



# NEWS OF NOTE

September 2017

South Shore Area (MA) Branch

## OCTOBER BRANCH MEETING

**October 10, 2017, 7 pm**

**WOMEN IN POLITICS: MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD**

**Speaker: State Representative Joan Meschino**

**Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt St., off Rt. 228 (Whiton Room)**

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

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There are many ways we can support and succeed on issues of importance to women, from making a phone call to running for office. All are welcome to attend the October 10th program as Representative Meschino takes us through her journey to the State House and along the way gives us advice how women can make their voices heard by becoming politically active.

Former Hull Selectman **Joan Meschino** is the new State Representative for the Third Plymouth district

(Cohasset, Hingham, Hull, and North Scituate).

*Joan is an experienced, qualified leader with a proven record of accomplishment that ranges from her leadership on the South Shore to advocacy for progressive causes on Beacon Hill.*

Many know Joan from her years of public service across the South Shore. She's a lifelong resident of the district and worked as a sternman on her father's lobster boat to put herself through Harvard University and then later earned her Juris Doctor at the University of New Hampshire School of Law.

Meschino served two terms as a Selectman in Hull and currently serves on the Metropolitan Area Planning Council's Executive Committee, Metropolitan Beaches Commission, and Hull Capital Outlay Committee.

In addition to advocacy on a local level, Meschino has spent her professional career fighting for progressive causes across Massachusetts. Most recently, she served as Executive Director for the Massachusetts Appleseed Center for Law and

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Justice, Inc., a public interest law center that promotes equal rights and opportunities for Massachusetts residents. Under her leadership and management, Massachusetts Appleseed's influence and impact in access to justice policy has increased dramatically.

She was honored with a "2014 Top Women in Law" award by Massachusetts Lawyers Weekly. Meschino has also been an effective advocate during her service on the Board of Directors of the Women's Bar Association of Massachusetts. She currently serves on the WBA's Women's Leadership Initiative and on the Massachusetts Bar Association's Access to Justice Section Council.

We are pleased that Joan has agreed to take time out of her busy life to speak to us. Please make every effort to attend.

For more information, contact Carol Sullivan-Hanley at [csulliva@lesley.edu](mailto:csulliva@lesley.edu). The program is free and open to the public.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



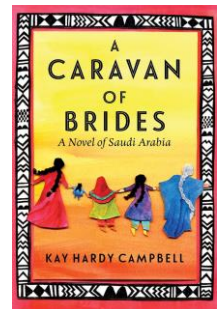
*Lily Ledbetter with Sheila Doherty*

At the current rate of change the gender pay gap will not close until 2119. We need to have Congress and the State Legislators to work to get that accomplished. AAUW is still aggressively pursuing this issue to achieve equal pay for equal work. This should not be a fairy tale it must be a reality.

On October 28th, Kim Churches, CEO of AAUW will be speaking at the Lexington Community Center at 10 am. Since she is coming from Washington, DC we hope to have a substantial number of Massachusetts AAUW members in attendance to show our support. Car pooling will be available. Please contact Sheila if you need transportation or would like to car pool.

We had a great night at our pot luck dinner. The food and camaraderie were what made the event so successful. Thank you to Ginny Giordano and Phyllis Warren for arranging the evening. Kudos to Carol Sullivan-Hanley and Gail Saccone and their committees for arranging our program and for printing our new directory. We were pleased to have Hollie Bagley give us the flavor of the national convention with her PowerPoint presentation. Just to remind you again the national publication, **Outlook**, will be sent to you electronically.

Kay Campbell, a former Hingham member has written a book, *A Caravan of Brides*. It is available on Amazon.com. She will be our guest author for the January meeting and will happy to sign copies of her book.



Our October 10th meeting is titled "Women in Politics". State Representative Joan Meschino will be speaking to us at the Hingham Public Library at 7 pm.

Our fundraiser this year will be on November 9th at the Hearth & Kettle in Weymouth beginning at 6 pm. We will be painting wine glasses. They make great gifts. Michael Doherty is the guest artist. This is a fundraiser for AAUW Funds so

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please save the date. The cost is \$40.00 and checks or cash can be mailed to me in advance. Checks should be made out to Sheila Doherty. We need 20 people to sign up for this fundraiser to make it a success. Everyone has always had a great time at this event in the past. Guests are welcome. A few of us will be having dinner (not included) at the Hearth & Kettle at 5:15 pm, please feel free to join us before the

painting session for dinner, a snack or a drink. Please see the flyer for the event at the end of this newsletter. Use it to publicize the event or give it to your friends as an invitation. Looking forward to seeing everyone at both the branch meeting and Paint Night.

See you there!  
Sheila Doherty  
President

## BRANCH CALENDAR

You will find our monthly branch calendar on the last page of this newsletter. It is on a separate page so that you can print it or transfer the dates to your personal calendar. All events on the calendar are open to all



members but as a courtesy please inform the hostess if you are attending. You can find their contact information in your branch directory. Our monthly branch programs are free and open to the public.

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Your membership makes AAUW's powerful voice even stronger on critical issues affecting women and girls. Your AAUW membership also means that you have access to some great **discounts and special services** exclusively offered to members. Member benefits can enhance your professional and personal life and can **save you money** along the way! With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty that is used to support the work that AAUW does, including equal pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, student leadership conference, and so much more.

We were very impressed with the variety of benefits listed on the national website: [www.aauw.org/membership/benefits](http://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits). The following is a partial list of some of the discounts, programs, publications, etc.:

- Education and Career Development
- Books and Publications (AAUW **Outlook**, archived research reports, discount magazine prices)
- Insurance Plans (Nationwide Insurance and Mylo Health Insurance at discounts)



- Financial services (Congressional Federal CU)
- Shopping discounts at Office Max, Target, ShopAAUW
- HotelStorm for lowest prices on hotels all over the world

CORRECTION TO THE 2017 DIRECTORY: Pat Bologna's phone number is incorrect. It is 508-273-7919 and her address is 14 Winterberry Way, not Lane. If there are any other corrections, please let us know. Thanks!

Gail Saccone and Anne Foley  
Co-Vice Presidents of Membership

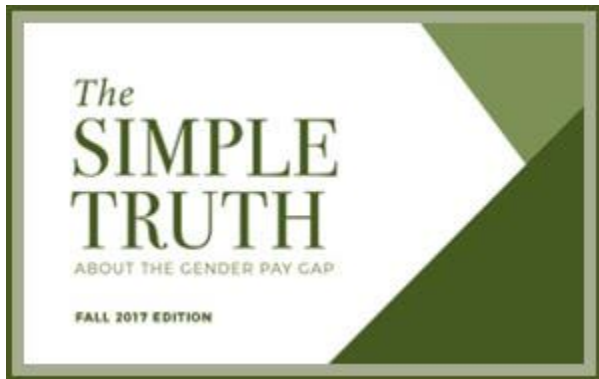
## PUBLIC POLICY

### ACCESS Bill Hearing at the State House

On October 3, at 10:30 am, the hearing for the Act relative to advancing contraceptive coverage and economic security in our state (ACCESS), which will ensure affordable access to birth control for MA residents, regardless of what happens to the Affordable Care Act at the federal level, will be held in the Gardner Auditorium at the State House. AAUW-MA will testify. Come to Boston with us to testify, lobby and show your support for the bill.

More info on the bill: <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/planned-parenthood-advocacy-fund-massachusetts-inc/issues/birth-control-access>

### Women in U.S. Have to Wait until 2119 for Equal Pay



"An AAUW analysis of newly released [U.S. Census Bureau data](#) indicates that women working full time on average still make 80 cents compared to every dollar men make. At the current rate of progress in closing the gap, women will not receive pay equity until the year 2119. [Prior AAUW analysis](#) found that even when accounting for education, occupation, hours worked, and other factors, women still earned seven percent less than men. Gender discrimination is a significant cause of the pay gap."

Read the new report, *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*. [Click here](#). And, learn more about what actions you can take by clicking here – [FightForFairPay.org](http://FightForFairPay.org).

### Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO, was in Boston on September 5 to announce the research findings on Year One of AAUW Work Smart

AAUW Work Smart is a five-year partnership with the Mayor's Office of Women's Advancement to offer free salary negotiation workshops to every woman who works or lives in Boston. The workshops are designed to empower participants by helping them determine their value in the job market and give them concrete salary negotiation skills. Work Smart is aiming to reach 85,000 women by 2021.

The curriculum was developed by Evelyn Murphy, former lieutenant governor of Massachusetts and president of the Wage Project which is working to end wage discrimination against women. Murphy is also co-chair of the city's Women's Workforce Council, which has been [gathering wage data](#) from Boston area employers. The initial results, announced in January, found that women in Greater Boston earn [77 cents on the dollar](#) compared with men.

UMass Boston's Center for Women in Politics and Public Policy has evaluated the first year of Work Start.

The research took a case study approach, and there are many interesting personal stories in the report which help to understand the impact of the program. Some highlights:

- The percentage of women in the US workforce has been declining since 1990.
- The study examined the first year of the program in which almost 1800 women participated.
- Majority of workshop attendees were under 44 yrs old. 80% were aged 18-39.
- 87% of participants used the research tools they learned to identify appropriate salary levels for their positions. Almost half negotiated increased compensation for a current job or achieved a competitive starting salary for a new job.

You can read the full report, ***Gaining Ground on Equal Pay***, on Year One of the AAUW's Work Smart program in Boston by [clicking here](#).

Patrice Metro  
Public Policy Chair

## FREE LUNCH

Who wouldn't enjoy a free lunch? We all know that AAUW members love to attend events revolving around food. That is why AAUW-MA, the North Shore Area and Bedford/Lexington branches partnered to pay for our lunch at the **Kim Churches Meet and Greet** on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup> at the Lexington Community Center from 10 am to 2 pm. Seriously, a free lunch is not the only benefit of attending, but you can see that AAUW-MA is making every effort to entice us to attend this very important event. By now you have received your ***BayStater*** with the details of the event. I was lucky enough to meet Kim in person at the national convention so I urge each of you to make every effort to attend. It will give you a chance to get to know the CEO of our organization and to ask her any questions or make any comments you might have. This opportunity does not often come along! Let's have a strong showing of South Shore Area branch members. I have always found car pooling fun and it helps the traveling pass by quickly. You can register at [EventBrite](#) (a lunch count is needed). The link is also in your ***BayStater***. Let [Sheila Doherty](#) know if you would like to car pool. I look forward to the pleasure of your company on Saturday, October 28<sup>th</sup>.



Respectfully,  
Hollie Bagley

## ADVENTURES IN DINING



Our branch special interest group, Adventures in Dining, is back and invites you to join them in their next adventure—dinner at Mother Anna’s Restaurant and Bar, 46 Columbia Road (Route 53), Pembroke at 5:30 pm on Thursday, September 28<sup>th</sup>. The diners select the next restaurant and date. It is dutch treat with separate checks (when available). Over the summer the group met

at Mia Regazza in Marshfield and Tokyo Japanese Steak House in Braintree. Come, enjoy the company of your fellow AAUW members and a good dinner! RSVP to [Hollie Bagley](#) by Tuesday, September 26<sup>th</sup> so that a reservation can be made.



## MUSEUM VISIT

Our Delta Kappa Gamma friends in Alpha Iota Chapter have invited us to join them on Saturday, October 14<sup>th</sup>, for a walking tour of the deCordova Sculpture Park and Museum beginning at 12 noon sharp, followed by an optional lunch at Longfellow’s Wayside Inn in Sudbury. Please see the attached flyer for full details and RSVP instructions.

## WHITE PRIVILEGE SYMPOSIUM

**FYI, A White Privilege Symposium Cape Cod:** Understanding and Challenging Privilege: One Ally at a Time, will be held at the Nauset Regional High School in North Eastham on Friday evening, October 20<sup>th</sup> and all day Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>. Please see the attached flyer for full details and RSVP instructions.

Continue scrolling down for the October calendar



## SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

October 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednes	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
24	25	<b>26</b> 7pm Game Night @ Laurie's	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 5:30pm Adventures in Dining	<b>29</b>	30
1	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b> 10:30am ACCESS Bill Hearing	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	7
8	<b>9</b> <a href="#">Columbus Day</a>	<b>10</b> 7pm Branch program	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>	<b>14</b> 10am Policy Advocacy 101
15	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b> 7pm Book Group @ Susan's	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> 7pm Game Night @ Sheila's	<b>20</b> 5:30pm White Privilege Symposium	<b>21</b> 8am White Privilege Symposium
22	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b> 7pm Board meeting @ Phyllis'	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b>	<b>28</b> 10am Kim Churches in Lexington
29	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>  <a href="#">Halloween</a>				

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September 26	Home of Laurie Taylor-Curby, 3 Andorra Lane, Hingham
September 28	Mother Anna's Restaurant and Bar, 46 Columbia Road (Rte 53), Pembroke
October 3	Gardner Auditorium, State House, Boston
October 10	Hingham Public Library, 66 Leavitt Street, Hingham
October 14	deCordova Museum Tour, see flyer for details
October 14	Policy Advocacy 101, see BayStater for details
October 17	Home of Susan Liporance, 82 Glades Rd., Scituate. <i>The Wright Brothers</i> by David McCullough
October 20-21	White Privilege Symposium, see BayStater for details
October 24	Home of Phyllis Warren, 34 Holmes Street, Halifax
October 28	Lexington Community Center, 39 Marrett Road, Lexington
November 9	Paint Night, AAUW Funds fundraiser, see flyer