

# 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**

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| March 11, Tuesday  | Branch Meeting 7:00PM<br>Tufts Library, Broad Street, Weymouth<br>"The Stories Objects Tell"<br>Curator, Adams National Historic Park                               |
| March 13, Thursday | Girls Game Night 7:00PM<br>Home of Sandy Carle  |
| March 18, Tuesday  | Book Group, 7:00 PM<br>Home of Lynne O'Brien  |
| March 25, Tuesday  | Adventures in Dining 6:30PM<br>Crow's Landing, Hingham<br>RSVP: Pat Laidler   |
| March 28, Friday   | Annual Meeting, AAUW-MA 5:00PM<br>Home of Marsha Fredericks<br>South Dennis, MA   |
| March 29, Saturday | Spring Conference, AAUW-MA<br>Registration 8:30-9:30 AM<br>Cape Cod Community College<br>West Barnstable, MA<br>More information available in the <i>Bay Stater</i> |

## **BRANCH MEETING "The Stories Objects Tell: Discovering the Adams family through Museum Objects of Adams National Historical Park" with Kelly Cobble**

The next South Shore Area Branch meeting will be on Tuesday, March 11th at 7:00 PM. at the Tufts Public Library, Jones Room, 46 Broad Street, Weymouth. Our guest presenter is Kelly Cobble, Curator for the National Park Service at Adams National Historic Park in Quincy. She has directed the Cultural Resource Department for sixteen years. Kelly grew up in Quincy, graduated from ENC in 1985 with an English major and teaching certificate. Her Quincy roots have served her well as the place where the threads of her various yet complementary interests in nature and the outdoors, art, and history meet. She began her Park Service

career giving tours at the Adams Site and began her research of the Adams's letters; connecting references in them to events and objects associated with the Adams houses.

Kelly's position as a Curator has many aspects, including studying, researching, and caring for artifacts that belonged to four generations of the Adams Family; identifying avenues of funding; working with other researchers and conservators; as well as presenting programs and special tours of the cultural resources at the park. The Adamses were preservationists and she feels indebted to them for saving history through their letters, art, objects, buildings and land.

Come to hear the stories of the objects at the Park and the women who lived at "Peace Field," the first Summer White House. 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 Claudette Newhall at 781-843-7262 or [cnewhall@gmail.com](mailto:cnewhall@gmail.com).

## **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

While the snow is flying and the temperatures are freezing, it is time to think of Spring and the MA-State Spring Conference. It will be held at Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable on Saturday, March 29th. Patricia Ho (Beverly), newly elected AAUW National President, will be the Keynote Speaker along with a panel discussion in the morning. Mollie Lamm, an attorney who is the AAUW LAF Program Manager, will be there along with Eileen Hartman, our liaison to the AAUW National Board. The afternoon focuses on Native American women and higher education, as well as a discussion about STEM careers. I hope you will plan to attend. The State Annual Meeting will be held on Friday night at the home of Marsha Fredericks in South Dennis. Dinner will be served and an election will be held to determine who will be our new State Officers. Reservations should be made for both events, there is more information about the conference in the February BAY STATER.

Sheila Doherty

## **NEW MEMBER**

Please welcome new member Jamie E. Pierce. Jamie joined at our February branch meeting.

## **STEM**

I'm still looking for women in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Careers who would be willing to do a workshop at our STEM Conference on May 17th for girls in grades 5-8.

Please ask anyone and everyone you know if they know any women in STEM Careers who might be able to help us out. We need four women to do a one hour hands-on workshop (two times) - we'd like them to tell the girls about their careers and then do a hands-on activity to get them excited about pursuing STEM!

Please let me know if you have any contacts or suggestions that I should pursue! Thanks, Lynn Howard

## **ADVENTURES IN DINING**

In March, we'll be going to a new restaurant: Crow's Landing in Hingham at 6 Crowpoint Lane. They don't have a website but can be found on Facebook with information on menu, etc. The date will be Tuesday March 25th at 6:30. Please contact Pat Laidler (781-901-9120) if you plan to attend.

**BOOK GROUP** We will be meeting on Tuesday the 18<sup>th</sup> of March at 7:00 in the evening at Lynne O'Brien's. We are reading *The Warmth of Other Suns* by Wilkerson.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Who Says We Need More Girls in Engineering? Uh ... Engineers**

We say it all the time: We need more girls in engineering. But don't take our word for it. Research shows that fostering a girl's interest in engineering and science can go a long way, and engineers agree. We asked engineers involved with AAUW to share why they think girls are crucial to the field and what about engineering first piqued their interest. [CLICK HERE](#) to see what they had to say.

### **Common Core Critical to Preparing Students**

As longtime proponents of educational equity for all students, we at AAUW think it's time to rally the troops and come together to set the record straight in support of states that are working to implement the Common Core. [Read more »](#)

### **4 Ways to Introduce the Girl in Your Life to Engineering**

What can you, as a parent or sister or scout leader or whatever, do to introduce the girl in your life to engineering? We have some ideas. [Read more »](#)

### **3 Reasons President Obama Needs to Act Now on the Gender Pay Gap**

An anti-retaliation executive order would protect federal employees who choose to talk about their salaries or ask about pay practices. It's time for the president to act. [Read more](#)