

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH FEBRUARY 2013

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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

February 12, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 7:00 pm Logan Auditorium, Thayer Public Library, Braintree Genealogy for Fun
February 14, Thursday	Declutter Group, 4:30 pm Panera at Derby Shoppes, Hingham
February 19, Tuesday	Girls Game Night, 7:00 pm Home of Gail Saccone
February 19, Tuesday	Adventures in Dining, 6:30 pm The Square Cafe in Hingham Center
February 26, Tuesday	Book Group, 7:00 pm Home of Jane Street Reading <i>The Informationist</i>
February 27, Wednesday	Yarn Group, 7:00 pm Home of Pat Laidler

BRANCH MEETING

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, February 12, at 7:00 pm in the Logan Auditorium of the Thayer Public Library in Braintree.

Join us for the fabulous night of how to explore your family history. Ruth Powell, one of our own, is an experienced researcher in Genealogy (over 60 years). She will make it easy for you to begin your own search by utilizing her tips on where to start and what to avoid. Genealogy can be great fun as well as educational. Come and bring a friend for an illuminating night.

Special: just for this occasion we will hold a raffle for a chance to win a search of your family tree documented by Ruth. Tickets will be 1 for \$1.00, 6 for \$5.00. Come for the fun and lively talk by Ruth and a chance to have your family history researched by an expert!

Directions: Take the Braintree exit from route 3. Go around the rotary, toward Braintree. At the second light, Washington Street, go left. Go through the next light; the library will be on your left. The entrance to the parking lot is beyond the library building, and the entry at the rear of the building leads to the elevator. Logan Auditorium is on the upper floor.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I recently read this blog on the AAUW website and I thought deserved a repeat here. I urge you to contact your Congressional representatives and make your position known on this important legislation to fortify existing legislation and further protect equal pay for women.

Recently, fair pay champions in the House and Senate reintroduced the Paycheck Fairness Act, one of AAUW's top priorities for the 113th Congress. You can be a part of the behind-the-scenes work to get this bill passed by urging your members of Congress to become original cosponsors. A large number of original cosponsors demonstrates broad support for passing a piece of legislation: The more cosponsors we have on the day the Paycheck Fairness Act is reintroduced, the better chance we have of making this bill a law.

The Paycheck Fairness Act would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and barring retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to coworkers. Without this bill, employers can penalize and even fire employees for talking about their salaries. This egregious practice leaves workers in the dark, preventing them from ever finding out about pay discrimination in the workplace. We can't make real progress in closing the wage gap until we strengthen enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws and give women the tools they need to get the pay they deserve.

Women voters were key to sending many of these new lawmakers to Congress – now we have to hold their feet to the fire. With a record number of women serving in the 113th Congress, this is our chance to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

The election may be over, but we are still watching Congress. Let's make 2013—[the 50th anniversary year of the Equal Pay Act](#)—the year for pay equity by urging Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

See you at the meeting....
Pat Laidler

ART CONTEST

Once again I am going into the fray of the AAUW annual Art Contest. Art work is chosen for the website and the note cards. . Each artist can submit 2 works to enter and all members may vote for their favorite 6. You may vote more than once as long as a week is between voting. I would love to have you vote for my entries. Ginny tells me the large states get the votes but I have faith.. **Go to the AAUW.org web site** enter your member number (it will prompt you if you do not know it) and vote in Art Contest. It might help if you voted for only 2 instead of six but that is up to you. Thanks for your support.

You may vote from Feb 8 until March 8, every 7 days. "Vote early and often"

Deanne Noiseux