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## **AAUW CAPE COD APRIL MEETING**

TUESDAY APRIL 24

South Yarmouth United Methodist Church

Old Main Street South Yarmouth

12 NOON BOARD MEETING

12:45 DESSERT, COFFEE AND TEA

1:15 PROGRAM: JUSTICE DENIED

Margaret Yamamoto will speak on the experience of the Japanese Incarceration during WW II, through the eyes of her own Japanese-American family. Her talk focuses on the plight of 120,000 Japanese, two thirds of them American citizens, who were imprisoned, sometimes for years. This was ordered by the US President and was deemed by many to be unconstitutional.

Especially relevant in this time of anti-immigrant sentiment, detentions and deportations, this presentation challenges us to remember the lessons that history provides.

Margie has forty years of experience in communications, and is currently director of Community Program Initiatives for WGBH-TV in Boston. She has also worked for Walt Disney Productions and General Electric. She is co-president of the New England Chapter of the Japanese Citizens's League, a national human rights and educational organization.

**Becky Alden:** President

**Phillis Koppel:** Secretary and Publicity

**Pat Ryle** VP Programs

**Carol Carbaugh:** Financial Officer

**Barbara Mulligan Rado**

**Elsa Murphy:** VPs Membershi



## President's Message

*Dear Ladies,*

*Welcome to spring on Cape Cod! Still a little cold for me, but I have hope that the weather will be better soon.*

*We are looking at a very busy spring for AAUW-Cape Cod. Starting with this month's interesting program on April 24th. I look forward to hearing our speaker.*

*Then in May, we have our Spring Luncheon. I have invited our scholarship recipient, Moriya Smith, to join us as she did in December. If you can't make our May meeting, please make your reservation for the luncheon soon so we can have a count.*

*On June 19th, we have our Book and Author Tea. Tickets are on sale now. Let's spread the word and get a sell-out audience. It is the only fund raiser we have for our local scholarship. Moriya has accepted an invitation to this, too.*

*The following week will be our annual planning/luncheon/social at Marsha Fredericks' home. We will be evaluating our winter meeting schedule, which we tried this year, and planning for next year. All are invited!*

*So please mark your calendars, Ladies. I look forward to seeing you at all these events.*

*Hope to see you in March.  
Becky Alden, President*

Becky Alden shared her collection of South Korean dolls and other interesting collection items at our March book discussion of Re Jane about a Korean-American



## **Reminder National By-Law Amendments and Voting**

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

**Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.**

## **Notes from MA AAUW State Meeting**



Some State Meeting attendees and out-going Co-Chairs Katie Donovan and Marsha Fredericks

The meeting was held in E. Bridgewater on April 7 and Marcia and Lyn made the trip over the bridge to attend. The Taunton Branch welcomed us and provided goodies for breakfast and lunch. There were about 30 others in attendance from branches including the North Shore, Boston, South shore, Bedford/Lexington and Taunton. We saw a National AAUW video explaining some of the changes happening in the National AAUW under our new CEO Kim Churhes. The organizational structure has been streamlined and our goals and objectives specifically derived to meet the AAUW mission of advancing equity for all women and girls.

We reviewed and discussed the three proposed changes to the National By-Laws, (see previous article), and were encouraged to vote starting April 25<sup>th</sup>.

The State Finance Officer introduced us to a new on-line dues payment option, which will allow members to pay by credit card. This will be rolled out to each branch through our treasurers.

One of the most exciting things for me was seeing and hearing from a significant number of new young adult members. They spoke enthusiastically about their efforts to encourage STEM education and to influence our state government to pass legislation in support of women. In fact they are eagerly accepting leadership positions in our MA AAUW. Hooray!!

*Lyn Solomon*

Tickets for the Book and Author Tea are available now and will be available at the April meeting as well as the May luncheon. Sponsorships are still available at \$100 for "Hardcover" sponsor and \$50 for "Softcover" sponsor. Contact Phyllis Rubin at [phyllisaauw@comcast.net](mailto:phyllisaauw@comcast.net) if you are interested. See attached flier

## **STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS**



**Birthday Luncheon Group:** The Birthday Lunch for Spring will be scheduled for April 12 at noon at the Old Yarmouth Inn. This gathering is especially for those with birthdays during a March – June however all members are invited to attend. Contact Beverly Stec. PHONE:508-385-5760; E-MAIL: [memerestec@gmail.com](mailto:memerestec@gmail.com)

**CAPE COD THEATER:** Well we tried to see "Jesus Christ Super Star" at Cotuit but it sold out before we could get tickets! Keep your eyes on email for any upcoming plans. Contact Beth Flanagan at 508-362-4319 or [bethfcapecod@gmail.com](mailto:bethfcapecod@gmail.com).



**FIIM GROUP FILM GROUP** will meet Wednesday April 18 at 10:30 at Brewster Ladies' Library. We will discuss "Leisure Seekers" and "Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri" After the meeting, we often have lunch at Stone L'Oven Pizza.

All AAUW members are welcome. We meet at Brewster Ladies Library at 10:30 on 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday of each month. For more information call or email Phyllis Koppel ([508 945-3520](tel:5089453520)) [phylliskoppel@comcast.net](mailto:phylliskoppel@comcast.net)



**COOPERATIVE DINNERS GROUP:** No dinners were held this winter. Will discuss future at the next meeting.

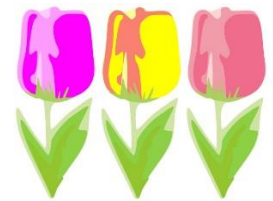
**BOOK GROUPS** meet at members homes to discuss books of their choosing. There are three groups active currently.

**Book Group 1** meets the 1<sup>st</sup> Thursday at 10:30 a.m. in the Falmouth area. Contact : Barbara Fletcher [508 540-2758](tel:5085402758)

**Book Group 3:** There will be no December meeting Book Group 3 this month. Regular scheduled meetings will resume in January. meets the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the mid-Cape area. Contact : Elsa Murphy (508) 896-7661 or [elsa.e.murphy@gmail.com](mailto:elsa.e.murphy@gmail.com)

**Book Group 7** meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Monday at 1:30 p.m. in mid-Cape area Contact : Anne Swanson [508 428-0914](tel:5084280914) or [goranne@comcast.net](mailto:goranne@comcast.net)





## Cape Cod AAUW May Luncheon

NOON May 8th

SCARGO CAFÉ

799 Main St. Dennis, MA

### MENU:

Caesar Salad with Home Baked Breads:

Choice of:

VEGETABLE STIR-FRY-----\$28.00

SEAFOOD STRUDEL-----\$28.00 (seafood in puff pastry)

GRILLED TENDERLOIN OF BEEF-----\$28.00

CHICKEN FRANCAIS-----\$28.00 (Breaded pan-fried chicken over pasta)

Includes coffee, tea and grapefruit custard for dessert

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Meal Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Send or give your check for \$28.00 and your meal choice to Lyn Solomon as Treasurer Carol will be away. Orders in by May 1.