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News of Note

September 2022

Branch Program

AAUW South Shore Branch invites you to our annual:

Kick Off Supper

**Tuesday, September 13 at 6:30 pm
Donovan Farm Clubhouse**

Our “Kick Off” Supper will be held this year on Tuesday, September 13th. We will be gathering at Donovan Farm Clubhouse at 6:30 pm. The address is 17 Donovan Farm Way, Norwell. It will be a sandwich supper and the cost is \$15 cash for everyone who attends. I hope you will be able to join us for a fun filled night. Reservations should be made via text 781-267-1098 or email me at greenharbor11@verizon.net by Thursday, September 8. Thanks!



*[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair*

Parking Information for Donovan Farms Clubhouse

There is a Parking Lot in Front of and alongside the Clubhouse. If it should be full, you can park on the right-hand side of the roadway. Please do not drive onto the grassy area since it contains sprinklers for the irrigation system (which has not been used in years due to water shortage restrictions).

Co-President’s Message



Welcome back to another year of informative programs and the chance to see friends that we have missed! I’d like to start off by thanking Ginny Giordano for her leadership and dedication to the South Shore Branch over these last difficult and trying pandemic years.

Also, thank you to Lynn Howard, co-president, who set up the links for our programs to be available via Zoom. We managed to “see” each other and connect by Zoom and we were able to keep our programs available even during the winter months. Our Book Group also met via Zoom. For the next two years Lynn Howard and I will be co-presidents of our branch. We will take turns doing the President’s message.

We will have our annual Kick-Off Supper on September 13th at 6:30 pm at Donovan Farms Clubhouse. There is more information about this in this issue. Lynn will be working on plans for the STEM program on October 22nd at Weymouth High School. Our branch is also excited to be part of the state-wide initiative called GET OUT THE VOTE. See Lynn’s articles about these programs. We will need volunteers from our branch for both of these programs to be successful. Please let us know if you can help at one or both of these programs. Thank you!

I’d like to do a little bragging about our branch members! I am proud to announce that Hollie Bagley is the AAUW-MA Membership Chair, Lynn Howard is the AAUW-MA STEM Chair, and Patrice Metro

has continued on as AAUW-MA Public Policy Co-Chair. Thank you to these outstanding AAUW members!

We have interesting programs planned for the months ahead. Most meetings will be presented via Zoom; however, if there is a possibility of in-person programs we will let you know by email or in the *News of Note*.

Looking forward to seeing you on September 13th!

Regards,
[Gail Saccone](#)
781-424-4356

Membership Matters

As we begin a new year, let us all reach out to friends and invite them to join AAUW. Making them aware of a few of the many achievements AAUW has accomplished in areas of equity, opportunity and justice for women, may inspire them to join. The Equal Pay Act, Title IX of the Education Amendment, The Family and Medical Leave Act, and The Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act are just a few. Our monthly programs have introduced us to interesting speakers who have educated us on various subjects. Invite a friend to join you at a future program. We need to grow our South Shore branch. There is strength in numbers and there are issues that need to be dealt with in the future that will open the doors for women in their careers and their pursuit of higher education.

Please watch your email in the next couple of weeks for the new **2022-2023 Directory**. It will be emailed as a PDF electronic document to all members who have an email address and by regular mail to others. You will find the list of branch officers, our monthly meeting programs/activities, member contact information, and the booklist for the Book Discussion group this year.

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership

Public Policy

Massachusetts FINALLY Ended Child Marriage

On July 28, Governor Charlie Baker signed the law that raises the legal age for marriage to 18 with no exceptions, thus ending child marriage in Massachusetts. The state became the seventh state to end child marriage - joining Delaware, Minnesota, New Jersey, New York, Pennsylvania and Rhode Island.

The Commonwealth will now protect children from being forced or coerced into a legally binding contract. According to state records, 1,246 children as young as 14 were married in Massachusetts between 2000 and 2018 and 89.9 percent of them were girls wed to adult men. Click [here](#) for more information.

Update on the Common Start Legislation

The legislation called – 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 – unanimously passed the Senate, and then was stalled before it could be voted on in the House. The legislative session ended on July 31st.



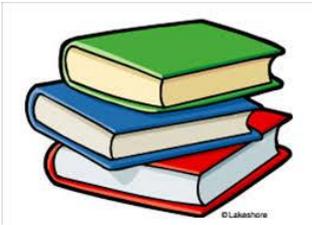
It is hoped that it might still pass the House in informal session before the end of the year – however it is unlikely. On a positive note, Governor Baker signed the FY23 Budget on July 28, 2022, which includes a major down payment toward the Common Start vision.

The FY23 Budget included \$250 million for Childcare Stabilization Grants, \$60 million for increased rates for subsidized providers, \$200 million towards reserve funds for education and early childcare reforms. However, the economic development bill did not pass. It would have allocated funding towards.

The Common Start Coalition, of which AAUW-MA is a partner, will continue to work to get the framework bill passed in the next session.

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

Book Discussion

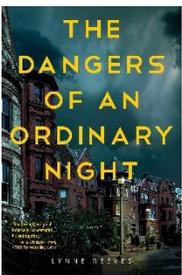


The branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-August on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Our first book selection for 2022-2023 is *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge. Gail has invited everyone to come to her house in Braintree (33 May Ave) on September 20th at 6:30 pm.

Even you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! If you would prefer to attend via Zoom 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.

Hollie has attached the entire selection list for the year along with this issue. It 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!



Get Out the Vote (GOTV)

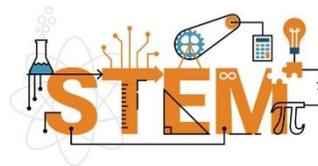
The South Shore Area Branch will be doing a Get Out the Vote-Voter Registration event at the Weymouth High School during the lunchtime (10:30-1:00) in early October. There are two cafeterias, so we are looking to do it on two different days (one each day).



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-fashioned way. **We need volunteers to help at the event.** 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.

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](mailto:lynnphoward97@gmail.com)
STEM Chair

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

September 2022

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 Labor Day	6	7	8 RSVP Deadline for Kick Off Supper	9	10
11 911 Remembrance	12	13 Branch Meeting: Kick Off Supper	14	15	16	17 Constitution Day
18	19	20 Book Discussion National Voter Registration Day	21 International Peace Day (UN)	22 Autumnal Equinox	23	24
25 Rosh Hashanah begins	26	27 Rosh Hashanah ends	28	29	30	

September 8, Deadline for RSVPing for Kick Off Supper

September 13, Branch Program: Kick Off Supper, Donovan Farm Clubhouse, Norwell, 6:30 pm

September 20, Book Discussion of *West with Giraffes* by Lynda Rutledge, 6:30 pm. Zoom link will be sent closer to the date of the event. If you do not receive the link, please request it from [Lynn Howard](#).

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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