

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

MAY 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

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| May 12, Tuesday | Annual Dinner, 6:30 PM
Haddad's Ocean Café, Brant Rock |
| May 19, Tuesday | Book Group, 7:00 PM
Home of Carol Sullivan |
| May 28, Thursday | Girls' Game Night-7 PM
Home of Chrisanne Gregoire
cgreg@comcast.net |
| May 31, Thursday | Culture Group, 2:00 PM
Edward M. Kennedy Institute, Boston |
| June 9, 2015, Tuesday | Board Meeting-7 PM
Home of Sheila Doherty
****Please note change of date!**** |
| June 18 – 21, 2015 | AAUW National Convention, San Diego |
| June 25, 2015, Thursday | Girls' Game Night
Home of Sandy Carle
scarle12@aol.com |

BRANCH MEETING

Our May Dinner will be held on Tuesday, May 12 at 6:30. We will be going to Haddad's Ocean Cafe in the Brant Rock section of Marshfield. Haddad's is located at 291 Ocean Street. Please let me know **by May 5th** if you are planning on coming. I also need to know your choice of entrée, either haddock casserole or chicken Parmesan. The dinner is \$ 25 cash that night. It includes rolls and butter, salad, entree, dessert and coffee or tea. A cash bar will be available. Again, I need to know if you are coming and your dinner choice by May 5th. Please email me at greenharbor11@verizon.net...see you all there!!!
Sheila

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Strive not to be a success, but rather to be of value.” -Albert Einstein

Since 1881, AAUW has been “empowering women”, it was exciting to see this a reality on April 11th at our STEM program. Truly, seeing so many young girls actively participating in so many STEM workshops was rewarding and fun.

A special thank you goes to our Lynn Howard for spearheading this fabulous event. Also, we are grateful to Ann, Carol, Deanne, Fran, Gail, Judy, Patrice, Rosemary, Ruthanne, and Sandy for their participation.

A special shout out to our Delta Kappa Gamma sisters Joan and Jillian who assisted with the workshops. One cannot forget all those students from Weymouth High School who helped during the day. Last, but not least to Betsy Harris and Laura Stevenson from WPS administration for their guidance and allowing us access to the high school facility. This is such a worthwhile endeavor.

To further our mission, Patrice organized a very successful April branch meeting to discuss “The Confidence Gap” written by Kaya Shipman. It was an extremely thought provoking and enlightening meeting. Many members shared their online survey with some surprising survey results. As the old saying goes, “we still have a long way to go”. It reminds us again why AAUW’s mission is so important to all of us today.

There is still time to register for the National Convention on June 18-21st in San Diego.

Please take the time and vote for our National leaders of AAUW. Patricia Ho is running for president. Information on voting can be found on page 2 in the *Outlook* magazine. Please email connect@aauw.org or call [800-326-2289](tel:800-326-2289) for questions about member ID or voter PIN numbers. Your member ID and voter PIN number is on the back page of your *Outlook* magazine.

Hope to see you on May 12th.

Enjoy your summer and see you at Potluck in September.

-Ruthanne

BOOK GROUP

The Book Group will be reading and discussing *The Invention of Wings* by Sue Monk Kidd on May 19th at 7:00 pm at Carol Sullivan's home in Scituate. We hope you will join us for what we're sure will be a lively discussion.

The Invention of Wings, a powerful and sweeping historical novel by Sue Monk Kidd, begins, fittingly, with an image of flight: Hetty “Handful”, who has grown up as a slave in early nineteenth century Charleston, recalls the night her mother told her that her ancestors in Africa could fly over trees and clouds. That day, Handful’s mother, Charlotte, gave her daughter the gift of hope— the possibility that someday she might regain her wings and fly to freedom. Throughout Kidd’s exquisitely written story, Handful struggles, sometimes with quiet dissidence, sometimes with open rebellion, to cultivate a belief in the invincibility of her spirit and in the sacred truth that one does not need actual wings in order to rise.

Barely a stone's throw from the slave quarters where Handful and her mother share a room behind the grand Grimké house, another young woman fights a different battle with the constraints of her society. Sarah Grimké is the middle daughter of a wealthy and prominent family at the pinnacle of Charleston's social hierarchy—the daughter her mother calls difficult and her father calls remarkable. From the time of her first violent childhood confrontation with slavery, Sarah is unable to abide the oppression and brutality of the slave system that surrounds her. Ambitious and keenly intelligent, she harbors an intense longing to have a voice in the world and to follow her father and brothers' footsteps to a profession in the law. Crushed by the strictures that her family and society impose on women, Sarah forges a tortuous, yet brave path toward abolition and women's rights—a crusade in which she will be joined by her fiery sister Angelina.

CULTURE GROUP

As was discussed at the March meeting, we are hoping to get an outing group going for the Branch. Although the winter weather prevailed for a long time, we are now ready to get out and about. Here's what's planned for the next couple of months. If you have suggestions for outings in the local area, please contact Pat Laidler, Gail Saccone, Anne Foley, or Carol Sullivan with your ideas. We hope to see you!

THURSDAY MAY 21- A trip to the new Edward M. Kennedy Institute on the UMass Boston campus near the JFK Library in Dorchester is planned. We will meet there (it's possible to arrange carpooling closer to the date) at 2:00pm, tour the Institute, and then go to the Ashmont Grille for dinner to discuss what we learned.

THURSDAY JUNE 11- We're hoping to go in to Boston to take a tour of the Boston Athenaeum, 10 ½ Beacon Street in Boston with our wonderful Beatrix Potter speaker from March, Suzanne Terry. The tours begin at 4:30, and we are planning to meet at the North. Quincy T Station at 3:30 and go in as a group.

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We have rescheduled Fishtail Kitchen for Wednesday, May 27, at 6:30 p.m. Several members wanted to sample the fare from Nepal/India but were unable to join us in April. Website:

<http://www.fishtailkitchenonline.com/>

Please let me know if you can join us.

STEM Conference for Girls in Grades 5-8

Our branch's 2015 STEM conference at Weymouth High School offered 64 enthusiastic girls a chance to explore a great variety of STEM fields. Most of the girls came from Weymouth but there were also 8 out of town girls. The Conference started off with a motivational presentation by Dr. Elizabeth Matzkin, from Harvard Medical School's Department of Orthopaedic Surgery and Chief of Women's Sports Medicine. She had simple but powerful words of wisdom: 1) Be determined and don't look back; 2) Love what you do; and 3) Just gotta do it!.

Each girl then attended 3 workshops out of the 16 offered. What a varied set of choices they had — The Gills Club: Exposing Girls to Shark Science, Engineering Balloon Powered Race Cars, Household

Science, Materials and their Density, Dental Hygiene, Lego Robotics, Electricity!, Astronomy, Nursing, Robotics, Biology: Swamp River Check Up, No Bones About It!, Create with Code, Beyond the Code, Meteorology: Whither the Weather. In these hands-on workshops, the girls sawed “bones”, listened to their heart beat, mucked around in mud to discover what creatures live there, worked with robots, studied the stars and learned about women astronomers. These are only a few examples of the great learning activities in which the girls participated.

The workshop presenters were a diverse group including STEM professionals, teachers, professors, undergraduate and graduate students, and even high school students. All were dedicated to getting girls excited about STEM and they succeeded.

The STEM conference would not have been possible without the help of many people and organizations. Thanks go to the Weymouth Public Schools, our corporate sponsors, the workshop presenters, DKG Alpha Iota Chapter volunteers - Joan Rego, Jillian Sceppa, Judy Zografos, and Nanci Flaherty, and our branch’s hard working STEM committee - Lynn Howard, Chair, Ruthanne Kennedy, Branch President, Sandy Carle, Ginny Giordano, Deanne Noiseux, Gail Saccone, Patrice Metro, Rosemary McEachern, Carol Sullivan-Hanley, and Ann Foley. A special thank you to Lynn Howard for chairing the STEM Committee. Her commitment to girls’ participation in STEM fields is an inspiration to all.

Frances Schlesinger

Working Women and the Child Care Tax Credit: Why It Matters

This article briefly summarizes the history of the **Child and Dependent Care Credit** which allows taxpayers to claim up to \$3,000 in dependent care expenses annually for one dependent and up to \$6,000 for two or more dependents. [Read more.](#)

Title IX Coordinators Have Historic New Resources from Department of Education

In order that schools and higher education institutions better understand their responsibility to comply with **Title IX**, the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination, the US Department of Education, Office of Civil Rights has just released new resources to help.

The AAUW has been advocating for: “a **letter to schools** reiterating the importance of Title IX coordinators, a **thank-you letter directly to coordinators** reaffirming their roles, and a **free resource manual to guide their actions**. The information is not a new requirement or regulation but rather a new resource to help Title IX coordinators do their work better.”

[Find out more here.](#)

How the AAUW Pushed for Equal Pay in 2015

“On Tuesday, April 14, AAUW “celebrated” Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when women’s earnings finally catch up to men’s earnings from the previous year. We know that gender pay discrimination **isn’t a myth**; it’s math. And the wage gap isn’t just a number. It represents families scrambling to pay for food, gas, housing, education, and child care.”... [Read more.](#)

See Dues Notice on next page

Dues Notice

American Association of University Women-South Shore Area Branch

Its membership renewal time again! **Renewal deadline is June 1, 2015 for 2015-2016**

Name: _____ Address: _____

Telephone Number _____ Cell _____ Email _____

If there are any changes to your educational information please indicate here:

Renew your AAUW membership by sending a check made out to: **AAUW – South Shore Area Branch**

And mail to: Ginny Giordano, 26 Donovan Farm Way, Norwell, MA 02061

Association Dues	\$49.00	Includes subscription to <i>AAUW Outlook</i>
State Dues	\$15.00	Includes subscription to <i>BayStater</i>
Branch Dues	<u>\$15.00</u>	Includes subscription to <i>News of Note</i>
Total Dues:	\$79.00	
Life Members:	\$30.00	
<i>Voluntary Contributions:</i>		
AAUW Funds	\$ _____	
Recognition Award	\$ _____	
STEM Branch Project	\$ _____	
Total amount enclosed	\$ _____	

Skills you could share with AAUW

___ Bookkeeping ___ Web design/Maintenance ___ Program Presentation ___ Computer Skills
___ Editing and Writing Articles ___ Graphic Design ___ Other Area (please
list) _____

Would you like to attend any of the interest groups?

___ Book Club ___ Game Night ___ Dining Out ___ Writing ___ Declutter
Bugs ___ Knitting
___ Other interest you might like to see (Please
list) _____

Please return this form with your dues by June 1, 2015! Thank You!

Checks brought to the dinner on MAY 12 will be entered into a drawing for a free membership for 2015-2016.