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Dear Tamara,

Welcome to the Spring 2014 Issue of our BayStater. In this issue you will find articles about: our Annual Meeting; our Spring 2014 Conference; NCCWSL; and a new novel by a past state President. We hope you will attend the state meeting and conference on Cape Cod. It will be very fun and informative.

## President's Message

*by Barbara Burgo*

As I sit here writing in front of the warm fireplace on beautiful Cape Cod, I can hear plow trucks outside my window! With all the snow we've had this year, I can't wait for our Spring Conference. The birds will be chirping, the sun will be shining, the flowers will be budding and the snowbirds will have returned from Florida. Please join the Cape Cod Branch as we host friends from all over Massachusetts and give a warm welcome to our National President and Keynote Speaker Patricia Fae Ho. She will help us explore avenues to success for women in Community Colleges as she highlights AAUW's newest research on Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success at Cape Cod Community College in West Barnstable.



I am equally excited to inform you that Eileen Hartmann, AAUW Director will attend and give us updates as our Massachusetts National Board Liaison. This year's all-star line-up gets better and better as State Representative Sarah Peake (Cape Cod) and Amalia (Mollie) Lamm, newly-hired AAUW LAF Program Manager, have agreed to sit on an afternoon panel addressing legal issues on campus and throughout the state. A group of us met Mollie in Burlington, MA while she was visiting our state on a cold January day. She's a delightful, young attorney who is quite excited about her new role and will update us on how our legal advocacy donations are being put to excellent use.

Native American Women in Higher Education is the topic of another afternoon breakout session and we have the pleasure of welcoming Professor Shelly C. Lowe (Navajo), Executive Director, Harvard University Native American Program to join that panel. The Moderator will be Renee Lopes-Pocknett, Director of the Education Department, Mashpee

Wampanoag Tribe and much, much more. Please come to the conference and hear what all of these brilliant women have to share with us... because EQUITY is STILL an issue.

Think Spring and see you in March!

*Barbara Burgo, President*

## Access to Success: Women in Community Colleges

**Saturday, March 29, 2014**

**8:30am to 4:00pm**

Cape Cod Community College, 2240 Iyannough Rd, West Barnstable, MA, Lorusso Technical Building Solarium

### Agenda

- 8:30 - 9:30 Registration and Continental breakfast
- 9:30 - 9:45 **Welcome:** Barbara Burgo, President AAUW-MA  
Susan Miller, Vice President  
Academic & Student Affairs, Cape Cod Community College
- 9:45 - 10:15 **Keynote Address:** *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success*  
Patricia Fae Ho, National President, AAUW
- 10:15-11:15 **Panel Discussion:** *Perspectives on Women in Community Colleges*  
Patricia Allen, Faculty, Cape Cod Community College  
Dr. Autumn R. Green, PhD, former AAUW fellow and sociologist specializing in poverty, race, class, and gender, higher education and student parent success.
- 11:15 - 11:30 **Break**
- 11:30 - 12:00 *Legal Advocacy in 2014* - Mollie Lamm, National LAF Program Manager
- 12:00 - 1:00 **Lunch** in Grossman Commons
- 1:15 - 2:00 Breakout sessions:  
**Native American Women in Higher Education**  
Moderator: Renee Lopes-Pocknett, Director of Education Department, Mashpee Wampanoag Tribe  
Panelists: Shelly Lowe
- Road to Success**  
Cape Cod Community College Women
- 2:00 - 2:15 **Break**

2:15 - 3:00 **STEM Careers in Community Colleges**

**Legal Advocacy on College Campuses**

Sarah Peake, Massachusetts State Representative,  
4th Barnstable District

3:00 - 3:30 **Town Hall Q&A** Patricia Fae Ho, Eileen Hartmann (National Director), and Barbara Burgo on AAUW Issues

3:30 Wrap up by Barbara Burgo

The cost is \$48 for members and non-members; \$20 for students. You can register through Eventbrite [here](#) or send a check to our Treasurer, Robin DeMott, 71 Robbins Street, Acton, MA 01720.

## Annual Meeting

**Friday, March 28, 2014**

5:00 pm Annual meeting and installation of officers at Marsha Fredericks' home, South Dennis, MA (click [here](#) for directions)

For Co-President: Margaret Chalupowski and Ruth Ladd

For Members-at-Large: Ann Carnes and Karen Bragaw

6:30 pm Dinner will be hosted by Marsha at her home where she can seat up to 35. Reservations required. RSVP to Tamara Gaydos

at [tamara.aauw.ma@gmail.com](mailto:tamara.aauw.ma@gmail.com) (or 978-887-0318 for those without email).

Cost is \$25 at the door (cash or check).

Stay overnight at the Hampton Inn, Hyannis, just minutes from the meeting. Rate, including breakfast, is \$89.00 per night for a room with one king or two queen beds. The rate is valid for a single or double room with one king or two queen beds. All rooms have a refrigerator and microwave. Book through the web site at [www.hamptoninncapecod.com](http://www.hamptoninncapecod.com) and use Group Code AAU. Or you may call the hotel directly at 1-508-862-9010 and ask for reservations and use the Group Code AAU. Rooms are limited, so book soon to be sure you get the negotiated rate. There is a 72-hour cancellation penalty for unused reservations.

## College/University Update

*by Liz Fragola*

This is the time of year to think about sponsoring a student to NCCWSL, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. Does your branch traditionally give a small scholarship to a local student? Think about putting those funds to work to give your local young woman a chance of a lifetime, a chance to develop leadership skills and network with other young women across the country and around the world.



Do you have a college in your area that is a C/U Partner with AAUW? Start there. The North Shore Area Branch has sponsored one or two students every year for the past several years. Each student who attends later comes to a branch meeting to talk about her experiences. These young women are on fire! The appreciation they have for the opportunity to attend NCCWSL is amazing. Several have gone on to become branch

members. Each and everyone holds AAUW in high esteem and values the NCCWSL experience as life altering.

Perhaps your branch can give this gift to a young woman in your community. The early bird registration fee is \$395, by April 10. The North Shore Area Branch (NSAB) has developed an application, cover letter, and article that can be submitted to student or community newspapers. They would be happy to share these with other branches. NSAB is an enthusiastic supporter of NCCWSL and young women leaders. Join them and make a real difference in the life of a young woman near you.

## **Past State President Launches First Novel**

**by Karen Board Moran**

*Gates Along My Path* is historical fiction from a young adult point of view. It is set in mid-nineteenth century Worcester, Massachusetts during a period of reform in the United States. Just how does one go about choosing the right path to travel through life especially when you are under the age of twelve? Liza makes her life changing decision, but will it be the best choice?

Stepping down as Massachusetts state president in 1996, Karen Board Moran passionately pursued the history of the woman's rights movement. Her research and reenactments helped the Worcester Women's History Project raise awareness of the first National Woman's Rights Convention held in Worcester in 1850. AAUW recognized the convention's importance and helped fund Women 2000, the sesquicentennial celebration of the convention, with a community action grant.

Karen's personal goal was to encourage young adults to explore the past to better shape their future. She began writing *Gates Along My Path* to tell the story of growing up in the mid-19th century and the impact of the convention key principle of "equality before the law without distinction of sex or color" both then and in the reader's 21st century. No one walks away from this novel without being well aware of what remains to be done for human rights, for women's rights are human rights, 164 years later. *Gates Along My Path* is a perfect gift to share with young adults nine and older.

As a retiree now living in Tucson, Karen continues to celebrate women's history and uses AAUW speaking points in her Tucson portrayals of suffragist Clara Fish Roberts, a graduate of the University of Arizona who founded the Tucson Collegiate Club in 1909. Last summer Karen began a new pursuit of the suffragists in Door County, Wisconsin, her summer home, as she continues to raise awareness of women's history across the country.

*Gates Along My Path* is available at Amazon and Lulu.com. Contact Karen directly for a discounted book group ten pack at [kboardman@comcast.net](mailto:kboardman@comcast.net). To learn more visit Karen's website [www.windowonyourpast.com](http://www.windowonyourpast.com). Hope to see you next month!

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