

December 2022

December Branch Activity

Holiday Social

Sunday, December 4 at noon

Tinker's Son Restaurant, Norwell



On Sunday December 4th we will have our **Holiday Social** beginning at noon at the Tinker's Son Restaurant in Norwell, 707 Main St 02061. I hope you will be able to come. On Sundays the restaurant offers an Irish buffet or you can order off the menu. They feature an Irish

band which should add to the merriment! Please let me know by Thursday, December 1st by text or phone so I can make a reservation for all of us. I hope to see you on Dec 4th.

[Shelia Doherty](#)
Social Chair
781-267-1098

Co-President's Message



Thank you to Hollie for setting up the November program for us. I'm sorry I couldn't be there to take part in the discussion. I did take some time this weekend to listen to the webinar and like those that attended the meeting I found the webinar with Gloria

Blackwell and Dr. Keisha Blain to be very

interesting and informative. Many that attended the meeting said they didn't know very much about Fannie Lou Hamer before the webinar and they enjoyed hearing about the work done by an AAUW Fellow. If you weren't able to attend the meeting you can watch the webinar by going to the website [AAUW Webinars](#). Also, if you want to learn more about Fannie Lou Hamer and have young children there is a great book about Fannie that I've read to my 4th grade students the past couple of years *Voice of Freedom: Fannie Lou Hamer: The Spirit of the Civil Rights Movement* by Carole Boston Weatherford and Ekua Holmes (Illustrator).

As we begin the last month of 2022 I'm looking forward to our annual holiday luncheon on Sunday, December 4th at Tinker's Son in Norwell at noon. It will be nice to see people in person to catch up and reflect on things from this year. Please let Sheila know (phone or text 781-267-1098) by December 1st if you will be attending so that she can make the reservation. Save the date for our January meeting which will be on Tuesday, January 17th (not January 10th). We will be discussing the book *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night* by Lynne Reeves. The meeting will be held via Zoom and Lynne will be joining our discussion. I hope everyone has a wonderful holiday season!

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President

Happy
Holidays!

Membership Matters

Our AAUW branch has had a very busy fall with the Get Out the Vote event and the STEM Conference for Girls. Both were very successful. Our monthly programs, Moms Demand Action (gun sense) and the webinar on Fannie Lou Hamer (how her AAUW Fellowship helped launch her career), were very informative and concluded with a lively discussion by AAUW members on Zoom. We should be proud of all that we have accomplished in such a short time. A little bragging about our accomplishments to friends may inspire them to join us. We still have several wonderful programs planned for the remainder of the AAUW year. If someone joins between January and March 15, dues are half-price.



[Anne Foley](#)
Membership

We mourn the passing of Sandy Carle. Sandy was an active branch member. For many years she served as our treasurer and/or finance officer. Sandy was a gracious host and fierce competitor on game nights and a regular participant in our Adventures in Dining. In her quiet way she made her mark in all of the many organizations of which she was a member. She will be missed. RIP

Public Policy

Good news for women in Massachusetts state government



The next legislature will have 60 women – around 30% of the members.

All but one of the elected constitutional officers will be women: Governor, Lt Governor, Attorney General, Auditor, and Treasurer. And, among them, are the first woman governor in MA, the first openly gay governor in MA, and the first Black woman elected to a statewide office in MA as attorney general.

Legislative Updates

Three bills AAUW-MA has been supporting:

- **An Act supporting parents running for public office.** The bill allows for childcare expenses to be paid for from campaign funds. It was reported favorably by the Election Laws Committee and is currently before the Senate Committee on Ways & Means.
- **The Special Legislative Early Education & Care Economic Review Commission reported recommendations and filed an omnibus bill, *An Act to expand access to high-quality, affordable early education and care.*** The bill passed the Senate, making transformative changes in MA's early education and childcare system, and providing critical support to women, families, and the early education workforce.
- **An act to end child marriage in Massachusetts** passed and was included in the FY23 budget.

Also, you might be interested to know....

An Act relative to the creation of a women's rights history trail establishes a women's rights history trail in the Commonwealth and an advisory commission to recommend appropriate sites. The bill passed the House and the Senate and was signed into law.

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

Book Discussion



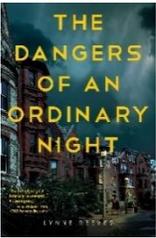
The branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-August on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

The December 20th selection is *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes.

Even you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! Just let [Lynn Howard](#) 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!

Giving Season



As we kick off this year's season of giving, AAUW is pleased to announce that, thanks to a generous matching gift from AAUW's Board of Directors, committee leaders and staff, they will double your year-end donation up to \$57,000.

That means your gift will go twice as far to:

- Publish relevant research like our recent survey highlighting how student loans are unfairly burdening women of color, which was released the same day President Biden announced he would cancel a portion of Americans' educational debt.
- Offer workshops to inform and inspire teen girls interested in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering Mathematics)—particularly girls of color—along with dozens of other webinars to empower women at every career stage.
- Push legislators to pass state and federal equity laws, while also partnering with employers to ensure their policies promote equal pay for equal work.

Every member of the AAUW board of directors contributed to this year's matching fund. It's a true testament to how committed AAUW's leaders are to our mission of advancing equity through research, education and advocacy.

Please, don't miss this chance to double the impact of your year-end contribution up to \$57,000. Women and girls need you. And, more than ever, our country needs them to build a better future for us all.

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<http://aauw-ma.aauw.net/branches/southshorearea/>

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<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

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.



Equity Now

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

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

December 2022

| Sunday | Monday | Tuesday | Wednesday | Thursday | Friday | Saturday |
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| 27 | 28 | 29 Giving Day  | 30 Native Women's Equal Pay Day | 1 RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social | 2 | 3 |
| 4 Holiday Social Noon  | 5 | 6 | 7 | 8 | 9 | 10 |
| 11 | 12 | 13 | 14 | 15 | 16 | 17 |
| 18 | 19 Hanukkah day 1  | 20 Book Discussion 6:30 pm | 21 | 22 | 23 | 24 Christmas Eve  |
| 25 Christmas Day Hanukkah day 7 | 26 | 27 | 28 | 29 | 30 | 31 New Year's Eve  |

December 1, Deadline for RSVP for Holiday Social

December 4, Holiday Social, Tinker's Son Restaurant,
Norwell, 12 pm

December 20, Book Discussion of *The Spanish Daughter* by Lorena Hughes, 6:30 m. Zoom link will be sent closer to the date.

