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News of Note

October 2022

Branch Program

Moms Demand Action

Tuesday, October 11 at 7 pm
Virtually via Zoom

The statistics are appalling. An average of 109 people died of gun violence each day in 2019, bringing the most recent five-year average (2015-2019) to 106 gun deaths per day. 23,941 Americans died by firearm suicide in 2019, 66 people every day. 14,414 Americans died by firearm homicide in 2019, more than 39 people every day. (<https://efsgv.org/>) What can be done?

MOMS DEMAND ACTION FOR GUN SENSE IN AMERICA Our first program of the year will take place virtually on October 11th at 7 pm via Zoom. Jennifer Regan Robinson will bring us up to date on the organization **Moms Demand Action** and what they are doing to make our local communities safer.

Moms Demand Action is a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. They pass stronger gun laws and work to close the loopholes that jeopardize the safety of our families. They also work in our own communities and with business leaders to encourage a culture of responsible gun ownership. They know that gun violence is preventable, and they're committed to doing what it takes to keep families safe.

Moms Demand Action has established a volunteer chapter in every state of the country and Washington, D.C. and is part of Everytown for Gun Safety, the largest gun violence prevention organization in the country with nearly 10 million supporters.

Please join us for this informative program.

[Carol Sullivan-Hanley](#)
Chair



Join Zoom Meeting

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Co-President's Message



Happy Autumn! We had a lovely Kick-Off gathering a few weeks ago. Thank you to Ginny Giordano for arranging the location and to Sheila Doherty for ordering, picking up and setting up our dinner. It was so nice to meet in person so we could socialize and catch up with each other.

We have some interesting programs planned for this year. I'm looking forward to our October meeting on Tuesday, October 11th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom. Carol Sullivan-Hanley has arranged for us to have a speaker from **Moms Demand Action**, a grassroots movement of Americans fighting for public safety measures that can protect people from gun violence. We have a few other events happening in October that support our mission. On October 5 and 6th, we will be doing a **Get Out the Vote**-Voter Registration drive at the Weymouth High School. Then on Saturday, October 22nd we're having our annual **STEM Conference for Girls** in Grades 4-8 at the Weymouth High School. If you're available to help at the STEM Conference, please send me an email at lynnphoward97@gmail.com. Don't forget to let your friends and family know about our programs and invite them to join us.

We are still looking for program ideas for our November meeting, if you have any suggestions, please let me or Gail know.

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President

Membership Matters

Now that we have our annual kick-off dinner behind us, we look ahead to the upcoming programs and projects on the local level. Along with our Voter Registration Project and our STEM Conference that will be taking place in October, we have several



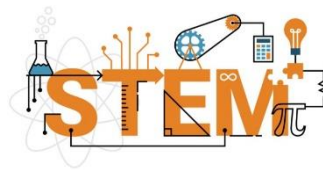
monthly programs throughout the year that will be on Zoom, a perfect opportunity to invite a friend to join you. Increasing

our membership makes our voice more powerful as

we strive to improve the lives of women and girls. Throughout the country, AAUW trains women through workshops and conferences to negotiate for higher salaries. We support state and local fair pay legislation and fund research on the gender pay gap and women's student debt burden. AAUW has been working to ensure that schools and work places are free of discrimination and harassment. These are just a few of the issues affecting women that AAUW has been working on. A strong membership helps to support both local and national programs.

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership

STEM Conference for Girls



The South Shore Area Branch and the Weymouth Public Schools will once again be hosting a **STEM**

Conference for Girls in Grades 4-8. The Conference will be on Saturday, October 22nd from 8 a.m.-1 p.m. at Weymouth High School. As in the past we will have a Keynote speaker followed by three sessions of interactive workshops for the attendees. The attendees will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of STEM careers (coding, engineering, healthcare, robotics, science, math etc.) **We will need workshop presenters to present one-hour hands-on workshops. In addition, we need volunteers to assist with the workshops.** Please email me at lynnphoward97@gmail.com if you have names of potential presenters and/or if you can volunteer. All presenters and volunteers must complete a CORI form prior to the STEM Conference at the Weymouth Public Schools Office.

[Lynn Howard](#)
STEM Chair



STEM Science, Technology,
Engineering, Mathematics

Public Policy

Abortion Rights

AAUW members have made the protection of reproductive rights an unwavering policy principle since 1977, including in the 2021-2023 Public Policy Priorities

The public policy team engages in many efforts on this key issue, including but not limited to:

- Working in coalition with other gender equity and reproductive rights organizations, including **Bans Off Our Bodies** and the **Act for Abortion Access** campaigns.
- Mobilizing AAUW advocates and members through targeted calls to action on important legislation, like the **Women's Health Protection Act**.
- Engaging directly with elected leaders and the public through calls, letters to political offices, comments and testimony in hearings, and statements on unfolding events.
- Providing voter education resources on key equity issues to consider during elections and offering information on how elected officials have voted in the past

Opportunities to Improve Reproductive Health

Take action to fight for reproductive freedom in the states.

- Learn more about the status of abortion in your state with the **Gutmacher Institute's** policy analysis and state legislation tracker.
- Take opportunities to meet with your representatives on your home turf and hold in-district meetings to share your thoughts when Congress is in recess.
- Read more about what you can do, including contacting your elected officials, writing a letter to the editor, and engaging in community forums.
- Engage with the **Bans Off Our Bodies** coalition efforts and check for events near you!

For more information and opportunities to donate, volunteer and support reproductive freedom:

- Planned Parenthood 'Bans Off Our Bodies': <https://www.plannedparenthoodaction.org/ri-ghtfully-ours/bans-off-our-bodies#events>
- <https://reproductiverights.org>
- <https://abortionfunds.org/>
- <https://www.gutmacher.org/>

AAUW Statement on Reproductive Rights.

August 2022.

See the full document here:

<https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2022/08/Repro-Rights-Quick-Facts-Aug-2022.pdf>

Sign up for Two-Minute Activist to get regular alerts to be able to take timely action for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more.

SIGN UP HERE: <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

[Patrice Metro](#)

Public Policy Chair

Get Out the Vote (GOTV)



The South Shore Area Branch will be doing a **Get Out the Vote-Voter Registration** event at the Weymouth High School during the lunchtime

(10:30-1:00) on October 5th and 6th. There are two cafeterias, so we will do it on two different days (one each day). We will be set up with a laptop for students to register online and we'll also have paper forms for those who would rather do it the old-fashion way.

Volunteers are always welcome. Volunteers need to complete a CORI at the Weymouth Public Schools Office. If you are interested in helping with the **Get Out the Vote-Voter Registration**, please email Gail Saccone at gvsaccone@comcast.net.

Book Discussion

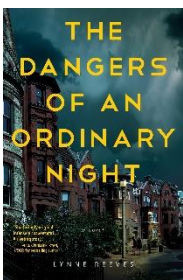


The branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-August on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

The October 18th book selection is *The Diamond Eye* by Kate Quinn.

Even you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! Just let Lynn Howard (lynnphoward97@gmail.com) know and she will include your email in the Zoom link. If you can't join us for all of the monthly meetings just let us know if there is one or more, you'd like to be part of and you'll get the Zoom link.

The reading list is also posted on the branch web page under Activities. The direct link is <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/08/2022-2023-Book-List.pdf>.



Local author Lynne Reeves has agreed to be our guest at our January 17th meeting for our traditional all-member read. We will be reading her latest book, *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night: A Novel*,

characterized as “an exploration of the explosive family secrets that are often hidden in plain sight”. We hope all members will participate in this exciting event!

Apply for a Fellowship or Grant

Spread the word: The submission period for the 2023-24 [AAUW Fellowships and Grants](#) is open.



Application deadlines run from November to December 2022. Follow in the footsteps of award-winning authors, scientists, scholars, changemakers and community leaders. The exceptional recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

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

October 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5 Voter Registration 10:30 am	6 Voter Registration 10:30 am	7	8
9	10 Columbus Day Indigenous Peoples' Day	11 Branch Program 7 pm	12	13	14	15
16	17	18 Book Discussion 6:30 pm	19	20	21	22 STEM Conference for Girls 8 am
23	24	25 Branch Board Meeting 7 pm	26 A	27	28	29 Last Day to Register for November 8 voting
30	31 Halloween 					

October 5, Voter Registration Project, Weymouth
High School, Door 36, 10:30 am – 1:30 pm

October 6, Voter Registration Project, Weymouth
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October 22, STEM Conference for Girls, Weymouth
High School, Door 36, 8 am – 1 pm

October 25, Board Meeting, 7 pm, via Zoom. Link will
be sent closer to the date