



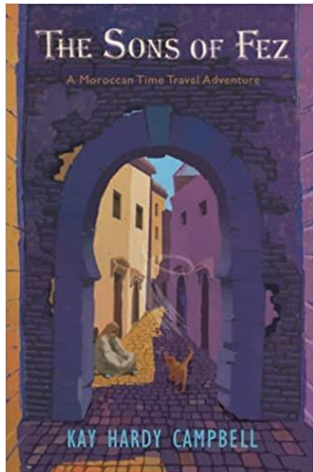
News of Note

January 2022

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

Book Discussion Sons of Fez, with author Kay Hardy Campbell

January 11, 7 pm via Zoom



Devoting the January branch meeting to a group book discussion is a tradition we will continue to follow this year. Some years we are lucky enough to have the author of the book we have read join us. This January we are doubly blessed as we will have author Kay Hardy Campbell join us for the second time. Kay, a former member of the

South Shore Area branch before she moved to Maine to pursue writing full time, paid us a visit when we read her debut novel, *A Caravan of Brides*. Kay will join us again on Tuesday, January 11 via Zoom as we discuss her book, *Sons of Fez: A Moroccan Time Travel Adventure*. Although everyone is welcome to attend the meeting, the discussion with Kay will be much more meaningful if you have read the book. There is still time to get it read.

Here is a brief summary: Moroccan tour guide Ibrahim brings a busload of students from a summer Arabic program to stay in the medina (old city) of Fez, right next to a newly-opened time portal. When a student goes missing, Ibrahim looks for him and slips into the past, and they find themselves in a fight

to save the city. Along the way, they come face to face with the mysteries of the medina, where history lives around every corner.

Kay Hardy Campbell was born in Abington, Pennsylvania, and grew up in Massachusetts and Minnesota. She developed a lifelong fascination for the Middle East, and earned a BA in Arabic and Middle Eastern Studies from the University of Minnesota and a Master's Degree from Harvard in Middle Eastern Studies. She lived in Saudi Arabia for several years with her American husband, a fellow student of Arabic. While living in the kingdom, she wrote cultural features for the English language dailies, Arab News and Saudi Gazette. Since returning to the U.S., she has traveled back to Saudi Arabia three times on assignment for Aramco World Magazine to write about Saudi culture. While visiting Morocco for the first time in 2005, she fell instantly in love with the medina (old city) of Fez, the setting for her second novel, *The Sons of Fez: A Moroccan Time Travel Adventure*.



We look forward to seeing you and Kay via Zoom on January 11th at 7 pm.

The Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83503858924?pwd=bEVsV0ZrTEtUVG9YODFCs3NIMyswdz09>

Meeting ID: 835 0385 8924

Passcode: 845165

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The Zoom link will be sent again closer to the meeting date.



Co-President's Message

Happy New Year to you all. I hope you had a good and Healthy Holiday season. And let us hope that 2022 is an improvement over 2020 and 2021!

I feel like Bill Murray in the movie *Ground Hog Day*!! This was my message in last year's January *News of Note*.

"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."

Other than the order of the items, Vaccine, Health and Treatment, the message is the same. We seem to go from the frying pan into the fire!! I feel somewhat more hopeful this year than last but wonder if and when it will all end!!

We had a nice December Brunch at Mia Regatta. The food, as usual, was wonderful and the company was even better! I am glad we had this opportunity to end 2021 with a great group of members, including Sue Liporace, who has finally found a place to live locally.

The January meeting should be great. It will be our second-book discussion about a book written by our former member and branch president, Kay Hardy Campbell. Since it is a Zoom meeting we do not need to venture out regardless the weather!

Please plan to join us on January 11 for our monthly meeting. Hope to see you all and any friends who may have read the book.

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

Happy 2022! I hope everyone had a holiday season filled with peace, joy and happiness! As we head into the new year, I thought it would be interesting to reflect on

2021. I am thankful that we had the technology to keep in touch and continue to have our monthly programs and our book club meetings via Zoom during the winter and spring of 2021.

After our summer break things were starting to improve, and in August we were able to finally gather again in person for our annual beach day at Sheila Doherty's. We had a great time! Then we were able to have our annual "Potluck" Dinner in September, meeting in person with a few modifications. A hybrid meeting followed in October when Celia Nolan presented Rank Choice Voting in person at the Hingham Library and via Zoom to those who could not attend in person. In addition, in October, we hosted our STEM Conference for Girls at the Weymouth High School. Then, in November we returned to Zoom for our monthly meeting with Beryl and Vernon Domingo about the work of the Bridgewater Community for Civil Rights. Also in November, AAUW-MA held a special meeting to celebrate the 140th anniversary of AAUW. Finally, we wrapped up 2021 with an in person gathering at Mia Regazza restaurant for a lovely holiday luncheon. So, despite the challenges presented by the pandemic, our group survived and continued to meet in many different settings to continue our mission of advocating for women and girls.

Unfortunately, as we begin the new year the COVID cases are increasing again due to the Omicron variant, so we'll return to Zoom for our meetings. Our January meeting looks to be very interesting. We will be discussing the book **Sons of Fez** by Kay Campbell, a former AAUW South Shore Area branch member. Kay will join us from Maine via Zoom to discuss the book so I hope you can join us.

We are still looking for a program for February, so please contact me or Ginny if you have any

suggestions. In March we will discuss the history of women's suffrage and then, in April we will have a legislative update from some of our local legislators.

I hope you can join us in the months ahead as we continue to do our best to keep things moving in Massachusetts as we deal with the ongoing challenges of the pandemic. Let's hope that things improve after the winter, and we don't go into a third year dealing with COVID! Remember we are in Massachusetts, and we are Boston Strong! We can get through this, and we must do this as there is still more to do to help empower women and girls!

The STEM Conference and the 140th Anniversary program especially drove home how we have made a difference empowering 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 to present diversity, equity and inclusion (DEI) initiatives.

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President
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Membership Matters

As we make our resolutions for 2022 let's remember to keep AAUW in mind. If you believe in our mission to advocate for women and girls and you enjoy being a member, why not invite others to join us? Ask your membership VPs [Gail Saccone](#) and [Anne Foley](#) about the 50% dues discount for prospective members who join at an AAUW event. No matter what the participation level, membership in AAUW helps to support equity for women and girls. Ideally, we would like to see every member attend every meeting and AAUW event, but we know this is not always possible so we welcome the financial support of dues as well.

Did you know that AAUW provides many financial perks to members? AAUW's member benefits can enhance your professional and personal life and will save you money along the way. Most important, every time you use one of your benefits, you are also supporting AAUW's vital work, which is what makes AAUW one of the nation's most powerful voices on women's issues. See

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/discounts-and-perks/> for a list of available perks and discounts.

With each purchase, AAUW receives a royalty that supports equal-pay advocacy, community programs, leadership development tools, the student leadership conference and so much more!

Let's "Each one, Reach one". Recruit a new member in 2022!

Public Policy

National

Have a look at AAUW National discussion: "Where We Stand: Reproductive Rights"

"AAUW supports choice in determining one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services."

"AAUW will keep fighting to improve access to care by working with Congress and federal agencies to take the following actions:

1. Pass the Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 3755/S. 1975). This bill will address the ceaseless attacks on reproductive rights by finally codifying the rights of pregnant people to access, and health care professionals to provide, abortion care. Read more about this legislation and tell your members of Congress to support [here](#).
2. Improve public funding for reproductive health.
3. Put prevention first.
4. Ensure access to legally prescribed or available contraception."

Click here to read the detail and also to download "The Quick Facts" -

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/policy/position-repro/>

Massachusetts

AAUW-MA collaborated with the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators and the Massachusetts

Commission on the Status of Women to support recent bills before the State Legislature such as:

- An Act Supporting Parents Running for Office (S.475 and H.769)
- An Act Relative to Wage Transparency (S.475 and H.769)

There are two other important bills that we are following:

- An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy. Otherwise known as the Common Start Bill. (S.362 and H.605)
- An act to end child marriage in Massachusetts. (S.937 and H.1709)

The Common Start bill had a hearing on November 23 in the Joint Committee on Education. You can listen to the hearing by clicking here: <https://malegislature.gov/Events/Hearings/Detail/4095/Video1>

State Senator O'Connor is a sponsor of the bill. Please urge Representatives Joan Meschino and Patrick Kearney to support the bill.
Representative Joan Meschino (617) 722-2320
Joan.Meschino@mahouse.gov
Representative Patrick Kearney (617) 722-2014
patrick.kearney@mahouse.gov

Also, it would be worthwhile to write to Senator O'Connor letting him know we support his sponsorship for this important bill.
Senator Patrick O'Connor (617) 722-1646
Patrick.OConnor@masenate.gov

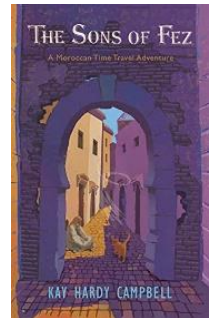
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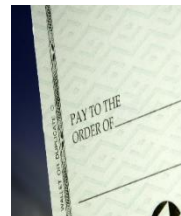
Book Discussion



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from September - May usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. 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](mailto:Lynn.Howard@aaumaweb.org) (781-901-9120, mobile). This month 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.



Historic Milestone Fundraiser Reminder



The Historic Milestone Fund Campaign was established by AAUW-MA to commemorate the 140th AAUW Anniversary (1881 - 2021). Through the fund, AAUW-MA will be able to foster the interest of girls and younger women in AAUW and develop financial resources to support programs for girls and young women. Branches are encouraged to donate as a branch. Funds will support efforts to increase the membership of younger women and member diversity. While all contributions are welcome, and in the spirit of the historic anniversary, the fundraising campaign encourages donations that include 1881, i.e., \$18.81, \$188.10, etc.

Check: Make Payable to: AAUW-MA
Memo Field: 1881 Fund
Send to: Robin DeMott
3 Brewster Lane
Acton, MA 01720-4252

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

January 2022

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

December 31, Last day to double your donation to AAUW

January 11, Branch Meeting: Discussion of *Sons of Fez* by Kay Hardy Campbell, 7 pm via Zoom

January 25, Branch Board Meeting, 7 pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86396408139?pwd=RjI0TUZaU3A2RGllUDMxc012aFBsUT09>

Meeting ID: 863 9640 8139

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(The Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting.)

The link will be sent again closer to the date.

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

Like and contribute to our branch Facebook page:

<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) by the 20th day of the previous month