



NEWS OF NOTE

February 2018

South Shore Area (MA) Branch

FEBRUARY BRANCH PROGRAM

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

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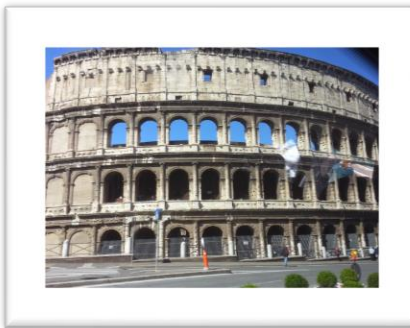
<http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/southshorearea/>

Like and contribute to our branch Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AUWSouthShoreAreaMassachusetts/>

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 sharing 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 I can arrange for the viewing of materials. Thank you!

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

What a wonderful evening we spent in January with our dear friend Kay Campbell. I'm so glad she could come from Maine to be our guest author at the January meeting. After a lovely dinner, Kay talked about her book and the inspiration that she had to write it. It was great to see some former AAUW members and the Braintree Book Club who joined us for this very special evening.

I think all of you received a letter from Julia Brown, Board Chair about the state of AAUW. Some of AAUW's accomplishments during 2017 were: 17,000 people learned how to negotiate their salaries thru Start Smart and Work Smart Programs, AAUW gave \$3,700,000 to women in community projects and

sponsored STEM programs in 35 states. She concluded that AAUW is sound.

Our meeting this month will be held on February 13th, featuring a Travel Showcase coordinated by Gail Saccone. Some of our members have visited very different and interesting places. We hope you will joining us for what will be a very interesting and pleasant evening.

We have a new By-Laws Chair on the state level, her name is Sheri Saginor.

Hope you have a safe winter.

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.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

A recent email issue of *AAUW Membership Matters* included comments gathered from AAUW members all over the country about reasons why members find value in their memberships. I found that I personally agree with many of the comments. I thought I'd paraphrase some of the comments that reflect my opinion and, hopefully, yours!

- ...being part of an organization that advocates for the issues I consider important
- ...value of relationships with other members and the ability to have conversations of substance with members across the country
- ...AAUW stands up and stands out on addressing issues that matter and make a difference
- ...I connect with other women who share the gift of experience and promote the role of women as leaders in our society.
- ...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!
- ...We define who we are not by what we say, but by what we commit to. By being a member, I believe that I define my commitment to the advancement of all women.

Gail Saccone
Co-Vice President of Membership

PUBLIC POLICY

Reproductive Freedom Is Tied to Women's Economic Security

January 18, 2018

This year marks the 45th anniversary of the [landmark](#) Supreme Court case *Roe v. Wade*, which legalized abortion in the United States. Access to safe and legal [reproductive](#) health care and information, including abortion, fosters self-sufficiency, promotes preventive health care, and protects individuals and their families from the spread of sexually transmitted infections. But control over one's reproductive life is also part and parcel to achieving economic autonomy; without reproductive choice, women cannot attain equal pay or opportunity in the workforce. [Read more...](#)

7 Feminist Resolutions for 2018

December 29, 2017



If 2017 has taught us anything, it's that our activism is needed now more than ever. It's crucial that as we look ahead to new challenges and accomplishments to be achieved in the New Year, we prepare to protect the progress we've already made. In order to be ready for anything 2018 throws at us, we need to become better, more efficient, and more stalwart activists — and to accomplish that we need to know what resources are available to us and be ready to use them. Though figuring out how to ramp up your activism can be daunting, you're not alone; AAUW's got you covered in 2018. [Click here for the article.](#)

A Century of Women's Rights Work Through the Eyes of a Centenarian

(From December 2016 – but a nice story!!)

In the United States 2016 [was historic](#) for [many reasons](#). For 105-year-old AAUW member Martha Ann Miller, it meant seeing a woman on the presidential ballot 96 years after she saw women gain [the right to vote](#) as a little girl.



Photo by Hannah Golden

Miller, who joined an AAUW branch in Virginia in 1944, has witnessed crucial milestones in women's equality during the last century-plus. She shared with us what it felt like to live through some of those historical touchpoints. [Read on...](#)

Patrice Metro
Public Policy Chair



CULTURE GROUP

On Sunday, January 14th, a group of branch members attended **Sense and Sensibility** at the [American Repertory Theater](#) in Boston, followed by dinner.

Pat Laidler
Culture Group Chair

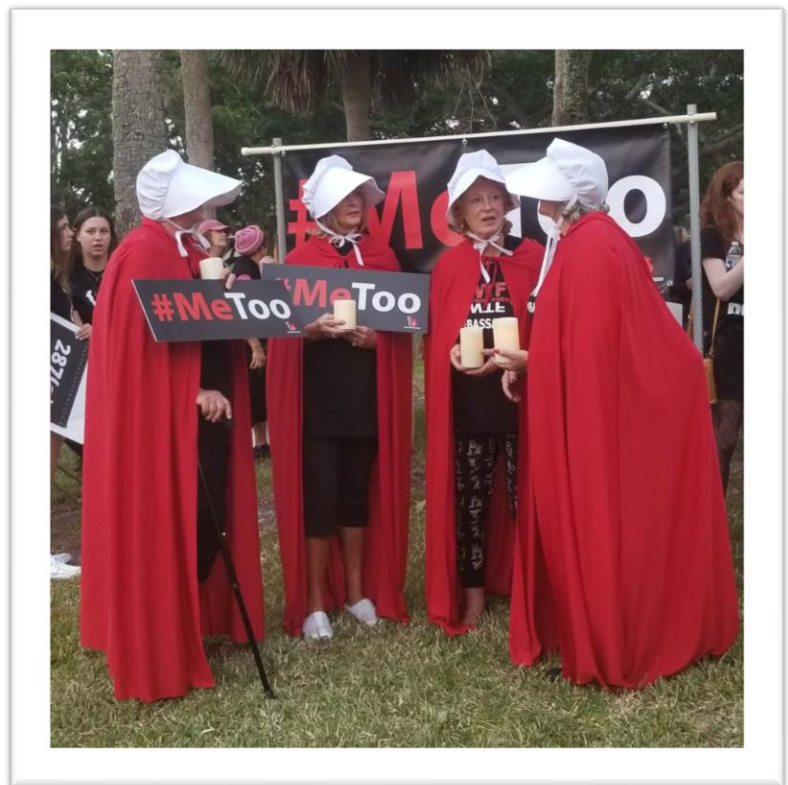
MARCH BRANCH PROGRAM

Attached to this newsletter you will find a flyer for the March 13 branch program. Use it to invite others and to help us publicize the program. Please note that if you would like to have supper with attendees before the meeting, you must download the flyer and send your completed RSVP to Sandy Carle by March 2nd.



SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

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Women's March 2018, Naples, FL



Yes! Yes! Yes!

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

February 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6	7	8	9	10
11	12	13 Branch Program	14 Valentine's Day	15	16	17
18	19 President's Day	20 Book Group	21	22 Game Night	23	24
25	26	27	28	1	2 RSVP for supper at March program	3

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- February 13 Branch program 7pm at Tufts Library, Weymouth
- February 20 Book Group 7pm, discussion of *News of the World* by Paulette Jiles, home of Fran Schlesinger, Duxbury
- February 22 Game Night 7pm, home of Gail Saccone, Braintree
- March 2 RSVP to Sandy Carle deadline for supper at March program, see attached flyer