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News of Note

September 2024

Branch Program

AAUW South Shore Branch invites you to our annual:

Kick Off Supper

**Tuesday, September 10 at 5:30 pm
Donovan Farm Clubhouse**

Our “Kick Off” Supper will be held this year on Tuesday, September 10th. We will be gathering at Donovan Farm Clubhouse at 5:30 pm. The address is



17 Donovan Farm Way, Norwell. Bongis Turkey “Thanksgiving” sandwiches will be served. Please bring \$ 15 cash for your dinner. I

need to know if you are coming by Sept 6th so I can order you a sandwich. I hope you will be able to join us for a fun-filled night. Reservations should be made via text or phone at 781-267-1098 by Thursday, September 6th. Thanks!

[Sheila Doherty](#)
Social Chair

Parking Information for Donovan Farms Clubhouse

There is a Parking Lot in Front of and alongside the Clubhouse. If it should be full, you can park on the right-hand side of the roadway. Please do not drive onto the grassy area since it contains sprinklers for the irrigation system.

President’s Message



Welcome Back to AAUW! I hope everyone had an enjoyable summer. Reflecting on last year we had a busy and productive year. We had a variety of interesting programs throughout the year with some entertaining and informational speakers, our book group was busy reading some amazing stories, we hosted another

productive STEM Conference and we helped to fund expenses for two Curry College students to attend the AAUW NCCWSL Conference. Now it’s time to get ready for another year. We will start with our annual supper meeting on September 10th at 5:30 p.m. at the Donovan Farms Community Room. If you are going to join us, please RSVP via text or phone to Sheila Doherty at 781-267-1098. In October we are hoping to have a presentation by the Curry College students who attended the AAUW NCCWSL Conference. Then in November author Lin Haire-Sargent will share information about her book *Who is Jo March? A Return to the World of Little Women*. Then we’ll wrap up 2024 with our annual holiday luncheon. We will kick off 2025 on January 14th when author Kathleen Grissom joins us via Zoom to discuss her book *Crow Mary*.

We’re still working on plans for the rest of the year. In addition to our monthly branch meetings we will continue to have our Interest Group gatherings. The Book Group will meet on September 17th at 6:30 p.m. via Zoom to discuss *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. If you’re not already on the Book Group list but would like to be added to the

group send an email to me at lynnphoward97@gmail.com. On September 23rd we will reactivate our monthly Game Night. The first meeting will be at Gail Saccone's. Please email Gail at gvsaccone@comcast.net if you plan to attend. Please feel free to reach out if you have any ideas for topics or speakers for our meetings. I look forward to seeing you at our Annual Dinner Meeting on September 10th.

[Lynn Howard](#)
President

Membership Matters



As we approach the crisp fall months, let us not forget about inviting friends to join our South Shore AAUW Branch. It would be great to have new members become involved from the very

beginning of the year so they can take advantage of the various projects we are involved in. It should be a busy fall with a national election facing us in November.

The year was wrapped up with an enjoyable dinner at Grille 151. Our Book Discussion Group continued throughout the summer on the third Tuesday of the month. We always encourage members to consider joining us for a lively discussion on an assortment of recently published books. Our meetings take place online and the Zoom address can be sent to you by emailing Lynn Howard.

We are pleased to welcome back to the branch [Ruth Ann Moore](#).

[Anne Foley](#)
Membership

Equity Now

Together, we can achieve a vision
of equal opportunity for all

Public Policy

As you all probably know, the MA legislative session ended on July 31st. Here is an update on several positive outcomes of this session. [This is a repeat of the info sent to all MA members in early August.]

Pay Transparency

The Pay Transparency Law was signed by Governor Healy on July 31st. This legislation makes Massachusetts the 11th state to pass pay transparency and has been called the most comprehensive legislation of its kind. Although we've had a pay equity on the books since 2018, without wage transparency, we were not seeing closure of the gender pay gap. This new law will hopefully close that loop.

For more information on this law please follow this link to an article to the National Law Review.

<https://natlawreview.com/article/massachusetts-joins-growing-number-states-pay-transparency-law>

Common Start Early Education and Child Care

The FY25 Budget fulfilled many of the goals of the Common Start Coalition including:

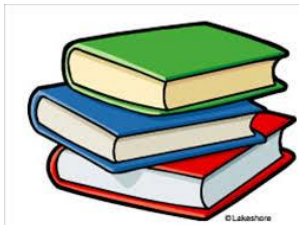
- Permanency for the state's C3 operational grant program for child care providers
- Early educator loan forgiveness & scholarship programs
- Expanded eligibility for child care subsidies up to 85% of state median income (\$123,667 for a family of 4, or \$84,092 for a family of 2), including a 7% cap on parent fees
- Future expansion of eligibility up to 125% of state median income (\$196,413 for a family of 4, or \$123,665 for a family of 2) "if additional funds are available"
- A career ladder for early educators with salary and benefit guidelines
- An EEC data advisory commission to collect data on the child care sector
- And in the budget line items, \$1.52 billion for early education and care, including expanded access to affordable child care for families, support for early educators, and increased provider reimbursement rates.

Please thank your state legislators for their part in making these positive changes. Below is a link to connect you with your state Representative.

<https://malegislature.gov/statehouse/contact>

[Patrice Metro](#), Public Policy Chair

Book Discussion

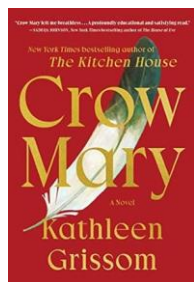


The branch book discussion group meets monthly from September-August on the 3rd Tuesday of the month at 6:30 pm.

Our first book selection for 2024-2025 is *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger. We will meet via Zoom on September 17th at 6:30 for our discussion.

Even if 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.

For your convenience, the 2024-2025 Book List is attached as a single page in the email that delivers this newsletter. It 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*, by Kathleen Grissom. The author will be joining us via Zoom. 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>

AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference

Join AAUW members at the Atlantic Regional Conference Sept.27-29

The AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference, hosted by AAUW-VA, will be held just outside Richmond, in Glen Allen, VA from September 27-29. Thirteen states from Massachusetts to Florida are participating. The AAUW-VA host along with a steering committee that includes MA have been organizing the conference. Most of the program has now been planned.

For information on the conference including the current program topics and presenters, please check out the website:

<https://aauwatlanticregionalconference.com>

Have a look at the merchandise which is available whether or not you attend the conference – some great products for you or your branch to gift to presenters at their meetings or events.

To register for the conference or to purchase products with AAUW logo:

<https://aauwatlanticregionalconference.com/online>

Also, you or your branch can purchase an ad in the conference book:

<https://aauwatlanticregionalconference.com/conference-book-ads>

Let us know if you're interested in attending! We think it will be a great opportunity to get together with our AAUW colleagues and learn!!

Patrice Metro

Co-Chair, AAUW-MA

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

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

September 2024 Hispanic Heritage Month (Sept. 15 to Oct.15)

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1 World Letter Writing Day	2 Labor Day 	3 Wild Girls Webinar	4	5	6 RSVP Deadline for Kick Off Supper, National Read a Book Day	7
8 Grandparents Day, International Literacy Day	9	10 Branch Meeting, AAUW's Membership Gathering	11 Patriot Day (911 Remembrance)	12	13 Stand Up To Cancer Day	14
15	16 Working Parents Day	17 Book Discussion, National Voter Registration Day	18 International Equal Pay Day	19	20	21 International Day of Peace, World Alzheimer's Day
22 Autumnal Equinox	23 Game Night, National Family Day	24	25 National Daughters Day, National Women's Health and Fitness Day	26	27 AAUW Atlantic Conference	28 AAUW Atlantic Conference
29 AAUW Atlantic Conference World Heart Day	30	1	2 Rosh Hashana Eve	3 Rosh Hashana	4	5

Meeting ID: 835 6174 8735

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September 23, Game Night, home of Gail Saconne, 6:30 pm

September 27-29, AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference, Glen Allen, VA

For your future planning, **branch board meetings** will be held on the following dates:

October 22, 2024

January 28, 2025

March 25, 2025

June 10, 2025

August 26, 2025

September 3, AAUW Webinar: In Conversation with Tiya Miles, Ph.D., Author of *Wild Girls: How the Outdoors Shaped Women Who Challenged a Nation*, 2 pm

September 6, Deadline: RSVP for Kick Off Supper

September 10, AAUW's Membership Gathering 4 pm via Zoom

September 10, Branch Program: Kick Off Supper, Donovan Farm Clubhouse, Norwell, 5:30 pm

September 17, Book Discussion of *The River We Remember* by William Kent Krueger, 6:30 pm., Zoom link:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83561748735?pwd=hwC CRrnSxcJPZT4O3qLPmkyknHYp63.1>

