



News of Note

April 2022

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

What's Happening at the State House? Are We Moving Forward? What Can We Do? April 12, 7 pm via Zoom

Legislative Update with State Representative Joan Meschino



Representative Joan Meschino will join us at our April meeting via Zoom to discuss her legislative successes and the progress of her legislation. She will also talk about the ways bills move through legislative process, and she'll update us on legislation relevant to AAUW.

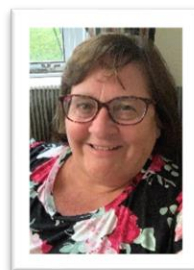
Representative Meschino represents the Third Plymouth District in the Massachusetts Legislature covering Cohasset, Hingham, and Hull.

Please join us on Tuesday, April 12 at 7 pm via Zoom to welcome Representative Meschino.

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Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/89998296626?pwd=cndTMng3MGR1WHhWQ2RHRDNsS0VYZ09>

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Co-President's Message

The days are just flying by. I hope everyone is enjoying the nice weather and getting out a little more now!

Thank you to Carol Sullivan-Hanley for setting up our March meeting. We had a great presentation by author Lyle Nyberg. He shared stories and information about his research for his book **Summer Suffragists: Woman Suffrage Activists in Scituate Massachusetts**. It was great to learn about the local women and men that helped the suffrage movement. Also for those of you that like local history he has written two other books about Scituate. Patrice Metro has been busy setting up our April 12th meeting. MA State Representative Joan Meschino will be attending to give us an update about legislation happening here in Massachusetts.

Save the Date for our AAUW-MA Annual Meeting: **PAVING THE WAY** on April 30th- 1-3 pm (virtual event) commemorating the 50th Anniversary of Title IX, highlighting the impact of Title IX and AAUW Fellowships, Grants, and Programs. This would be a great opportunity to invite a friend to join you to learn more about the wonderful things that AAUW does to advocate for women and girls. Following the program from 2:30 – 3 pm there will be a business meeting for all AAUW-MA members. Mark your calendar now and plan to attend!

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President
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Co-President's Message



Well, it appears Spring is on the way and hopefully Covid is going away! Of course, I am sitting here on the covered patio area of my son's house in Florida and the temperature is 80! My husband and I will be taking a Caribbean Cruise next week with the family including our granddaughters and I am looking forward to it.

Our March Branch meeting was wonderful. We always hear about the women in the large cities who were leaders and participants in the Suffragist movement but to learn from Lyle Nyberg about the local women who were involved was wonderful. Women from our neighboring town, Scituate, who worked for us to have the right to vote is enlightening. Thank you, Carol Sullivan Hanley, for bringing this author to us. I have not read the book yet but it is on my list.

Will see you all in April. I may even have a tan!! 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) student 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](#)
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Money Matters

Attached to this newsletter you will find the branch 2022-2023 budget to be voted on at the April meeting and your **Dues Bill** for the upcoming year.

Membership Matters

It doesn't seem possible that another successful year is coming to an end. Having our Book Discussion Group and our Monthly Programs on Zoom has resulted in a good turnout of members. As much as we miss seeing each other, Zoom has eliminated cold snowy nights and disappointing cancellations of programs because of storms.

We have had some very interesting speakers this past year. Have a friend join you these evenings on Zoom. This may pique their interest in joining.

We all know there is strength in numbers in any organization that works for the good of others. When our national organization reports our yearly accomplishments, we realize the tremendous progress we have made in the lives of girls and women. Support from local and state AAUW members make all this possible.

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

[Anne Foley](#)
Co-Membership VP



One small way you can help grow our membership is to volunteer to make 5 or 10 phone calls the week of April 11 or 18 to our Massachusetts members-at-large to invite them to our annual meeting program, **Paving the Way**.

Many AAUW national members do not know there is a local branch just waiting for them to join. You will be given a sample script and all the information necessary. If you can manage just 5 or 10 calls, please contact [Deb McDonald](#), (508) 243-5005.

May Celebration



Save the Date: Tuesday, May 10th at 6:30 pm for our annual dinner meeting. More information will be coming soon.

Public Policy

Two-minute activist:

Confirm Judge Ketanji Brown Jackson
Read AAUW support statement for the judge
(February 25). [Click here.](#)

Workforce Gender Disparities Endure for Parent-Age Adults

By Emerson Sprick

Bipartisan Policy Center, Feb 24, 2022

Since summer 2020, parent-age women have been significantly more likely than parent-age men to remain out of the labor force. In early 2022, the gap between women and men has not closed. The ramifications for women's current and future financial security are worrying. The pandemic might have elicited the gap, but there are other factors that make mothers vulnerable. We need policies to support parent-age women, or the lag in their participation will continue.

The article traces the workforce participation rates of parent-age women and men through the pandemic. [Click here.](#)

What To Do About America's Child Care Crisis

From NPR's 'Consider This', February 26, 2022

Listen to this interesting 14-minute segment from NPR. "Elliot Haspel, author of *Crawling Behind: America's Childcare Crisis and How to Fix It*, outlines how the system broke down these past few years and the ways the US could fix it."

[Click here to listen.](#)

Massachusetts bills we are following include:

- H605. An Act providing affordable and accessible high quality early education and care to promote child development and well-being and support the economy in the Commonwealth
- H1709. An Act to end child marriage in Massachusetts
- H1339 An Act to guarantee debt-free public higher education
- H2020 An Act relative to transparency in the workplace. Is this now being incorporated in S2721 entitled An Act relative to pay equity? Along with H1950 An Act relative to wage transparency?

- H769 An Act supporting parents running for public office
- H1935 An Act to require policies and training to prevent unlawful harassment, including sexual harassment

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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 7 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). The Zoom link is also on the calendar page. This month's selection is *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett.

Nominating

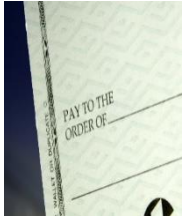
I am happy to announce that Gail Saccone has stepped up to accept the nomination to the position of Co-President for the next year. Ginny Giordano has accepted to be our next Treasurer as Sandy Carle will be stepping down. Thank you, Ginny, for your years of service as President. Also, thank you, Sandy, for your years of taking care of all of our finances.

We have openings on the board for Co- Membership and Program. Although we are a small group, I would hope that someone would volunteer to be a co-chair for membership with Anne Foley. Please let me know if you are willing to accept either of these positions. Officers' positions run from July 1, 2022 to June 30, 2023.

[Sheila Doherty](#)

Nominating 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

AAUW-MA Update

AAUW-MA Co-Presidents [Cris Ajemian](#) and [Katherine Honey](#) and their board have not only been busy planning the AAUW-MA Annual Meeting, *Paving the Way*, which will be held virtually on **April 30th** from 1 – 3 pm., but also they have several other meetings and important dates lined up in the next month or two. On **March 29th** the revised AAUW-MA Bylaws should arrive at your branch president's inbox to be forwarded to branch members. The Bylaws need to be approved by the membership at the annual meeting. On **April 4th** you should receive a **Save the Date** for the annual meeting on April 30th. On **April 13th** Cris and Katherine plan to meet with our present College/University partner liaisons. If you know of anyone working in higher education, let Cris or Katherine know so they can invite them to learn the benefits to their institution by joining AAUW as a C/U Partner. On **May 18th** AAUW-MA is planning a meeting on grants and fellowships. Attendees will learn about many funds available from not only AAUW but also local communities. Anyone who would like funding for a special project is invited to attend. Again, let Cris or Katherine know who should be invited.

PS AAUW-MA notices now arrive through Constant Contact. Many email programs filter group emails. Gmail uses Promotions, other programs may send to Spam, so please check if you do not receive the AAUW-MA Save the Date notice by April 4th.

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

AAUW-MA College Student Membership Initiative

AAUW-MA is launching a pilot program offering to pay for annual AAUW Student Memberships for up to two students (maybe more) per branch. In return, the college students will be asked to attend in person or virtually a branch or AAUW-MA meeting to help us to learn which issues are important to college students and the seeds will have been planted for future AAUW membership. The student memberships will be paid through the Historic Milestone Fund. Branch presidents and Membership chairs have been sent more details. If you know of a graduating high school senior or present college student attending a two- or four-year college who might be interested in participating, please let [Hollie Bagley](#) or [Lynn Howard](#) know.

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>

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

April 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
27	28	29	30	31	1 April Fool's Day	2 Ramadan begins
3	4	5	6	7	8	9
10 Palm Sunday	11	12 Branch Program 7pm	13 AAUW-MA Meeting for C/U Partners	14	15 Good Friday Passover begins	16
17 Easter	18 Patriots Day	19 Book Discussion 7 pm	20	21	22 Earth Day (US)	23
24	25	26	27	28 Take Your Daughter to Work Day	29 Arbor Day	30 AAUW-MA Annual Meeting

April 12, Branch Meeting: *Legislative Update with Representative Joan Meschino*, 7 pm.

See Zoom link in the lead article.

April 19, Book discussion of *The Vanishing Half* by Britt Bennett, 7 pm.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86217354818?pwd=U2ozN2RqTGhqR3QwbWRmSitBSGVnUT09>, Meeting ID: 862 1735 4818

Passcode: 178989

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 AAUW-MA April 4th email: SAVE THE DATE!

