

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

FEBRUARY 2014

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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

February 11, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 7:00 PM Hingham Public Library
February 13, Thursday	Girls' Game Night, 7:00 PM Home of Sandy Carle
February 18, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 PM Home of Jane Street

BRANCH MEETING "Anything is Possible" presented by Becky Curran

Our next South Shore Area Branch meeting will be on Tuesday, February 11th at 7:00 p.m. at the Hingham Public Library. Our guest speaker is Becky Curran. Becky was born an achondroplastic dwarf, and she is passionate about finding a way to change how little people and all people with disabilities are perceived in the media. Becky's goal is to change people's perceptions of what physically challenged people are capable of, while motivating everyone to set exceptional goals. She is also committed to helping everyone accept the differences in others.

Come to the meeting to hear more from Becky as she shares some of her challenges, experiences, and triumphs from growing up as a "differently abled person" in middle-class New England all the way to the lights of Hollywood. Please feel free to bring family, friends, and co-workers with you to our meeting. Attached is a flyer that can be posted and emailed to people who you think might be interested in attending. For more information, contact Lynn Howard at 781-901-9120 or lynnphoward82@comcast.net

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act will have just passed, by the time you are reading this and women are still paid 77 cents on the dollar. AAUW is still pursuing the passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act. We need to get Congress to pass this legislation. Our Branch Meeting in January was wonderful. I want to thank Carol for organizing the evening, Kay for inviting our author, Kate Wholey, to tell us her story, and Nancy for bringing her guests. The food and the evening were delightful. Also I want to thank Lynn Howard for organizing the book sale. Our next meeting will be February 11th at the Hingham Public Library at 7 PM. Becky Curran who was born an achondroplastic dwarf will share with us her life experiences. She is passionate about changing people's perceptions of what physically challenged people can accomplish. We hope to see you there.

PS: Don't forget to contact Lynn Howard about our Branch STEM Project.

Sheila M. Doherty, President

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will meet on Tuesday, Feb. 18 @ 7 pm @ Jane Street's house in Hingham. If you plan to attend please call Jane @ 781 749 9626 and let her know.

GIRLS' GAME NIGHT

Girls' game night is Thursday, February 13 at 7 PM at the home of Sandy Carle.

UPCOMING SPECIAL EVENT

"The Stories Objects Tell: Discovering the Adams Family Through Museum Objects of the Adams National Historical Park" A lecture and presentation by Kelly Cobble, Curator. To be held at the Tufts Library, Canoe Room, 35 Broad Street, Weymouth, MA

For more information contact Claudette Newhall

THE STEM PROJECT

I wanted to let you know about two STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math) projects that our branch is working on and that need your help!

1. We are pursuing the possibility of hosting a STEM Tech Trek Summer Camp for girls in 8th grade. We will be applying for a grant in Sept. 2014 and then if we are selected we will be hosting and running the camp in the summer of 2015.
2. We are putting together a half day STEM conference for girls in grades 4-8 in May 2014.

Both of these projects will require a lot of work and we will need everyone in the branch to help out in some way to ensure that they are successful! Here are some things you can do now to help:

1. Attend a South East STEM Conference at the Weymouth High School on February 25th from 2:30-5:30 to meet with companies and organizations that are involved with STEM projects.
2. Talk to women that you know that are involved in STEM careers to see if they would be available to present a workshop at our STEM Conference in May 2014.
3. Ask for companies that support girls in STEM careers to make a donation to our May 2014 conference and/or the Tech Trek Summer Camp in 2015.

To learn more about our projects and to help get things started there will be a planning meeting on **Wed. January 29th at my house at 7:00 p.m.** Please come to this meeting if you are interested in helping out with these projects.

If you can't attend the meeting on the 29th but you want can attend the Feb. 25th STEM Conference or if you have any connections with women in STEM careers please contact me!

Thank you

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"Because equity is still an issue"

South Shore Branch Meeting

Anything is Possible

Presented by Becky Curran



In the land where everything is possible, what's stopping you from reaching your full potential? Make 2014 your pivotal year!

Hear from Becky Curran as she shares some of her challenges, experiences, and triumphs from growing up as a "differently abled person" in middle-class New England all the way to the lights of Hollywood. Find out what has driven her to overcome the pain that others inflicted on her, helping her to conquer self-doubt, and "normal" people's shortcomings as she made her way from her hometown of Weymouth, MA to Creative Artists Agency, the world's largest talent agency located in Hollywood, CA.

In this seminar, you will learn how to:

- Accept mistakes as an inevitable stepping stone to success
- Build resilience. Many caring people will tell you that you can't do it. If you believe in yourself and your mission EVERYTHING is POSSIBLE!
- Enjoying the small moments in the process of building a successful business.
- The importance of goal setting
- Find the value potential of people with physical differences
- Consider reasonable accommodations that will allow the task at hand to get done

**Tuesday, February 11, 2014 at 7:00 p.m.
at the Hingham Public Library**

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Free and open to the public**