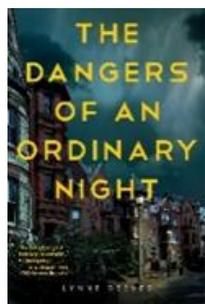


January 2023

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

## ***All-Member Book Discussion The Dangers of an Ordinary Night, with author Lynne Reeves January 17, 7 pm via Zoom***



Devoting the January branch meeting to a group book discussion has become a tradition. Some years we are lucky enough to have the author of the book we have read join us. This January author Lynne Reeves will join us via Zoom to discuss her book *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night*.

This twisty and affecting thriller combines a meticulously constructed crime story with a devastating domestic drama about the blind spots in our most precious relationships. Lynne writes, “With this novel, I wanted to explore the impact of addiction and betrayal on marriage. As a counselor working with families, I see the ripple effects of addiction on partners and children. I wanted to explore this reality through a fictional lens in hopes that the characters’ struggles will resonate with what readers may be going through in their own lives.”

Writing as Lynne Reeves, Lynne Reeves Griffin is a nationally recognized expert on relationships and family life.

Zoom link for the meeting is in the next column. It will also be sent again closer to the meeting date.

## ***Co-President’s Message***



Happy New Year! It’s hard to believe we are starting 2023! I know we’re all hoping that we don’t have any set-backs and can continue to get-together now and then. Thank you to Hollie Bagley for arranging a very interesting

Zoom webinar in November. We heard an AAUW Fellowship recipient, Dr. Keisha N. Blain, speak about what the fellowship meant to her and talk about her book *Until I am Free: Fannie Lou Hamer’s Enduring Message to America*. The December Holiday Dinner at Tinker’s Son in Norwell was really special...especially because we were able to be together! Thank you to Sheila Doherty for arranging this wonderful luncheon for us. Our next branch meeting will be on January 17<sup>th</sup> via Zoom. We will be meeting with author Lynne Reeves to discuss her book *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night*. Lynne has met with us before and we have always enjoyed a lively discussion with her. Please plan on joining us! We are still working on a program for February so we will be announcing that soon. Please let [Lynn Howard](#) or [Gail Saccone](#) know if you have any suggestions.

Best wishes for a happy, healthy New Year to you all!

[Gail Saccone](#)  
Co-President

**Join Zoom Meeting for January 17 Branch Meeting**  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86912041772?pwd=cEkya0tzSWphaWh0cEx5TkFmYXU2dz09>  
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## *Membership Matters*

Increasing our membership in AAUW is an ongoing challenge we should all take part in. As we all know, strength is in numbers. AAUW has always been about action working to ensure a fairer future for all of us. This is a good time to convince friends to join this powerful organization. During January and February, dues are half price and if one joins after March 15, their dues are paid through the next year. Make it a New Year's Resolution to try your best to help increase our membership.

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

[\*Anne Foley\*](#)  
Membership VP

## *Public Policy*

**Chief of Staff to the President, Ron Klain, calls Senator Warren "a close and important ally of our administration."**

Elizabeth Warren was elected in November of 2012 – the first woman elected to the Senate from Massachusetts. When she ran for re-election in 2018, she won more than 60% of the votes. She ran for the Democratic nomination for President in 2020 but ended her campaign after a disappointing Super Tuesday in March, 2020. She has a considerable national profile and has been a prolific fundraiser and supporter of Democrat candidates across the country.

Perhaps what has been less well known to some of us has been her behind-the-scenes influence on Biden administration policies such as tax policy, antitrust enforcement, judicial appointments, and student loans. She worked with Senate and House colleagues and has been persuasive in the administration's hiring of allies who support her policy objectives – allies like Richard Cordray who helped fashion a whole new system for student loans. She has worked with Senator Markey to push the administration to nominate judges with more diverse backgrounds and legal experience.

Warren points out that the Senate ... "passed the first corporate tax increase in 30 years. And we had all the money that made possible all of the climate reduction provisions," crediting Maine Senator Angus King who worked on the provision with her.

She has also been successful in supporting the placement of key figures in the administration's antitrust enforcement efforts: the Federal Trade Commission chairwoman, Lina Khan, and Jonathan Kanter, the Department of Justice's top antitrust official – ensuring that antitrust legislation will be used again.

In a recent interview, Warren again committed to make change by making the universal child-care issue visible nationally, building coalitions on the outside and the inside. In Massachusetts, AAUW-MA is a coalition member of the Common Start Coalition whose agenda is "... to provide children with an equal start in life, strengthen our economy in a way that also reduces racial, gender, and income inequality in our state, and meet the needs of working parents and the 21st century workforce; Massachusetts families need affordable, accessible, high-quality early education and child care. We are working to establish a system of affordable, high-quality early education and child care for all Massachusetts families, over a multi-year timeline."



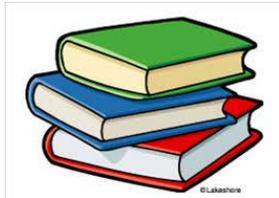
*Senator Elizabeth Warren*

See an interview with Senator Elizabeth Warren in The Boston Globe: [\*An astonishing two years': In wide-ranging interview, Elizabeth Warren reflects on policy wins under Biden administration.\*](#) By Jess Bidgood. Updated December 25, 2022, 5:36 p.m. Here is the link:

[https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/12/25/nation/warren-notches-wins-biden-administration-insider/?et rid=1794715023&s\\_campaign=globesmostpopular-newsletter&et rid=1794715023&s\\_campaign=globesmostpopular:newsletter](https://www.bostonglobe.com/2022/12/25/nation/warren-notches-wins-biden-administration-insider/?et rid=1794715023&s_campaign=globesmostpopular-newsletter&et rid=1794715023&s_campaign=globesmostpopular:newsletter)

[\*Patrice Metro\*](#)  
Public Policy Chair

## *Book Discussion*



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from usually on the 3<sup>rd</sup> 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 the entire branch will discuss Lynne Reeves' book *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night*. It is available on Amazon or it can be ordered through Buttonwood Books in Cohasset.

Ms. Reeves latest book *Dark Rivers*, a novel of domestic suspense, became available in November 2022.

## *Our Holiday Social*



*Missing from the photo: Fran Schlesinger and Phyllis Warren*

A good time was had by all at our branch Holiday Social on December 4<sup>th</sup>. Tinker's Son provided the delicious food and cozy atmosphere and our members provided the warm comraderie and conversation. It was so heartwarming to meet in person especially during the holiday season. Thank you once again to Sheila Doherty for arranging the event.

# HAPPY NEW YEAR

# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

**January 2023**

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16 Martin Luther King Day	17 Branch Program 7 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Branch Board Meeting 7 pm	25	26	27	28
29	30	1 First Day of Black History Month	2	3	4	5

**December 31**, Last day for your 2021 donation to AAUW

**January 17**, Branch Meeting: Discussion of *The Dangers of an Ordinary Night*, with author Lynne Reeves, 7 pm via Zoom (Please note this is the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of month)

**January 25**, Branch Board Meeting, 7 pm via Zoom (The Finance Committee will meet prior to the board meeting.)

The link will be sent closer to the date.

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