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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH JANUARY 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

January 1, Friday



January 6, Tuesday,

Culture Group
Pat Laidler

January 13, Tuesday

Branch Meeting- 6:30 PM
Allerton House, Hingham

January 21, Thursday

Girls' Game Night-7 PM
Home of Gail Saccone

January 26, Tuesday

Finance Committee Meeting-6:30 PM
Board Meeting-7 PM
Home of Ginny Giordano

February 9, Tuesday

Branch Meeting, 7:00 PM
Weymouth High School
Five STEM Camp attendees report

April 9, Saturday

STEM Conference for Girls
Weymouth High School
Call Lynn Howard to volunteer

May 7, 2016

AAUW State Convention

BRANCH MEETING

On Tuesday January 12 at 6:30 PM we will be meeting at the Allerton House, 15 Conditto Road, Hingham for a light supper and book discussion. As you do for Pot Luck, please let me know what you will be

bringing to contribute to our meal.....Don't forget to bring along your place setting, whether it be china or paper. Coffee, tea, and water will be provided. Again, let me know if you are coming so that we have enough tables and chairs.
Thanks, Sheila greenharbor11@verizon.net

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Women are always being tested...but ultimately, each of us has to define who we are individually and then do the very best job we can to grow into that.”
-Hillary Rodham Clinton

At the Envision the Future STEM Resource Fair our branch was recognized by Superintendent Salim of Weymouth for our efforts on behalf of STEM. Our own Lynn Howard was also acknowledged for spearheading STEM projects. It was truly a unique experience and a pleasure to see so many participants from our summer program blossom and take on more STEM responsibilities in their respective towns.



The Holiday Social was a combined program. We visited the Christmas Designers Show House at the Daniel Webster Mansion. It was magnificent. Then we attended High Tea at Sheila's home. It was a wonderful event. Thank you again to our “host with the most” Sheila.



At our January board meeting we will be discussing the status of our NCCWSL program. (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders)

Please join us on January 12, 2016 for our branch meeting. Remember: Bringing in the New Year with friends is a good way to start 2016.

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MEMBERSHIP

As you can see in the above pictures, a small group of our members had a wonderful day touring the beautifully decorated Daniel Webster House in Marshfield on December 13th. The tour was followed by a lovely tea at Sheila Doherty's house. Sheila had prepared little sandwiches, breads, cookies and tarts. Her home looked ever so festive as well, and we all enjoyed a very nice holiday gathering: Carol Sullivan-Hanley also joined us, although not in the picture.

FINANCE MEETING

On January 26 at 6:30 PM, before the Board Meeting, there will be a meeting of the Finance Committee. . Program, membership, treasurer. and president are expected to attend. Others may attend if interested- contact Sandy at scarle12@aol.com for further information.

STEM UPDATE

The AAUW South Shore Branch and The Envision the Future STEM Team participated in the FACE the Future event at the Weymouth High School on September 26th where we shared information about our STEM events. Our next event will be on Thursday, December 10th at Bridgewater State University from 2:30-5:30 at the Envision the Future STEM Replication Fair. At our February 9th Branch meeting the five Weymouth students who attended the Envision the Future STEM Camp at Bridgewater State University this past summer will share their experiences and their plans for the future. Finally on April 9th we will host our third annual STEM Conference for girls at the Weymouth High School from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. If you are available to volunteer on December 10th or April 9th please contact Lynn Howard at lynnphoward82@comcast.net or 781-901-9120

Thank you for supporting our STEM Activities! Lynn Howard, STEM Chair

CULTURE GROUP

We are planning a trip to the Museum of Fine Arts, Boston, on the morning of Wednesday, January 6, 2016. Carpools will be arranged. Let Pat Laidler know if you want to go.

Class Distinctions: Dutch Painting in the Age of Rembrandt and Vermeer From nobles to merchants to milkmaids, Dutch artists in the time of Rembrandt and Vermeer portrayed all levels of society in masterful detail.

Organized by the MFA, this groundbreaking exhibition proposes a new approach to understanding 17th-century Dutch painting. Through 75 carefully selected, beautifully preserved portraits, genre scenes, landscapes and seascapes borrowed from European and American public and private collections—including masterpieces never before seen in the United States—the show reflects, for the first time, the ways in which paintings represent the various socioeconomic groups of the new Dutch Republic, from the Princes of Orange to the most indigent.

Class distinctions had meaning and were expressed in the type of work depicted (or the lack thereof), costumes, a figure's comportment and behavior, and his physical environment. Arranged according to 17th-century ideas about social stratification, paintings by artists such as Rembrandt, Vermeer, Jan Steen, Pieter de Hooch, Gerard ter Borch and Gabriel Metsu, are divided broadly into three classes—upper, middle and lower—and within them, into sub-groups.

Nobles, merchants, and milkmaids are among the figures in the thematic groupings, reflecting the social order of the new Dutch Republic. Viewers are encouraged to look closely at the images for clues that differentiate a mistress from a maid, or might distinguish a noble from a social-climbing merchant.

A final section explores the places where the classes in Dutch society met one another. Opportunities for these encounters arose in the city and the country, winter and summer, indoors and out, at leisure or at work, on the threshold of a house or of a business. Paintings depicting the meeting of the classes are among the liveliest of the era. Three table settings of objects used by each class (including salt cellars, candlesticks, mustard pots, and linens), but diverging in material and decoration—highlight material differences among the classes. The accompanying publication features essays by a team of distinguished Dutch scholars and exhibition curator Ronni Baer, the MFA's William and Ann Elfers Senior Curator of Paintings.