

# AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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## *SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH*

**NOVEMBER 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.

## CALENDAR

November 4, Tuesday	<b>VOTE!</b>
November 5, Wednesday	Adventures in Dining, 6:30 PM Sandra Schmidt <a href="mailto:beesnees@comcast.net">beesnees@comcast.net</a>
November 6, Thursday	Girls Game Night, 7PM Chrisanne Gregoire <a href="mailto:cgreg@comcast.net">cgreg@comcast.net</a>
November 11, Tuesday	Book Group, 7PM Home of Anne Foley
November 18, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 7PM Supporting Girls through STEM Lynn Howard <a href="mailto:lynnphoward82@comcast.net">lynnphoward82@comcast.net</a>
November 20, Thursday	Writers' Group, 10:00 AM Panera at Derby Street Shoppes

**SAVE THE DATE:** Sunday December 7. We will be having Brunch at the Inn at Bay Pointe in Quincy at 11:00. I hope you will all be able to come. More details will be available soon... Sheila

## Also Save These Dates

April 1, 2015

South Shore Area Branch STEM program

June 18 – 21, 2015

AAUW National Convention, San Diego

\*Pledge to register by January 1-you will be entered to have your registration fees refunded in a drawing

## **BRANCH MEETING - Supporting Girls through STEM-November 18, 2014**

Our November branch meeting will be held on Tuesday, November 18<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 p.m. at the Allerton House, 15 Conditto Road, Hingham. Marilyn Decker, Director of Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) with the MA Department of Elementary and Secondary Education, will share information about STEM and what is happening in our schools. In addition, Lynn Howard will share information about our second STEM Conference for Girls in Grades 5-8 that we are hosting on Saturday, April 11, 2015. So come find out more about how you can get involved to help us support girls through STEM. This meeting is open to the public so please invite others that might be interested in learning more about STEM and helping with this branch project.

Lynn Howard

### **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

“There is nothing on this earth more to be prized than true friendship.” St. Thomas Aquinas

The meeting on OLLI was very informative about the Osher Life Long Learning Institute at the University of Massachusetts, Boston. Pat Flynn, Chairperson of OLLI's board, and Camille Mullally, Curriculum Committee member, gave a presentation on the scope of programs available to all mature adults. Go to [www.OLLI.umb.edu](http://www.OLLI.umb.edu) for topics and locations. Thank you, Carol, for arranging a great meeting at the newly renovated Fogg Library in Weymouth.

Members met with Amalia Lam, Manager, Legal Advocacy Fund in Washington, D.C. at a dinner meeting. Amalia explained the process and legal issues AAUW invested in presently. We were honored to have her at speak to our South Shore Area Branch members.

On October 16<sup>th</sup>, the South Shore Branch was invited to set up a display for the Parent University night at Weymouth High School, on our local mission program on STEM. Thank you to Lynn, Sandy, Gail, and Judy for helping me with the presentation.

Please join us on November 18<sup>th</sup> at our next branch meeting, Allerton House, Hingham.

Committee Chairs, please send Ruth Powell your information by the 20<sup>th</sup> of the month.

Ruthanne Kennedy

### **ADVENTURES IN DINING**

The Adventures in Dining group of AAUW will meet next Wednesday, November 5, at Toro Restaurant, in Boston. It's a Barcelona-style tapas restaurant, featuring menu items by chef, Jamie Bissonette, a James Beard award winner. We'll meet there at 6:30 PM. It may be possible to car pool. Please let me know if you can join us.

Sondra Schmidt - [beesnees@comcast.net](mailto:beesnees@comcast.net)

Website: <http://toro-restaurant.com/boston/>

### **GIRLS' GAME NIGHT**

Game Night is Thursday, November 6th at the home of Chrisanne Gregoire. Sandy

## BOOK GROUP

We will be meeting on Tuesday, November 11th at 7 PM to discuss *Me Before You* by Jojo Moyes. The meeting is at Anne Foley's on High St. RSVP to Anne. Nancy

## WRITERS' GROUP

After a summer break, the writers group is meeting again. We are having our first meeting at Panera in Derby Shoppes, Hingham on Thursday, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 10 AM.

If you are at all interested in attending, please do come. You can bring something to share - an essay, poem, story, chapter, family history excerpt, etc. Or...come and tell us what you'd like to do in the group.

We support everyone's writing goals, and give feedback on readings that members share.

We welcome beginners too. In writing, we are all beginners, for every project presents new challenges.

Any questions, please contact Kay - kaycam@aol.com. Please join us! Kay

## PUBLIC POLICY

### Schools Must Take New Steps to End Violence on Campus

"After years of hard work, the [Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act is law](#) and its campus safety provisions, sometimes called Campus SaVE, have final regulations requiring colleges and universities to take new steps to end sexual violence" ... To read about some of the things schools must do this year to follow the law, [click here](#).

### When Women Stop Coding

"These days we hear a lot about the [gender gap](#) and [sexism in tech](#) careers, but it wasn't always that way. ... in 1984, as women's participation rates in other technical fields continued to increase, computer science dropped off. So how did this happen?" [Click here to find out](#). (On a personal note, when I was learning programming in the late 1970s, at least half of my classmates were women. But the reason I moved on was not - at all - for the reasons reported here.)

### Tech Trek Success: The 2014 STEM Camp for Girls in Photos

[Tech Trek](#) 2014 was a huge success" ... "these photos along with a few words from the campers speak for themselves." [Click here](#)...

Patrice Metro

### National Conference for College Women and Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

In June 2014 the AAUW South Shore Branch and Bridgewater State University (BSU) provided the funding for two students, Chloe Andrade and Krysten Aborn, from BSU to attend The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). NCCWSL unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day. Attendees have transformative experiences that inspire them to improve their campuses and their communities. Here is what Chloe and Krysten had to say about the Conference.

Lynn Howard

### Spring NCCWSL 2014

by Chloe Andrade and Krysten Aborn

Once in a while, one is given an unrequested and unexpected gift that is never forgotten. For us, two typical students at Bridgewater State University (BSU), such a gift came when we were given funding to attend the AAUW National Conference for College Women and Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Spring 2014 Conference.

Ms. Lynn Howard of the AAUW South Shore Branch met with BSU Vice President Fred Clark and Dean Lisa Battaglino requesting that two female students attend the conference and offering support for their registration. We had both recently traveled to Belize on a service trip with Dr. Battaglino and because we had impressed her with our work ethic and communication skills she asked us if we would like the opportunity to attend the conference and bring back to campus the lessons learned. We jumped at the chance. It was an absolutely amazing, eye opening and confidence building experience. Being in presence of so many strong, smart, and kind young women of all ages was a true honor and it gave us a great sense of empowerment. We left the conference knowing that we could accomplish our goals and dreams.

We are both diving into various stages of our careers in education. Krysten is beginning her professional development courses in elementary and special education and Chloe is an early childhood student teacher in the Brockton Public Schools. In our field of study we are surrounded by strong minded and hardworking women, similar to many we met at the conference. It is our goal to use the tools we learned about leadership to be able to empower our colleagues and students in the same way we were strengthened by the women we met. Through the AAUW South Shore branch members' gracious generosity we have been given the skills to succeed and lead young women and men on the path of strength, perseverance and high self-worth. We are grateful for the opportunity that the AAUW South Shore Branch gave to us and to Bridgewater State University and we will pay the branch back by sharing our knowledge and insight with our fellow peers, colleagues, and our future students.