



# News of Note

December 2021

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

## *Holiday Social Lunch Sunday, December 5 at noon*

### *Mia Regazza, Marshfield*

**Followed by an optional tour of the Christmas Designer Show House at the Daniel Webster Estate, Marshfield**



Our Holiday Social this year will be at Mia Regazza in Marshfield on Sunday, December 5. The restaurant is at 1 Proprietors Drive, adjacent to Roche Bros. Lunch will be at noon. We will be ordering

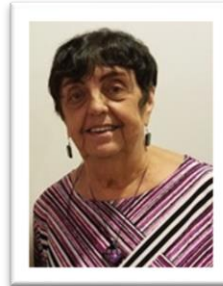
off the menu with individual checks requested. It is important to call or text Sheila Doherty before **December 1<sup>st</sup>** (781 267-1098 or e-mail her at [greenharbor11@verizon.net](mailto:greenharbor11@verizon.net)) so she can include you in the reservation. We hope to see you at our celebration.

Lunch will be followed by an optional tour of the Christmas Designer Show House at the Daniel Webster Estate, 238 Webster Street, Marshfield. Tickets may be purchased at the door for \$10 for seniors.

*Sheila Doherty*  
Social Chair  
781 267-1098



## *Co-President's Message*



The celebrations of the 140th anniversary of the founding of AAUW has made me think about why I joined AAUW in 1972.

I was a new mother at home for the first time with an infant and a husband after 7 years of working and living in Boston with three friends and enjoying my life in the big city. It was an adjustment to a new way of life! Fortunately I had a neighbor who had lived in various cities and countries and had learned how to deal with it all. She invited me to go to an AAUW meeting with her (that was in addition to a Mother's club meeting) and I was very happy to meet new people and join some new groups.

I fondly remember the AAUW meeting where I was so impressed with the women who were running the local organization at that time that I thought, "This is where I want to be!" The president of the Hingham Area Branch at that time was Loretta Warden who had a position in the Hanover schools and later became a Superintendent of another Massachusetts School system. It also turned out that she lived in my neighborhood! I joined AAUW at that point, 1972, and have never looked back. I actively participated in the Hingham Area Branch until our name changed to the South Shore Area Branch and I am still here! The friendships I have found since that time are invaluable!

I so enjoyed seeing the women who participated in both the state 140th Anniversary program and the

national one. I feel so privileged to be associated with this group of women who were speakers and organizers of these programs: the distinguished 2021 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Awardee, Dr. Ngozi Okonjo-Iweala, Director-General of the World Trade Organization, Gloria Blackwell, Rachel Rollins, and our own state leaders Cris Ajemian and Katherine Honey! They are outstanding leaders of women who are interested not only in encouraging women to be successful but also paving the way for girls with the STEM programs and for college women leaders with NCCWSL. They need our help to continue the programs we offer and convince younger women that it is all possible. I hope you will all continue to work to support the organization and help women to see the possibilities.

I hope to see most of you at our December 5 Holiday Social at Mia Regazza. Be sure to let Sheila know by December 1st if you plan to attend so she can confirm reservations.

Wishing you and your families a Wonderful December Holiday Season.

[Ginny Giordano](#)  
Co-President  
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## ***Co-President's Message***

November was a very exciting month for AAUW, and it gave me a chance to reflect on why I'm a member of AAUW. Here's a brief overview of the two programs for those that were not able to attend.

At our monthly branch meeting we heard an informative presentation by Beryl and Vernon Domingo about the Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights group (BCCR) which was organized in 2015. They shared the history and the mission of the BCCR. The group has been involved in many activities over the years to help educate, mobilize, create networks, and influence all levels of government advocating for more inclusivity. They hope that the BCCR can be a model for other

communities. The BCCR has participated in standouts and community events to promote social and racial justice. In addition, they have provided Active Bystander Training and organized forums on many topics. They are certainly making a difference in their community and offered some great ideas for us to think about.



Then the following week we had a fantastic program to celebrate the 140th anniversary of AAUW focusing on what we have done here in Massachusetts. The program "Equity in 1881-Equity in 2021" was coordinated by the AAUW-MA co-presidents, Katherine Honey and Cris Ajemian. Gloria Blackwell, the newly appointed AAUW CEO and DA Rachael Rollins were the keynote speakers. Both were inspiring and shared the importance of the work done by AAUW, particularly our advocacy for gender equity and fellowships providing women funding so they can follow their dreams. Then we heard from a group of women who have been involved in programs and activities in Massachusetts that have focused on advancing STEM equity and leadership. This was followed by a slideshow highlighting some of the great programs we have presented in our communities.

These two programs showed how we have made a difference and have empowered women and girls in many ways in the past 140 years. Attending these programs made me feel very proud to be a member of AAUW. We have accomplished a lot but there is still more to do. I look forward to continuing my membership so we can work together to advocate for women and girls and present diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

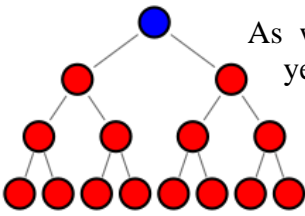
[Lynn Howard](#)  
Co-President  
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## **Equity Now**

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

## Membership Matters



As we approach the end of the year, it is a good time to reflect on our AAUW membership following the lead of our co-presidents. As we reflect on the many benefits we have received, whether they be gained information, skills or the satisfaction of doing our part to make a difference in the lives of women and children, and the friendships we have formed, let us resolve to introduce at least one person to AAUW in the new year. Years ago, the membership tag line was “Let each one reach one.” It still holds true today.

We extend our condolences to Patrice Metro on the loss of her mother. Our best wishes for a speedy recovery after surgery go out to Pat Bologna.

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## Public Policy

### AAUW on the Build Back Better Act

#### Support for Women and Families

As part of the We Demand More coalition – which represents tens of millions of America's women and caregivers AAUW has been lobbying President Biden, Leader Schumer, and Speaker Pelosi to address the urgent needs of women and families and to ensure the country's economic recovery. 309,000 women left the workforce in September alone.

The Build Back Better Act must include: investments in child care to meet the urgent needs of women and families, permanent monthly checks to families, paid family and medical leave, and expanded access to health care without abortion restrictions.

Click here for more information.

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2021/11/10-20-2021-WDM-Letter-to-Leadership.pdf>

#### Support for Higher Education

AAUW, along with its partners, urges Speaker Pelosi and Leader Schumer to preserve critical investments

in college affordability and college completion in the final Build Back Better package: invest in evidence-based completion strategies that help more students get across the graduation stage; and support institutions that serve underrepresented students such as Historically Black Colleges and Universities and Tribal Colleges and Universities, as well as Hispanic-serving Institutions, Predominantly Black Institutions, and Asian American, Native American, and Pacific Islander minority-serving institutions.

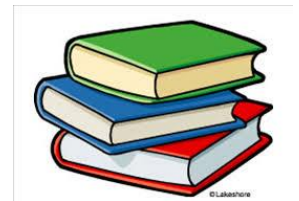
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[https://ticas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Coalition-Reconciliation-Letter\\_2110.pdf](https://ticas.org/wp-content/uploads/2021/10/Coalition-Reconciliation-Letter_2110.pdf)

*Patrice Metro*  
Public Policy Chair

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## Book Discussion

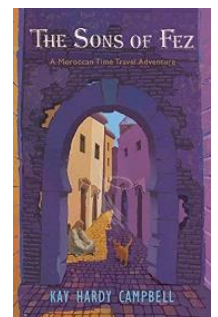


Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from September - May usually

on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This month the group will discuss *The Country of Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett. The discussion will be held on Zoom on December 14<sup>th</sup> (2<sup>nd</sup> Tuesday this month).

The monthly selections for 2021-2022 are posted on the branch web page, direct link <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2021/07/2021-2022-Booklist.docx.pdf>.

The meetings are open to all branch members. If you would like to receive a Zoom link to any of the discussions, please contact [Lynn Howard](#) (781-901-9120, mobile). In January the entire branch will discuss Kay Hardy Campbell's new book, *The Sons of Fez*. It is available on Amazon or it can be ordered through Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.



## AAUW-MA Conference

Kudos to AAUW-MA's co-presidents, Cris Ajemian and Katherine Honey, for planning the conference, **Equity in 1881 – Equity in 2021** which was held via Zoom on November 13th. Its focus on **Factors that Support Advancing Equity** had a great line-up of speakers, including AAUW CEO, Gloria Blackwell and DA Rachael Rollins. The panel, moderated by Taunton Area branch member, Carole Copeland Thomas, was outstanding and entertaining. Panelist, Weymouth High School's own student Sarah Looney, showed she is well on her way to becoming a successful woman who will continue to make a difference for women and girls.

AAUW member attendees came away from the conference prouder than ever of our organization. Nonmembers were duly impressed.

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

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

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

## Volunteer Opportunity

AFGHAN GIRLS ARE NO LONGER ALLOWED IN SCHOOL AND THEIR LIVES HAVE DRASTICALLY CHANGED. BUT WE CAN HELP BY JUST HAVING CONVERSATIONS WITH THEM OVER THE INTERNET.



*Friba Rezayee*

Friba Rezayee, who is a young Afghan woman now living in Canada, created a program that is designed to match English speaking tutors with students. Since the Taliban has taken over and sent young women home from university and school, it

has become a lifeline where they can continue to practice their English skills with volunteers in the US and Canada.

WLOT (Women Leaders Of Tomorrow) was created by this amazing woman, Friba Rezayee. She was the first female Olympian from Afghanistan to compete in Judo in 2004.

Several women on the South Shore are presently participating in this group. It's mostly just conversation over a **secure** internet app, no need to have been a tutor or have an ESL background. We are just connecting and giving them hope; getting to know these strong and intelligent young women and letting them know there are people who care about them.

Here is further information about the program: <https://womenleaders.ca/index.php/english-language-tutoring-program/>. Be sure click on the various links and news blog on the website for further compelling information. We are looking to recruit more tutors because the need is great and growing. If you are interested in helping, please contact [Kathy Swanson](#) (781-956-1747) or [Deb Emmett-Pike](#) (781-636-8403).

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# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## December 2021

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
28 Hanukkah begins	29	30	1 RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social	2	3 National Giving Day	4
5 Holiday Social Noon	6 Hanukkah ends	7 Pearl Harbor Day	8	9	10	11
12	13	14 Book Discussion	15	16	17	18
19	20	21 Winter Solstice	22	23	24 Christmas Eve	25 Christmas
26 Kwanzaa begins	27	28	29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day Kwanzaa ends

**December 1**, RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social

**December 5**, Holiday Social, Mia Regazza,  
Marshfield, noon

**December 14**, Book discussion of *The Country of Pointed Firs* by Sarah Orne Jewett, 6:30 pm  
Zoom link will be sent closer to the date. If you are a first-time attendee for book discussion, contact [Lynn Howard](#) for the Zoom link.

