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AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

AAUW is open to all graduates who hold the associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

An Invitation from Liz Markson, AAUW-MA Program VP

Come to the **May 9 convention at the Marlborough Courtyard by Marriott** for an exciting and challenging day when we focus on changes and advances for women and girls! I am especially excited by this meeting, as it offers us an opportunity to learn about new directions, both for AAUW and for women and girls. **Breaking through Barriers** has always been the mission of AAUW and the meeting on May 9 presents exciting new information about how women--and AAUW--are continuing to charge through the numerous barricades confronting women for many generations.

Our keynote speaker, Susannah Howe, a civil engineer and professor at Smith College, will describe the innovative engineering program aimed exclusively at women--traditionally an underrepresented group in this field. Smith's Picker Engineering Program is unlike any other in the United States as it was designed both to prepare women for leadership roles in society and in the engineering profes-

sion. The Picker Engineering Program is pioneering, the first and only accredited engineering program in the nation just for women. It demonstrates the innovative ways that engineering can be woven into the fabric of the liberal arts environment. Since the program enrolled its first students in the fall of 2000, it has grown steadily. Engineering is now one of the most popular majors among entering students. Picker students become confident, creative engineers able to cross traditional boundaries between the sciences and the humanities. As critical thinkers and socially responsible decision makers, they are helping to engineer a sustainable future for our global community.

Continuing with the theme of girls and women in nontraditional endeavors, Kimberly S. Edgar, BA, Laboratory Manager at Dartmouth College and NGCP N.E. Liaison, will emphasize the gains, barriers, and needs--for women in scientific fields that have traditionally been the purview of men. Most importantly, AAUW, as we all know, is chang-

ing to expand its mission and horizons. Patricia Ho, AAUW Association Board, New England Regional Director, Beryl Domingo, AAUW-MA President, and Hollie Bagley, AAUWMA Administrative Coordinator, will update us on the future directions of AAUW and provide us with guideposts for the future.

The EF Luncheon offers both an opportunity to learn about the experience and work of Asha Singh, a graduate student at Clark University and to contribute to EF. And last but not least, we shall have an interesting post-lunch annual meeting encompassing not only the important business of AAUW-MA and our guests from Rhode Island, but awards and a discussion by Barbara Burgo about why we should care about the upcoming US census.

Come, enjoy, and network! I look forward to seeing you all there!

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North Shore Area News

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Annual Meeting and Dinner

By Mary Ann Walsh

The North Shore Area Branch of AAUW will hold its annual meeting and dinner will be held at **Toscana's Restaurant on Wednesday, June 10 at 6:30 p.m.** Reservations are now being taken, until Friday, June 5. The restaurant is handicapped accessible, all on one floor. There is plenty of parking out front. The room that we have reserved is located at the rear of the restaurant. *Guests from other branches, as well as prospective members, are certainly welcome.*

are: Chicken Marsala/pasta, Baked Haddock/vegetables, or Eggplant Parmigiana/pasta. The dinner also includes salad, bread, ice cream, and coffee. **The cost is \$21**, all inclusive. The restaurant has requested, to keep the price lower, that we **pay in cash.** Mary Ann Walsh will collect the money that evening, and will pay the entire bill. Please bring exact change. Also, the restaurant has a full bar. Wine and drinks may be purchased individually from the waitress, exclusive of the meal price.

To make reservations for the dinner, contact Mary Ann Walsh at mawalsh28@verizon.net by June 5.

Directions

From the north, Newburyport/Boxford/Topsfield:

Take Route 95 S. Get off at Exit 50, near the Ferncroft. Take Route 1 S, through Danvers Exit on the right at the Lowell St. ramp. Turn right onto Lowell St. Hess Gas will be opposite. Go under Rt. 1. Go past CVS and Bonkers, on your left. Go a few feet, and there will be a set of lights, with a Dunkin Donuts on the corner. This is Bourbon St.. Turn left on Bourbon St. Proceed a few feet, Toscana's is on the right, #3.

From the north, Rockport/Beverly. Take Route 128 S. Get off at Exit 26 toward Peabody Sq/W. Peabody. Turn right onto Lowell St.. Proceed approximately 2 miles. Pass the entrance to Peabody High, Shell Gas, etc.

Turn right onto Bourbon St. at the lights, just past Dunkin Donuts, Toscana's is on the right, #3.

Special points of interest:

- Breaking through Barriers – the theme for the State Convention on May 9th.
- Join us for the first Annual dinner meeting of the North shore Area branch on June 10
- Renew your AAUW membership. Pay your dues by June 10.

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Upcoming Events

AAUW-MA State Convention, Saturday, May 9, 9:00 – 3:30
Courtyard by Marriott, Marlborough
For more information, see insert of the newsletter for a hard copy of the registration and agenda or visit the web at www.aauw-ma.org.

Annual Dinner and Meeting, North Shore Area Branch Wednesday, June 10, 6:30 pm

Toscana Restaurant, 3 Bourbon St. West Peabody. Reservation is needed.

AAUW National Convention Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28
Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis MO
www.aauw.org for more information or recent publication of Outlook

AAUW'S Unfinished Business

By Patricia Ho, New England Regional Director

Although our accomplishments have been notable during the past 127 years, AAUW's work is far from finished. Considering that women now earn 78 cents to a man's dollar is not much consolation if we are striving toward equity in terms of educational and economic access.

To refocus and strengthen AAUW's direction and use of resources, the proposed bylaws regarding structure and governance must be adopted at Convention 2009. Delegates at Convention 2007 unanimously approved the transfer of Association's assets to the Educational Foundation 501 (c)(3), which would then become the primary membership organization. A smaller structure would continue as the 501 (c)(4) for

the purpose of lobbying, related political activities and voter education. Delegates also mandated the proposal of new bylaws to implement these changes and to define a leadership structure at the national level.

Please read the enclosed documents very carefully as they provide an excellent summary of the proposed bylaws. The full text of the bylaws and other materials are posted at www.aauw.org under "Champions."

Note the designation of AAUW as the 501 (c)(3) and the AAUW Action Fund as the 501(c)(4). The Educational Foundation will cease to exist in name, but its full functions and activities will continue as part of AAUW programs. See *AAUW Programs* chart. Note that on the *AAUW Programs* chart, the activi-

ties listed under "Advocate" will be conducted under the AAUW Action Fund 501(c)(4). All others are activities of AAUW the 501(c)(3).

As a result of this change, if passed, \$46 of the \$49 national membership dues would be tax-deductible. Branch and state dues are not, as these entities still carry the 501(c)(4) status, until changed by the IRS. Contributions for fellowships and grants, Legal Advocacy Fund and Leadership & Training Institute (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, National Girls Collaborative Project) are still tax-deductible. Branches will receive guidelines for making specific contributions toward the "AAUW Funds".

Branch Supports Opportunities for Young Women

By Patricia Ho

Some of us may have been intimidated by classes or careers in science, technology, engineering and math, but our branch has been actively supporting these endeavors for girls and young women. We are working with Girls Inc of Lynn's Eureka science and math summer camp for middle-school girls -- through a \$100 contribution, Patricia Ho's participation on the Eureka Advisory Board, and the

planning assistance of four of our members. Many thanks to Judy Donovan, Pat Gorton, Midge Hoover and Margaret Nabialczyk-Chalupowski for offering to help with workshop preparation and curricula writing.

With proceeds from the highly successful Authors' Brunch, NSAB is able to fully sponsor Juliana Silva from Salem State College in her at-

tendance at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, June 4-6, University of Maryland. Special thanks are extended to Pat Gorton, Nelly Wadsworth, Mary Ann Walsh and Liz Fragola for making this sponsorship possible and for expediting the \$395 early bird registration! During a fall branch meeting, Juliana will be sharing her experience at this leadership conference.

Opportunities for Participation in AAUW Decision-Making

AAUW-MA Convention -- Breaking Through Barriers Saturday, May 9, 9:00 – 3:30 at Courtyard by Marriott, Marlborough www.aauw-ma.org for details

Congratulations to:

* **Liz Fragola**, who will be elected MA President-elect

* **Nelly Wadsworth** who will be honored as our Outstanding Branch Member for her invaluable service as newsletter publisher and branch leader

AAUW National Convention

Friday, June 26 – Sunday, June 28 Renaissance Hotel, St. Louis MO

www.aauw.org for more information

* **Patricia Ho** is one of eleven candidates for seven Director-at-Large positions on the AAUW Board of Directors

Leadership Meeting Yields Results

By Liz Fragola, co-chair

On April 28th eleven members of the North Shore Area Branch met at the Sawasdee Restaurant in Danvers to discuss the future leadership of our branch. The group acted as an ad hoc nominating committee and was able to come up with an impressive slate of officers to be presented at the annual meeting on June 10th. At that time other nominations will be accepted as well. Anyone who wishes to have her name put into nomination prior to June 10th should contact Liz, ekf226@comcast.net or Nelly, nwadsworth@salemstate.edu. The following names comprise our slate of officers:

Co-presidents: Linda Britt and Judy Donovan 7/09-6/11

Membership: Tamara Gaydos 7/09-6/10

Midge Hoover 7/09-6/11

Finance: Mary Ann Walsh 7/09-6/11

Development: Scottie Robinson 7/09-6/11

Nelly Wadsworth 7/09-6/11

Public Policy: Patricia Ho 7/09-6/11

Newsletter: Nelly Wadsworth 7/09-6/11

Program: Committee TBA

Scholarships: Committee TBA

The Fall Membership Coffee is scheduled for **September 26, 2009**.

Mary Ann Walsh discussed the financial report which will be presented to the annual meeting. We raised sufficient funds to send, Juliana Silva, a Salem State student, to NCCWSL this year. All members felt a positive surge of energy and look forward to a stimulating year ahead.

Membership

By Tamara Gaydos, Membership VP

It's that time of year again—time to pay our dues for next fiscal year, which begins on July 1st. The dues remain the same (\$49 for national, \$15 for state, and \$10 for branch). If you are attending the annual dinner, please bring a check of \$74. If you cannot make the dinner, please contact Mary Ann Walsh mawalsh28@verizon.net before June 10 to make arrangement where to send the dues. It is our goal this year to have everyone renew on time. Thank you.

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Museum Trip

By Pat Gorton

Museum Trip, Wednesday, May 27, 10:30 AM Brooks School, 1160 Great Pond Road, North Andover

Photographs of Manuel Alvarez Bravo, (1902 - 2002), are on display at the Robert Lehman Art Center, Brooks School.

AAUW members and friends are invited to attend. There is no charge for the event and we will have a guided tour by Marie Costello, a Brooks School teacher. Lunch will follow at a local restaurant. More details will follow.

Alvarez Bravo's photographs include cityscapes, landscapes, portraits, ethnic studies and much more. There are

57 portraits in all. Alvarez Bravo came of age in the cultural efflorescence of the 1920's. There are photographs in the show of Frida Kahlo and Rufino Tamayo's hands. Diego Rivera praised his work.

Those who are interested in participating in this venture should notify Pat Gorton at 978.352.8931, or bgort@verizon.net