



NSAB NEWS

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Happy New Year, AAUW NSAB! We hope you have kept warm and safe this winter. We begin with a fantastic line up planned ahead. We look forward to advocating for women and educating ourselves on current affairs, and collaborating with other organizations, colleges and universities. We will also get to hear from members of our branch, beginning with our first event of the year scheduled for February 14th at the Topsfield Library.

We are thrilled to hear from our very own. NSAB is made up of such highly experienced, educated, and professional women, I'm so honored to be a part of this group. Katie Donovan, for example, drafted the Equal Pay Bill (**An Act to Establish Pay Equity HD2802/SD1423**) in MA that needs your support. If you haven't already, contact your local state representative and senator and ask them to co-sponsor this bill immediately. Let's end the use of salary history and require a job ads to disclose minimum pay amount.

We look forward to 2015 with you!



Liz Fragola & Yvette Villa-Barry, co-presidents
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Mark your Calendars!

Our next branch meeting is Saturday, February 14, 2015 at the Topsfield Library, 10am - 12:30pm

A panel of our branch members: Margaret Chalupowski, Patricia Ho, Christina Bain, and Juliana Silva will discuss: *Issues Facing Women Internationally*. They will focus on their travels and interactions with women in Poland, Cuba, the Middle East, and Brazil.

Please join us for a vigorous discussion about our sisters in other countries and their issues with gender equity. This meeting is free and open to the public. Refreshments will be provided.

WELCOME TO:

DAWN BENNETT

WHO JOINED OUR BRANCH IN NOVEMBER. SHE WAS A LONG-TIME MEMBER OF THE FORMER NEWBURYPORT BRANCH.

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ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL NSAB FUNDRAISER FOR NCCWSL DELEGATES

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders fundraiser in November was such a delight and such a success. We meet our goal by raising enough funds to send two women in 2015. Thank you for your support NSAB! It was a beautiful event at the Ipswich Country Club thanks to the help of Patricia and Galen Ho and the musical performance by Alfredo Velasquez who sang and played Andean

traditional music. We couldn't have done it without your support! Thank you also to our guest speakers Tia Roy and Lauren McCarthy who are remarkable and inspirational women!



NEW MEMBER PROFILE



Christina Bain – Director of the Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery: Christina Bain is the Director of Babson College’s Initiative on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery where she is focused on addressing the role of business and entrepreneurial solutions in the fight against human trafficking, in addition to coursework and initiatives to train the next generation of business leaders in anti-trafficking strategies. She is also an Affiliate of the Gender Violence Program at Harvard Law School where she is expanding her work on technology, human trafficking, and legal policy through launching trainings for U.S. state judges. Christina is the former and founding Director of the Program on Human Trafficking and Modern Slavery within the Carr Center for Human Rights Policy at the Harvard Kennedy School, a program that she designed, developed, and implemented through research, coursework, global online conferences, lectures, fellowships, and student internships and grants. Prior to the Harvard Kennedy School, Christina was appointed by Massachusetts Governor Mitt Romney as the Executive Director of the

Governor’s Commission on Sexual and Domestic Violence, a statewide commission of over 340 public and private sector partners. She previously served as the Public Affairs Liaison to Massachusetts Lieutenant Governor Kerry Healey where she worked on domestic violence and criminal justice issues, including human trafficking and sex offender management. Christina also served as a Special Assistant to Governor Jane Swift of Massachusetts.

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REPORT FROM COLLEGE CONNECTION COMMITTEE

By *Liz Fragola*

The College Connection Committee: Tamara Gaydos, Carole Rein, and Liz Fragola, has been busy getting ready for the NCCWSL scholarship application process. We have been revising the application and updating our college/university contact list. Through the assistance of Becky Hallowell, we have made a promising connection with the president of North Shore Community College, Patricia Gentile, Ed.D. Tia Roy, one of 2014’s NCCWSL scholarship recipients has made a connection for us at Northern Essex Community College, Tina Favara. NECC is a new AAUW College/University Partner! Thank you, Tia! Tia and Lauren will be writing an article about their NCCWSL experience to be published on several platforms at Merrimack College and available to our branch to use in promoting the conference and our scholarships. These two young women are such shining examples of what the NCCWSL experience can do. In addition to their initiatives, we have a great connection with Heather Maietta, director of Career Services, who hopes to have Merrimack sponsor students to NCCWSL this year.

If you have a personal connection with a staff person at an Essex County college, let us know. If we can direct the applications and NCCWSL information to the right person on campus, we have a better chance of getting a good number of applications. Again, thanks to our terrific branch for helping to raise the funds needed to send two students to NCCWSL again this year. It is the best investment to make in future women leaders.

AAUW National Convention

June 18–21, 2015 | San Diego, Sheraton Hotel and Marina

A Unique Opportunity for Women Leaders



Every two years, hundreds of women leaders from across the country gather to discover new ways to empower themselves and other women and girls. AAUW's national convention is a unique opportunity to learn new skills, gain insight and inspiration, and connect with other women leaders.

AAUW adopted [One Member, One Vote](#) in 2007 to offer members unprecedented input on AAUW governance and agenda decisions. At that year's convention, AAUW voted to open the national convention to every member and their guests. Our program is now focused on providing engaging opportunities for professional and personal growth so that women leaders everywhere can maximize their impact.

Make no mistake: The national convention isn't all work and no play. Our program is full of unique entertainment and fun surprises. It's also a place to meet new friends or catch up with other leaders and advocates from across the country. Plus, you can take in the best culture and entertainment our host cities have to offer on exciting pre-and post-convention tours.

We can't wait to find new ways to empower women and girls at our 2015 convention, June 18–21, 2015, at the [Sheraton Hotel and Marina in San Diego](#). We're excited to build on the success of the 2013 convention and look forward to planning an even more engaging and more valuable program for you.

[Register today](#). **See You in San Diego!**

Hone your leadership skills in our [workshops](#), and gain new insights and inspiration from women leaders. Take a break in between sessions to enjoy the sun and spend time with friends. [Taste some of the best wine](#) in the region, or [explore what makes San Diego unique](#).

Visit AAUW website, <http://convention.aauw.org/agenda> for the preliminary 2015 agenda. As June 2015 gets closer, updates with details about speakers, sessions, and more will be posted. Check back soon for more details.



**North Shore Area Branch AAUW
Financial Report from August 10, 2014 to January 21, 2015
Submitted by Mary Ann Walsh, Branch Finance Chair**

Balance in Checking account: August 10, 2014	\$3,928.47
<i>Income since last Financial Report</i>	
2014-15 dues	\$360.50
Reservations and donations, 11-22-14 NCCWSL	
Brunch	\$1,910.00
NCCWSL raffle income	282.00
Gross Income	\$2,552.50
<i>Expenses since last Financial Report</i>	
2014-15 dues	\$295.50
Expenses 11-22-14 brunch	945.00
2014 Educational Opportunities Fund donation	500.00
Educational Opportunities Fund memorial donations	125.00
2 dinners, STEM meeting	35.00
Hospitality 9-27-14 membership meeting	36.72
Get well gifts	159.88
Gross Expenses	\$2,097.10
Balance in checking account, January 21, 2015	\$4,383.87
Difference in beginning and ending balances	+\$455.40

Notes:

We currently have no outstanding debt, and all income has been deposited in the bank.

We made a \$1,247 profit from the November 22 brunch, thanks to the sponsorship of Patricia and Galen Ho. This will enable us to send two students to the 2015 NCCWSL Conference.

The 2014 donation of \$500 to the Educational Opportunities Fund was earned in part from the June 7 Coffee with Hank Philippi Ryan in Georgetown. The remainder came from reserves.

4. We currently have 41 branch members.



SUMMARY OF EVENTS

- Saturday, Feb 14- Topsfield Library: *Issues Facing Women Internationally.*
- Friday, March 6- International Women's Day and the AAUW MA annual meeting in UNAGB Winter St , Boston, MA
- April - Author's Coffee

<http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/north-shore/>

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research."

AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

*AAUW is a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance. Your membership makes AAUW's powerful voice even stronger on critical issues affecting
□women and girls.*

A TRIBUTE TO MARGARET RIDGE

Margaret Elizabeth Ridge, an AAUW Life Member and member of the North Shore Branch and the North Shore Area Branch passed away January 2, 2015, at the age of 95. For many years Marge served as Treasurer, North Shore Branch and she was a frequent participant and avid supporter of the North Shore Area Branch. While Marge raised her family in New Jersey, she had deep roots in this part of Massachusetts, where she and her family, both the generation before and the generation after, spent their summers in Essex. Once retired, she and her husband Charlie built a beautiful home for themselves and relocated to Essex permanently. Details of her life are excerpted from her obituary, below.



"...Marge received her B.S. in Chemistry from The College of Wooster (Ohio), and her M.S. in Chemistry from Western Reserve University (Ohio). During World War II, she was a research chemist at Heyden Chemical Company in N.J. She married Charles Kennedy Ridge in, 1946 just after he returned from his Army tour of duty in Asia. In Verona and Upper Montclair, NJ, they raised four children, Betsy, Martha, Bill, and Sarah. She was employed as the treasurer of Electro-Lift, Inc., a design and sales firm for custom built hoists, until retiring to Essex in 1989. Margaret was passionate about making college opportunities available to deserving young women. For decades she headed the annual College Women's Club of Montclair book sale which has raised over a million dollars for scholarships..."

Marge, you will be missed.