

# AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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## **SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH FEBRUARY 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**

Tuesday, February 9, 2016

Branch Meeting- 7:00PM, Weymouth High School



Sunday, February 14, 2016

Thursday, February 18, 2016

Girls' Game Night-7:00 PM  
Home of Chrisanne Gregoire

Tuesday, February 23, 2016

AAUW South Shore, 5:30 PM  
Panera at Derby  
(Organizational Meeting for STEM)

### **Save the Dates**

Saturday, April 9, 2016

STEM 8:00 AM to 1:00 PM  
Weymouth High School

Saturday, May 7, 2016

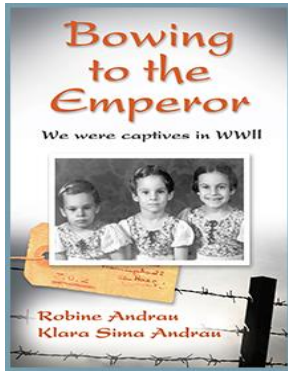
AAUW State Convention

### **BRANCH MEETING**

At our February Branch Meeting we will be discussing the Future of STEM Education. The meeting will be held at the Weymouth High School Library at 7:00 p.m. So come and find out what AAUW is doing both nationally and locally to promote STEM education. In addition, we'll hear from five Weymouth students who attended the Envision the Future STEM Program at Bridgewater State University in July. For more information see the attached flyer. As always, the meeting is open to the public so please feel free to share this flyer with family and friends.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"Children are apt to live up to what you believe of them." Lady Bird Johnson*



It was a wonderful way to begin 2016 with members and guests meeting author Robine Andrau. She was an inspiration listening to her tell her family's story. It reminded us that we can accomplish a goal at any age and be successful with a dream. Thank you to Sheila and Carol for a great meeting.

Please come and be inspired by several middle school girls about their STEM experiences on February 9th at Weymouth High School. These girls exemplify what AAUW supports. They are our future, and it is very bright. Our branch has been instrumental in local STEM programs. Find out what we are doing nationally for Science Technology Engineering Math. AAUW has empowered women since 1881. AAUW is a powerful community that breaks through the barriers facing women today.

Liz Fragola has accepted our State Co-Presidents position. She is from the North Shore Area Branch.

Tia Roy is our new AAUW-MA Communications Coordinator. She is a former NCCWSL attendee (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). Ruthanne Kennedy

### **Registration: Title IX Coordinators Delivery Project Conference Call**

Hundreds of AAUW members have pledged to deliver new resources from the U.S. Department of Education to [Title IX coordinators](#) at schools in their area. [Join us for an all-member conference call](#) to hear the status of those efforts, including recent success stories and tips for overcoming common challenges from those who have already taken action.

**Date:** February 3, 2016

**Time:** 7:30 p.m. ET

**Location:** Online

**Cost:** Free

*All AAUW members are invited but space is limited. This call will be recorded and made available at a later date.*

[\*\*Register here today!\*\*](#)

## NEW MEMBERS

We'd like to welcome two new members to our branch. Karen and Susan were able to join us for the January Potluck meeting that included a discussion of the book [Bowling to the Emperor](#) with the author Robine Andrau. Please make note of their contact information in your Directory.

Karen Augenstern

Susan Liporace

## BOOK GROUP

We will meet at 7:00 PM on the 16th at Carol Sullivan-Hanley's to discuss *Lifesaving Lessons* by Linda Greenlaw.

## AAUW 2015 ACCOMPLISHMENTS/ADVOCACY ACHIEVEMENTS:

1. 250,000 emails sent to legislators by AAUW members.
2. AAUW Action Fund Capital Hill Lobbyists made 1300 visits to Senators and Representatives on issues important to women and families. 40 years of citizen lobbying.
3. US Dept of Education's Office for Civil Rights (advocated by AAUW) published official tools for Title IX coordinators. **Resource Delivery Project** meets with local communities and school districts to share new materials.
4. AAUW leaders advocated for civil rights and gender equity provisions that were included in federal K-12 education laws.
5. AAUW's Lisa Maatz testified to the House on the issue of sexual assaults on college campuses.
6. AAUW, along with other groups, gave US Dept of Justice guidance on identifying and preventing gender bias in response to sexual assault and domestic violence.
7. Released Fall edition of "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap".
8. Released "Solving the Equation" with recommendations for state and federal policy makers to increase women's participation in STEM fields.
9. Pres. Obama's paid leave executive order endorsed many AAUW priorities (i.e. Healthy Families Act, paid leave programs & plans at the state level).
10. US Dept. of Labor issued final rules prohibiting federal contractors from retaliating against employees who ask about or share salary information.
11. Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013: Final regulations went into effect 7/1/15 that require colleges and universities to take better steps to end sexual violence.
12. Included in the 2015 State of the Union address were many AAUW priorities: equal pay, expanding daycare tax credits, paid sick leave, making college more accessible & affordable, improving retirement savings, raising minimum wage, and making investments in education.

## 2016 GOALS:

1. Better policies on paid leave and higher minimum wage laws.
2. Improved federal overtime rules, better compensation data reporting to help close the gender gap.
3. High quality public education, access to birth control, equal pay.
4. AAUW Action Fund Capital Hill Lobby Corps will continue to address campus sexual assault, improve the climate for women in STEM, and open up more career and technical education options for girls.
5. 2016 "It's My Vote: I Will BE Heard" voter registration/ get-out-the-vote campaign.

## CULTURE GROUP

Here are the tentative plans for February. Please let Pat know if you are interested in attending:

*Thursday, Feb 4<sup>th</sup> - Afternoon at the Movies at the Loring Cinema to see **Carol** at 12:30pm or **Room** at 3:00pm. I'd like to hear back from people who want to go on Thursday as to which movie they prefer...or maybe we can have two groups.*

*Wednesday, Feb. 17th - A trip to the Isabella Stewart Gardner to tour and enjoy this beautiful museum. We could carpool and meet at the Hingham Park and Ride at 10am.*

*Saturday, Feb. 27th - The Shades of Yale, Women's A Cappella Group. The performance is from 1:00pm-3:00pm and tickets are \$10 in advance. Again, we could carpool.*

Two other great, local independent cinemas are Plimoth Cinema at Plymouth Plantation and the Dedham Community Theatre.

The Plimoth Cinema has a 2:00 matinee and is showing The Big Short until Feb. 11th. They also have a film festival of Oscar-nominated Short Films running until Feb. 11th.

The Dedham Community Theatre is currently showing four films: CAROL, BROOKLYN, DANISH GIRL and YOUTH!

Again, we could carpool to these theatres.

I'd like some feedback as to whether theatregoers would like to venture out to these locations in the future.

Pat





## South Shore Branch Meeting



## The Future of STEM Education

### Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics

The National Science Foundation “estimates that 80% of the jobs created in the next decade will require some form of math and science skills”

- Learn about what AAUW is doing to encourage women and girls to pursue STEM careers
- Hear from the five Weymouth students that attended the Envision the Future STEM Program at Bridgewater State University in July
- Find out more about the South Shore Branch STEM Conference for girls in grades 4-8 and how you can get involved

**Tuesday, February 9, 2016 at 7:00 p.m.  
at the Weymouth High School Library**

**For more information contact Lynn Howard at  
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Free and open to the public**