

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH

OCTOBER 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

October 1, Wednesday

Yarn Club

Claudette Newhall – 781-843-7262

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TBA

Writers Group

October 14, Tuesday

Branch Meeting

Fogg Library, South Weymouth

[October 24 - 25 **POSTPONED**

AAUW State Convention, Endicott College]

June 18 – 21, 2015

AAUW National Convention, San Diego

BRANCH MEETING

On Tuesday October, 14th, we will meet at the Fogg Library in Weymouth to hear representatives from the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI), an organization for over-fifty learners at UMass Boston.

Parking is limited to Torrey Lane, the movie theater across the street, and/or the lot for visitors at South Shore Hospital. We will begin at 7:00 PM. Those with questions can contact me at (781) 545-9341 or csulliva@lesley.edu.

Thanks, Carol

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Life is like an exciting book and every year starts a new chapter” A.U.

Thank you to all who participated in our annual Pot Luck dinner. We had good food, good company and good information to share with all in attendance. Sheila organized a wonderful September dinner meeting. Thank you for your efforts on our behalf.

We appreciate Ginny hosting another Pot Luck, Gail and Lynn for their wonderful overview of our branch STEM program, and Hollie's PowerPoint on AAUW funds. It is always great to hear the expertise that our own members have and are willing to share with us.

The pasta basket we raffled off for AAUW Funds was won by Fran Schlesinger; Sharon Lemoff collected \$110.00 for the Educational Opportunities Fund of the AAUW Funds. She is such a good saleswoman, thank you. The basket was made by Rosemary McEachern, one of our newest members, thanks. Lynn Howard won the contest "Where's Ruth" from the poster Hollie made; the magic number was "11". You can imagine the hairstyles over the span of (30) plus years. Good eyes Lynn, glad you won a prize.

Please send Ruth Powell dates and locations of your Special Interest Groups by the 20th of the month.

On Tuesday, October 14, at Fogg Library Weymouth, our next branch meeting will be on O.L.L.I.

Our condolences are sent to Ruth Ann Moore on the passing of her mother-in-law, Mary.

Ruthanne Kennedy

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

We had a very successful Pot Luck Dinner to kick-off the new AAUW year. We recruited three new members! We also raised over \$100 for AAUW funds from a raffle for a beautiful basket made by our new member Rosemary McEachern. Frances Schlesinger was the lucky winner and went home with all the makings for a delicious Italian dinner. Lynn Howard and Gail Saccone gave a wonderful update on our STEM project. Thanks to Sheila Doherty and Ruthanne Kennedy for helping to make the evening memorable.

Please add the following information for the three new members to your 2014 - 2015 Directory:

- 1) Rosemary McEachern
- 2) Patricia McGaffigan
- 3) Ruth Warner

We also have CONGRATULATIONS going out to three of our members. They each have a new grandson: Pat Bologna, Pat Laidler, Diane Morash. Great news!

Please check your listing in the Directory. If there are any corrections, let me know and I will publish them in the next News of Note. Ruth Powell, brawey@aol.com, (781) 848-0084. Thank you.

YARN GROUP

The Yarn Group will meet on October 1 at 7:00PM at the home of Claudette Newhall. Join us for crafts and conversation. All skill levels are welcome - bring a project or start a project, knitting or crocheting. Please contact Claudette at 781-843-7262 or clsnehall@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Thanks, Claudette

PUBLIC POLICY

As the Gender Wage Gap Narrows by Just 1 Cent in 2013, AAUW Demands Action

According to ... "the just-released U.S. Census Bureau report, [Income, Poverty, and Health Insurance Coverage in the United States: 2013](#)...the [gender wage gap](#) narrowed only slightly in 2013, leaving a gap that still undermines women's and families' efforts to make ends meet. The median earnings of

women working full time, year-round in the United States in 2013 were just 78 percent of men's earnings, compared with 77 percent in 2012 — a change that is not significantly different."

"We've seen throughout the lead-up to the 2014 midterm elections that voters care about equal pay, and it's not hard to figure out why. Significant progress isn't being made because [current law](#) simply isn't strong enough. [For African American and Hispanic women and for moms, the gap is even wider.](#)"

"To make the kind of economic change that women and families need, we must have legislative victories..." In early September, the Senate agreed to debate the Paycheck Fairness Act for the first time, but then they [failed to advance the bill](#). The AAUW is "going to hold elected officials to the promise of a conversation through our votes in the 2014 midterm elections and by keeping equal pay on the forefront of our representatives' minds in the next Congress.

The gender pay gap will remain stuck — and will continue to prevent families from making ends meet — unless women voters speak up."

"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. In the next Congress, those families deserve more than just a floor debate. We need solutions, and we'll demand action."

See 3 related reports:

[The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap \(2014\)](#)

[Meet the Faces of Fair Pay](#)

[Fight for Fair Pay](#)