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News of Note

November 2020

Branch Program **TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 10** **7:00 PM VIA ZOOM**

ROCKING THE BOAT

Our November 10 Branch Meeting is going to be outstanding!

The presenter is Anne Armstrong and the title of her presentation is *Linking Place and Identity in an Urban Environmental Stewardship Program*. (An engaged research project with Rocking the Boat (RTB), a youth development organization in the South Bronx).

Over the last two years Anne has been working with RTB to understand how their environmental stewardship programs help youth develop positive social and place identities and how these outcomes endure in program alumni.

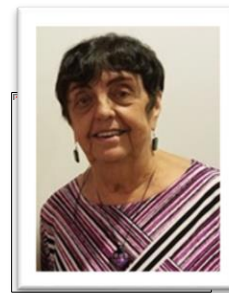
Anne did her undergraduate work at Hamilton College, her Masters at SUNY College of Environmental Science and is a current PHD candidate at Cornell in the Department of Natural Resources and Environment. (She sent me her CV but it is too extensive to include in our NON!!)

Let me give you some further personal information on Anne. I met Anne when she was the recipient of our Pamela Lincoln Award in 2002. The next time I saw Anne was in 2006 in Estes Park, CO when my husband and I were visiting a friend and Anne had just graduated from College and was working at the information center. We were both surprised to realize we had met previously.

Anne Armstrong, now a wife and mother in addition to being a PHD candidate, is Fran Schlesinger's daughter. For those of you who may be new to our group Fran has been a valued member of our branch for many years and has been the Chair of both the State and our Branch bylaws.

Ginny Giordano
Host

Editor's note: The Zoom link will be sent by email closer to the meeting date.



President's Message

The very important election day of 2020 is almost here! By the time we have our November Branch Meeting, on November 10, the voting will be over but we may not have complete results!

It has been an unbelievable year: Pandemic, Zoom, political issues, and a whole new way to live. I yearn for "the good old days". There were times then when life seemed boring but you knew that the next day things would improve. That is no longer a guarantee.

I am pleased with our AAUW Branch throughout this madness! We have had two excellent meetings, Hollie's presentation in September and Lynn and Patrice's outstanding October program on Voting. I certainly learned things about our (Women's) fight for the right to vote than I ever knew. Both of these programs were well attended both by our members and guests. I know that sometimes we are overloaded with Zoom presentations but I think ours have been the best. So, if at all possible, download the zoom link when it is sent out and join your AAUW friends for what should be an interesting program.

Ginny Giordano, *President*

Zoom Neophyte?

Is this your first Zoom meeting or do you just want some simple directions on how to use Zoom? Click on this link (<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=9isp3qPeQ0E>) to show how to connect to a Zoom meeting for the first time either on your computer, tablet or phone.

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Membership Matters

The Pamela Lincoln Award was given each year to a woman continuing her education either on graduation from High School or a woman returning to start or complete her education. The Award was named for Pam who was both president of our local Branch and of AAUW-MA. When she passed away our branch honored her by naming our scholarship award after her. (This award has now been replaced with our NCCWSL participation.)

Alice Beal, a former longtime member of our branch, passed away on September 19, 2020 shortly before her 80th birthday. Alice had been a member of our Bridge group as well as holding various positions on the Board. She had been a librarian for many years at the Scituate Library. I am sure there are members who remember Alice.

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Public Policy

AAUW Public Policy Priorities 2020 - 2021

(Below are excerpts from the document. You can see the full document here:

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2020/02/Public-Policy-Priorities-2019-2021-nsa.pdf>)

AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, adopted every two years by every-member vote, establish the federal action issues on which AAUW members across the country focus their advocacy efforts and guide the work of the national staff. States and branches should also use the Public Policy Priorities to inform their advocacy efforts on state and local issues.

Based on the National Board's adoption of the 2018 strategic plan for AAUW, national public policy priorities are focused first on our major areas of focus: education and training, economic security, and leadership. Additional policy priorities are also critical to ensure equity for all.

- Vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights
- Adequate and equitable funding for quality public
- Opposition to the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools
- Increased support for and protection of programs that meet the needs of girls and women in elementary, secondary, and postsecondary education,
- Increased support for and access to affordable higher
- Support for practices that halt the flow of students from schools to prisons,
- Pay equity and fairness
- Equitable access and advancement in employment
- Closing the gender and race gaps in leadership
- Greater availability of and access to a high standard of benefits and policies that promote work-life balance
- Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the workforce
- Strengthening programs, including welfare and career and technical education, to improve postsecondary education access, career development, and earning potential
- Strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security, Medicare, and Medicaid from privatization

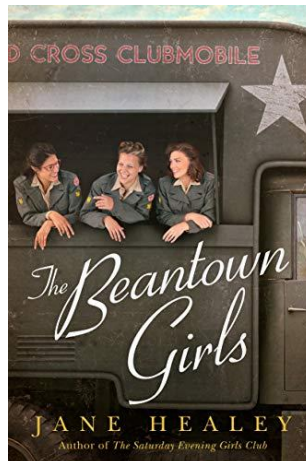
- Increasing the number of quality jobs that pay a living wage
- Vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights,
- Self-determination of one’s reproductive health decisions
- Universal access to quality, affordable health care and comprehensive family planning services, including expansion of patients’ rights
- Freedom from violence and fear of violence
- Support for U.N. programs that address human rights and women’s and girls’ concerns
- Freedom in the definition of self and family and a guarantee of civil rights for all family structures
- Passage and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment

*Patrice Metro
Public Policy Chair*



Equity Now
Together, we can achieve a vision of equal opportunity for all

Branch Read Jane Healey, author of *The Beantown Girls* will join us

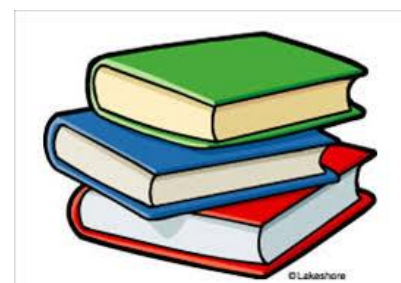


In January we will meet to discuss *The Beantown Girls* by Jane Healey. We are announcing it now so you will have plenty of time to get it read. The Kindle version is currently offered on Amazon for \$3.99. “A novel of love, courage, and danger unfolds as World War II’s brightest heroines—the best of friends—take on the front lines.”

Amazon.com

Book Discussion

Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-May on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The list of the monthly selections is posted on the branch



web page, direct link <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2020/08/2020-2021-Book-List.pdf>.

Until further notice discussion will be held via Zoom. The meetings are open to all branch members. If you would like to receive an invitation to participate, please let [Lynn Howard](#) (781-901-9120 • Mobile) know.

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.



SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

November 2020

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10 Branch Program	11 Veterans Day	12 AAUW-MA Board Meeting	13	14
15	16	17 Book Discussion	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Thanksgiving	27	28
29	30	1	2	3	4	5

November 10, Branch Program: *Linking Place and Identity in an Urban Environmental Stewardship Program*, 7 pm via Zoom

November 12, AAUW-MA Board of Directors meeting, 4 pm via Zoom. Join Zoom Meeting <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81514949916>

Meeting ID: 815 1494 9916

November 17, Book Discussion: *Pushout* by Monique Morris, 6:30 pm via Zoom, contact [Lynn Howard](#) for link if you are joining the book discussion for the first time

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