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AAUW CAPE COD MARCH MEETING

TUESDAY MARCH 27

South Yarmouth United Methodist Church

Old Main Street South Yarmouth

12 NOON BOARD MEETING

12:45 DESSERT, COFFEE AND TEA

1:15 PROGRAM: DIVERSITY BOOK DISCUSSION,



For Jane Re, half-Korean, half-American orphan, Flushing, Queens, is the place she's been trying to escape from her whole life. Sardonic yet vulnerable, Jane toils, unappreciated, in her strict uncle's grocery store and politely observes the traditional principle of *nunchi* (a combination of good manners, hierarchy, and obligation). Desperate for a new life, she's thrilled to become the au pair for the Mazer-Farleys, two Brooklyn English professors and their adopted Chinese daughter.

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President's Message

Dear Ladies,

I hope this newsletter finds you well rested and ready to be active in AAUW in March. Personally, I have found these two months off to be surprising. I keep thinking that I am missing something. I will be interested in seeing what you think.

As you may remember, we are part of the Cape Women's Coalition. I represent us on the Advisory Board. Once again, we are planning for our **Annual International Women's Breakfast**.

This year it will be held Friday, March 2, at the Doubletree Inn, 287 Iyannough Road, Hyannis, MA from 7- 10 AM.

Once again, we will have a video from Senator Warren who will welcome us to the Breakfast. The event is free, but you must register by email: <https://capewomenscoalition.com> I am trying to set up a table for us and have a few posters advertising out Book and Author Tea in June.

Our meeting in March will be March 27 at 12:45. The Board will meet before at 12:00. I understand that we may have a different arrangement for the room because the church has made some updates. I know we are an adaptable group, so we will be fine. After all we have only two more meetings scheduled for this year at the church (March and April), and we evaluate and plan at our June meeting.

The program will be a discussion about the book Re Jane, A Novel by Patricia Park. This year for our diversity month, we are examining Korean Americans. With all the worry about North Korea, and having the Olympics in South Korea, it might be a lively discussion. I hope so. Even if you don't read the book, I hope you will join us.

Thank you to Phyllis Rubin and her committee for arranging our **Book and Author Tea!** It looks like a great event. Some of my favorite authors will be there. Thank you! **Please see the flier sent with this Newsletter**

Our AAUW State Meeting will be Saturday, April 7 in Bridgewater. Although I can't make it, I hope that some of us will be able to attend. More information about this later.

Hope to see you in March.

Becky Alden

President

A Letter From AAUW National Board

"Save the Date" for the AAUW
MA State Meeting:

Saturday, April 7th 2018
10:30AM to 1:30PM
Bridgewater Public Library

Registration details to follow!

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.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same. You can direct any questions or concerns to connect@aauw.org.

Respectfully,
Your AAUW National Board of Directors

Note about Book and Author Tea:

Tickets for the Book and Author Tea 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 if you are interested.

STUDY AND INTEREST GROUPS



Birthday Luncheon Group: The Birthday Lunch for Spring will be scheduled soon. This gathering is especially for those with birthdays during a March – June however all members are invited to attend.

CAPE COD THEATER: We recently went to see “A Few Good Men” at Cotuit Center for the Arts. Beth is planning another outing to see “The Dining Room” at Eventide. Contact Beth Flanagan at 508-362-4319 or bethofcapecod@gmail.com.



FIIM GROUP FILM GROUP will meet Wednesday March 21 at 10:30 at Brewster Ladies' Library. We will discuss “Three Billboards Outside Ebbing Missouri” After the meeting, we often have lunch at Stone L'Oven Pizza; last month we went to Scargo Café to celebrate member Lyn’s Birthday. All AAUW members are welcome. We meet at Brewster Ladies Library at 10:30 on 3rd Wednesday of each month. For more information call or email Phyllis Koppel ([508 945-3520](tel:5089453520)) phylliskoppel@comcast.net



COOPERATIVE DINNERS GROUP: No dinners were held this winter. Will discuss future at the March Meeting.

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

Book Group 1 meets the 1st 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 3rd Thursday at 1:00 p.m. in the mid-Cape area. Contact : Elsa Murphy (508) 896-7661 or elsa.e.murphy@gmail.com

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

Film Group and Friends at Scargo Cafe



Sally Walker, Amy Woule (friend), Elaine Bono, Sheila Mennell. Clare Hemmenway (friend), Lyn Solomon, Pat Ryle
