



South Shore Area (MA) Branch

NEWS OF NOTE

February 2019

February 12, Tuesday, 7:00 pm

DISCUSSION: AAUW Strategic Plan and Status of South Shore Area Branch

Scituate Public Library, 85 Branch Street, Scituate



It has been wonderful to see so many members at our branch meetings this year. In her President's Message, Deanne has shared our experiences from the January meeting and the update on NCCWSL fundraising. The February meeting is an opportunity for all members to let us know what they have enjoyed in our programs, what they feel may not have been as successful and offer ideas for future meetings and events. We know it is only February but gathering ideas now gives the committees time to start planning for next year. If you are unable to join us on February 12 please send us an email or letter or give Deanne or me

a phone call with your ideas.

If weather is a problem we will send out a notice or give you a phone call if you do not use email.

[Ginny Giordano](#)
Co-President



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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

A beautiful feast was had at the Pot Luck meeting in January. I am amazed by the array of delicious food to try and try I did!. Desserts included.

Ruth Powell and Jane Street added interesting perspectives to the lively discussion of the book, *Soul of America*. I was lucky to sit next to them while we ate and they are fantastic examples of intelligent women with a sense of humor dedicated to improving women's lives. I want to grow up to be like them. Thank you Carol for choosing a book that generated thoughtful discussion on issues of today.

We are well on our way to raising money to send two more students to NCCSWL this year. All of us that heard the students talk about their experience were energized by their enthusiasm and appreciation. Thank you Rosemary McEachern for the lovely basket of angels theme, lucky me I won. It went to a person who has suffered loss this year and she was so thankful for the surprise and uplift she was in tears.

Most of all we benefitted from the camaraderie of a diverse group of women who are committed to helping women and girls have a better future.

Please come to the next meeting February 12, 2019 at Scituate Library. Share ideas for our work in the future. If you can't make it and have issues or ideas for our mission and program email or phone me and I will bring them up at the meeting. The more contributions we have by all the members the better.

Deanne Noiseux
Co-President

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

I recently contacted Amanda Kennedy, coordinator of the Women's Studies Program at Curry College, to pursue our connection with Curry. I was so pleased to learn that Curry College is now an institutional affiliate of AAUW! Amanda commented in her email that "this was really thanks to your visit and the impression it made on our President and Provost". In addition, Amanda believes that "the Provost may be willing to sponsor some of the costs associated with NCCWSL this summer." Amanda mentioned the Women in STEM Club at Curry and would like to have us contact that club if, or when, we have another STEM Day. She stressed, again, that they are always looking for opportunities to help with other events and fundraisers. Very exciting news!

Gail Saccone
Co-Membership VP

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW Members Lobby to Advance State Pay Equity Laws

December 19, 2018

“Last spring, when Vermont Governor Phil Scott signed a law banning employers from inquiring about a job candidate’s salary history, a group of AAUW leaders from the state’s Bennington chapter felt a personal sense of victory — and with good reason.

For more than a year, Julie Mackaman, Ruth Botzow and Gudrun Hutchins had been lobbying for passage of this landmark legislation. Each had traveled to the state capitol in Montpelier to talk to legislators about the bill. They’d met with leaders of other AAUW branches in Vermont, as well as various women’s groups, and enlisted their help. And last February, Mackaman testified before a committee of the Vermont General Assembly in support of the proposed law, delivering a passionate statement that the three women had diligently worked on together with assistance from AAUW staff.”... [Click here to continue.](#)

Gender Pay Gap Shortchanges Women \$500 Billion Annually; Biggest Gaps among Financial Managers, Physicians and Surgeons

October 23, 2018

- Financial managers, \$19.6 billion (65 percent pay ratio)
- Physicians and surgeons, \$19.5 billion (71 percent pay ratio)
- Accountants and auditors, \$17.3 billion (78 percent pay ratio)
- First-line supervisors of retail sales workers, \$14.8 billion (74 percent pay ratio)
- Registered nurses, \$12.5 billion (92 percent pay ratio)” ...

This is a great article with links to lots of stats and state by state comparisons as well as the full report. [Click here.](#)

AAUW Denounces Rescission of School Discipline Guidance

December 21, 2018

“All children should have equal opportunity to succeed. Today’s announcement by the U.S. Department of Education and the U.S. Department of Justice undermines that goal by rescinding guidance that helped schools to change disciplinary practices that were disproportionately harming students of color and students with disabilities...

Studies show that black students are punished more harshly and more frequently than white students for similar offenses. Girls of color are often suspended for minor or subjective offenses and are significantly more likely to be suspended than white girls. Research also shows that students with disabilities are often subjected to unnecessary exclusionary and harsh physical discipline.”... [Read the full statement](#).

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

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

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

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.



NCCWSL DONATION

Thank you to all who have donated to our NCCWSL fund. To anyone who has not yet donated, this is a friendly reminder that we are still accepting donations. Send a check payable to AAUW South Shore Area Branch with a notation for NCCWSL scholarship to Sandy Carle at 12 Karlyn Road, Weymouth, MA 02188-4115.

Please send your check today for \$50 (more if possible, less if necessary). What better way to support AAUW’s mission to empower women and girls?

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

February 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 Board Meeting	30	31	1	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Branch program	13	14 Game Night Valentine's Day	15	16
17	18 President's Day	19 Book Group	20	21	22	23
24	24	26	27	28		

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- February Mail your NCCWSL contribution to Sandy Carle
- January 29 Board Meeting, 6:30 pm Finance, 7 pm Meeting, home of Gail Saccone, Braintree
- February 12 Branch Program, 7 pm, Scituate Public Library
- February 14 Game Night, 6 pm, home of Gail Saccone, Braintree
- February 19 Book Group, 7pm, discussion of ***Born A Crime: Stories of a South African Childhood***, by Trevor Noah, home of Gail Saccone, Braintree