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News of Note

October 2024

Branch Program

Presentation by Our NCCWSL Recipient

Tuesday, October 8 at 7 pm
Virtual via Zoom

Our October 8th Branch meeting will be a virtual presentation via Zoom at 7:00 p.m. We will hear from Jess Obijuru about the AAUW NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders). Jess is a second-year student at Curry College. She is one of the two Curry College students who were sponsored by our branch and Curry College to attend the AAUW NCCWSL Conference. Jess is a Criminal Justice major who hopes to become a lawyer. She has already demonstrated incredible leadership potential—in classes, in her clubs, and most recently she took on a role in Student Government. Jess will share highlights from the Conference that she attended in June. Unfortunately, the other student, Chaya Bollen, will not be able to attend the presentation due to her nursing clinics that evening. So please join us to hear how your membership in AAUW has had an impact on these young ladies.

Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88231367854?pwd=x5ffMkKoQV4tTAnQ8sQQjNZwm4RcxJ.1>

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President's Message



We had a lovely Kick Off Dinner in September. Thank you to Ginny Giordano for hosting us at the Clubhouse at Donovan Farms and thank you to Sheila Doherty for arranging for the food and baking us delicious cookies for dessert! We look forward to another year of exciting programs and working together to advocate for women and girls in our communities.

We look forward to hearing what Jess took away from the NCCWSL Conference. Our recipients never fail to show us that our funding is well worth it. We are sure Jess will go on to do great things in life. Please join us to support Jess on October 8th. I am sure her enthusiasm for NCCWSL will be contagious!

In November we will hear from local author Lin Haire-Sargent. She will discuss her book, *Who is Jo March?* Maybe we should reread *Little Women*?

Finally, to wrap up 2024 we will gather for our annual Holiday Brunch on Sunday, December 8th at noon at the Tavern at Weathervane Golf Club 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

Membership Matters



Here we are at the beginning of a new year. What a perfect time to bring in new members! The coming months are filled with interesting programs and speakers. Along with our monthly programs, we offer an active book discussion group, a game night to keep your mind active and have fun at the same time, and the opportunity to take part in a webinar that covers interesting topics. Our reports from Patrice Metro keeps us informed on the outcome of various legislative issues. With all of these interesting and informative activities to offer prospective new members, I am sure we can successfully welcome new members into our AAUW South Shore Branch this year.

We send healing wishes to member Ruthanne Kennedy and former AAUW past-president Patricia Ho on their recent hospitalizations.

Anne Foley
Membership

Public Policy

Project 2025 and What it Means for Women, Families, and Gender Justice

AAUW National recently shared information on a webinar hosted by AAUW partners at the National Women's Law Center on "Project 2025 and What it Means for Women, Families, and Gender Justice". The webinar took place on September 18. It focused on the impacts that Project 2025 would have on reproductive rights, education, LGBTQI+ people, and workplace justice. Although a recording is not available, the NWLC report, **Project 2025: What It Means for Women, Families, and Gender Justice** is available online:

<https://nwlc.org/wp-content/uploads/2024/09/Project-2025-Full-Report.pdf>

As 501(c)(3) organizations, NWLC and AAUW do not endorse or oppose any candidate for elected public office.

NWLC's introduction in part:

"Project 2025 is a 900-plus-page handbook assembled by the Heritage Foundation, a leading conservative think tank, with at least 140 former Trump administration officials involved in its drafting. It offers a step-by-step guide for how to quickly implement an extreme agenda across the federal government from day one of a conservative presidential administration. If realized, Project 2025's proposals would have devastating consequences for our democracy, and for the lives of women, girls, LGBTQI+ people, and entire communities."

"As president, Donald Trump and his administration previously relied heavily on the Heritage Foundation's 'Mandate for Leadership' for policy guidance and incorporated many of these proposals into rulemaking, executive orders, and policy guidance. According to the Heritage Foundation, there were '334 unique policy recommendations and 64 percent were included in Trump's budget, implemented through regulatory guidance, or under consideration for action.'"

"The Project 2025 policy handbook is part of a broader project that focuses on four pillars:

- The 900+-page conservative policy agenda
- A roster of potential political personnel
- Trainings for potential political appointees in a conservative administration
- A 180-day playbook for immediate actions to be undertaken by each federal agency (not made public)

The Project 2025 agenda offers sweeping policy proposals that would dramatically overhaul how our federal government, including departments, agencies, sub-agencies, and personnel, would function, all geared toward implementing and institutionalizing extremist policy priorities and power. Most of Project 2025's proposals can be achieved through executive authority alone, without Congress, and this resource focuses primarily on those proposals. In addition, Project 2025 includes legislative proposals for the next administration to work with Congress to enact."

The ten-page report analyzes the 900-page Heritage Foundation handbook. These are the NWLC report's section headings:

- The Sexist and Racist Underpinnings of Project 2025

- Attacks on Protections Against Sex Discrimination and Other Forms of Discrimination
- Attacks on Reproductive Rights and Access to Health Care
- Attacks on Education
- Attacks on Workplace Justice
- Doubling Down on Tax Cuts for the Rich at the Expense of Working Families
- Attacks on LGBTQI+ Rights
- Attacks on Income Security, Housing and Nutrition Assistance Programs
- Attacks on Immigrant Families
- Elimination of the Gender Policy Council
- Impact on the Federal Workforce

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

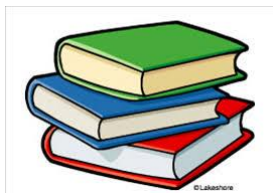
Apply for a Fellowship or Grant

Spread the word: The submission period for the 2025-26 [AAUW Fellowships and Grants](#) is open.

Application deadline is November 15, 2024.



Book Discussion

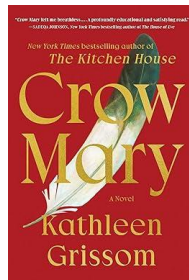


The branch book discussion group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

The October 29th (the 5th Tuesday) book selection is *The Berry Pickers* by Amanda Peters.

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) 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/2022/03/2024-2025-Book-List.docx.pdf>.



Our January 14th meeting is our traditional all-member read. We will be reading *Crow Mary*, a richly detailed story of a woman caught between two cultures, by best-selling author Kathleen Grissom. Kathleen will be joining us for the meeting via Zoom! We hope all members will participate in this exciting event!

Save the Date



Our Holiday Social will be held on Sunday December 8 at noon. We will be gathering at the Tavern at Weathervane Golf Club. We will be ordering off the menu and have individual checks. The address is 117 Clubhouse Drive, Weymouth. If you are coming please let me know by Thursday December 5th by text or calling 781-267-1098 so I can make the reservation. Thanks!

*[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair*

Game Night is Back

The first Game Night of the season was held on September 23rd at the home of Gail Saccone. The participants enjoyed a fun night of Mexican Train Dominoes and light refreshment. All are invited to the next Game Night at the home of Hollie Bagley on October 21 at 6:30 pm. Members will play a fun game of their choice and snacks will be available. All are invited to have some fun, laughs and stress relief. Let [Hollie](#) know if you plan to attend.

Visit our branch web page:

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

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<https://www.facebook.com/AAUWSouthShoreAreaMassachusetts>

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

October 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1	2 Rosh Hashana Eve	3 Latina Equal Pay Day Rosh Hashana	4 Rosh Hashana (Day 2)	5
6	7	8 Branch Program 7 pm	9	10	11 Yom Kippur Eve International Day of the Girl	12 Yom Kippur
13	14 Indigenous Peoples' Day Columbus Day	15	16 Sukkot Eve	17 Sukkot Day 1	18	19
20	21 Game Night 6:30 pm	22 Branch Board Meeting 7 pm	23 Sukkot (Day 7) / Hoshanah Rabah	24	25	26
27	28	29 Book Discussion 7pm	30	31 Halloween 	1 First Day of American Indian Heritage Month	

October 8, Branch Program, NCCWSL Report,
7 pm, via Zoom (link on front page)

October 21, Game Night, 6:30 pm, home of Hollie Bagley. All are welcome but let [Hollie](#) know if you will attend.

October 22, Board Meeting, 7 pm, via Zoom.

Join Zoom Meeting

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October 29, Book Discussion of *The Berry Pickers* by
Amanda Peters, 6:30 pm via Zoom.

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