



# NEWS OF NOTE

March 2018

South Shore Area (MA) Branch

## MARCH BRANCH PROGRAM

### SAFE PASSAGE, MARCH 13

We will be in the Jones Room of the Tufts Library, 46 Broad Street Weymouth. Join us for a light supper (see attached flyer) at 6 PM. The presentation on *Safe Passage* begins at 7 PM.

Safe Passage (Camino Seguro) is a charitable organization providing education and after-school support for poor children whose families work in the City Garbage Dump in Guatemala City. It was the dream and hard work of Hanley Denning, a graduate of Wheelock College that changed the reality of many women and children in Guatemala. Each day, Safe Passage



provides more than 550 children and 100 parents with education, social services, and the chance to move beyond the poverty their families have faced for generations. The Safe Passage School boasts a library of 1000 books, and almost 500 people have participated in adult literacy classes.

Under the umbrella of Safe Passage is “Creamos” an organization that supports the mothers of the Safe Passage students. This organization has made it possible for these women to become entrepreneurs by selling crafts and goods to support their families.

Members of Alpha Iota of the Delta Kappa Gamma Society International were able to visit Safe Passage to see the program in action. For more information visit <https://www.safepassage.org>.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Hello from Florida. I hope you all are having a nice calm winter. A reminder from Washington, DC that our national dues will increase from \$49.00 to \$59.00 beginning March 16th. The dues notice will be sent out this spring with your News of Note and will reflect the increase. I make it a point every year when I pay for the May dinner to also send my check to the Treasurer for my dues, so I don't forget.

The Spring AAUW-MA meeting this year will be held on Saturday, April 7th at the Bridgewater Public Library, 15 South Street, Bridgewater from 10:30 AM to 1:30 PM. There will be more information to follow about the meeting either from me or in the *BayStater*. The State Meeting will include a video presentation from AAUW in DC and discussion on the new strategic plan. Robin DeMott, our State Treasurer will present a segment on "On-Line Membership and Renewal". Lastly there will be a Board Meeting and discussion.

I hope you are planning on attending our monthly meeting on March 13th, being held at the Jones Room at the Tufts Library, Weymouth, MA at 7:00 PM. Our speakers will be talking about Safe Passage: THE STORY OF HANLEY DENNING. This meeting is in conjunction with Delta Kappa Gamma and will be an enjoyable evening. Hopefully you have saved the date and will attend. Thank you, Sandy, for arranging this. Looking forward to seeing everyone in the spring.

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

The March branch meeting will be the last chance this season for a new member to join and take advantage of the **Shape the Future** discount of 50% off national dues which are already half-price from January 1-March 15. On March 16 our national, state and branch dues will go up to \$89. The good news is that anyone joining after March 16 will be paid up until the end of June 2019.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Trump Administration Rejects Transgender Complaints under Title IX**

February 12, 2018

(AAUW) Press Release from Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches in response to the U.S. Department of Education’s announcement concerning transgender student bathroom complaints.

“AAUW has supported upholding Title IX since its passage 45 years ago. Today’s announcement by the Trump administration that it will reject transgender student bathroom complaints is a direct dismissal of civil rights protections for transgender students.

...Title IX is critical for students who are experiencing sex discrimination on a regular basis to be able to attend school and continue their education.”... (To read more, go to: <https://www.aauw.org/article/trump-administration-rejects-transgender-complaints-under-title-ix/>)

### **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.”... (To read more, go to: <https://www.aauw.org/2017/10/13/state-equal-pay-victories-in-2017/>)

Patrice Metro  
Public Policy Chair

## **SAVE THE DATE—APRIL 7**

Make plans now to attend the April 7<sup>th</sup> AAUW--MA Meeting at Bridgewater Public Library beginning at 10:30 am. There will be a video presentation (unveiling) of AAUW’s new strategic plan with discussion to follow. It is imperative to each member that we know in what direction AAUW is headed, how and why we should get there, and when and who will be responsible for our future. Make sure your voice is heard by joining in the discussion taking place around the country via state meetings.

## IMPORTANT MESSAGE TO ALL MEMBERS



The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

You can direct any questions or concerns to [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

Respectfully,  
Your AAUW National Board of Directors

# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## March 2018

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				<b>1</b> Game Night	<b>2</b> RSVP deadline for supper at March program	3
4	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	10
11	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b> Branch Program	<b>14</b>	<b>15</b>	<b>16</b>	17
18	<b>19</b>	<b>20</b> Book Group	<b>21</b>	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	24
25	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Board Meeting	<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	31

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- March 1            Game Night 7pm, home of Gail Saccone, Braintree
- March 2            RSVP to Sandy Carle deadline for supper at March program, see attached flyer
- March 13          Branch program 7pm at Tufts Library, Weymouth
- March 20          Book Group 7pm, discussion of *The Circle* by Dave Eggers, home of Ellen Herling, Norwell
- March 27          Branch Board Meeting, 7pm, home of Deanne Noiseux, Scituate
- April 7            AAUW-MA Meeting, 10:30 am, Bridgewater Public Library
- April 25          Amendment voting begins
- June 9            Amendment voting closes