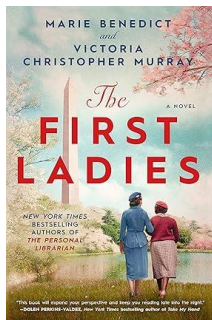


January 2024

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

All-Member Book Discussion **The First Ladies by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray** **January 9, 7 pm via Zoom**



Devoting the January branch meeting to an all-member group book discussion has become a tradition. This year we will discuss *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray. This is the story of two different, yet equally formidable, passionate, and committed women, (Eleanor Roosevelt and Mary McLeod Bethune) and the way in which their singular friendship helped form the foundation for the modern civil rights movement.

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

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86501630526?pwd=cUxxSOxaaThnZlIJZWYyQmk5TG5sQT09>

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Co-President's Message



Happy 2024! Wow, where did the year go? It seems like just the other day we were ringing in 2023! As I write this in the middle of December it certainly doesn't feel like December when the temperature is 60 degrees and instead of snow we had high winds and over 3 inches of rain! We do live

in New England, so I'm sure we'll see some snowflakes in the near future!

A dozen South Shore Area Branch members gathered on Sunday, December 3rd at Tinker's Son for our annual holiday brunch. We had a lovely time enjoying delicious food, great conversation and lots of laughs too! Thank you, Sheila Doherty, for organizing the event! Our next Branch meeting is on Tuesday, January 9th at 7:00 p.m. We will meet virtually via Zoom to discuss the book, *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray, authors of the *New York Times* bestselling *The Personal Librarian*.

Looking ahead we have some interesting programs lined up, so spread the word and invite your neighbors and friends to join you. We will learn about STEM projects from an AAUW member in Florida at our February 13th virtual meeting. On March 12th we will hear a presentation on Immigration. Then we'll have our annual legislative update on April 9th. Finally, our annual dinner to wrap up the year will be held on May 14th. I look forward to seeing you at our meetings this year. May the new year be filled with happiness and peace for you and your family.

[Lynn Howard](#)
Co-President

Membership Matters

It doesn't seem possible that we are near the half way point of our 2023/2024 AAUW year. It has been a very busy successful year with a balance of Zoom programs and in person presentations.



What a year this should be with national elections in November! We realize that AAUW is a non-partisan organization, yet we are political because our mission includes holding leaders accountable for giving women and girls equal

opportunities. Equity in schools and work benefits both families and the community. We must remind leaders from both parties to keep fighting for our values and do right by women and girls.

A portion of our dues from local, state and national goes toward empowering women and girls to remove the barriers and biases that stand in the way of gender equality.

Any donation you can make to the National AAUW would be much appreciated and would be put to good use in elevating the issues that affect women and girls.

Let's "Each one, Reach one". Recruit a new member in 2024!

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership VP



Public Policy

COMMON START EVENTS IN JANUARY GIVING VOICE TO EARLY CHILDHOOD

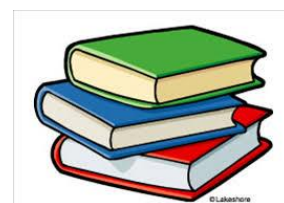
Working to establish a system of affordable, high-quality early education and child care for Massachusetts families, over a multi-year timeline.

- Falmouth
 - Date/Time: Jan 6, 10am-12pm
 - Location: Cape Cod Chamber of Commerce
 - RSVP/More Info: Pegah Rouhani at grassroots@commonstartma.org
- Taunton
 - Date/Time: Jan 22, 6pm-7:30pm
 - Location: Ward 5
 - RSVP/More Info: Pegah Rouhani at grassroots@commonstartma.org

For more information, contact Patrice Metro - patriceuk@aol.com

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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 2023-2024 are posted on the branch web page, direct link <https://aauw-ma.aauw.net/files/2022/03/2023-2024-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 *The First Ladies* by Marie Benedict and Victoria Christopher Murray.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR						
January 2024						
Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 New Year's Day	1	3	3	4	5	6
7	8 AAUW Art Contest begins	9 Branch Program 7 pm	10	11	12	13
14	15 Martin Luther King Day	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23 Branch Board Meeting 7 pm	24	25	26	27
28	29 15th Anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act	30	1 First Day of Black History Month	2	3	4

December 31, Last day for your 2023 donation to AAUW

January 9, Branch Meeting: Discussion of *The First Ladies*, 7 pm via Zoom

January 23, 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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<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWSouthShoreAreaMassachusetts>

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