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May 2021

## Branch Program

**AAUW MA and the AAUW South Shore Branch invite you to:**

## Legislative Update

**Tuesday, May 11 at 7 - 8pm on Zoom**



*Senator Susan Moran*

Join us for a conversation with State Senator Susan Moran (Plymouth and Barnstable District) and State Representative Joan Meschino (Hingham, Hull, Cohasset, Scituate). We'll hear about bills of particular interest to AAUW such as: the act

providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care, the act to end child marriage in Massachusetts, and the act to guarantee debt-free public higher education. The senator and representative will share their analyses of the bills, progress to date, potential of success, and ways in which we could help.



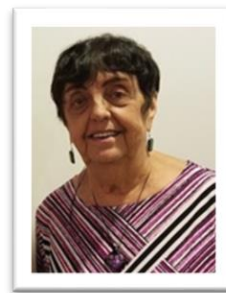
*Representative Joan Meschino*

Join Zoom Meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87077958105?pwd=R1Arcm1FdIBrekREVHZmdzk0dG96UT09>

For information, please contact one of the AAUW MA Co-Chairs:

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*Patricia Fae Ho* (<mailto:aauwpres@gmail.com>)



## President's Message

All things being considered, I feel we have had a very successful year. The program by the NSRWA in April was well received and we also had participants from members of other AAUW branches in the state.

That is something that was not possible before Zoom. So, I guess that is a positive comment on Covid! It also enabled us to have presenters that otherwise may not have easily been able to come to the South Shore. And also our own members who are out of state during the winter. (I know Hollie has been happy to be able to participate in the monthly branch programs while in Florida.)

I was pleased to see the large number of the South Shore AAUW members attending the State Meeting on Saturday, April 17. It was about 30% of the total attendees and 35% of the South Shore members. Pretty good for a Saturday afternoon!

I am anticipating another great meeting on May 11 with State Senator Sue Moran and Representative Joan Meschino. See the lead article in this newsletter.

As you now know I will have a co-president for the 2021-2022 year, Lynn Howard. I am looking forward to working with her. If any of our members have suggestions for programs next year please let Lynn or me know. We will be having a board meeting in early June about how "possibly" things might go next year since everything depends on "How and Where" things are with the Virus.

Two important things you as a Member need to do in

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May, besides attending the May meeting:

1. Vote on the national Ballot by May 17 at 5PM, (remember there is a question pertaining to requirements for membership)
2. Renew YOUR membership by sending your dues payment to Sandy Carle.

Have a good summer and let's hope we can all be together for some activities soon. (Sheila has mentioned "maybe!!" there will be a beach day this summer.)

[Ginny Giordano](#)  
*President*

## Public Policy

(These links were published last month but they are worth repeating.)

**Links to policy and advocacy resources on the AAUW website.**

### Two-Minute Activists

<https://secure.everyaction.com/t79k4XW2qE6zElzj0xIIKA2>

### AAUW Action Fund

<https://www.aauwaction.org/>

### Advocacy Toolkit

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/advocacy-toolkit/>

### AAUW Webinars

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/webinars/>

### Diversity, Equity & Inclusion Toolkit

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/>

### The Equity Network

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/equity-network/>

**Equity Express** is a monthly newsletter that provides career tips, information and inspiration to those interested in workplace gender equity.

[\(https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/equity-network/\)](https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/equity-network/)

[Patrice Metro](#)

*Public Policy Chair*

## Membership Matters

We have a new member to welcome into our branch—Celia Nolan! Asked to write a little about herself, here is what she had to say:

“Oh dear - I'm happy to talk about anything but myself! I'm from Cohasset, graduated from Macalester in '93, and now live in Hull with my husband, daughter (12), son (10), and 2 dogs. I'm a National Organizer with Rank the



*Celia Nolan*

Vote, uniting and training activists and organizers to build statewide movements for ranked choice voting (over 2 dozen so far). I was also a piano teacher until COVID hit, and was previously a technical writer and project manager for IT, and professional ballroom dance champion. Now I enjoy \*not\* travelling, and instead staying home with my knitting and spinning. I serve as a Trustee of the Hull Public Library and Secretary of Hull No Place for Hate, as well as Co-Chair of the Hull Democratic Town Committee.

In my work for Rank the Vote, I've been very impressed by the AAUW members all over the country who responded to outreach messages, and wanted to know more people like that in my own area!”

Please enter Celia's contact information into your membership directory:

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[Gail Saccone](#)  
*Co-Membership VP*

## Treasurer's Notes



Your 2021-2022 dues bill is below and attached to this newsletter. **All dues should be paid by June 1, 2021.** There is an increase in National dues by \$3.00. The total for members will be \$92 and \$30 for lifetime members. If there are questions, please don't hesitate to ask me. Thanks.

[Sandy Carle](#)  
*Treasurer*

PS: You may also pay your dues online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org) by selecting Member Services Database after choosing the Membership link on the landing page.

**American Association of University Women—South Shore Area Branch**

It's membership renewal time again! **Renewal deadline is June 1, 2021 for 2021-2022**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone  
Number \_\_\_\_\_ Cell \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

If there are any changes to your educational information please indicate here:

Renew your AAUW membership by sending a check made out to:

**AAUW – South Shore Area Branch**

And mail to: Sandy Carle 12 Karlyn Road Weymouth, MA 02188

Association Dues	\$62.00	Includes subscription to <i>AAUW Outlook</i>
State Dues	\$15.00	Includes subscription to <i>BayStater</i>
Branch Dues	<u>\$15.00</u>	Includes subscription to <i>News of Note</i>
Total Dues:	\$92.00	

Life Members: \$30.00

*Voluntary Contributions:*

AAUW Funds \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Recognition Award  
(NCCWSL) \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Total amount enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Ideas for AAUW programs for next year:**

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**Would you like to attend any of the interest groups?**

\_\_\_\_ Book Club \_\_\_\_ Game Night \_\_\_\_ Dining Out

\_\_\_\_ Other interest you might like to see (please list) \_\_\_\_\_

**Please return this form with your dues by June 1, 2021! Thank You!**

## 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.



## AAUW VOTE 2021

Please take a moment to vote in this critical [AAUW National Election](#). This year, members' voices will determine our path forward as an organization. We're asking you to weigh in on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement. You'll also vote on four candidates to join AAUW's 15-person board of directors.

Before you vote, please carefully review our [National Election page](#), which includes key deadlines, helpful context on the proposed changes, and the board candidates' bios.

We encourage you to vote online by computer, cell phone, or tablet to ensure your ballot will be received and counted immediately. Paper ballots have been mailed to those without email addresses on file and must be postmarked by Friday, April 30, 2021.

If you have questions, feel free to contact us at [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org).

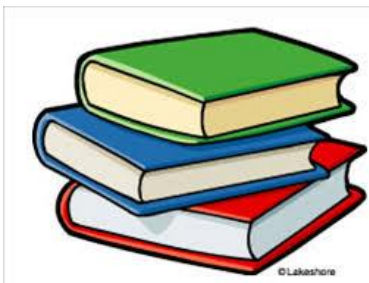
Please vote today. Your voice and your vote are vital. The future of AAUW is in your hands.

Thank you for standing with us,

*Shannon Wolfe*  
AAUW Managing Director  
& Chief of Staff

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## Book Discussion



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-May on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 contact [Lynn Howard](#) (781-901-9120 mobile).

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## Equity Now

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

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

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Visit our branch web page:

<http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/southshorearea/>

Like and contribute to our branch Facebook page:

<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWSouthShoreAreaMassachusetts>

# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## May 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
25	26	27	28	29	30 AAUW paper ballots postmarked deadline	1 May Day
2	3	4 National Teacher Day	5 Cinco de Mayo	6 National Day of Prayer National Nurses Day	7	8
9 Mothers' Day	10	11 Branch Program	12	13	14	15
16	17 AAUW voting deadline	18 Book Discussion	19	20	21	22
23	24	25	26	27	28	29
30	31 Memorial Day					

**April 30, Deadline** for mailing AAUW paper ballots

**May 11, Branch Program:** Massachusetts Legislative Update, 7 pm via Zoom

**May 17, Online AAUW voting deadline**

**May 18, Book discussion** of *So You Want to Talk About Race* by Ijeoma Oluo and *White Fragility* by Robin DiAngelo, 6:30 pm via Zoom

**June 8, Branch Board Meeting,** 7pm via Zoom, link will be sent closer to meeting date