

# AAUW NEWS OF NOTE

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## **SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH                      SEPTEMBER 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

September 9, Tuesday	Branch Meeting, 6:30 PM Pot Luck Donovan Farms, Norwell
September 16, Tuesday	Book Discussion Group Nancy Yellin – 781-383-0063 <a href="mailto:yellinn@gmail.com">yellinn@gmail.com</a>
September 16 Tuesday	DeClutter Bugs Deanne Noiseux – 781-545-5247 <a href="mailto:deebythesea2@gmail.com">deebythesea2@gmail.com</a>
September 17, Wednesday	Adventures in Dining Sandra Schmidt – 781-383-1245 <a href="mailto:beesnees@comcast.net">beesnees@comcast.net</a>
September 18, Thursday	Girls Game Night Sandy Carle - 781-340-6281 <a href="mailto:scarle12@aol.com">scarle12@aol.com</a>
TBA	Writers Group
October 1, Wednesday	Yarn Club, 7:00 PM Home of Claudette Newhall

### Save These Dates

October 14, Tuesday	Branch Meeting Fogg Library, South Weymouth
October 24 - 25	AAUW State Convention, Endicott College
June 18 – 21, 2015	AAUW National Convention, San Diego

## BRANCH MEETING

.....WELCOME BACK EVERYONE !!!!! We are beginning our program this year with our usual Pot Luck Dinner in Norwell at the Clubhouse , Donovan Farm Way. Ginny has graciously invited us to her lovely facility on Tuesday, September 9<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 PM. I hope you can all attend.

Please let me know by Sept 7<sup>th</sup> if you are coming and what you are planning to bring for our dinner...a salad, a main dish, or a dessert. Remember to bring your place setting for your food. Water will be provided for all to drink.

See you then ... Sheila

( greenharbor11 @verizon.net or 781-267-1098 )

There is a small parking lot at Donovan Farms in front of the clubhouse. If that is full, you may park on the RIGHT HAND side of the street, but do NOT go onto the grass since there are sprinkler heads in there. The clubhouse is 180 degrees from where you start the one way circle.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

“Friendship is not something we get – it is something we give.” D. F.

Welcome back to another year of collegial friendship, thought provoking meetings, and a mission driven project.

Please bring a guest to our Pot Luck Dinner. If a new attendee joins that night, the national dues will be discounted by 50 percent, quite a deal. Sheila will be taking RSVPs for our September 9<sup>th</sup> get together. We will be selling raffle tickets for a lovely basket filled with delicious items - with proceeds to benefit AAUW Funds.

Let me know if you are interested in serving on a committee or joining the board in the upcoming year.

Won't you consider attending the State Convention with me at Endicott College on October 24th and 25<sup>th</sup>? You will have the opportunity to meet our new State Presidents, Ruth Ladd and Margaret Chalupowski. It is always an enlightening experience.

Please also consider attending our National Convention in San Diego, June 18 – 21, 2015. This is a great city to visit. One of our own, Patricia Fae Ho, is the National President. It would be great to be part of a large contingent of Massachusetts members to support her leadership initiatives.

See you all on 9-9-2014

Ruthanne Kennedy

Our condolences are sent to Patricia McKay's family, and a donation to AAUW Funds was made in her memory.

Our best wishes are sent to Pat Bologna for a speedy recovery.

## YARN GROUP

The Yarn Group will meet on October 1 at 7:00PM at the home of Claudette Newhall. Please contact Claudette at 781-843-7262 or [clsnehall@gmail.com](mailto:clsnehall@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

Join us for crafts and conversation. All skill levels are welcome - bring a project or start a project, knitting or crocheting.

Thanks, Claudette

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **Today the right to vote for many is under attack.**

The 19th Amendment, added to the U.S. Constitution in 1920, recognizes a woman's right to vote. In November, voters in nearly half the country are expected to face new voting restrictions at the polls that weren't there during the last midterm election four years ago. The exact number of voters who will be impacted depends on the outcomes of pending court challenges, but one thing is clear: these voting restrictions will hurt women, minorities, young voters, and the elderly the most.

H.R. 3899/S. 1945 is a bipartisan amendment to the Voting Rights Act of 1965 which would require key states that have demonstrated a history of voting discrimination to obtain preclearance prior to any voting changes.

**We need to stand up to protect the right to vote for which the suffragists before us fought so hard: Urge your members of Congress to support H.R. 3899/S. 1945 today!**

### **"6 Ways You Can Help Close the Confidence Gap"**

"... lack of confidence was highlighted in [The Confidence Code](#), a book written by Katty Kay and Claire Shipman that reports that many of the brightest and most competent women say they lack the confidence to aim high or take risks in their work..."

This is well worth a read!!! [Click here.](#)

**"Hey! Why Are Women Paid Less than Men Are in My State?"** You might be surprised that Massachusetts is ranked number 19!!!! Read more by clicking [here](#).

AND.... "77 Cents Doesn't Tell the Whole (Equal Pay) Story" has a look "... at gender pay gap among women of different races/ethnicities and education levels; in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) fields; between men and women just one year out of college; in different [states](#) and congressional districts; and yes, even among NCAA basketball coaches." [Read more](#)....

**"5 Takeaways from the White House Report on Campus Sexual Assault".** [Click here](#) to read a brief description.