

AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH OCTOBER 2016

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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

October 11, Tuesday	Branch Meeting 7:00 PM STEM Weymouth High School
October 18, Tuesday	Book Group 7:00 PM home of Gail Saccone
October 25, Tuesday	Board Meeting 7:00 PM Home of Phyllis Warren
November 3, Thursday	Girls' Game Night 7:00 PM Home of Chrisanne Gregoire
June 14-17, 2017	National Convention Washington, DC

BRANCH MEETING

The topic for our October Branch meeting is STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) Education. The meeting will be held on **Tuesday, October 11th at the Weymouth High School Library at 7:00 p.m.** The meeting is open to the public so please feel free to invite others to join you. As you know, AAUW is committed to encouraging women and girls to pursue STEM. Lynn Howard will present information what the South Shore Branch is doing to help the girls in our area. She will share information about the STEM program that we sponsored in July for 19 Weymouth Middle School girls. We're hoping that a few of the girls that participated will attend the meeting to share their experiences. In addition, Marianne Dunne, Science Specialist with the Department of Elementary and Secondary Education will present information about the new STE (Science, Technology and Engineering) standards that are being implemented out in our schools. Attached is a flyer for the October meeting, please feel free to send it to family, friends and co-workers.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

" The history of the past is but one long struggle upward to equality " Elizabeth Cady Stanton

We are still fighting for equality in 2016, seeking equal pay for all. Fran and I attended the State Meeting at Wellesley College last Saturday. It was very interesting and informative. Marcia Fredericks (Cape Cod) and Katie Donovan (North Shore) are our new co-presidents. We began to plan the State Annual Meeting and Conference that is tentatively scheduled for April 29, 2017.

Our Pot Luck Dinner was a great success. Everyone seemed to have a good time. Thank you to Hollie & Lynn for our Elevator Presentation. Also to Phyllis for arranging the evening. Our October meeting will be held on October 11 at Weymouth High School. That night Lynn and some of the STEM girls will be talking to us about the Program that was held this past summer. We are hoping to be able to run another STEM day in the spring, but Lynn will need everyone to help. I hope you can come and learn more about the program.

And lastly our condolences are sent to Cathy Barnes and Laurie Taylor Curby on the loss of their mothers and Carol Sullivan-Hanley and Deanne Noiseux on the loss of their husbands.

See you in October,
Sheila

NEW MEMBERS

Please add the following new members to your membership list.

- 1) Susan Liporace (Renewed)
- 2) Linda Fine (New)

BOOK GROUP

We're meeting on Oct 18 @ 7 @ Gail's to discuss "My Life on the Road" by Gloria Steinem.

NEW CONNECTION

Notice from AAUW about a new connection to find out about State House activities

On September 21, AAUW will debut a new members-only e-bulletin called *AAUW in the Statehouse*. Each month, you'll receive updates on state policy from across the country, tips and resources for more effective advocacy, and insider information about good and bad bills in the states.

You're already tuned in to what's happening at the federal level—[take the extra step and learn more](#) about what's happening in your own backyard!

AAUW members make a difference in statehouses across the United States. With chapters and branches in all 50 states; Washington, D.C.; Puerto Rico; and Guam, our members are able to make a real impact on policy. By subscribing to *AAUW in the Statehouse*, you can take your advocacy efforts to the next

level.

Sign up for AAUW in the Statehouse today to receive the inaugural issue on September 21!

PUBLIC POLICY

Leadership Lessons from *Equity's* Women of Wall Street

August 12, 2016

“In 2015, only 5 percent of the companies in the Standard and Poor’s 500 [index had female CEOs](#). We see this inequity reflected on the big screen also. *Trading Places*, *American Psycho*, *Margin Call*, *Wolf of Wall Street*, *The Big Short* ... the list of blockbuster films depicting the moneyed world of Wall Street are overwhelmingly written by men, directed by men, produced by men, and — you guessed it — starring men. Women in powerful business roles are sparse.” [This is an interesting article!! [Click here.](#)]

The Achievement Award Series: Women Who Brought the Ancient World into Modern Times

September 23, 2016

“It always makes for a fascinating afternoon when we dip into the AAUW archives. Recently, while looking at the files of impressive [AAUW Achievement Awardees](#), we noticed a trend among women who studied archaeology, the classics, and history in the 1940s and early 1950s. Four women in particular jumped out: Gisela Richter, Sirarpie Der Nersessian, Mary Swindler, and Lily Ross Taylor. Little did we know that they would have more in common than their fields of study.” [Read more...](#)

Newly Released Data Shed Light on Sexual Harassment in U.S. Public Education

July 13, 2016

Two-thirds of school districts report zero incidents of sexual harassment and bullying

“WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) has reviewed the U.S. Department of Education’s recently released [Civil Rights Data Collection \(CRDC\) for 2013–14](#) to find out how often sexual harassment is being reported in U.S. public schools. Analyzing the data by local education agency (LEA) — typically a public school district, charter school, or system of charter schools — AAUW found that more than [two-thirds \(67 percent\) of LEAs in the United States reported zero allegations of sexual harassment or bullying during the 2013–14 school year.](#)”

“If these zeros were factual, I’d be thrilled. But from what we’ve heard from students, parents, and administrators, not to mention reliable research, we know these zeros bear no resemblance to what’s really happening,” said Lisa Maatz, vice president of government relations at AAUW. [Continue reading this [report here.](#)]

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