



News of Note

February 2022

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

AAUW Fellowships and Grants: Making A Difference in the Lives of Women and Girls

February 8, 7 pm via Zoom

As AAUW members we believe in its mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Since 1888, AAUW has been one of the largest funders of women's graduate education, investing in women who go on to change the world. This past year AAUW distributed \$4,000,000 in fellowships and grants to deserving women and projects.

Our meeting on February 8th at 7 pm held via Zoom will make us proud as we learn the history of what our philanthropy (including our donations) has accomplished



Rachael Rollins

over the years. After viewing a short video highlighting some of AAUW's fellowship recipients (you might be surprised), we will hear from AAUW Fellow Rachael Rollins, Boston's first female District Attorney, now United States Attorney for the District of Massachusetts. Rachael will tell us just how much receiving funding from AAUW has meant to her. She agrees with her fellow recipients—**receiving the**

fellowship changed her life! As AAUW members we have made a difference in the lives of women and girls.

In addition, we will also share the panel discussion from the AAUW-MA 140th Celebration Forum featuring Sarah Looney, a Weymouth High School senior who helped organize and facilitate the STEM workshop we helped sponsor in October 2021. Sarah, at her young age, has already made a difference in the lives of girls and the women they will become. Maybe some day she will be the recipient of an AAUW Fellowship or Grant.

The AAUW website gives us much more information on our Fellowship and Grants including current funding opportunities, tips on how to get funding, and the directory of recipients and sponsors. (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/fellowships-grants/>) Several of our recipients have given back to AAUW through our Webinars. Lynn Howard will take us through how to navigate the AAUW website to reach the vast variety of webinars available to us to watch.

Please join us on February 8th. You will be glad you did. You will come away proud to be an AAUW member.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85032452205?pwd=eGZPY2pCMjA0aHVmdGoyaC9Jc014UT09>

Meeting ID: 850 3245 2205

Passcode: 533345

Dial by your location

+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)

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



Co-President's Message

Well, we are one month into 2022 and let's hope that at some point we can meet in person again!! I am so thankful that we at least have been able to gather for 3 of our AAUW monthly meetings/activities in this year's (2021-2022) program. At the December Brunch I think most recognized me even though my hair is now a different color! Although it was easier since I did not have a mask on while we were eating!

It was wonderful to see Kay Campbell again at the January Branch Meeting when we discussed her new book, *The Sons of Fez*. I had never really had an interest in traveling to Morocco prior to reading this book but now (assuming I ever get to travel again!) it will be right up there on my list of places to visit! And this was an excellent use of Zoom since it meant Kay could be with us without leaving Maine and none of us had to go out in the bitter cold weather.

I know that the February and March meetings are scheduled to be held using Zoom, not sure about the April one at this time.

Speaking of programs for Branch Meetings, you may remember that we use to have a Program Chair. A few years ago, we realized that it was an overwhelming job for one person so the whole board has been participating in suggesting and arranging the programs for the meetings. Since many of the Board have been in one position or another for years, we are sort of running out of ideas! If you have some thoughts, contact with people who are able to present their expertise, experience or knowledge with us please pass that information on to a Board member or when you fill out the dues bill form in May give us their information.

Let's keep our fingers crossed and if so inclined say a few prayers and think Happy Thoughts that we can gather for our May meeting and dine together.

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

It certainly feels like winter is here now as I write this message on one of the coldest days this year, luckily, we haven't had much snow yet. I hope everyone is warm and healthy!

We had an entertaining and educational meeting in January discussing the book *Sons of Fez* by Kay Campbell. She presented a wonderful slideshow full of colorful pictures, videos and music from Morocco. I felt like we had taken a trip there and now I want to go there in person someday. The slideshow helped me to visualize the story in her book. Also it was great to hear Kay tell us more about how she came up with the ideas for the book and her writing process. I enjoyed the book and the discussion and look forward to Kay's next book. If you haven't read it yet I would recommend you check it out.

As we know AAUW has been advocating for women and girls since 1881. One important part of the organization is the Fellowships and Grants that have helped women to continue their education and make a difference in our world. At our February branch meeting on February 8th, we will learn about the history of this program and we'll hear from Rachael Rollins, US Attorney who was a recipient of an AAUW fellowship.

This meeting and our March meeting will be held via Zoom. I will send out the Zoom link on the Sunday night before the meeting. I miss seeing everyone in person and hope that after the winter we can gather again in person. Our meetings for this year are planned so it's time to start thinking about next year. If you attend a presentation, read a good book or think of a topic that would be good for one of our monthly branch programs please let Ginny or me know.

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Membership Matters

At our October meeting Sandra Locke joined our branch. Please add her information to your directory:

Sandra Locke

B.S. Botany 1977 UMASS, Amherst
M.S. Food and Nutrition 1991
Framingham State University
EdD. Graduate work in Math and Science
Education 1997 UMASS, Lowell

We asked Sandra to write a brief biography of herself so we could get to know her. Below is her biography in her own words.

I have been retired since the Dennis-Yarmouth buses rolled out on September 1st, but I have been busy doing science education consulting. And I was concerned about filling my time with rewarding enterprises! I laugh now. Probably too much information, so use what you need.

I began my career working in Marine Biology, specifically aquaculture, at Wood Hole Oceanographic Institution and at Aquacultural Research Corporation. I made the decision to leave research as I wanted to inspire young people to enter fields in science. I taught high school and college science (mostly Biology) for 30 years, retired and became a nurse, working for Cape Cod Healthcare. Also, mid-career, I did my residency, working as an R.D. (Registered Dietician) at Winchester Hospital for a year between teaching jobs.

Eight years ago, I met Superintendent Carol Woodbury of the Dennis-Yarmouth Public School district, who asked me to work in a newly-created position as a Science Coach for elementary and middle school teachers. Upon the request of a teacher or team of teachers, I would ‘flesh out’ a science standard, write a hands-on, inquiry-based lesson, gather the materials and model the lesson in the teacher’s classroom. My job was to help teachers with the implementation of the NGSS (Next

Generation Science Standards) standards and to build a comfort level for those teachers to do that. At D-Y, I was invited in and often introduced as the “guest scientist”, but the students called me “Miss Frizzle”!

Editor’s note: As you can see Sandra is a welcome addition to our branch by way of the Cape Cod branch. She has volunteered for our STEM programs and I am sure she will continue to do so.

Let’s “Each one, Reach one”. Recruit a new member in 2022!

Public Policy

Current Most Pressing Policies for AAUW

January 2022

It’s a new year, but Americans still need the same vital support they did last year. ... Congress must deliver on the promises in the Build Back Better Act.

The expanded Child Tax Credit expired in December after Congress failed to extend it. That means the families of more than 23 million children are again experiencing economic instability in the new year. Americans also continue to be forced to choose between their lives and their livelihoods because they lack access to paid leave and affordable child care. It is inexcusable that the Senate has not yet voted on the Build Back Better Act. **Keep the pressure on Congress by contacting your senators regularly.**

Paid leave and affordable child care are non-negotiable: 2022 must be the year we ensure everyone has access to them. **[Act now!](#)**

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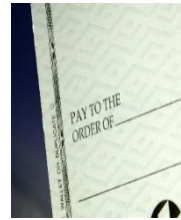
Regarding student loans:

On December 22, President Biden announced an extension of the federal student-loan freeze through May 1, 2022. AAUW has advocated for student-loan relief before and during the pandemic, and we won't stop until the government delivers.

Stay engaged this year. If you haven't yet signed up to be a *Two-Minute Activist*, here is the link to AAUW's [Two-Minute Activist tool!](#)

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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

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](#) (781-901-9120, mobile). This month's selection is *Caste* by Isabel Wilkerson.

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.



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>

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

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

February 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
30	31	1	2 AAUW deadline for Bylaws comment 5pm	3	4	5
6	7	8 Branch Program 7 pm	9	10	11	12
13 Super Bowl	14 Valentine's Day	15 Book Discussion 6:30 pm	16	17	18	19
20	21 Presidents' Day	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	1	2	3	4	5

February 2, AAUW deadline for comments on changes to Bylaws, 5 pm

February 8, Branch Meeting: AAUW Fellowship and Grants: Making a Difference in the Lives of Women and Girls, 7 pm via Zoom

February 15, Book discussion of Isabel Wilkerson's *Caste*, 6:30 pm via Zoom
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84249773613?pwd=L3h4dngzQUM0VjNoWGJCQUJtK3ZWZz09>

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Passcode: 147724

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Equity Now

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