



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

# News of Note

October 2023

## *Branch Program*

### *Climate Change: Its Effect on Our Communities*

**Tuesday, October 10 at 7 pm  
Scituate Public Library**



Climate change affects our communities every day. The Nature Conservancy of Massachusetts is dedicated to making a positive difference in Massachusetts

by bringing a spirit of innovation to preserving life on Earth. They are working with diverse partners to bring back healthy rivers, estuaries and fisheries; protect forests and the benefits they provide; transform the city landscape; and fight the causes of climate change, while working with communities to use nature to adapt to its impacts.

On October 10 at 7 pm at the Scituate Public Library (85 Branch Street, Scituate), our guest speaker, Emma Gildesgame, will speak on climate change and the ways The Nature Conservancy is working with communities to use nature to adapt to climate change.

Emma Gildesgame is the Climate Adaptation Scientist for the Massachusetts chapter of The Nature Conservancy. Her focus is on equitable nature-based solutions to help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change. She is responsible for managing water quality, climate adaptation, and nature-based solutions projects from community engagement

through planning, design, and implementation. She has more than 10 years of experience in environmental planning, communication, and ecosystem restoration. She has a Masters of Environmental Management from the Yale School of the Environment focused on urban coastal climate resilience.

Please join us to hear Emma's important message of hope for the future of life on Earth despite climate change.

For more information on this program, contact [Carol Sullivan-Hanley](#).

## *Co-President's Message*



Happy Fall! I hope everyone has had an opportunity to relax and enjoy some of the nice fall weather. We had a lovely Kick Off dinner in September. It was great to meet in person and catch up with everyone. Thank you to Ginny Giordano for hosting us at the Donovan Farms clubhouse and thank you to Sheila Doherty for organizing the food, it was delicious!

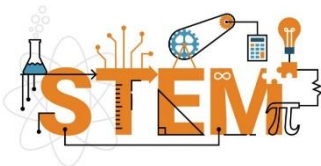
We have some great programs coming up this fall, please share the information with friends and family and invite them to join you. This month Carol Sullivan-Hanley has set up a timely and informative meeting for us. We will meet at 7:00 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10th at the Scituate Library. Our guest speaker will be Emma Gildesgame, a Climate Adaptation Scientist for the Massachusetts chapter of The Nature Conservancy. She will share with us

some of her experience with equitable nature-based solutions to help communities adapt to the impacts of climate change.

Our annual STEM Conference for Girls will be held on Saturday, October 28th at the Chapman Middle School (1051 Commercial Street) in Weymouth from 7:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. We need members to help at the Conference. Please send an email to me at <mailto:lynnphoward97@gmail.com> if you can help. Then on November 14th we will meet at the Braintree Library. Gail Saccone and Phyllis Warren will share information they have gathered about doing genealogy research. Finally, to wrap up 2023 we will gather for our annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 3rd at 12:30 p.m. at Grille 151 in Weymouth. I look forward to seeing you at these events as we continue to work together on the mission of AAUW-advocating for women and girls since 1881 and into the future!

*[Lynn Howard](#)  
Co-President*

## ***STEM Conference for Girls***



The South Shore Area Branch and the Weymouth Public Schools will be hosting our annual STEM

Conference for Girls at the Chapman Middle School in Weymouth on Saturday, October 28th 8:00 a.m. 1:00 p.m. As in the past we will have a Keynote speaker followed by three sessions of interactive workshops. The attendees will have the opportunity to learn about a variety of STEM careers (coding, engineering, healthcare, robotics, science, math etc.) We need volunteers to assist with the workshops. Please email me at [lynnphoward97@gmail.com](mailto:lynnphoward97@gmail.com) if you can volunteer. All volunteers must complete a CORI form prior to the STEM Conference at the Weymouth Public Schools Office.

*[Lynn Howard](#), STEM Chair*



## ***Membership Matters***

We began the year with a wonderful supper at the Donovan Farms Clubhouse on Tuesday, September 12th. It was such a treat to have an in-person gathering. This year we are planning to have several in-person programs and save our zoom presentations for the winter months.



October is a busy month as we prepare for our annual STEM Conference for Girls in grades 4-8 on Saturday, October 28th at the Chapman Middle School in Weymouth. A lot of work by AAUW members goes into planning and running this workshop. It is inspiring to watch the excitement these girls exhibit as they move from one workshop to the next. This is always such a positive start for AAUW members. Become involved from the start. Many interesting programs have been planned for this coming year. Bring a friend to one of them. It may spark their interest to join.

As part of a special partnership, we're pleased to offer new and renewing AAUW members a free, one-year membership to the legendary Ms. Magazine which includes four print issues. [Sign up](#) to get yours today!

*[Anne Foley](#)  
Membership*

## ***Public Policy***

### **Common Start Legislation Hearing Scheduled for October 17th!**

AAUW-MA is a partner in the Common Start Coalition which has been advocating for high-quality, affordable, and accessible child care for Massachusetts families. The budget is another step closer to achieving the Common Start vision of high-quality, affordable, and accessible child care for Massachusetts families.

A hearing is scheduled for October 17, and it is critical that we continue to advocate for the two bills: S.301 and H.489. They are both titled: "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”.

So please let me, Patrice Metro, know asap if you are interested in attending, would like transport, and whether you would like to submit testimony. If you would like to send written testimony or testify live in-person or virtually, we have helpful resources. Please contact me by October 3 for more information. The coalition is considering bus routes starting from Worcester, Springfield, Barnstable / Bourne, New Bedford / Fall River / Brockton, Lowell.

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*Below are updates on other State legislation we are following.*

### **An Act Relative to Salary Range Transparency H.1849 & S.1191**

This bill was heard before the Joint Committee on Labor Workforce Development on May 9.

### **An Act Supporting Parents Running for Public Office H.669 & S.422**

This bill was heard before the Joint Committee on Election Laws on May 17.

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

## ***Apply for a Fellowship or Grant***

Spread the word: The submission period for the 2024-25 [AAUW Fellowships and Grants](#) is open.

Application deadline is November 15, 2023.



Articles for publication in the South Shore Area branch newsletter, *News of Note*, should reach the editor, Hollie Bagley ([holliebagley@gmail.com](mailto:holliebagley@gmail.com)) by the 20<sup>th</sup> day of the previous month

## ***Book Discussion***

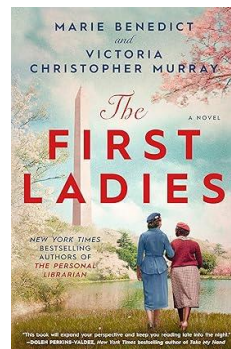
The branch book discussion group meets on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.



The October 17th book selection is ***Calling for a Blanket Dance*** by Oscar Hokeah.

Even you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! Just let Lynn Howard ([lynnphoward97@gmail.com](mailto: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.

The reading list is also posted on the branch web page under Activities. The direct link is <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/03/2023-2024-Book-List.pdf>



Our January 9th meeting is our traditional all-member read. We will be reading ***The First Ladies*** by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, a novel about the extraordinary partnership between First Lady Eleanor Roosevelt and civil rights activist Mary McLeod

Bethune—an unlikely friendship that changed the world. We hope all members will participate in this exciting event!

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>

# SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

## October 2023

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Contact <a href="#">Patrice</a> re: Common Start Legislation Hearing	4 <a href="#">STEMEd for Girls session: College Search &amp; Selection</a>	5 Latina Equal Pay Day	6	7
8	9 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	10 Branch Program 7 pm	11 International Day of the Girl	12	13	14
15	16	17 Book Discussion 6:30 pm  Common Start Legislation Hearing	18 <a href="#">STEMEd for Girls session: Innovation - STEM Topic Exploration: Chemistry</a>	19	20	21
22	23	24 Branch Board Meeting 7 pm	25	26	27	28 STEM Conference for Girls Grades 4-8 8 am-1pm
29	30	31 Halloween 	1	2 AAUW Alumnae Recognition Award Ceremony	3	

October 10, Branch Program, Climate Change,  
7 pm, Scituate Library

October 17, Book Discussion of *Calling for a Blanket  
Dance* by Oscar Hokeah.

6:30 pm via Zoom

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87177282149?pwd=MTBydkErUFVNYlNKNTg3WnZNVtJCQOT09>

Meeting ID: 871 7728 2149

Passcode: 720703

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October 28, STEM Conference for Girls, Chapman  
Middle School, Weymouth, 8 am – 1 pm

October 24, Board Meeting, 7 pm, via Zoom.

Link will be sent closer to the date.

