



News of Note

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

December 2024

December Branch Activity *Holiday Social*

Sunday, December 8, noon
Tavern at Weathervane, Weymouth



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
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Giving Season

Maximize the giving season with these key tips for donating to AAUW:

Use Online Options: Process donations faster via the [Community Hub](#) or request an Express Payment Link by emailing connect@aauw.org.

Mail Contributions Early: Send mailed donations promptly to P.O. Box 98045, Washington DC 20090-8045 to ensure arrival by December 31.

Leverage the Year-End Match: Donations to the Greatest Needs Fund by December 31 are matched dollar-for-dollar, doubling your branch's impact!

Your efforts are crucial in advancing a stronger future for women and girls.

President's Message



Happy Holidays! I can't believe it's almost the end of 2024 already! The year is flying by so quickly! I heard that our November Branch meeting was very entertaining. I was so disappointed that I missed the meeting due to my Parent /Teacher

Conferences. Those who attended commented that author Lin Haire-Sargeant and her readers did a fabulous job presenting excerpts from her book, *Who is Jo March?* Thank you Carol Sullivan-Hanley for making the arrangements for this meeting and thank you Lin for sharing your presentation with us.

We will wrap up 2024 with our annual holiday brunch on Sunday, December 8th at noon. We will meet this year at the Tavern at Weathervane Golf Club in Weymouth. The address is 117 Clubhouse Drive, Weymouth. We will be ordering off the menu and will have individual checks. Please be sure to RSVP to Sheila by Thursday December 5th by text or calling 781-267-1098.

We will kick off 2025 on Tuesday, January 14th at 7:00 p.m. Author Kathleen Grissom will join us via Zoom to discuss her book, *Crow Mary*. Our February meeting topic is Sustainability, meeting our own needs without compromising the ability of future generations to meet their own needs. We are still looking for some ideas for our March meeting so please let me know if you have any ideas for topics or presenters. We hope to have an annual Legislative update at our April meeting. I hope to see you at our December holiday brunch! Happy Holidays and Happy New Year!

[Lynn Howard](#)
President

Membership Matters

After a very disappointing and upsetting election, it is important that we watch carefully the changes that take place in our government. More than ever, we must be diligent about issues that will affect women and girls. Hopefully the upcoming holidays will help to cheer us up. Our time spent with family and friends will

give us the opportunity to discuss the important work AAUW does in promoting policies that benefit women and girls. Encourage your family and friends to join us. A strong membership makes our voice more powerful. Reach out to a neighbor or new friend. Invite them to our holiday social. Informing them about all the fine work AAUW does on the national, state and local level may be just the encouragement they need to join us. As a further incentive, AAUW offers a half-price membership from January 15 – March 15.



[Anne Foley](#)
Membership

Public Policy

Fight NOW for the ERA

The remaining days of Joe Biden's presidency are critical in the fight for gender equality. Given the change of presidents, the demand for the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) is more urgent than ever. Without the ERA in the U.S. Constitution, advances in women's rights that we took for granted are at risk of being weakened or even reversed.

Urge President Biden to do everything he can to publish the ERA to the Constitution by calling the White House now at 202-456-1111.

Gender equality cannot wait any longer. We need the ERA to strengthen protections against gender discrimination in education, the workplace, access to reproductive healthcare, and more.

Please call the White House and urge President Biden to act NOW to make the ERA a reality.

[Patrice Metro](#)
Public Policy Chair

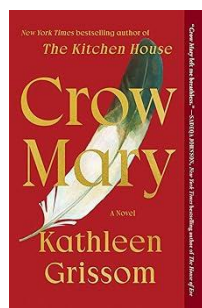
Book Discussion



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

The December 17th selection is *First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies* by Kate Anderson Brower. Even if you have not been part of the group before, we'd love to have you join us! Just let [Lynn Howard](#) 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 will be our traditional all-member read. We will be reading *Crow Mary* by Kathleen Grissom. The best-selling author will be joining our discussion via Zoom. Plan on attending this event even if you have not read the book.. You won't be disappointed.

Who is Jo March?

On Tuesday, November 12, 2024 we were fortunate to hear from author Lin Haire-Sargent as she and literary colleagues read from three sections of her book, *Who Is Jo March?* The scenes involved young Jo disguising herself as a man to visit her father, Bronson Alcott during the Civil War. Upon arriving in Washington DC, where her father is stationed, she had the opportunity to visit Abraham Lincoln and his family. Noting the playful nature of his sons, she engages in frolicking games before sharing a meal. Each reader took on the important role of a character in the book and portrayed them in a theatrical way. The evening was most enjoyable. If members are interested in reading the book they can contact her at <mailto:LinHaire-Sargent@massart.edu> or contact [Carol Sullivan-Hanley](#) who will collect payments and make deliveries for branch members.

SOUTH SHORE AREA BRANCH CALENDAR

December 2024

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5 RSVP Deadline for Holiday Social	6	7
8 Holiday Social noon 	9	10	11	12	13	14
15	16	17 Book Discussion 6:30 pm	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Christmas Eve 	25 Christmas Day Hanukkah begins	26 	27	28
29	30	31 New Year's Eve	1 New Year's Day 	2 Hanukkah ends	3	4

December 5, Deadline for RSVP for Holiday Social

December 3, Holiday Social, Tavern at Weathervane
Golf Club Weymouth, noon

December 17, Book Discussion of *First Women: The Grace and Power of America's Modern First Ladies* by Kate Anderson Browe, 6:30 p.m. Zoom link will be sent again closer to the date.

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/83660430353?pwd=5t0JoXjqOpoLGNw9SSK7A8mFUSDMDY.1>

Meeting ID: 836 6043 0353

Passcode: 423006

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