

News of Note

February 2023

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

Looking Back – Moving Forward February 14, 7 pm via Zoom

It's your AAUW, and your voice counts. Our February Branch program is designed especially for our members who don't often get to attend our meetings. If you have been unable to attend any of our programs this year, please do whatever it takes to attend our February 14 program via Zoom at 7pm. It is also a perfect opportunity to invite a prospective member to learn more about AAUW and our branch.

First, we will have an update on AAUW National, followed by a brief introduction of our state and branch leaders. Then we will take a look at our branch accomplishments: its events, activities and programs this year so far and what is to come.

Perhaps the most important part of the evening is hearing from you. What makes you most proud to be an AAUW member? How do we best explain the benefits of our membership to others? How can you help to recruit others to join our organization? What topics would you suggest for future meetings? What format is best for you: in person, via Zoom, or hybrid online/in person? What is the primary reason you attend/don't attend our meetings? What makes a good program? What would draw others to our branch?

Come to the meeting with your ideas. Your leaders can't do it alone. Please help us to shape the future of our branch.

Looking forward to seeing and hearing from you on February 14th. Let's break the record for the most in attendance in 2023! *(Zoom link on Calendar page)*

Co-President's Message



We had a fabulous meeting in January with author Lynne Reeves, discussing her book *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night*. Everyone in attendance was glad that Lynne was able to join us. She shared information about how she came up with the ideas for the book, her writing process, the research she did for the book, and then she answered questions that we had about the book. "*The Dangers of an Ordinary Night* is an exploration of the explosive family secrets that are often hidden in plain sight" (Goodreads). The book takes place in Boston and the South Shore which made it even more interesting for us on the south shore. For those of you that are interested in seeing pictures of The Glades where the incident in the book takes place here's a video tour by the Scituate Historical Society [A Tour of The Glades](#). Thank you to Carol Sullivan-Hanley for setting up this enjoyable program. If you're looking for another novel of domestic suspense to read then you might want to check out Lynne's newest novel "Dark Rivers to Cross" that takes place in Maine.

At our February meeting "Looking Back-Moving Forward", we are going to take a look at what has been happening in AAUW at the national and local level. Then we will have a discussion about where we'd like to go and what we're going to do to continue to promote the mission of AAUW. So please join us on **Tuesday, February 14th at 7:00 p.m. via Zoom** and share your ideas as we begin planning our monthly programs and events for the coming year. *[Lynn Howard](#), Co-President*

Membership Matters

The AAUW branches locally and nationally have completed a very successful year and continues to trailblaze for women and girls. Barriers have been broken down and life in the workplace and in general have become more equitable for future generations of women and girls. We have come a long way, but the fight for gender equity is not over. We have much more to do. We are a very strong voice in the national conversation about gender pay gap. Be assured that your dues are put to good use. We advocate for laws and policies at the federal and state level. We still have much to accomplish and need your support to do so. Reaching out to friends and family to join our organization will make us stronger as we fight for equity for this generation and the next. During January and February, dues are half price and if one joins after March 15, their dues are paid through the next year.



Let's "Each one, Reach one". Recruit a new member in 2023!

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership VP

Public Policy



The new Massachusetts 193rd legislative session is just getting underway, and it will be a few weeks before we know new bill numbers and initial

actions. In the meantime, here are a couple notes regarding part of the AAUW-MA legislative agenda.

First and FINALLY the legislature passed the bill Ending Child Marriage in 2022!

Next, the Common Start Coalition, of which AAUW-MA is a member, is not letting up on its commitment to early education and child care legislation. Gov Healey identified early education

and child care as a top priority and she specifically called out Common Start as one of her priorities.

The coalition is finalizing a new draft of the bill, and as soon as the bill is filed, the coalition will be launching a huge cosponsor drive with the goal of getting a majority of legislators in both chambers to sponsor. We will be encouraging you to mail and call your legislators

The Common Start legislation would dramatically increase the affordability and quality of early education and child care for Massachusetts families. The bill's framework uses a combination of direct-to-provider operational funding and family financial assistance to reduce costs to families while compensating providers for the true cost of providing quality care.

BENEFITS

For families:

- Financial assistance to the majority of families to significantly lower the cost of care
- Enhanced earning opportunities, financial security, and long-term wellbeing

For children:

- Participation in high-quality early education and care programs
- Greater access to wraparound services
- Increased education attainment and life-time earnings and longer-term health benefits, including improvements to children's brain development

For providers:

- Increased public investments in providers to meet true cost of providing high-quality care
- Direct-to-provider operational funding provides stable source of funding and promotes delivery of higher quality care

For educators:

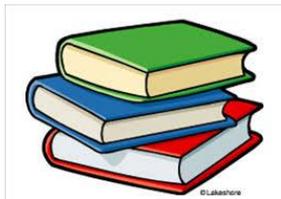
- Higher salaries and expanded professional development opportunities
- Support for higher credential/degree attainment

For businesses:

- Critical support to labor pool
- Aids recruitment, retention, and productivity

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

Book Discussion



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from usually on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm. The monthly selections for 2022-2023 are posted on the branch web page, direct link <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/08/2022-2023-Book-List.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). This month's selection is *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann.

Grant Universities (APLU). [*Let's Talk Money: Building Community Understanding of the Institutional Compensation System*](#) aims to share best practices for faculty compensation to a broad community in higher education.

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>

AAUW Tidbits

- This spring all AAUW members will vote on proposed changes to bylaws and AAUW public policy priorities. Members were given the opportunity to comment or propose changes. Deadline for comments was January 27 at 5pm ET.
- Key Dates for 2023 AAUW Voting
 - **April 5** | Voting opens (online voting is encouraged)
 - **May 15** | Online voting ends at 5:00 pm ET
 - **May 17** | Vote results announced online
- Submissions for AAUW's annual [art contest](#) are due by January 31. Winning entries will be featured on note cards sent to members in the spring.
- NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) will be held in person this year from May 31-June 3 at the University of Maryland, College Park. [Early registration](#) is now open.
- AAUW has partnered with Ms. Magazine. All AAUW members can get a [free, one year subscription to Ms.](#) You can also read CEO Gloria Blackwell's [article](#).
- AAUW has a five-year partnership with the Rochester Institute of Technology and Aspire/The Association of Public and Land

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

Equity Now

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

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.



SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR						
February 2023 Black History Month						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2 Groundhog Day 	3 National Wear Red Day 	4
5	6	7	8	9	10	11 International Day of Women and Girls in Science
12	13	14 Branch Program 7pm  Valentine's Day	15 Susan B. Anthony Day 	16	17 Random Acts of Kindness Day	18
19	20 Presidents' Day	21 Book Discussion 6:30pm Mardi Gras	22 Ash Wednesday	23	24	25 Introduce a Girl to Engineering Day
26 Letter to an Elder Day	27	28	1 First day of Women's History Month	2	3	4

January 27, Last day to comment on proposed changes to AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Priorities

February 14, Branch Meeting: **Looking Back – Moving Forward**, 7 pm via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88589665497?pwd=K1Y1VEd5YkhPNHF4QzRTMFJ2SXBoUT09>

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 Passcode: 214726
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February 21, Book Discussion: *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Gramm, 6:30pm

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86819847292?pwd=Q3VxbFBReTErR1hiSm9VTFZxMlByZz09>

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