# AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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<u>Mission Statement:</u> AAUW advances equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. <u>Vision Statement:</u> 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.

## HINGHAM AREA BRANCH DECEMBER 2012

#### CALENDAR

December 1, Saturday	Deadline for Eleanor Roosevelt Award Nominations See our <u>website</u> for details.
December 2, Sunday	Holiday Social, 12 noon Inn at Bay Pointe 64 Washington Ct., Quincy
December 11, Tuesday	Book Group Home of Lynne O'Brien
December 13, Thursday	Writers' Group, 7:30 Brewed Awakenings, HIngham
January 3, Thursday	Girls' Game Night Home of Sandy Carle
January 8, Tuesday	Branch Meeting Soup & Salad & Books Allerton House, Hingham

#### **BRANCH MEETING**

We will be gathering for our annual holiday social on Sunday, December 2nd at the Inn at Bay Pointe, 64 Washington Ct, Quincy. They have a wonderful brunch and we will meet there at 12 Noon. All are welcome to come; however please e-mail me at greenharbor11@verizon.net or call me at 781-267-1164 to make a reservation not later than November 26th. Please bring \$24.00 (cash only) on that day. This is a cash only event; no credit cards or checks please. Sheila

#### PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

AAUW National has recently launched a new calendar tool called Member Showcase

(<u>https://svc.aauw.org/calendar/index\_view.cfm</u>) to enable branch, state and national events to be publicized nationwide, reinforcing the breadth of our AAUW community and the diversity our programs to help AAUW *Break through Barriers* for women and girls. In addition to posting AAUW events, the site administrators scan the internet regularly to learn more about events in members' local communities which may be of interest and notes these on the calendar as well.

#### What are the benefits of the AAUW Member Showcase?

□ The Member Showcase provides an easy way to learn about AAUW activities on the local, state and national levels.

□□□ The Member Showcase may be viewed by **members and non-members alike**. In the last year, AAUW's website averages 47,500 visitors to 454,000 pages per month which should provide a boon to membership.

 $\Box$  It provides **greater visibility** for our fundraising and advocacy events, meetings and other activities and encourages audiences to visit our linked website and learn more about opportunities for them with our branch.

 $\Box$  The Member Showcase is a great way for sponsors to find us and to learn where branches/states are holding events that could be opportunities for support/investments.

□ As AAUW and the world continue to "go green," this is a paperless (and cost-free) way to showcase our activities.

I hope you'll take a look at the calendar and find it useful.

I am looking forward to seeing you all at the Holiday Brunch.

My best wishes to you for a joyful holiday season!

#### JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

On Tuesday, January 8, 2013 we will have our annual Soup & Salad (S&S) Meeting at Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham. The book we are reading is "Maine" by J. Courtney Sullivan. I hope you all can attend. Please let me know if you are coming and also what you are bringing: either soup, salad, or desert. Contact me at <u>greenharbor11@verizon.net</u> or 781-267-1098. Don't forget to bring a bowl, plate and flatware. Drinks will be provided. Sheila Doherty

#### NOMINATING COMMITTEE

We need a few good women for the following positions:

Program VP Co-Membership Secretary Treasurer

Volunteers or suggestions are welcome. **WE NEED YOUR HELP**. Contact Sheila Doherty at 781-267-1098 or at <u>greenharbor11@verizon.net</u>. You may also contact Ruthanne Kennedy at 781-337-1645.

#### **BOOK GROUP**

We will be meeting on Tuesday, December 11<sup>th</sup> at Lynne O'Brien's: the book selection is *Butterfly Cabinet* by Bernie McGill

#### YARN GROUP

The Yarn Group will be meeting on **Wednesday, November 28th** at 7:00 p.m. at Lynn Howard's (4 Judson Road, Weymouth). Then we will be taking some time off and we'll meet again in 2013 on **Wednesday, January 23rd** at Claudette Newhall's (25 Robinson Avenue, Braintree). You don't need to have any previous experience, all members are welcome. So if you've been thinking about joining us but haven't yet, make a New Year's resolution and come join us. We have a lot of laughs while we work on our projects. Please send an email or call Lynn (lynnphoward82@comcast.net or 781-901-9120) to let us know if you are going to join us. If you would like to be part of the group but can't make it on Wednesday nights, please let us know what night is better for you and we'll try to pick a different night for future meetings.

Pat

### ELEANOR ROOSEVELT FUND AWARD

AAUW invites nominations for the following prestigious biennial award:

Established in 1989, the **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award** honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, educational and research contributions, and legal and legislative work in equality for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

Work should support the following goals of the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund:

- $\cdot$  To remove barriers to women's and girls' participation in education.
- $\cdot$  To promote the value of diversity and cross-cultural communication.
- $\cdot$  To develop greater understanding of the ways women learn, think, work, and play.

Please visit our <u>website</u> to nominate a deserving woman, institution, or organization! If you know a woman whose work focuses on advancing women and girls, please consider nominating her for this award. The deadline for the Eleanor Roosevelt nominations is **DECEMBER 1**<sup>ST</sup> **2012.**