

March 2019

**March 12, Tuesday, 7 pm**

**THE TICK MAN: “Everything you wanted to know about ticks, but were afraid to ask”**

**Speaker: Introducing Blake Dinius, first Entomologist Educator for Plymouth County**

**Hingham Public Library**

**66 Leavitt St. (off Rt. 228) Whiton Room**



**Hate ticks?** Not only are ticks creepy, but they carry the potential to transmit many harmful diseases. These diseases could potentially cause long-term damage or even death. On top of this, the chances of contracting a disease in Plymouth county are very high. Lyme disease incidence alone in Plymouth county is already over 13x higher than the national average and climbing. When it comes to protecting ourselves, we can't afford to lose a single fight. **One bite can change your life.** Therefore, applying the correct protection methods are critical.

Fortunately, Plymouth County Extension has offered us free tick education. Our workshop run by the county's entomologist educator Blake Dinius will review the facts about ticks, tick-borne disease, and proven protection measures. He will make sure to dispel any commonly held myths along the way.

Don't just sit around waiting for ticks to bite! With the right knowledge and tools, all tick-borne diseases are preventable. Please be sure to invite friends and neighbors to this valuable program.

Host: [Carol Sullivan-Hanley](#)  
Program VP

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Well I am hopeful that the stormy weather on our "AAUW Tuesdays" is over for the season! We were easily able to reschedule the January Board Meeting and fortunately the February Branch meeting did not involve a speaker who had to be canceled. Now if the weather will be cooperative our upcoming March program sounds fascinating!

The Tick man will hopefully get us in the mood for spring. It is an appropriate topic for this area since there are many of them around. My solution to avoid them is to stay in the house! But that is not always what one wants to do. And I suppose they could also be in the house. The diseases that are the results of contact with these creatures can have wide ranging effects that are still being realized.

So join us at the Hingham Library on March 12 at 7 pm ( NOTE THE CORRECT TIME, disregard the time in the directory) for this timely talk.

[Ginny Giordano](#)  
Co-President

I look forward to the next meeting so that I can learn preventive measures can be made to keep ticks away. Deer run through my yard every day. Come to the meeting, find out what our speaker has for information, and share with everyone you know. I would guess that we all know someone who has had Lyme Disease and the effects can be very persistent.

I am happy to say we are going to partner with Curry College again to send a student to NCCWSL. They will fund one student and we will the other.

Now we can raise just a little more money to guarantee we will be able to send another student next year! All good! Thank you, Gail, for making the contact with Curry. Let's keep the momentum going for coming to the meetings and supporting our branch. Woman power can be channeled for good.

[Deanne Noiseux](#)  
Co-Presid

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

In a recent email that came from the National AAUW headquarters, the comment was made that, " When we talk to members about what they appreciate most about AAUW, they often say we demonstrate our values through **our actions**. Whether we're championing the recently introduced [Paycheck Fairness Act](#), conducting [research on the gender pay gap](#), or creating [new tools](#) to teach women how to ask for the pay they deserve, AAUW walks the walk when it comes to advancing equity." By supporting NCCWSL, and forming a new partnership with Curry College, South Shore Area Branch is doing just that!

I'm so pleased to announce that our South Shore Area Branch will again be sponsoring a student, Sarah Simmons, to attend NCCWSL this year. Sarah will be joined by another student that Curry College will be sponsoring. Our remaining NCCWSL funds will allow us to send another student next year. I know we will all look forward to meeting these young women in the fall to hear about their experiences. Thank you members of South Shore Area Branch for supporting such an exciting connection!

[Gail Saccone](#)  
Co-Membership VP

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Fact Sheet: The Paycheck Fairness Act of 2019**

January 24, 2019

“Passing the **Paycheck Fairness Act** is a critical step to closing the gender pay gap. The proposed law includes key provisions that would address loopholes in the Equal Pay Act of 1963, ensuring that employers pay women and men equally for equal work.” [Click here to continue.](#)

### **3 Questions for Rachael Rollins: Boston’s First Female District Attorney**



January 22, 2019

“In a year of firsts for women, Rachael Rollins is among those breaking new ground. This month, the 1996–1997 AAUW Selected Professions Fellow became the first woman elected to the role of district attorney in Boston and the first woman of color to hold that job in the Commonwealth of Massachusetts.” [Read more.](#)

### **Spotlight on Women in Elected Office**

January 23, 2019

“The year has barely begun, and women are already shattering records and making history. When the new Congress convened in January, nearly a quarter of its voting membership was comprised of women — the highest percentage ever. And women now hold roughly 28 percent of state executive positions. While women remain underrepresented in business, government and nonprofits, this progress is worth celebrating. Having diverse new voices in policymaking will matter as AAUW embarks on an ambitious agenda to advance equity laws, including the [Paycheck Fairness Act.](#)” [Click here to see the stats.](#)

[Patrice Metro](#)  
Public Policy Chair

## 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.



## SAVE THE DATE



This year the annual membership meeting for AAUW-MA will be held in **Braintree** at Thayer Public Library from 10 am to 1 pm on Saturday, April 6<sup>th</sup>. Please mark your calendar and make every effort to attend. More information will be sent to you in the next **BayStater** and in the April issue of your **News of Note**.

## MAY CELEBRATION BANQUET

Just a reminder that our May dinner will be held on May 14<sup>th</sup> at Mia Rigazza, 1 Proprietors Drive, Marshfield at 6:30 pm. We will be ordering off the menu with individual checks. Please save the date.

Sheila Doherty  
Social Chair

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# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## March 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Branch program 7 pm	13	14 Game Night 6 pm	15	16
17	18	19 Book Group 6:30 pm	20	21	22	23
24	24	26	27	28	29	30
31	Apr 1	2	3	4	5	6 AAUW-MA State Mtng. 10am

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- March 12                      Branch Program, 7 pm, Hingham Public Library
- March 14                      Game Night, 6 pm, home of Sandy Carle, Weymouth
- March 19                      Book Group, 6:30 pm (NOTE TIME CHANGE), discussion of **The Women in the Castle** by Jessica Shattuck, home of Patricia Laider, Norwell
- April 6                          AAUW-MA State Meeting, 10 am – 1 pm, Thayer Public Library, Braintree
- May 14                          Celebration Banquet, Mia Regazza, 6:30 pm, Marshfield