



NEWS OF NOTE

November 2019

November 12, 2019, 7 PM

FRRACS: Fore River Residents Against the Compressor Station

**Hingham Public Library, Whiton Room
66 Leavitt Street, Hingham (off Route 228)**



Alice Arena, President of FRRACS, will be speaking on the most recent information about the Compressor Station issue for the South Shore. *Spectra Energy*, now known as *Enbridge*, plans to build a 7,700-horsepower Fracked-Gas

Compressor Station adjacent to the new Fore River Bridge in North Weymouth, which will adversely affect South Shore residents. "This Compressor Station poses a serious threat to the **health, safety, environment, and economy** of the South Shore." (nocompressor.com)

This event is free and open to the public. Please join us for this important topic and its implication for the South Shore.

Host: Ruthanne Kennedy

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



What a wonderful experience at the October Meeting at Curry College! Never having been on the Curry campus I was impressed at how lovely it is. Since I had been unable to attend last year's meeting there I enjoyed meeting Amanda Kennedy and another young professor who attended the meeting. (I actually thought they were students since they looked so young!) The meeting was also attended by a group of students, some of whom are interested in participating next year.

Sarah Simmons, who was the student we sponsored to NCCWSL, gave a great presentation of her experience both on screen and verbally. Our support of a student to attend NCCWSL ,as often as possible, is definitely a valuable contribution to encourage awareness of AAUW as well as giving these young women an experience that will help them in planning their future. While on that, I encourage your support of our fundraisers for NCCWSL. We have one coming up on November 2 and I hope many of you will participate.

Also on the South Shore Area AAUW calendar on Saturday, October 26, is the STEM Conference for Girls in Grades 4-8 being organized and run by Lynn Howard. I am sure there are things Lynn could use some help on so please contact her if you are available.

Since it feels like an AAUW month, keep in mind our November Meeting on Tuesday, November 12, concerning the Compressor Station. Although this is not just women oriented, it does concern us all as citizens of this area. The meeting is at 7PM at the Hingham Library. Please come and learn more about this controversial proposal for our local area.

Ginny Giordano

President

NCCWSL MEETING AT CURRY COLLEGE

AAUW meeting at Curry College, 15 October 2019, 6:30 pm

The meeting was in the faculty room and we were greeted by Amanda Kennedy who welcomed us and invited us to have some food at the buffet they had set up. We were soon joined by six

students including one of the participants in this year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Sarah Simmons. The other participant, Coddell Tuning, was not present.

Ginny Giordano spoke about our efforts to increase opportunities for AAUW to collaborate with students. She recommended that they become familiar with AAUW and the information and opportunities we could provide that could help them now and when they enter higher education and/or the work force later. Ginny also left literature for the young women, and they thanked her for that.

Sarah Simmons gave a report of her experiences at the recent conference, illustrated by a Power Point presentation. For four days in Maryland she was very busy with many activities, both meetings and social events, that both interested and inspired her.



She attended sessions on such subjects as "Building relationships in a diverse society," "Leadership," "Grad school and beyond," "Creating and sustaining change," "Revolutionary power of women's anger," "Activists and troublemakers," "Title IX – what can you do?" and "Are you feeling burned out?" She also had a tour of DC, and heard speeches by Tererai Trent, author of *The Awakened Woman* and keynote speaker Roxanne Gay, author of *Bad Feminist*. Two Women of Distinction shared stories and stayed after their talks to socialize with the student attendees. She was also pleased to have a chance to meet Kimberly Churches of the National AAUW.

Sarah said she learned many things during her attendance at the conference, including to think of change as a process, to learn to network, to take time to focus on you, and that burnout is real. We all learned that this is a fine group of young women and the support of the conference is a valuable activity.

We introduced ourselves all around and stood for pictures with the students, then drove home under a full moon.

Ruth Powell

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

We have a celebrity in our branch. We know her as our longtime editor of the **News of Note**. However, Ruth Powell is so much more. Please take the time to read this wonderful **Patriot Ledger** article about Ruth. You will learn how she went from at home to exotic dancer to dilettante. [Read more.](#)

HOLIDAY SOCIAL



Our Holiday Social this year will be held on Sunday, December 8th, at 1 pm. We will be gathering at the restaurant, Mia Regazza, 1 Proprietors Drive, Marshfield (off route 139). We will be able to order from the menu and have individual checks. If you are planning to come please email me (greenharbor11@verizon.net) by December 3rd so that I can make the arrangements for seating at the restaurant. I hope to see you all there since it is always a nice time to sit down, share a meal and chat with friends especially at a busy time of the year. Thanks!

[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair

PUBLIC POLICY

The Gender Pay Gap in 25 Metro Areas

October 03, 2019

"No matter how you break down the [gender pay gap](#) numbers — by [state](#), age, education, race, or occupation — the gap is substantial. And cities are not immune to this pervasive problem, as our new analysis indicates."...[Click here to read the article.](#)

AAUW Reacts to EEOC Announcement on Pay Data Collection

September 11, 2019

Kim Churches, CEO of the American Association of University Women, issued this statement in response to the announcement by the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) of its intent to stop collecting pay data from employers after meeting the court-ordered requirement that it do so this year.

“It is enormously disappointing, but sadly unsurprising, to learn the EEOC plans to stop collecting data that could help shed light on pay discrimination. Coming on the heels of yesterday’s U.S. Census data report showing the gender pay gap remains unchanged, this calls into question the Trump Administration’s commitment to pay equity for women — as well as to the economic security for American families. We need to do more, not less, to close the gender pay gap, and this data collection was a significant step in the right direction. AAUW will be watching the EEOC to see that the data currently required gets properly collected and sufficiently analyzed. And we will do everything we can to try to reverse this action to ensure the EEOC stays true to its mission of creating a fair and equitable workplace for all.”

Native Women’s Equal Pay Day: Learn the Facts

September 09, 2019

“September 23, 2019, marks the day that the wages of American Indian and Alaska Native women catch up to the money white men were paid in 2018. It took about 21 months for these women to earn what white men were paid in 12 months alone — that’s nine extra months...”

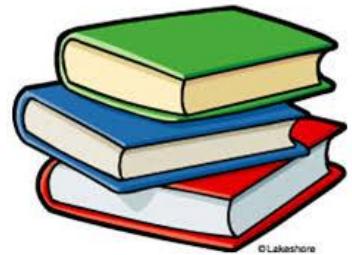
[Read more here.](#)

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

INTEREST GROUPS



All members are invited to participate in activities listed in the monthly calendar. Leaders, please send calendar information to the editor.



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.



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

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR						
November 2019						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29 Board Meeting	30	31 Halloween	1	2 NCCWSL Fundraiser
3	4	5	6	7 Game Night	8	9
10	11	12 Branch Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Book Discussion	20	21	22	23
24	25	26	27	28 Thanksgiving	29	30
1	2	3 RSVP Deadline for Social	4	5	6	7

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- October 26 STEM conference, 8 am-1 pm, Weymouth High School
 October 29 Board Meeting, 7 pm, home of Sheila Doherty, Green Harbor
 November 2 NCCWSL Fundraiser, 10 am, St. Albert's Hall, Weymouth
 November 7 Game Night, 6 pm, home of Gail Saccone
 November 12 Branch Meeting, 7 pm, Hingham Public Library, Whiton Room
 November 19 Book Group, 7 pm, discussion of *Beneath a Scarlet Sky*, by Mark Sullivan, home of Carol Sullivan-Hanley, Scituate
 December 3 RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social
 December 8 Holiday Social, Mia Regazza, Marshfield