



**BEDFORD-LEXINGTON AREA BRANCH
SUMMER 2012**

Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls

**IMPORTANT MEETING:
SUMMER BOARD MEETING
AUGUST 17, 7:00 PM @ Joan Zinderman's in Concord**

**2012-2013
MEETING DATES
&
LOCATIONS**

September 11	Bedford Town Center, 7 pm
October 3	Bedford Library, 7 pm
November 7	Bedford Library, 7 pm
December 4	Holiday Potluck & Educational Foundation Night, Bedford Town Center, 6 pm
January 2	Bedford Library, 11:30 am
February 6	Bedford Library, 11:30 am
March 6	Bedford Library, 7 pm
April 3	Bedford Library, 7 pm
May 1	End of Year Dinner, location TBD, 6 pm

NOTE: The order of events at regular meetings will be adjusted starting in October:

7:00-gather to get nametags, pick up coffee/tea; 7:15-program starts; 8:00-refreshments and social time; 8:20-business meeting.



Our co-Presidents: Alice Wadden and Joan Zinderman at our May Dinner

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CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Alice Wadden and Joan Zinderman

On May 2, 2012, we held our 51st Anniversary Dinner at the Concord Colonial Dinner (see photos scattered through newsletter). Once again a rainy night did not interfere with a wonderful evening of greeting old and new friends and the marvelous program provided by Liz Markson's colleague's, Alexandra Borrie, rendition of Virginia Wolff's "A Room of One's Own." Her performance was brilliant and the room was filled with lots of smiling faces!

Our meeting was followed by the installation of our new officers by Liz Fragola, out-going state president and long-time friend of our branch. Liz also presented our branch with our "Out-Standing Branch" award (see page 5)!

We, Alice and I, are very proud to be your presidents and sincerely thank the board and members for all your hard work and interest and attendance at all of our meetings.

Have a great summer and we will see you in September!

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION FELLOWSHIPS

Several EF fellowships are in honor of current or former Massachusetts members. The following are recent recipients of their grants:

- Sema M. Faigen (#) International Fellowship awarded to: Ramila Usoof Thowfee, UMass Amherst
- Elizabeth Stanton Michaels (#1081) Selected Professions Fellowship awarded to: Paola Pinzon-Arano, Worcester Polytechnic Institute
- Elizabeth May (#1722) International Fellowship awarded to: Ju Zhang (China), Brandeis University
- Pamela Lincoln (#1853) Selected Professions Fellowship in Diversity awarded to: Jessica Marquez, MIT

Note about Sema M. Faigen: She was part of a Wayland High School History Project. See whshistoryproject.org/depression/sema-faigen/

GIVE A GRAD A GIFT

Did you know that, or have you forgotten, that we can give new college grads (including those with associates degrees) a free year of membership to AAUW? It doesn't cover state and local dues but does cover the big-ticket part of the dues: Association dues. Go to www.AAUW.org and check it out! It's a great benefit and costs us nothing except a few minutes.

FROM AAUW'S LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Go to the Movies on June 22

Sexual assault in the military is the subject of the powerful documentary *The Invisible War*, which premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and earned the Audience Award. The documentary features several plaintiffs from the LAF-supported lawsuits *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* and *Klay v. Panetta*. AAUW hosted a community screening of the film in April, which was followed by a discussion with the film producer and one of the women in the film.

The film will be released on June 22, 2012, in Boston, Los Angeles, New York City, San Francisco, and Washington, D.C. If you are in those areas, you will not want to miss this important film. Please bring your friends; a successful opening means the film will be released in other cities.



Our two charter members: Lois Pulliam and Merion Ritter



Liz Markson introducing Alexandra Borrie, who performed portions of *A Room of One's Own*



Florence Baturin, Alice Wadden, and Phyllis Doherty

DID YOU KNOW THAT...?

Asian Americans make up 5% of the population of Massachusetts. However, they make up 1/4th of the population of Quincy and 1/5th of the populations of Acton, Lexington, Lowell, and Malden.

- Chinese Americans form the largest Asian subgroup in the U.S. followed by Filipinos, Vietnamese, Indians, Koreans and Japanese Americans.
- Approximately 50% of Asian Americans have at least a bachelor's degree, although there is a disparity among subgroups. This is compared to 28% of the U.S. population as a whole. Among Asian subgroups, Indians have the highest level of bachelor degree attainment at 71%.
- Approximately 15 million Americans practice yoga and Americans spend billions of dollars a year on yoga-related products. Yoga originated in India and was derived from the Hindu religion, although most yoga practiced in the U.S. is considered primarily a form of exercise.
- The designation of "Asian American" includes at least 19 subgroups with different languages and cultures, including the following: Bangladeshi, Bhutanese, Burmese, Cambodian, Chinese, Filipino, Hmong, Indian, Indonesian, Japanese, Korean, Laotian, Malaysian, Nepalese, Pakistani, Sri Lankan, Taiwanese, Thai, and Vietnamese.
- The designation of "Pacific Islander" also includes several subgroups with different languages and cultures. Some of these subgroups include Native Hawaiian, Tongan, Samoan, Guamanian or Chomorro, Marshallese, and Fijian.
- California has the highest population of Asian Americans, followed by New York, Texas, New Jersey, and Hawaii. Hawaii has the highest population of Pacific Islander Americans followed by California, Washington, Texas, and Florida.
- Pacific Islander Americans are very well represented in the sport of football. Two who played for the New England Patriots were Mosi Tatupu and Junior Seau, both Samoan Americans. Other famous Pacific Islander American football players include Troy Palamalu, Rey Mauuluga, Mike Iupati, Reno Mahe, Jesse Sapolu, Nuu Faaola, Peter Tuipulotu, Pisa Tinoisamoa, Manu Tuiasosopo, and Vai Sihakema.
- Pacific Islander Americans, particularly Samoan Americans, are extremely well represented in the U.S. military and have made a heavy sacrifice in the wars in Iraq and Afghanistan. The death rate for the overall U.S. population in those conflicts is about 1 per 85,000 residents. For American Samoans, the death rate is about 1 per 6,442 residents.



Jeanne Stockdale and Terry vandeCarr



Phyllis Doherty and Merion Ritter



Harriet Hathaway and Karen Bragaw



Alice Wadden and Robin & Bob DeMott



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*I slept and dreamt that life was joy
I awoke and saw that life was service
I acted and beheld, service was joy*

Rabindranath Tagore

I am pleased to nominate the Bedford-Lexington branch for the Branch Pride Recognition Award. We have been especially notable in following the mission of AAUW nationally, and statewide--continuing to discuss and create awareness about Human Trafficking. After the State meeting on that topic, we held two meetings: one in which we showed a documentary film, "The Day My God Died", focusing on human trafficking in Nepal and India. At that meeting, we also held a discussion in which participants/members were asked to pose questions about those points in which they might be most interested for a follow up discussion. The second meeting on human trafficking featured Suzanne Sullivan, a federal attorney involved in procedures against human trafficking (she participated in the State meeting) and Anaide Nahikian at Harvard School of Public Health who is part of an international study on human trafficking.

Other high points of the year included a tea to recruit high school students and inform them about AAUW, a talk by a survivor of one of the concentration camps to which Japanese Americans were forcibly deported by the US government during WWII, and a presentation on the negative depictions of older women in film.

Submitted by,

Liz Markson

Bedford Lexington Area Branch AAUW
MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL AND NEW MEMBERS, JULY 1, 2012 TO JUNE 30, 2013

Name _____ Address _____

Home telephone _____

Cell/Fax _____ E-Mail _____

Occupation _____ Volunteer work _____

Education
 Undergraduate _____ Graduate _____

Only if changed

Annual Dues

Branch Member	\$79.00	Honorary Life Member	\$0.00
Includes National Association	\$49.00	Member at Large to Branch Member	\$30.00
State	\$15.00	Student Affiliate (Active undergraduate)	\$32.00
Branch	\$15.00	Community Member (No degree but supports goals of AAUW)	\$15.00
Life Member	\$30.00		

\$46 of the \$49 National Association Dues is Tax Deductible!!

Make checks payable to: **Bedford Lexington Area AAUW - due June 1, 2012!**

Mail to: Robin DeMott, 71 Robbins Street, Acton, MA 01720

Renewals only may pay dues for 2012-13 after 3/15/12 on-line with a credit card at www.aauw.org. Log into the Member Services Database and an option will display on the left to pay your dues.

Please check areas of interest and activity even if you can't be actively involved this year.

AAUW Activities

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Newsletter | <input type="checkbox"/> Educational Foundation |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Publicity | <input type="checkbox"/> Legal Advocacy Fund |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Programs and Special Events | <input type="checkbox"/> Women's Rights Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Post Flyers and Deliver Brochures | <input type="checkbox"/> Political Action |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Membership Development and Support | <input type="checkbox"/> Education |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Coordinate Rides to Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Health Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Refreshments | <input type="checkbox"/> Parenting Issues |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Greeter at Meetings | <input type="checkbox"/> Diversity Activities |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Liaison to Other Community Groups | <input type="checkbox"/> Girls Inc. |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Library and Town Day Displays | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Telephoning | |

Skills you could share with AAUW

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Bookkeeping | <input type="checkbox"/> Graphic Design |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Website Design and Maintenance | <input type="checkbox"/> Editing and Writing Articles |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Program Presentation | <input type="checkbox"/> Community Outreach |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Computer Skills | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |

Would you like to attend the following groups?

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| <input type="checkbox"/> Cinema | <input type="checkbox"/> Support Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Bridge | <input type="checkbox"/> Travel Group |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Daytime) | <input type="checkbox"/> Other _____ |
| <input type="checkbox"/> Book Group (Evening) | |

Other interest groups, in which you would like to participate or help organize, such as: current events, eating out, theater, etc.

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AAUW's Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

SEPTEMBER NEWSLETTER DEADLINE: August 19, 2012

The following is an announcement for our September meeting. In addition to an opportunity to socialize after the summer, we will have the BU student who is working with AAUW-MA on voter education speak to the group. Hope to see YOU there!

“September Social”

DATE: Tuesday, September 11, 2012

TIME: 7:00 p.m.

PLACE: Bedford Town Center

Bedford, MA

**Please join us for a special evening
To meet past, present, and future members
And to learn about our branch of AAUW**

FOLLOW-UP ON HUMAN TRAFFICKING THEME

For more information on Human Trafficking: check out <http://www.polarisproject.org/> which is the link to the “Polaris Project: For a World Without Slavery.” The organization provides, among other things, a hotline, policy advocacy, training, outreach, and fellowships.