shutterfly or Snapfish for your family or travel photos. There is WiFi available so you are invited to bring your laptop with your downloaded photos. In that way you can work along with Gail and actually start your album! Hoping the weather cooperates this year!

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Our branch meeting in January featured local author Lynne Griffin, author of *Girl Sent Away*. We were very fortunate to have her speak to us about her present, past and future books. Thank you, Carol, for arranging this. Also thanks to Susan Liporace for helping that night. Hollie and I are looking forward to the Convention in Washington D.C. In June. Please consider joining us; we always have a fun and informative time.

Many branches are reading the book *Waking Up White* by Debbie Irving. It is a book about diversity. The Women's March in Boston yesterday was quite impressive. The South Shore Area Branch, as well as the Massachusetts State Board was well-represented. I will be leaving for the Sunshine State very soon but will be in touch via email or cell phone.

Sheila

## THE WOMEN'S WALK

Thanks to all our South Shore AAUW members who walked on January 21<sup>st</sup>, Women's March, here or in Naples. It was an exciting time to be surrounded by kindred spirits. AAUW's mission was in full bloom "to advance equity for women and girls".

We were among many statewide members who attended. Lynn said, "I was among 150,000 friends." Kudos to: Carol, Deanne, Lynn, Nancy, Ruthanne, Tina, Claudette, and Hollie for their participation in an historic day of protest.



**Glimpses from the 2017 Women's March**  
Submitted by Ruthanne Kennedy

## PUBLIC POLICY

"On January 21, 2017, at least [half a million people descended upon Washington, D.C.](#), to march for gender equality. Millions more joined in sister marches across the United States and around the world. [Never content to sit out](#) history, AAUW members were right there front and center"... "All came with the same goal: to proclaim that women's rights are human rights." [Click here for more.](#)

Check out [AAUW's Facebook page](#) to see more highlights from marches across the country!

Still fired up? **Keep the fight for equality going 365 days a year!** Become a [Two-Minute Activist](#) to take action on women's issues at the local, state, and federal levels. Plus, get an insider's view on the legislative process by signing up for the weekly e-bulletin [Washington Update](#). And sign up for [AAUW in the Statehouse](#) to get updates on state policy from across the country and resources to make you a more effective advocate in your own community.

## **New Data on Human Trafficking Paints a Disturbing Picture**

January 11, 2017

"Last month the UN Office on Drugs and Crime released the 2016 [Global Report on Trafficking in Persons](#), focusing on data collection for the 2012–14 time period and drawn from the patterns and trends of trafficking in persons from official national criminal justice sources. The *Global Report* is currently the only international source of information on victims of trafficking in persons, detailed by age, sex, and form of exploitation in the 136 countries surveyed in the report."...

"Despite the inclusion of anti-trafficking and antiviolenace sustainable development goals in the UN General Assembly Sustainable Development Agenda, the [report](#) outlines new and troubling developments. The data show that the unprecedented and massive movement of refugees and migrants has intensified since 2014, and that this shift involves numbers of vulnerable women, men, and children who can be easily exploited by smugglers and traffickers."

For other findings from the [report, click here](#).

Patrice Metro

## **MARCH BRANCH MEETING**

Our March 14th meeting is a joint meeting with DKG Alpha Iota Chapter. Please join us as we learn more about Safe Passage and meet members who have volunteered in Guatemala. The Mission of Safe Passage is to empower the poorest, at risk children of families working and living at Guatemala City garbage dump, by creating opportunities, fostering dignity and self esteem through the power of education. Safe Passage has been committed to community involvement since its inception in 1999. Please see the [attached flyer](#) for more information. Thanks. Sandy Carle

It is important to note that if you'd like to join Alpha Iota for a light dinner before the presentation you need to send \$10 to Sandy (see flyer) before March 3rd.

Sandy Carle