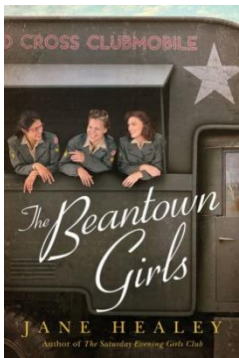


January 2021

Branch Program
Book Discussion
The Beantown Girls
by Jane Healey
Tuesday, January 12, 2021
7:00 p.m. on Zoom

Exciting news: Jane Healey, author of *The Beantown Girls*, will be joining us for our discussion of her book. Be sure to attend this program and participate in the discussion about the brave women who served as Red Cross Clubmobile girls during World War II, offering comfort and a slice of home to our soldiers. For more information contact: Lynn Howard at lynnphoward82@comcast.net



Here is the overview from Barnes and Noble:

A novel of love, courage, and danger unfolds as World War II's brightest heroines—the best of friends—take on the front lines.

1944: Fiona Denning has her entire future planned out. She'll work in city hall, marry her fiancé when he returns from the war, and settle down in the Boston suburbs. But when her fiancé is reported missing after being shot down in Germany, Fiona's long-held plans are shattered.

Determined to learn her fiancé's fate, Fiona leaves Boston to volunteer overseas as a Red Cross Clubmobile girl, recruiting her two best friends to come along. There's the outspoken Viviana, who is more than happy to quit her secretarial job for a taste of adventure. Then there's Dottie, a shy music teacher whose melodious talents are sure to bring heart and hope to the boys on the front lines.

Chosen for their inner strength and outer charm, the trio isn't prepared for the daunting challenges of war. But through it all come new friendships and romances, unforeseen dangers, and unexpected dreams. As the three friends begin to understand the real reasons, they all came to the front, their courage and camaraderie will see them through some of the best and worst times of their lives.

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81736593241?pwd=MFdyWkt3czFCSGJad1hlenNNV0t6QT09>

Meeting ID: 817 3659 3241

Passcode: 274710

We will send the Zoom link again and the phone-in number as we get closer to the meeting date.





President's Message

WISHING YOU ALL A HAPPY 2021

How hopeful it is to type 2021!! Let us hope it brings the recovery we all need- Health, Treatment, Vaccine and much more to many people who have suffered from this Pandemic. I believe most of our members have been fortunate for the past 9 months and have not suffered the way many of our families, neighbors and friends may have.

Our AAUW branch has been able to continue providing programs for us and now, with the cold and snow arriving, we do not even need to go out! So no acceptance of "OH, I DON'T LIKE TO DRIVE AT NIGHT IN THIS WEATHER!" You do not need to. Just "sign into Zoom" and join friends for some fun or lively discussion.

The December Meeting that Sheila and Hollie organized was great fun and we even had some members from other branches in the state join us and participate.

This upcoming January Meeting is a Book Discussion (unfortunately without the Pot Luck Diner!) and I think you will enjoy the book. I am hoping that we are able to continue our monthly meetings through May and then possibly be able to plan for a return to in person meetings.

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.

Public Policy

The Impact of Covid on Women's Careers and Economic Security

Last month, our public policy article highlighted the impact of Covid-19 in Massachusetts. AAUW's 2020 update of *The Simple Truth About the Gender Pay Gap* highlights the effects across the country.

National statistics quoted from the update:

- *Between February and April 2020, women's unemployment rate rose by 12.8%, compared to 9.9% for men.*
- *Between the third quarter of 2019 to the third quarter of 2020, unemployment rose from 5.4% to 12.7% for Black women; 2.5% to 11.6% for Asian women; 4.8% to 12.5% for Latinas; and 3.7% to 8.6% for white women.*
- *Mothers of young children have lost jobs at three times the rate of fathers. Moms of children under 12 lost nearly 2.2 million jobs between February and August, a 12% drop: fathers saw a 4% drop of about 870,000 jobs.*
- *In the third week of July 2020, 32.1% of unemployed women ages 25 to 44 were not working outside the home due to childcare demands, compared to only 12.1% of men in the same group*

The six-page update ends with AAUW's recommendations for closing the gap.

[Please click here to read the update.](#)

Patrice Metro
Public Policy Chair



Equity Now

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

Nominating

Our branch president, Ginny Giordano, will be finishing her term in June. As chair of the Nominating Committee, I am seeking candidates to fill her position. Please contact me with any suggestions. Also, self-nomination is highly encouraged. I will be happy to fill you in as to the responsibilities of the position. It is not as daunting as you may think. Our branch has a very experienced board who will be more than willing to help you.

[Sheila Doherty](#)
Nominating Chair
781 267-1098 (mobile)

Jane Healey, author of *The Beantown Girls* Webinars



On December 22, 2020 Jane Healey, author of *The Beantown Girls*, presented a webinar on the role of Christmas in World War II. Several of our members attended and were quite impressed with both the author and the material she presented.

Jane has a website: janehealey.com. She has promised to post the webinar to her site, but as of this writing it is not yet posted. I would encourage you to visit her site as you prepare for our book discussion. Even if you did not get a chance to read the book yet, you may find the site interesting. At the very least, you will see some actual photos of Red Cross Clubmobile girls.

Hollie Bagley
Editor

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.

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

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SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

January 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day	2
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10	11	12 Branch Meeting	13	14	15	16
17	18 Martin Luther King Jr. Day	19	20	21	22	23
24	25	26 Finance Meeting & Board Meeting	27	28	29	30

January 12, Branch Program: Discussion of *The Beantown Girls* by Jane Healey, 7 pm via Zoom

January 26, Branch Finance Meeting, 6:30 pm via Zoom

January 26, Branch Board Meeting, 7 pm via Zoom

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