



News of Note

November 2021

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

***Branch Program: Tuesday,
November 9 at 7 pm***

Achieving Equity in Our Communities

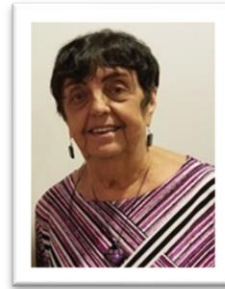
**Presented by Beryl (former AAUW-MA president) and Vernon Domingo
Bridgewater Communities for Civil Rights
Via Zoom**



The Vision of [BCCR](#) is to promote and support civil rights in all aspects of life in Bridgewater, in

surrounding communities and beyond, through educational and social events, public presence and statements, and media endeavors consistent with the BCCR mission. We work to defend the rights of all persons to live, work and play in safe, welcoming environments. We promote opportunities for greater diversity and inclusivity in our communities.

Attendees will learn about BCCR's focus:
EDUCATION—discussions, forums, lectures, active bystander training, and standouts;
MOBILIZATION—for social and racial justice;
CREATING NETWORKS—with individuals, institutions, and other community groups;
INFLUENCING ALL LEVELS
OF GOVERNMENT—advocating for policy change.



Co-President's Message

I want to thank Celia Nolan, presenter, and the other AAUW-SSAB members who provided technical help for the October meeting for enabling us to present our first in person/Zoom meeting of the year. It was great to be able to host guests online as well as in person.

I am so glad we decided to stay with Zoom for this upcoming AAUW year. The Board had agreed that it would be nice to “see” members but were concerned about those unpredictable cold weather months when many people prefer to stay home or the weather is so bad, we have to decide whether to cancel or not. (And as I realized personally last month, having to drive at night after not doing evening driving in the dark for about 16 months and being that many months older! It's not fun!))

It has also been great for the Book Group and Board meetings since we have been doing them on Zoom. That way no one needs to be concerned about having their home and refreshments ready for hosting these events. We are able to stay in our slippers and more casual clothes as well as sip our tea, coffee, wine while the meeting or book group goes on. So, we will continue for this year with both types of meetings, on Zoom or in person, and at times you will have a choice.

Having said that, the November meeting will be only on Zoom since our presenters are not able to be local for this meeting. However, it should be a very informative meeting since Beryl Domingo (a former

AAUW-MA president) and her husband Vernon will share with us their experiences with opportunities for greater diversity and inclusivity in our communities.

AAUW-MA will be holding an all-state virtual meeting in honor of the 140th anniversary of the founding of AAUW on Saturday November 13 from 1-3 pm on Zoom. There will be featured speakers, including **Gloria Blackwell**, AAUW CEO, and **Rachael Rollins**, Boston's first female District Attorney, a former AAUW Fellow. AAUW will also be having some programs pertaining to the 140th Anniversary of AAUW. The fact that we have been in existence for 140 years is amazing. See your email from AAUW-MA for further information.

However, we will meet in person on December 5 at Mia Regatta for a Holiday Brunch. See Sheila's info pertaining to this.

Wishing you all a Happy Thanksgiving.

[Ginny Giordano](#)
Co-President
781 659-2269



Co-President's Message

2021 STEM Conference

The AAUW South Shore Area Branch and The Weymouth Public Schools hosted our sixth STEM Conferences for Girls in Grades 4-8. The Conference was held at the Weymouth High School on Saturday, October 23rd from 8:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m.

Sarah Looney, a Weymouth High School senior, helped to organize the Conference. Sarah was a past participant at our STEM Conference and she was a member of the Weymouth Envision the Future team of girls that attended a week-long STEM Conference in 2015. At this year's Conference we had 61 girls. The



Conference began with a Keynote Speaker, Pat Monteith, a NASA Ambassador, and a member of the Brockton Library STEM team. Pat shared information about her background and information about women in history that have been involved with STEM. She encouraged the girls to try new things, to find their passion and pursue it, and to get involved in STEM. She then answered questions. Each girl attended three one-hour workshops. We had 18 different workshops offered throughout the Conference. The workshops were presented by Weymouth educators, Weymouth High School students as part of their Senior Capstone project and women working in STEM careers. A good time was had by all that attended and presented at the Conference.

Some of the topics covered included: Computer Coding, Robotics, Veterinary Medicine, Agriculture, Biotech, Engineering, Environmental Science and Healthcare.

Thank you to the team that helped organize the Conference, Sarah Looney (WHS senior), Teri Fleming (Weymouth STEM Director), Ashley Gosselin (WHS Science Teacher), and Betsy Harris (WPS Community Relations Director). Thank you to Ginny Giordano, Sheila Doherty, Phyllis Warren, and Sandy Carle for volunteering their time to help with the Conference. And thank you to Cris Ajemian and Katherine Honey, AAUW-MA co-presidents, for taking the time out of their busy schedules to attend and support the Conference.

(See last two pages for photos from the Conference.)

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President
781-901-9120

Membership Matters

Please welcome new member **Sandra Locke** to our branch. Previously Sandra was a member of the Cape Cod branch and a dual member of our branch. Please add her contact information to your branch directory:

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UMass Amherst, BS (Biology), '77
Framingham State, MS (Nutrition), '91
UMass Lowell, CAGS (Math and Science Ed), '97

Holiday Social



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 from the menu with individual checks requested. It is important to call or text me before **December 1**, 781- 267-1098, or e-mail me at greenharbor11@verizon.net so I can include you in the reservation. I hope to see you at our celebration

[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair



Public Policy

Massachusetts State Legislation Update: An Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office.

October 25, 2021

AAUW-MA is working with coalition partners to pressure the State Legislature to progress S.475 AND H.769 – AN ACT SUPPORTING PARENTS RUNNING FOR PUBLIC OFFICE. The bill will allow state candidates to use donated campaign funds to pay for childcare expenses. One of our local state representatives, Joan Meschino, was one of the filers of the bill.

This legislation will be helpful to both women and men, but, of course, it is particularly important for women who want to run for office. AAUW-MA provided testimony to the September 15 hearing on the bill. It is still in committee, and we are hopeful that it will be reported out favorably. Please let your state representative and state senator know that you support the bill and encourage them to support it. It is important to register your view even if your legislator supports it.

You can find your legislator here:

http://openstates.org/find_your_legislator/

Update on the Federal Paycheck Fairness Act.

October 21, 2021

On Latina Equal Pay Day, Senator Elizabeth Warren pointed out that Latinas make 57 cents for every dollar paid to white, non-Hispanic men. She promised that she would continue to keep pushing for Congress to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

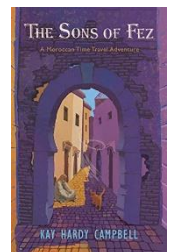
Book Discussion



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from September - May on the 3rd

Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. This month the group will discuss Jane Healey's *The Secret Stealers*. The discussion will be held on Zoom.

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.



Equity Now

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

AAUW-MA Conference November 13, 1 - 3pm

Mark your calendar and plan to attend AAUW-MA's Conference, **Equity in 1881 – Equity in 2021** to be held via Zoom. The focus is on **Factors that Support Advancing Equity**. As AAUW's Co-Founder, Ellen Swallow Richards, said in 1907, "To whom shall we look more confidently for leadership in constructive work, for social and national betterment, than to the professionally and technically trained women now coming onto the stage?" This is just as relevant today.

The conference has a great line-up of speakers, including AAUW CEO, Gloria Blackwell. Watch your email inbox for all the details and the registration button. Since the intended audience is for anyone (not just AAUW members) interested in learning how others advance equity, we need **you** (yes, you) to help spread the word by **forwarding your personal invitation to anyone you think would be interested in advancing equity**: students, educators, business and community organizations committed to DEI (Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion) and advancing STEM education, community college, college and university staff, faculty and administrators.

Attendees may be potential members or potential collaborators. Many AAUW members from across the state and especially our AAUW-MA Co-Presidents, Cris Ajemian and Katherine Honey have worked hard to put this conference together, and now it is up to us to see that it is well attended.

You can use your invitation from AAUW-MA to register or you can use this [Register Now!](#) link to register.

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>

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) emmettpike@gmail.com

A related event of note: On November 15 at 7:00 pm South Shore Action will be sponsoring a presentation by RIAC (Refugee and Immigration Assistance Center) at the Hingham Public Library. The topic is **Supporting Afghan Refugees**. The public is welcome.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

November 2021

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
|-----------------------------|----------------------------|----------------------------------|--|--------------------|--------|--------------------------------------|
| | 1 | 2 | 3 | 4 | 5 | 6 |
| 7 | 8 | 9 Branch Program 7 pm | 10 | 11 Veterans Day | 12 | 13 AAUW-MA Conference 1 – 3 pm |
| 14 | 15 RIAC Program 7 pm | 16 Book Discussion 6:30 pm | 17 | 18 | 19 | 20 |
| 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 | 25 Thanksgiving | 26 | 27 |
| 29 | 29 | 30 | 1 RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social | 2 | 3 | 4 |
| 5 Holiday Social Noon | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 | 11 |

November 9, Branch Program, 7 pm, Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85326990212?pwd=SHFSWUErWUVETVEvblllXZk4wSmIrlUT09>

November 13, AAUW-MA Meeting, **Equity in 1881 – Equity in 2021**, 1 -3 pm

Zoom link: Link received upon registration

November 15, Supporting Afghan Refugees, Hingham Public Library, 7 pm

November 16, Book discussion of *The Stealth Stealers* by Jane Healey, 6:30 pm

Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87369892943?pwd=WXhzSINsZU4xdFFaWU1qa3VRR1lPZz09>

December 1, RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social

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

The Zoom link for branch events will be sent again closer to the date of the event. If you do not receive the link, please request it from [Lynn Howard](#).

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

STEM Conference for Girls Grades 4 – 8, October 23, 2021

Presented by AAUW South Shore Area Branch and
Weymouth Public Schools



Pet First Aid



Pat Monteith-Keynote Speaker



So You Want to be an Engineer



Coding in Action



Agriculture is Awesome



Coast Guard-Always Ready!



Happy  Thanksgiving