

# 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

November 28, Thursday	<i>HAPPY THANKSGIVING!</i>
December 5, Thursday	Adventures in Dining 6:30PM Strawberry Fair, Norwell
December 8, Sunday	Holiday Brunch 12:00 PM Atlantica, Cohasset RSVP: Carol Sullivan-Hanley
December 12, Thursday	Girls' Game Night Sandy Carle's
December 17, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 PM Lynn O'Brien's
December 18, Wednesday	Writers' Group, 10:00 AM Brewed Awakening, Hingham

## Sad News

On Monday, November 18<sup>th</sup>, Sheila's son Brendan passed away suddenly at age 39, leaving behind his wife, Marcy, and twin daughters, Mackenzie and Madison. We extend our sincere sympathy to Sheila and her family. If you wish to send your personal condolences to Sheila her address is:

Sheila and Neal Doherty  
115 Bay Avenue  
P.O. Box 734  
Green Harbor MA 02041-0734

You can send donations in Brendan's memory to:  
Doherty Family Benefit Account (for the girls' education)  
c/o Rockland Trust  
104 Main Street  
Weymouth MA 02188

Donations can be made online to the Mackenzie and Madison Scholarship Fund via Give Forward using this link  
<http://www.giveforward.com/fundraisers/?query=mackenzie+doherty>

## **HOLIDAY SOCIAL**

The holiday social will take place on December 8<sup>th</sup> at 12 noon at Atlantica in Cohasset. The cost is \$29.00 per person, and Carol would appreciate cash on that day. You can get in touch with her by phone (781-545-9341) or e-mail (csulliva@lesley.edu).

## **REMINDER**

### **January Book Discussion ---- Plenty of Time to Read *Remembering the Music***

Cape Cod author Kate Whouley will be joining us at the January 14, 2014 book discussion - soup and salad dinner. We're reading her second memoir, *Remembering the Music, Forgetting the Words*. It won the 2012 New England Book Award for non-fiction, and has been a favorite of book groups around the country. Kate is looking forward to the discussion - and your questions.

Here is what Barbara Drummond Mead, Editor of "Reading Group Choices" has to say about her book.

"With books as her background and music as her guide, Kate Whouley helps her mother navigate the journey of Alzheimer's. Recalling her mother's impressive past, Whouley tries to reconcile her "new" mother with the old. Whouley's straightforward, and at times, very funny take at her mother's struggles and her own will strike home to many readers familiar with the caregiver role. Incorporating her life-long passion as a flutist, Whouley's tone and reflection of music in every aspect of the journey fills the book with hope and yes, joy. I hope I would be as graceful and kind if I ever become my mother's support system. Full of mother-daughter issues, identity, grief, loss, along with lots of love, and enduring friendships, *Remembering the Words, Forgetting the Music* is perfect fodder for reading groups!"

There's still plenty of time to read the book - it's not a long read. There are several copies at the Old Colony Libraries; and you can order it in paperback on Amazon or Kindle. Some copies have been available at Barnes & Noble in Derby Street Shoppes, but call first to make sure they still have them.

Kay Campbell, Nancy Yellin - discussion co-leaders

## **BOOK GROUP**

Book Group will meet on the 17<sup>th</sup> of December at Lynn O'Brien's, and the book will be *The Rules of Civility* by Amor Towles.

## **WRITERS' GROUP**

The writers' group will meet on Wednesday, December 18<sup>th</sup> at 10:00 AM at Brewed Awakenings in Hingham. All are welcome; please rsvp to Kay at kaycam@aol.com if you are not a 'regular' so we can make enough copies for you to read

## **ADVENTURES IN DINING**

Before your Thanksgiving festivities begin, don't forget about our next Adventures in Dining get-together next week, on December 5. We'll be meeting at Strawberry Fair in Norwell, at 6:30 p.m. Please let Sondra know if you can join us.

## **GIRLS' GAME NIGHT**

The next girls' game night is December 12<sup>th</sup> at the home of Sandy Carle.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

AAUW is supporting some important and CURRENT issues that members are being asked to support:

### **It's time to end sequestration.**

Want to make sure low-income women and children have access to the food they need? Want to protect services for domestic violence survivors? Want to stand up for quality public education and safe school climates? Then we need to contact our senators today and urge them to pass a budget that ends sequestration once and for all. **Tell Congress to End Sequestration.** [Click here.](#)

### **Demand accountability to end sexual assault in the military.**

It's time for the Senate to act: It's time to take the crime of military sexual assault out of the chain of command and give this authority to an independent body. **Remove the crime of sexual assault from the military chain of command.** [Click here.](#)

### **Prevention and Enforcement of Hate Crimes**

Hate crimes are serious and well-documented problems but have historically been inadequately recognized and addressed. AAUW advocates "freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces and communities." [Click here](#) to read the details.