



NEWS OF NOTE

November 2017

South Shore Area (MA) Branch

NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING

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

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NOVEMBER 14, TUESDAY, 7:00 PM

EMPOWERING YOUNG GIRLS THROUGH LITERATURE

**Speaker: Ann Lattinville, Head of Children’s Services
Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St, Scituate**

“We all know how important it is to read to children every day, no matter their age. But did you know that 57 percent of children’s books have male protagonists, while only 31 percent are female?”

The problem is not only the absence of female characters, but it’s also the way women are represented. Often classic stories highlight the strength, courage and skills of men while female characters are stereotyped or one-dimensional: the mother figure, the homemaker, the exotic beauty, the love seeker. Gender is defined through these stereotypes and this is what our children learn from a very early age.”-- *Jimena Durán, Huff Post, February 24, 2017*

Join us as Librarian Ann Lattinville explores young adult literature that helps girls understand the strength within themselves, that instills self-confidence, that allows them to follow their dreams and to become whatever they want to be.

Please invite anyone involved with young girls—teachers, mothers, grandmothers to attend this very informative presentation. Who knows, you may help to change a girl’s life!

For more information, contact Carol Sullivan-Hanley at csulliva@lesley.edu. The program is free and open to the public.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Lily Ledbetter with Sheila Doherty

AAUW is helping to enforce and protect Title IX. They are committed to taking this stand against injustice and sex discrimination. Women and girls who are enrolled in school will face discrimination, harassment and assault in schools and on campuses. The LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND provides support to protect legal rights in workplaces and schools. AAUW has backed many Title IX cases that have involved sex discrimination.

Our local State Representative Joan Meschino spoke to us last month about women in politics. She was very informative explaining her journey as a woman to the State House. We hope to see her continue in politics and to influence other women to run for elective office.

Our fundraiser this year for AAUW FUNDS will be held November 9th at the Hearth and Kettle in Weymouth on Route 18 at 6:00 PM. Please let me know ASAP if you are planning to attend. We will be painting a set of 2 wine glasses that you can keep or give to a friend. The donation is \$40.00 payable to me no later than November 3rd. We still have a few openings. Some of the attendees are having dinner at the Hearth and Kettle (not included as part of the program) at 4:45 PM. Please feel free to join us. Use the attached flyer to invite your friends.

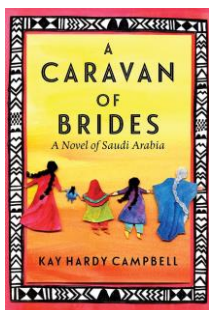


Our next meeting will be held at the newly renovated Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch St., Scituate on November 14th at 7:00 PM. We will be having Children's Librarian, Ann Lattinville speak to us about empowering girls through reading literature.

See you there!
Sheila Doherty
President

BRANCH CALENDAR

You will find our monthly branch calendar on the last page of this newsletter. It is on a separate page so that you can print it or transfer the dates to your personal calendar. All events on the calendar are open to all members but as a courtesy please inform the hostess if you are attending. You can find their contact information in your branch directory. Our monthly branch programs are free and open to the public.



Kay Campbell, a former Hingham member has written a book, *A Caravan of Brides*. It is available on Amazon.com. She will be our guest author for the January meeting and will happy to sign copies of her book. Now might be a good time to start reading the book before the holiday rush.

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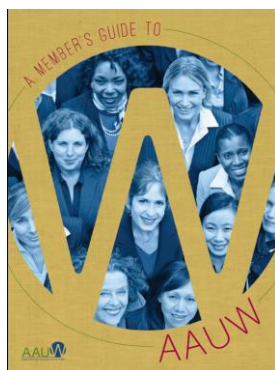
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DECEMBER HOLIDAY SOCIAL

Our Annual Holiday Brunch will be held on Sunday, December 3rd, 11am at Mill Wharf Restaurant, 23 Wharf Plaza, Scituate 02066 in Scituate Harbor.

See the attached flyer for menu and details.

Please reserve by November 20th by text or call 781-831-2321 or email

phylrup@aol.com.

AND send check for \$26.00 to Phyllis Warren, 34 Holmes St, Halifax, MA 02338

Thank you!



Phyllis Warren
Social Chair

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Did you know that AAUW sends every new member a 24 page brochure, **A Member's Guide to AAUW**, full of AAUW information? It includes a Welcome, Our Story, Our Legacy, Our Issues--Advocacy, Community,

Education, Workplace, Leadership, Get Involved, Give Back, AAUW Glossary, and Stay in Touch. Reading this brochure would be of benefit to all our members. We can find it on the AAUW website at <https://www.aauw.org/files/2017/10/AAUWMemberGuide-nsa.pdf>. Here is a brief sample from the Get Involved section:

"Here are 10 ways to begin what we hope will be a lifetime of empowering women with AAUW.

1. **Engage with AAUW programs.** Mail in the card on the back of this brochure or visit our website for more information: www.aauw.org.
2. **Follow, like, and share us on social media.** @AAUW
3. **Become a Two-Minute Activist.** You're busy, but you've got two minutes to take action on the issues that matter to women and girls. Sign up at www.aauw.org.
4. **Read the award-winning AAUW Outlook e-magazine** for the latest issues affecting you. (No cost for members!)
5. **Sign up for an e-newsletter.** We have something for everyone at www.aauw.org, including Out in Force for YWTF members, Washington Update for policy buffs, and Campus Connections for students and faculty.

6. **Give a grad a gift.** As a member, you can give yearlong memberships to recent college or graduate school alumnae. And the best part is there's no cost for you or them!
7. **Find or start an AAUW group in your community.** That could be a branch, a YWTF chapter, a student organization, or even an international affiliate. Meet up in person with other folks who care about the same issues you do, or get started online with our branch creation guide at www.aauw.org.
8. **Tell your friends to join.** Whether you're sharing our events on social media or telling your coworkers about AAUW, you are our most valuable ambassador. Spread the word!
9. **Get the facts: Read our research.** The most recent reports are on our website, and hard copies are free to order from our online store, ShopAAUW.
10. **Donate.** Every penny counts for women and girls.

Bonus! Did you know that as an AAUW member, you're automatically eligible for all sorts of benefits? Find out how to get discounts on Office Depot products, magazine subscriptions, insurance, medical prescriptions, and more at www.aauw.org/membership/benefits."

As you can see the information in this brochure can be helpful and informing not only to new members, but to ALL AAUW members.

Gail Saccone and Anne Foley
Co-Vice Presidents of Membership

PUBLIC POLICY

Fair Representation and Redistricting: How the Lines Are Drawn

"On October 3, 2017, the U.S. Supreme Court heard oral arguments in *Gill v. Whitford*, a case challenging partisan gerrymandering in Wisconsin. Gerrymandering — the practice of drawing electoral district lines to benefit one political party — poses serious problems for our democracy. In jurisdictions nationwide legislators have drawn maps that allow them to choose their voters rather than enabling voters to choose their representatives, a reversal that undermines the concept of fair representation.

AAUW has long advocated expanding voting rights and ensuring equitable political participation and representation. But poorly drawn or purposefully unfair electoral district lines can threaten these ideals. With the 2020 census looming, many advocates, legislators, and judges are taking a hard look at their electoral district boundaries. Read on to learn more about the problem of gerrymandering and how you can be part of the solution." [Click here](#).

States Notch Multiple Equal Pay Victories in 2017

Voters are fed up with the persistent gender pay gap, and many state legislators are listening. In 2015 and 2016 dozens of legislatures proposed and enacted bills and laws addressing pay inequality. In 2017 a whopping 42 states, plus Puerto Rico and Washington, D.C., offered legislative solutions to the gender pay gap. While not all of these bills passed, this growing

activity shows that red, blue, and purple states realize that the pay gap is real and that something needs to be done about it." [Read more.](#)

AAUW Responds to Department of Education Title IX Announcement

September 7, 2017

"American Association of University Women Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches issued the following statement responding to Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos' announcement concerning the future of Title IX enforcement."

"Secretary Betsy DeVos' decision to open up Title IX for changes represents a blatant intent to roll back protections for students. It is an action that is at direct odds with upholding the civil rights of all Americans.



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Make no mistake: Title IX remains the law of the land and this announcement does not alter in any way schools' responsibilities. DeVos' speech noted many situations in which schools have failed to adhere to the law. The response to this challenge is to *enforce* Title IX *not* to undermine it. The Department is currently collecting comments on all of its regulations, and thousands of people have vocalized their support for Title IX, its regulations, and current guidance. Secretary DeVos can anticipate a continued call from survivors, students, and advocates for full enforcement of Title IX.

Now is also the time for schools to step up and demonstrate that they will do the right thing for their students even in the midst of potential rollbacks from the Department of Education. Considering that 89 percent of college campuses disclosed zero reported rapes last year — despite the fact that we know incidents are far more frequent — we should move forward and build on past progress not walk back current protections.

The American Association of University Women stands with survivors and remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX, and to pursuing its vigorous enforcement. We must ensure our nation's dedication to full and equal educational opportunities for all students. After all, students' access to an education is on the line. Schools, and the Department of Education, owe it to them to uphold their civil rights, a promise today's announcement fails to reaffirm."

Patrice Metro
Public Policy Chair

ADVENTURES IN DINING

The November Adventures in Dining will take place immediately before Paint Night on November 9th at the Hearth 'n Kettle Restaurant in Weymouth. The group will meet **at 4:45 pm** (note this is an earlier time than was previously announced). If you plan to attend, please let Sandy Carle (scarle12@aol.com or 781-340-6281) know by November 3rd as a table must be prepared.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

November 2017						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3 RSVP Paint Night	4
5	6	7	8	9 4:45pm Dinner 6pm Paint Night	10	11 Veterans Day
12	13	14 7pm Branch Program	15	16	17	18
19	20 RSVP for Holiday Brunch	21 7pm Book Discussion	22	23 Thanksgiving Day	24	25
26	27	28	29	30 7pm Game Night	1	2
3 11am Holiday Brunch	4	5	6	7	8	9

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- November 3 RSVP deadline for Paint Night and Adventures in Dining
- November 9 Hearth ‘n Kettle, Main Street, Weymouth preceded by optional dinner at 4:45 pm
- November 14 Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch Street, Scituate
- November 20 RSVP deadline for Holiday Brunch to Phyllis Warren
- November 21 Home of Patrice Metro discussing *Hidden Figures* (YA version) and *The Hate U Give* (YA version)
- November 30 Home of Sandy Carle
- December 3 Mill Wharf Restaurant, 23 Wharf Plaza, Scituate, see flyer