

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

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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.

CALENDER

April 8, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 7:00 PM Scituate Town Library 85 Branch Street, Scituate "A Dream Come True" by Marie Flaherty
April 10, Thursday	Girls' Game Night, 7:00 PM Home of Gail Saccone 33 May Avenue, Braintree (781-424-4356)
April 15, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 PM Home of Nancy Yellin

BRANCH MEETING

We will meet on April 8th at 7:00 PM at the Scituate Library on Branch Street in Scituate. The subject will be the **Entrepreneurial Woman**. Marie Flaherty, graphic designer and owner of a boutique in Scituate will share her experiences in creating a viable business in tough economic times. Her boutique **Native** takes its name from items created by artists of Peru, Mexico, New Mexico, Africa, and other areas of the world far from the Scituate location of the store. An appreciation of well-designed and crafted works of art in the form of jewelry, clay pots, masks, and textiles inspired her to buy things directly from the artists to sell in a new shop for Scituate and area patrons.

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The US Congress is expected to vote in April on the Paycheck Fairness Act. Also an attempt to raise the minimum wage to \$10.10 per hour is being considered. AAUW is one of the leaders in the charge to achieve passage of both of these pieces of proposed legislation. Our meeting this month is on Tuesday, April 8th which is Equal Pay Day. Our speaker is Marie Flaherty, owner of NATIVE, a shop in Scituate, MA. We have 2 candidates from Bridgewater State who will be attending the NCCWSL Conference in June. They will be sharing the stipend we plan on providing to assist them with their personal finances. Chelsea Clinton will be speaking at the conference. Her presentation will focus on telling young college women how to make changes for themselves. Our STEM Project is going forward on May 17th. Please see Lynn Howard for more information.

Don't forget to contact Carol Sullivan-Hanley for our May dinner on the 13th at PJ's Country House in Scituate.

Sheila Doherty

UPCOMING

I have reserved "the Library" at P.J.'s Tavern in Scituate on Tuesday evening, May 13th at 6:30 We have the option of the lighter fare menu where folks will have the option of ordering a seafood option, chicken option, or roast beef. Each meal will come with a potato or rice option, a garden salad, a fresh vegetable, bread and dessert. The cost will be \$29.00, plus gratuity which will come to \$37.00 per person. If we get more than 20 members, we may order off the menu which will be less expensive. As with the holiday brunch, I will collect the exact amount of cash that evening. Please let me know if you have any questions and if you are ready to make a reservation.

Carol

AAUW Members and Volunteers, We Salute You!

Every day, we ask you — our members and volunteers — to make an effort to empower women and girls. Not only do you do this, but you do it well. From leading our national board, to planning state and national conventions, holding fundraisers, and pulling off powerful local programming, you do so much to help realize AAUW's mission, and we cannot thank you enough.

With that in mind, AAUW's national staff have designated the last week of March as Member and Volunteer Appreciation Week. While we couldn't possibly cram all our thanks into one week, we want to make sure you know how much we appreciate all you do to empower women and to make AAUW the powerful community it is.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
— AAUW national staff

GIRLS' GAME NIGHT

Our next Game Night will be on April 10th at Gail Saccone's house in Braintree at 7:00 PM.

BOOK GROUP

Book Group is scheduled to meet on the 15th of April at Nancy Yellin's home. The book we will discuss is *The Chaperone* by Laura Moriarty. Please notify Nancy if you plan to attend.

PUBLIC POLICY,

Things are starting to come together for our local branch STEM project on May 17th in Weymouth. We have 4 presenters so far. We'd like a few more to have a variety of options for the girls to choose from so if anyone has any contacts (or ideas) I'd appreciate it if you could help us!

We're looking for women in STEM careers to present an hour hands-on workshop (two times). Sharing information about their career/job and then doing a hands-on activity. We'd like to find a women in a health/medical career (nurse, physical therapist/doctor/veterinarian etc/) and a women in a computer science career.

We are also looking for some companies that would like to be a corporate sponsor. We will need some funding for refreshments, materials for the workshops, printing flyers and brochures, some small give-away for the girls etc. So please spread the word about this project to anyone that you know that might be interested in sponsoring this event.

Please feel free to contact me if you need any additional information. Thank you for your help with this branch service project!
Lynn Howard 781-901-9120



Picture of some of our gals taken on February 25th at Weymouth High School. Lynn Howard had us set up a table at the Southeast MA STEM meeting. We were looking for sponsors for a Tech Trek camp next summer and a half-day STEM seminar in May. The picture is of: Ruthanne Kennedy, Dee Noiseux, Gail Saccone, Lynn Howard and Sandy Carle.