

# AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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## *SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH*

*JANUARY 2015*

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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

January 1, Thursday

Happy New Year!

January 13, Tuesday

Branch Meeting-Allerton House, Hingham, 6:30PM  
Discussion Leader: Carol Sullivan-Hanley  
[csulliva@lesley.edu](mailto:csulliva@lesley.edu)  
Host: Sheila Doherty  
[greenharbor11@verizon.net](mailto:greenharbor11@verizon.net)

January 15, Thursday

Adventures in Dining: Barcelona Wine Bar South End  
525 Tremont Street, Boston, 6:30PM  
Sondra Schmidt, [beesnees@comcast.net](mailto:beesnees@comcast.net)

January 22, Thursday

Girls' Game Night, 7:00PM  
Home of Sandy Carle  
[scarle12@aol.com](mailto:scarle12@aol.com)

January 22, Thursday

Writers' Group, 10:00 AM  
Panera Bread, Hingham

January 27, Tuesday

Finance Committee Meeting, 6:30 PM  
Board Meeting-7 PM  
Home of Sandy Carle  
[scarle12@aol.com](mailto:scarle12@aol.com)

## Save these dates

April 11, Saturday

South Shore Area Branch STEM Program

June 18 – 21

AAUW National Convention, San Diego

## BRANCH MEETINGS

On January 13 we will be having a Supper and Book Discussion /Pot Luck meeting. It will be held at the Allerton House , 15 Conditto Rd. Hingham at 6:30 PM. Please let me know if you are coming and what you are bringing for the supper. (greenharbor11@verizon.net )

We will be reading *An Unseemly Wife*, by EB Moore. The book is available through Amazon and Buttonwood Books, and there are three copies in the OCLN system. The author will be present to lead the discussion

Don't forget to bring your place setting. I will provide water, coffee and tea. BEAT THE WINTER BLUES and come out for supper . . . and a great meeting. See you then. HAPPY HOLIDAYS to all! .....Happy NEW YEAR.

Sheila

The February 10<sup>th</sup> Branch Program "Beat the Winter Blues: The Best of Where We Have Been and What We Have Done" has been scheduled for the Thayer Public Library, 798 Washington St., Braintree. Please join us in sharing travel memorabilia, pictures, and stories of travel adventures. If you'd like to present your favorite photographs as a power point that evening, please get in touch with Gail Saccone (781-424-4356) or [gvsaccone@comcast.net](mailto:gvsaccone@comcast.net) ) and she'll work with you to set that up. We will also have display tables available if you'd like to bring items or objects from your travels.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

*"A friend is the present you give yourself."* Robert Louis Stevenson

What a wonderful way to begin the holiday season: "breaking bread" with our friends from the South Shore Branch of AAUW. The brunch at the Inn at Bay Point was terrific. The collegial conversations and excellent food were delightful. Sheila, thank you for arranging a great way to get together again with our branch members.

Reminder, AAUW gives us the opportunity to build "lifelong" friendships. Make this one of your New Year's resolutions. Hopefully, we will see you at our January 2015 branch meeting.

Through our donations to AAUW Funds, \$3.7 million annually is given in fellowships, grants, and awards. Our donations were for 2014.

Program and Special Interest Chairs are asked to send information to Ruth Powell by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Please forward to Lynn Howard any names for possible STEM presenters for our April 11, 2015 program at Weymouth High School. Rosemary, one of our newest members, has volunteered to do a science workshop.

Ruthanne Kennedy

## GIRLS' GAME NIGHT

Come join us on January 22, 2015 at the home of Sandy Carle at 7 PM. Lots of laughs, fun, and snacks! RSVP to [scarle12@aol.com](mailto:scarle12@aol.com)

## WRITERS' GROUP

The AAUW Writers' Group will meet on Thursday, January 22, 2015 at 10AM, at Panera Bread in Hingham. New writers and readers welcome!

Kay Campbell

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Presidential Action on Immigration a Good First Step

"President Barack Obama's [Immigration Accountability Executive Actions](#) will, in the face of congressional inaction, provide a long-overdue and fair path to legal status for some undocumented residents of the United States. The president's [actions](#) will also help update an outdated visa system. A comprehensive update of the immigration system is still necessary..." [click here for more](#).

### AAUW and Lockheed Martin to Expand National STEM Program for Girls

"AAUW has collaborated with Lockheed Martin to expand a national program for middle school girls interested in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). Lockheed Martin has awarded AAUW a \$90,400 grant to support the organization's successful [Tech Trek program](#)"..." [Read more here](#).

An AAUW delegation visits Poland and finds professional women in Poland face similar challenges as American women with work-family balance and lack of child care support. [Continue here](#).

### Advice to Women Candidates from D.C.'s Youngest Elected Official

...Don't Be Your Own Obstacle

"One of the biggest challenges was realizing that the only things standing in my way of getting elected to office were myself and my own fear," Carpenter says. "There are societal challenges and systemic things that set women back in running for office, leading a business, pursuing STEM [science, technology, engineering, and math]—but we can't be a part of that. We can't be our own obstacles. We can't stop ourselves from taking a chance..." [Read the article here](#).