



# NEWS OF NOTE

January 2018

South Shore Area (MA) Branch

## JANUARY BRANCH PROGRAM

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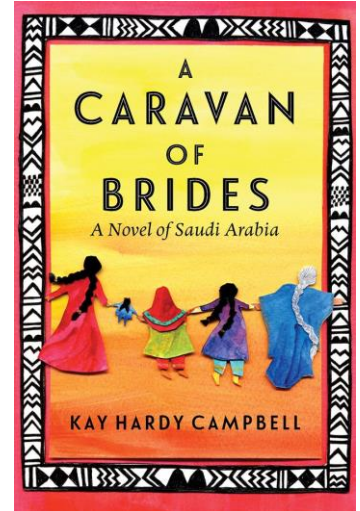
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We are delighted to kick off the new year with a very special program. Author Kay Hardy Campbell will join us on Tuesday January 9th, beginning at 6:30 pm for our annual CASUAL SUPPER AND BOOK DISCUSSION at the Allerton House, 15 Condito Road, Hingham.

We will be discussing Kay's first novel, *A Caravan of Brides: A Novel of Saudi Arabia*. Please bring a dish to share and your place setting. RSVP to Sheila Doherty at 781-834-4615 or [greenharbor11@verizon.net](mailto:greenharbor11@verizon.net) by January 5th. Many of us know Kay, a former

president and active member of our branch. Kay gave up a promising career in international banking and moved to the Maine woods to pursue her dream of writing a novel about the Middle East. Her dream has come true. *A Caravan of Brides: A Novel of Saudi Arabia* was awarded a prestigious 'Star' designation by Kirkus Reviews, a company that reviews books aimed at bookstores and libraries. Here is an excerpt, and you can read the full review here: [Kirkus Review of A CARAVAN OF BRIDES](#).



Articles for publication in the South Shore Area branch newsletter, *News of Note*, should reach the editor, Hollie Bagley by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month.

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The *News of Note* is published monthly from September – May.

"Campbell's masterful debut novel delivers a story that matches up flawlessly with real-life aspects of Middle Eastern culture, geography, and history. The characters are deeply developed, and their stories intertwine with true events that readers may be unaware of, such as the 1918 flu epidemic and the 1979 Grand Mosque siege. The storytelling transports the audience to a foreign place and time with vivid details and timeless themes. As the well-paced plot moves forward, readers may nearly forget about its destination because they're so wrapped up in the journey. A mesmerizing Middle Eastern tale to be savored from beginning to end." - Kirkus Reviews (starred review)

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Greetings to everyone. I hope you all had a great Holiday Season. The winter issue of the *Baystater* was published electronically last week. Please look for it in your email accounts. I have verified everyone's email address in our national data base for accuracy, so everyone should be receiving the *Baystater* electronically. In case you were not aware, it is our state newsletter.

I am looking for someone to organize our May dinner. I will not be available to plan the May dinner so I need one or two members to find a venue and organize the dinner. It's a very simple task.

I hope you are all reading our book for the January meeting, ***A Caravan of Brides*** by Kay Campbell. She will be at the meeting to lead the discussion on her work. We will be meeting on January 9th at 6:30 pm at the Allerton House in Hingham. Please bring your place setting and a dish to share; water, tea and coffee will be provided. Please let me know no later than January 5th because I need to arrange for seating. See you there.

Happy New Year.

Sheila Doherty  
President

Branch members had a festive time sharing a delicious brunch at the Mill Wharf in Situate to celebrate the holiday season. Thank you to Phyllis Warren for arranging it.

*(Photo courtesy of Gail Saccone)*



*The Brunch Bunch*

## 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.



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## FEBRUARY BRANCH PROGRAM

Planning ahead for our February 13th Branch meeting:

We will be at the Tufts Library, [46 Broad St., Weymouth](#) (downstairs in the Jones Room)

Our program is called **TRAVEL SHOWCASE**. It will be an interesting "adventure" evening through the sharing of photos and memorabilia contributed by members of trips they have taken. If you'd like to put your photos on a flash drive ("memory stick"), I will have my laptop available so that we can project the photos onto a screen. If not, tables will be available to display photos, albums, and/or memorabilia. Everyone will have a chance to talk about their trips and experiences. Please let me know if you plan on participating so that I can arrange for the viewing of materials. Thank you!

Gail Saccone ([gvsaccone@comcast.net](mailto:gvsaccone@comcast.net) or [781-424-4356](tel:781-424-4356))

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

As we reflect on 2017 it's clear that this was a year of renewed activism. AAUW has attracted new members and new leadership, but our passion for gender equity is still the same — and membership in AAUW is still as

valuable as it has been for 136 years. Read on for a few reasons why your national membership committee members find value in their AAUW memberships.

"I value my membership in AAUW because I need to be part of an organization that advocates for the issues that I consider important. I value my relationships with my 'sisters' in AAUW and treasure the ability to have conversations of substance with our members across the country." — Karen Coleman, AAUW of Tennessee

"I value AAUW because I am an advocate of its programs that speak daily to improve the lives of so many women and girls across our great nation. AAUW stands up and stands out on addressing the issues that matter and make a difference." — Diane Crawford, AAUW of New Jersey

"I always felt it was important to serve others and help pave the way for the next generation. AAUW allows me to be a better person by connecting with other women who have the same calling to graciously share the gift of experience and promote the role of women as leaders in our society. This country has been very generous to me and my daughter. It is an honor and privilege to be part of this national community." — Narcisa Polonio, AAUW of Maryland

"I value membership in AAUW and it matters because it digs deeply into policies and issues that I support." — Clarice Rankins, AAUW of Tennessee

“In September of 1970 I started my first job out of college. My husband was an engineering student, and my income sustained us. I learned that a part-time male student doing the same work was getting more money than I as a full-time employee. This is why I belong to AAUW. ... I continue to work towards pay equity by being a Start Smart facilitator.” — Kathy Scott, AAUW of Idaho

“No matter how long we have belonged to AAUW, it’s important to assess what qualities of AAUW membership give value to our lives. For me, AAUW has defined who I am and shaped my core beliefs. AAUW provides the way for me to critique or support what my legislators at both the state and national levels are promoting. I have a voice! And at the branch level, AAUW provides a support network. This is why I am a life member.” — Linda Tozier, AAUW of Pennsylvania

We hope you feel inspired. Remember that national membership is half-price from January 1-March 15 and those who join at an AAUW event can receive an additional “Shape the Future” discount so now is definitely the time to encourage someone you know to join.

Gail Saccone  
Co-Vice President of Membership

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **Strategic Plan: Focus, Relevance, Impact**

December 05, 2017

*(This story originally appeared in the last issue of [AAUW Outlook](#) magazine – but in case you missed it, it is worth reading what AAUW’s new CEO thinks after her 'listening tour' and how she intends to build a new strategy for the future. PM)*

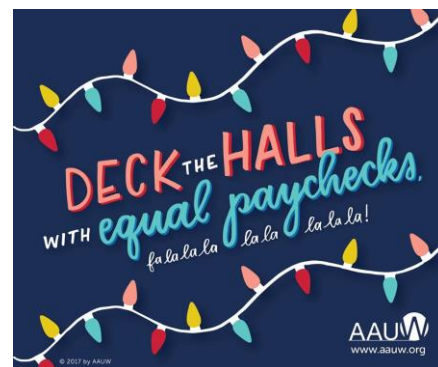
"Chief Executive Officer [Kimberly Churches](#) is dreaming big for AAUW as we embark on a new strategic plan. In her listening tour around the nation and in smaller group sessions, she frequently suggests ways in which AAUW could imagine our future impact in advancing equity. “Imagine,” says Churches, “if we trained 10 million people through our Start Smart and Work Smart workshops. What if we created nationally respected employer resources to complement the Start Smart and Work Smart workshops? Or if we created a scorecard of state, federal, and international pay equity practices and legislation? And imagine if we became the leading international organization on pay equity.” ...” [To read the article, click here.](#)

### **U.S. Cities Reveal a Wide Range of Gender and Racial Pay Gaps**

December 11, 2017

"No matter how you break down the [gender pay gap](#) numbers — by [state](#), [age](#), [education](#), [race](#), or [occupation](#) — the gap is substantial. And cities are not immune to this pervasive problem, as our new analysis shows.

AAUW has created a tool for those seeking to understand and reduce the gender pay gap across the United States: a breakdown of the 2016 pay gap in 25 major metropolitan areas. These metropolitan areas all have populations of at least 2 million — meaning that they are well represented in such government surveys as the American Community Survey, the data source for this analysis — and represent a fairly balanced geographic sample across the United States. This new analysis examines the pay gap between men and women working full time, year-round, and includes information about disparities based on race and ethnicity.



The gender pay gaps in major U.S. cities look similar to the national gender pay ratio of 80 percent, though on average cities have slightly smaller gaps and rural areas have larger gaps. The metropolitan area with the smallest gender pay gap in this study is Los Angeles, with a gender pay ratio of 90 percent, and the largest is Detroit, with a ratio of 75 percent. The largest dollar gap between men's and women's median annual earnings is in Seattle, where men were paid \$15,700 more annually than women (with a women-to-men pay ratio of 76 percent)..." [Read the rest of the article and see the graphics by clicking here.](#)

Patrice Metro  
Public Policy Chair

## CULTURE GROUP

On Sunday, January 14<sup>th</sup>, a group of branch members will be attending **Sense and Sensibility** at the [American Repertory Theater](#) in Boston. Each attendee is responsible for purchasing her own ticket. Car pooling will be available. This outing is open to all branch members so contact Pat Laidler ([patlaidler@gmail.com](mailto:patlaidler@gmail.com)) if you are interested in going or if you want more details. The play is a great tie-in to the December reading of the book group, **Northanger Abbey**.

Pat Laidler  
Culture Group Chair

*HAPPY NEW YEAR!!!*

**SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR**

<b>January 2018</b>						
<b>Sunday</b>	<b>Monday</b>	<b>Tuesday</b>	<b>Wednesday</b>	<b>Thursday</b>	<b>Friday</b>	<b>Saturday</b>
31 New Year's Eve	<b>1</b> New Year's Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b> RSVP for Branch Meeting	6
7	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> 6:30 pm Branch Meeting	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	13
14 Culture Group Outing	<b>15</b> Martin Luther King Jr. Day	<b>16</b>	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b> 7 pm Game Night	<b>19</b>	20
21	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	27
28	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>31</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b>	3

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- January 5      RSVP deadline for Casual Supper and Book Discussion to Sheila Doherty
- January 9      Casual Supper and Book Discussion, Allerton House, Hingham, note time is 6:30 pm
- January 14     American Repertory Theater, Sense and Sensibility, 2 pm show
- January 18     Home of Sheila Doherty