

April 14, 7 pm

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Scituate, MA, 85 Branch Street, Scituate

Canceled

Our programs are free and open to the public.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE



Our March Branch Meeting, although lightly attended (however with one male guest) was very informative about the OLLI program and course offerings. The director, Jim Hermelbracht, had an excellent presentation and was able to take care of the technical aspects of his presentation on his own for which both Sandy and I were thankful. (Since some of the OLLI presentations are done at the Hingham Library he was able to access their AV equipment.)

I am currently reading *The Day the World Came to Town* which seems quite appropriate for the times we are currently in! The book is in my house because my husband had read it and was planning to participate in the Norwell Cares Intergenerational (Norwell High and Middle Schools and Norwell Public Library) Book Discussion in March, which of course has been canceled. It is very reminiscent of a previous crisis in the US and gives me hope that everyone will rise to keep friends and neighbors safe with our current health situation.

However, because of the current virus, I feel that I need to cancel our April Meeting by the North and South River Watershed Association. Although it is not known where we will be by April 14, with the current restrictions, closures and health concerns I feel this is the only reasonable action. The speaker is very happy about this and is willing to do a program for us in the future.

The National AAUW has not at this time decided whether NCCWSL will be able to be held at the end of May but you will have a preview of the student who is receiving our grant this year later in this newsletter.

Hopefully by the time of the scheduled May dinner we will be back to some semblance of normal! Be sure to read Sheila's Social Information in this newsletter. If it is necessary to cancel, we will let you know as early as possible.

Stay healthy and safe. I am hoping to see you all in May!!

Ginny Giordano
President

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS



Last month's membership column stated: "We are always pleased to welcome new members into AAUW and we encourage everyone to bring a friend to our monthly programs. In addition to the scheduled presentation, it is also an opportunity for them to get an overview of the many things AAUW is involved in during the brief meeting that takes place at the beginning of the evening." This will always be true and should be firmly entrenched in every member's mind.

Did you know that between March 15 and June 30 is the perfect time to recruit new members? During this time new members still pay full dues, but the months of March, April, May and June of this year are included in next year's dues. The AAUW fiscal year runs from July 1 through June 30 which is why we are asked to pay our dues by June 1 so they will reach the national organization by June 30. The dues form is attached to the email delivering this newsletter.

Anne Foley
Gail Saconne
Membership Co-VPs

PUBLIC POLICY

AAUW's 2020 Gender Policy Agenda

In January, 2020, AAUW announced its gender policy agenda outlining priority issues for the 2020 election season. As a non-partisan organization, AAUW does not endorse specific candidates but advocates for policies that improve the lives of girls, women and their families. Here's what AAUW would like to see implemented to advance gender equality in education and the workplace.

Among the priority issues is one that is particularly relevant given the circumstances of current pandemic – **Implement Paid Leave and Paid Sick Days**

“Unlike the majority of developed countries worldwide, the U.S. does not guarantee paid time off for illness, family care or parental leave. Offering such paid time off would improve worker performance, benefiting employees, employers, and the economy.

Elected officials must adopt policies to give workers paid time off for illness and care giving:

- **Federal: pass the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act and the Healthy Families Act.**
- State and local: states should establish paid leave programs or insurance laws for illness and care giving. Governors can enact policies providing protections to state workers if the legislature will not act. Municipalities should pass legislation providing protections to municipal workers if the state will not act.”

[Read more here.](#)

Patrice Metro
Public Policy Chair

MEET OUR NCCWSL STUDENT



A young woman at Curry College has been chosen to receive our funding to attend the NCCWSL program at the University of Maryland in late May. Her name is Mackenzie Rider and when you read her essay below you will know she is an excellent choice and we will look forward to hearing about her experience at one of our fall branch meetings.

Attending the NCCWSL conference will enable me to interact with people outside of my community with knowledge and experiences that I can only hope to attain one day. The previous schedule from 2019 displays an empowering documentary about Ruth Bader Ginsburg. A motivational documentary, that empowers women and those who face discrimination to fight beyond the norms of society and achieve their goals. It was all I needed to see to know that this conference is an environment for growth and encouragement from mentors and peers. Upon further exploration, I found many notable keynote speakers, workshops, and other events that would broaden my sense of leadership while allowing me to interact with people from diverse backgrounds.

I aspire to be a nurse upon graduation from Curry College, leading one presentation to stand out to me significantly; "Nursing, Medicine, and Medical Research," hosted in Benjamin Banneker B. Nurses are leaders every day and need to support one another every day. Attending an event that examines this field would help me further understand my role with patients and how I can push to make the patient experience one in which they are comfortable and safe, regardless of their identity. I hope to soak in as much advice as possible from a speaker like this and hopefully obtain knowledge that will aid me throughout my career.

Along with this event, I saw the work shop titled, "Putting the F-Word Back Into Leadership: Using Feminist Leadership to Transform Your Organization," presented in Margaret Brent B. This workshop intrigued me, as, potentially, the last member of Feminist United left on campus in the fall. Workshops similar to this will give me useful

tools for recruitment in order to develop our group further and create a stronger commitment to our mission of promoting equity on campus.

Throughout the conference, I hope to encounter new people and make connections. Networking and working on networking skills are lifelong skills that have countless benefits. Considering I have minimal travel experience, meeting people outside of New England would be an incredible experience that would prepare me to interact with more people outside of my local communities.

Every workshop, presentation, panel, and networking experience that I attend will aid me in developing my skills while learning new ones. The information I obtain may help me throughout my career, both academically and in the workplace. Attending this conference allows me to learn so much and I hope I can attend to experience a new place, learn from others, and develop lifelong skills.

Mackenzie Rider

PLANNING AHEAD—MAY BANQUET



Hello from Florida. I am writing to bring you up to date about our May dinner. It is scheduled to be held on Tuesday, May 12th, at 6:00 pm at the **Common Market**, 97 Willard Street, Quincy. At this point it is uncertain as to whether or not we will be able to hold it, but if we do, you must tell me by May 3rd if you are coming and your choice of entree as they need to be preordered. My email is greenharbor11@verizon.net. You can text (781-267-1098) or email me. The choices of dinner are baked stuffed haddock or chicken, broccoli and ziti. The cost of the dinner is \$35 cash which includes salad, rolls and butter, entree, dessert and coffee or tea. A cash bar will be available. As things develop, we will let you know by May 3rd if the banquet is still on, but, for now, please keep the date—May 12th for our celebration. Thanks!

Sheila Doherty
Social Chair

ANNUAL BUDGET

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the annual budget. Please look it over. It was to be voted on at the April meeting. It will be voted on at the next gathering of members.



Sandy Carle
Treasurer

DUES BILL



Your dues bill for 2020-2021 is attached to this newsletter. The deadline for paying your dues is June 1, 2020. Please pay your dues as soon as possible by downloading the attached form or login to aauw.org to use the Membership Services Database. You will find the MSD in Member Tools. Thank you!

Sandy Carle
Treasurer

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.



*Stay safe and healthy
until we meet again!*

Articles for publication in the South Shore Area branch newsletter, **News of Note**, should reach the editor, Hollie Bagley (holliebagley@gmail.com) by the 20th day of the previous month.

The **News of Note** is published monthly from September – May.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

April 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
29	30	31	1 April Fool's Day	2	3	4
5	6	7	8 Passover (begins)	9	10 Good Friday	11
12 Easter Sunday	13	14	15	16	17	18
19	20 Patriot's Day Ramadan (begins)	21 Book Discussion	22 Earth Day	23	24 Arbor Day	25
26	27	28	29	30	1	2 RSVP May Banquet by tomorrow

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- April 21
Book discussion of ***Rules for Visiting*** by Jessica Kane. Please check with a member of the book group as to whether the group will meet.
- May 3
Deadline for the May Banquet—either RSVP or cancellation

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