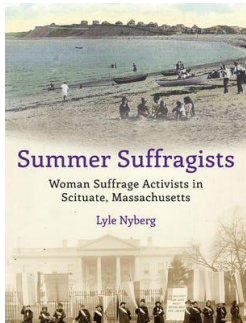


March 2022

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

Summer Suffragists: Woman Suffrage Activists in Scituate March 8, 7 pm via Zoom



Who knew a surprising number of nationally recognized suffragists spent summers in Scituate? Author and historian Kyle Nyberg discovered the suffragist women while doing research on Scituate. He tells their stories in his latest book, ***Summer Suffragists: Woman Suffrage Activists in Scituate, Massachusetts***. Mr. Nyberg has graciously volunteered to share some interesting facts about these amazing women. Attend our March 8th meeting via Zoom and learn about such fascinating women as Judith Smith and Inez Haynes Irwin.

*“[Judith Smith] was a major suffrage figure who worked for 50 years to get the vote for women and finally was able to vote for president when she was almost 100 years old. She came from the South Shore, and moved to East Boston. I was surprised to discover that she and her family spent summers at Lighthouse Point in Scituate.”—Lyle Nyberg in an interview with Ruth Thompson for the ***Scituate Mariner***.*

<https://www.wickedlocal.com/story/scituate-mariner/2020/08/25/new-book-looks-at-suffragists-in-scituate/114619172/>

“Inez Haynes Irwin and her family came to Scituate in 1901 and some of them, including eventually Inez herself, settled in Scituate year-round,” Nyberg said.

“In 1921 she wrote the history of the Woman’s Party, the militant wing of the suffrage movement that picketed the White House and protested during President Wilson’s visit to Boston.” -- Nyberg in Thompson interview

What a wonderful opportunity to discover some very local women who played a role in advancing equity for women by advocating for women’s right to vote. Mark your calendar for March 8th at 7 pm!

Join Zoom Meeting

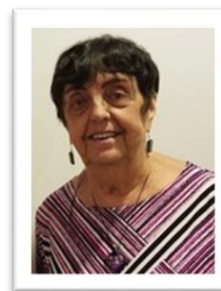
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Co-President’s Message

I am very glad that we have signed up and participated in Zoom. The past month or two has been either bitterly cold or stormy! I am thankful to be able to be in contact with all of you without having to leave my warm house!! It was even necessary to change a Memorial Service for a friend of mine because of the forecast of a blizzard!

I want to thank Lynn Howard for the wonderful job she did in the organization and presentation of the February Branch Meeting! Although I had seen Rachel Rollins presentation on the AAUW-MA 140th Anniversary program in November, I was

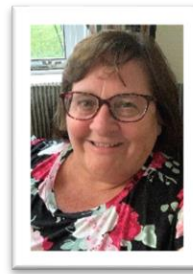
again impressed with her involvement with AAUW support during her education years. She exhibited strength and persistence in order to reach the level she is at in her career.

I had missed the panel discussion at the November presentation so was pleased that I had an opportunity to view some of the Participants in Carole Copeland Thomas's panel discussion. Especially memorable was Sarah Looney's contribution on her experience with our STEM efforts. This young woman is outstanding and I know we will hear more about her in the years to come.

The upcoming program for March also sounds interesting. Lyle Nyberg from Scituate will speak on March 8, 2022 in honor of Women's History Month and discuss his book, *The Suffragists of Scituate*. This program will also be on Zoom since March can be as unpredictable as January and February! Hopefully we will be able to schedule the April and May meetings LIVE! We shall see!

We are working with our contact at Curry College and hope to be able to sponsor at least one (maybe 2) students to participate in NCCWSL this May. There are some issues, one being that the program is again virtual which I realize is not as appealing as the in person program was and secondly, as you may be aware, Curry College has had some disturbing and uncomfortable issues recently which have delayed their being able to focus on NCCWSL. I hope things can be worked out so that they are able to choose students to participate in NCCWSL this year.

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

I'm really looking forward to month of March for many reasons. First, we change the clocks on March 13th so there will be more hours of daylight! Then as we move from winter to spring the temperature will hopefully be warmer on a consistent basis, and we'll start to see some flowers blooming on the trees and in the gardens. Most importantly it is Women's History Month, and we have two AAUW programs about women's suffrage coming up that I'm really looking forward to attending. The first is our monthly Branch meeting on March 8th at 7 p.m. Author and local resident Lyle Nyberg will be doing a presentation about his book *Summer Suffragists: Women Suffrage Activists in Scituate Massachusetts*. In his book he talks about "their personal and activist lives in Boston, New York, Washington and elsewhere, fighting for women's right to vote". Then on Tuesday, March 15th our monthly book group will be discussing the book *Stories from Suffragette City*. This book is a collection of short stories that all took place on a single day, October 23, 1915, told by thirteen of today's best-selling authors. On this day tens of thousands of women marched up Fifth Avenue demanding the right to vote in New York City. I hope you can join me at these two meetings to learn more about these great women that helped fight for women's right to vote.

Our annual AAUW-MA state meeting "AAUW: Paving the Way", featuring AAUW Fellows-Commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Title IX will be held on Saturday, April 30th. The meeting will be held virtually from 1-3 p.m. So, mark your calendars and plan on attending the meeting to hear about how AAUW has supported Title IX over the past fifty years. More information about this meeting will be shared in the next issue of our *News of Note*.

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

Equity Now

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

Membership Matters

We were all very impressed with the presentation that Lynn put together for our February meeting about



Fellowships and Grants available to AAUW members. AAUW awarded nearly \$5 million in funding to more than 260 fellows and grantees in the 2021-22 award year! I decided to explore this further by going to the AAUW website (www.aauw.org).

Under the Fellowships and Grants tab I found extensive information regarding **Current Funding Opportunities**. Detailed descriptions for the categories are provided as well as amounts of funding.

This is just an outline of the various categories:

- American Fellowships: \$6,000-\$30,000
- Career Development Grants: \$2,000-\$12,000
- Community Action Stories: \$3,000-\$10,000
- International Fellowships: \$18,000-\$30,000
- International Project Grants: \$5,000-\$7,000
- Research Publication Grants in Engineering, Medicine and Science: \$10,000-\$35,000
- Select Professional Fellowships: \$5,000-\$18,000

There are stories included of women discussing how these funding opportunities changed their lives. We know from the interview with Rachel Rollins, US Attorney General from MA, that her career trajectory was significantly influenced by her AAUW Fellowship.

AAUW Membership has so many benefits and this is certainly a significant area. Please pass on this information to any students or currently working friends or family members that you know!

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

[Gail Saccone](#)

Co-Membership VP

Public Policy

Fast Facts About Working Mothers

The labor force participation rate of mothers with children under 18 was 72.3% in 2019. For single, widowed or divorced moms, the rate was 77.6%, according to the Bureau of Labor Statistics.

Mothers are 40% more likely than fathers to report that child care issues harmed their careers.

23% of working parents say they've been treated as if they aren't committed to their work because they have kids.

Read more here:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/article/fast-facts-working-moms/>

Supreme Court Justice Breyer

AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell made a statement about Justice Breyer's retirement announcement

Read the statement here:

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/news/media/press-releases/statement-on-retirement-of-supreme-court-justice-stephen-breyer/>

Some Good News About Women in Corporate Governance in Massachusetts

The Boston Globe reports that more women than ever are in top jobs at Massachusetts' top 100 companies. [Read the story by clicking here.](#)



Do you know about AAUW's Equity Network?

"An inclusive learning community with a single goal: Equity for all."

"Are you interested in building your network, enhancing your professional development and working alongside others to advocate for change? The Equity Network is advancing the conversation and leading the charge to achieve equity for all. Connect with individuals who share your commitment to inclusion on our campuses, in our

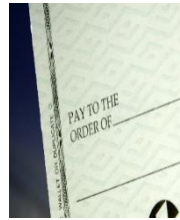
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workplaces and in our communities — and who want to do something about it.”

[Read about the Equity Network here.](#) And then pass the information on to women you know who might be interested in joining.

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

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-](https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2021/07/2021-2022-Booklist.docx.pdf)

[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). The Zoom link is also on the calendar page. This month's selection is *The Stories from Suffragette City*, Fiona Davis and M.J. Rose.

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>



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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

March 2022 Women's History Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	1 Mardi Gras Shrove Tuesday	2 Ash Wednesday	3	4	5
6	7	8 Branch Program 7 pm	9	10	11	12
13 Daylight Savings Time Starts	14	15 Book Discussion 6:30 pm	16	17 Purim St. Patrick's Day 🍀 Evacuation Day	18	19
20 March Equinox	21 International Day for the Elimination of Racial Discrimination	22 Branch Board Meeting 7pm	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30	31	1	2

March 8, Branch Meeting: *Summer Suffragists: Woman Suffrage Activists in Scituate*, 7 pm
See Zoom link in lead article

March 15, Book discussion of *The Stories from Suffragette City*, Fiona Davis and M.J. Rose
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86719642291?pwd=UEIrOEpiZGZnQnlIbzVJOFZiSVlOdz09>
Meeting ID: 867 1964 2291
Passcode: 767265
Dial by your location
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
The link will be sent again closer to the date.

March 22, Branch Board Meeting, 7 pm
Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83560341796?pwd=N2F2Y3FFYzI2Nm5McjVqb2ViMk41Zz09>
Meeting ID: 835 6034 1796
Passcode: 862919
Dial by your location
+1 929 205 6099 US (New York)
The link will be sent again closer to the date.

April 30, AAUW-MA Annual Meeting: *Paving the Way*, 1 -3, via Zoom. Details will be published in the April *BayStater*.
SAVE THE DATE!