



News of Note

May 2023

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

May Celebration Dinner Tuesday, May 9, 6 pm Grille 151, Weymouth



Our May Celebration this year will be held on Tuesday May 9th at Grille 151, 151 Main Street (Route 18) Weymouth. We will be gathering at 6:00 pm. Please let me know if you will be attending by May 4th so I can

make a reservation. I hope you can attend as it will be our last AAUW meeting until September. I hope your winter has been a pleasant one. See you in May...

[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair
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Your Dues are Due

Attached to this month's *News of Note*, is your AAUW **Dues Bill** for the 2023-2024 year.



There have been some updates from our past Dues Bill including an update in the Association Dues. Please fill out and return this to South Shore Area Branch with your dues by **June 1**. Your input is important to keep our Branch functioning. If there are any questions regarding the bill feel free to contact me.

[Ginny Giordano](#)
Treasurer



Co-President's Message

Hello May! I hope we will have a little bit of spring before we head into the heat of summer! I had the chance to go to Washington, D.C. to visit my childhood friend with my daughter last week. We did the "tourist thing" of visiting the wonderful monuments that I especially appreciated after so much discord and tragic events happening lately. Our Capital is so beautiful and being reminded of all the wars and events that we have gotten through made me so proud to be an American.



I'm sorry that I missed the April meeting with State Representative Joan Meschino. I heard from some members at our book discussion tonight that it was a very interesting and dynamic discussion. Joan discussed ideas of how to get more people, especially young people, involved in public service. She also presented some of her particular interests and current legislation: child care, wage transparency, and the environment. She would very much like to encourage young women to get involved in politics. She enjoys meeting with our AAUW group and we'd like to engage with her again, maybe in connection with our STEM program.

Also, another reminder about letting Sheila Doherty know by May 4th if you'd like to join us for our annual May Celebration on Tuesday, May 9th at Grille 151. Hope to see you all there.

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Membership Matters

A very successful year is coming to an end. Your continued membership is so important in helping us to plan and execute an assortment of interesting and informative monthly programs for the coming year. AAUW members play an important role in shaping the future for women and girls. As a member, you are part of a community that is committed to our causes and directly fund our work. Your dues are put to very good use on the local, state and national level. It helps to train millions of women to negotiate for higher salaries and benefits, it supports state and local fair-pay legislation and it helps to develop more women leaders through workshops and conferences. Do plan to continue your membership with us. Strength is in numbers and every membership counts. Dues need to be submitted to our treasurer, Ginny Giordano, by June 1st.

[Anne Foley](#)

Membership VP

Public Policy

Joan Meschino, State Representative for the 3rd Plymouth district, once again joined our April meeting for a legislative update. We are always grateful for her insights, information and always educational discussion. Her signature legislation – the 2050 Roadmap to a Clean and Thriving Commonwealth – updated the state’s carbon emissions reduction goal to net zero emissions by 2050, required the state to set strong goals for 2030 and 2040, and, importantly, requires the state to create a plan to reach the goals. Among her next priorities are offshore wind, decarbonizing buildings, streaming services, and housing.

Representative Meschino is on the board of the Massachusetts Caucus of Women Legislators (MCWL). The top 3 priorities for the caucus are: women’s economic opportunity and eliminating barriers, racial and gender inequalities in healthcare, women in government.

The legislature is working on several bills this session which AAUW-MA has identified as our current ‘legislative agenda’. The bills cover:

Childcare and Early Education Wage Transparency; Wage Inequity Campaign Funds for Childcare

Rep. Meschino updated us on their progress. Her bill to allow parents running for office to use campaign funds for babysitting costs has been re-filed. The Senate passed it during the informal session, and effort is now focused on the House. Bills around salary range transparency, wage transparency, a livable wage and equity have started to post for hearings; she expects there to be more substance soon and requests for testimony. Finally, the childcare and early education bill (known as the CommonStart legislation) is making good progress; and, as it is part of Governor Healey’s overarching competitiveness theme, prospects for passage are good.

As these bills move through the legislature, AAUW-MA will be sending email alerts asking you to contact your legislators encouraging them to support the legislation.

If you have any questions or suggestions or would like to offer any testimony in reference to the bills, please contact me at patriceuk@aol.com.

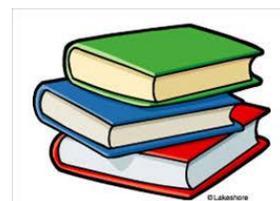
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Book Discussion



Our branch book discussion group meets monthly from September - May 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). The Zoom link is also on the calendar page. This month’s selection is *The Bonesetter’s Daughter* by Amy Tan.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

May 2023 Asian Pacific American Heritage Month

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
MARK THE DATE! Leadership in 2023 & Beyond April 29, AAUW-MA Annual Membership Meeting, 4-5:30 pm Announcement and Zoom link sent by AAUW-MA						
30	1	2	3	4 RSVP Deadline for Dinner	5 Cinco de Mayo 	6
7	8	9 Celebration Dinner 6 pm	10	11	12	13
14 Mothers' Day 	15 AAUW Election Deadline	16 Book Discussion 6:30 pm 	17	18 Ascension Day	19 Jerusalem Day	20
21	22	23	24	25 Shavuot Eve	26 Shavuot	27
28 Pentecost	29 Memorial Day Whit Monday	30	31	1 First Day of LGBTQ+ Pride Month	2	3

April 29, AAUW-MA Annual Membership Meeting for all members, 4-5:50 pm
Announcement and Zoom link sent by AAUW-MA

May 4, RSVP Deadline for May Dinner
May 9, Celebration Dinner, Grille 151, Weymouth, 6 pm

May 15, Ballot Deadline for voting in AAUW Election, 5 pm

May 16, Book Discussion, *The Bonesetter's Daughter* by Amy Tan, 6:30 pm

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84535835145?pwd=eDd1L1NkcnZPZ0dEODU0Rl6aHBEUT09>

Meeting ID: 845 3583 5145

Passcode: 374728

Zoom link will be sent again closer to the date.

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

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