

**April 9, Tuesday, 7 pm**

## **HONDURAS HOPE: The Strength and Resiliency of a Central American Community**

**Speakers: Peter and Kathy Swanson**

**Hingham Public Library**

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



Everyone reads and hears about the plight of desperate immigrants who leave their Central American countries to flee violence and poverty. But what of the people who chose to remain? What is their story, and why do they stay? Learn about the efforts of Honduras Hope, an organization based in Franconia, New Hampshire that has been working since 2002 to build healthy, safe, sustainable communities in Yoro, Honduras.

Pine needle baskets will be available for purchase (price range \$16-\$20). The indigenous women of Plan Grande (a reservation) in Yoro, Honduras make the baskets. Honduras Hope pays fair market value directly to the women. All profits/proceeds go to Honduras Hope to fund educational and nutritional programs for the children of the community.

Presenters: Kathy Swanson, retired North Quincy High School Spanish teacher; Peter Swanson, retired Quincy High School Science teacher. Members of Honduras Hope since 2013. Hingham residents.



Host: Patrice Metro

## PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Spring is here and maybe we will continue to see sun! My crocuses are displaying a beautiful carpet of lavender. Our presentation about Ticks at the Hingham Library was very informative and helpful. Now I know what to do after working in my wild yard. The presentation was taped by Harbor Media for Hingham Cable TV and is available on YouTube. Search for Harbor Media and then, the title of the video: Headspace: Tick Informational with Blake Dinius or direct link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=aHJcTqOZftU>. It is worth seeing and I will look at it again to make sure that I have everything I need to prevent Lyme Disease.

In April we have a talk at the Hingham Library on how the people who remain in Honduras are existing as opposed to those who are leaving.



Equal Pay Day is April 2!! Let all your young relatives and friends know about how women work until that date to make what a man makes by December 31.

The bill for your dues for next year is included with this *News of Note*.

Please share with us any ideas you have for programs for the 2019- 2020 year and send them to Ginny or Deanne.



Smile at someone today.


[Deanne Noiseux](#)

[Ginny Giordano](#)  
Co-Presidents

## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

March was **Women's History Month**. AAUW has been actively advocating for many issues such as pay equity and training women for salary negotiations. AAUW has a new website called AAUW's **Work Smart** Online

 (<https://salary.aauw.org>). It is an easy way to complete a workshop geared toward worksite issues, especially salaries and pay equity. Please share this with any younger working women that you know. There is also a new website called **Start Smart** for college students going into the work world 

**Start Smart** for college students going into the work world  (<https://salary.aauw.org/start-smart>). Members are also urged to sign up to receive emails from AAUW in the Statehouse or visit their site at [www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-in-the-statehouse](http://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-in-the-statehouse). They publish an issue at least

once a month to update members on legislation dealing with Title IX, legal cases around the country (such as minimum wage, pay equity), etc.

**CLOSER TO HOME:** AAUW is holding their Annual State meeting at Braintree Public Library (top floor Logan auditorium) on April 6<sup>th</sup> from 10:00-1:00. I will be attending and hope that a few of our South Shore Branch members will join me!

Gail Saccone  
Co-Membership VP

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **U.S. ranks 65th in workplace equality**

March, 2019

The World Bank has just published world rankings of workplace equality. Stephanie Ruhle and Ali Velshi had a good piece on workplace equality on their show on March 8, 2019 on MSNBC. You can see the video [by clicking here](#).

### **A Victory for Equal Pay**

March 07, 2019

*“Court ruling requires companies to report pay data by gender, race*

Closing the gender wage gap will take work on many fronts, but one key tool is having more information about salaries. Removing the shroud of secrecy about who earns what is a critical step towards ensuring equal pay for equal work.

The latest sign of progress on this front: A ruling by a federal district court judge in D.C. that said the government acted illegally when it stopped the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) from collecting pay data by gender, race and ethnicity from large companies. Tanya S. Chutkan, a U.S. district judge for the District of Columbia, ordered the government to move forward with a requirement that large employers confidentially provide pay data to EEOC by May 2019.”

[Click here to continue reading the article.](#)

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**.

*Editor's note: It isn't often the AAUW state meeting is held so close to home. Attending this meeting is a perfect chance to get to know and network with AAUW-MA officers and members from other branches. I urge you to attend.*

## MAY CELEBRATION BANQUET



Hello from Florida! I wanted to let you know that our May celebration will be held on May 14th at Mia Rigazza, 1 Proprietors Drive, Marshfield (off route 139 at Roche Bros Market) at 6:30 pm. We will be ordering our dinner off the menu and will have individual checks. I do however still need to know if you are attending by May 7th. ([greenharbor11@verizon.net](mailto:greenharbor11@verizon.net)) If you need to call me please use my cell phone# 781-267-1098 as I will be in Florida until May. I hope spring weather will come soon and I hope to see you in May...

Sheila Doherty  
Social Chair

## DUES BILL



Your 2019 – 2020 dues bill is attached to the email that delivers your *News of Note*. AAUW operates on a fiscal year beginning July 1<sup>st</sup> so our dues must reach the national association by then. Please respect the dues renewal deadline of June 1<sup>st</sup>. You may pay your dues at our May Banquet. If not, please send your check to Sandy Carle as soon as possible. Thanks!

Articles for publication in the South Shore Area branch newsletter, *News of Note*, should reach the editor, Hollie Bagley, [holliebagley@gmail.com](mailto:holliebagley@gmail.com), by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month. The *News of Note* is published monthly from September – May.

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

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# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## April 2019

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	<b>1</b> April Fools Day	<b>2</b>	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>	<b>5</b>	<b>6</b> AAUW-MA State Mtng. 10am
<b>7</b>	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b> Branch program	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>	<b>12</b>	<b>13</b>
<b>14</b>	<b>15</b> Patriots' Day	<b>16</b> Book Group	<b>17</b>	<b>18</b>	<b>19</b> Passover begins Good Friday	<b>20</b>
<b>21</b> Easter	<b>22</b>	<b>23</b>	<b>24</b>	<b>25</b>	<b>26</b>	<b>27</b> Passover ends
<b>28</b>	<b>29</b>	<b>30</b>	<b>1</b>	<b>2</b> Game Night	<b>3</b>	<b>4</b>
<b>5</b>	<b>6</b>	<b>7</b> RSVP for May banquet	<b>8</b>	<b>9</b>	<b>10</b>	<b>11</b>

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- April 6                      AAUW-MA State Meeting, 10 am – 1 pm, Thayer Public Library, Braintree
- April 9                      Branch Program, 7 pm, Hingham Public Library
- April 16                     Book Group, 6:30 pm   Discussion of *Just Mercy: A Story of Justice and Redemption* by Bryan Stevenson, home of Ellen Herling, Norwell
- May 2                         Game Night, 6 pm, home of Laurie Taylor-Curby
- May 7                         RSVP Deadline for May Banquet
- May 14                      Celebration Banquet, Mia Regazza, 6:30 pm, Marshfield