

**Important
Dates to
Remember:**

- April 1, Board Meeting, 7pm at Wegmans
- April 4-6, State Conference, Smith Mountain Lake
- Apr 8, Equal Pay Day
- April 9, Deadline to request paper ballots for AAUW of VA OMOV
- April 19, April Program, 1pm @ McCoart Building
- April 29, OMOV Online voting opens
- May 8, Federal Lobby Day, Washington, D.C.
- May 17, Spring Luncheon

President's Letter: Who Recruits Members?

Did you say Carol Campbell? Or the branch president? Maybe board members? The correct answer is: **ALL OF US.**

Say you're chatting with other women and AAUW enters the conversation. And you're asked, "What is AAUW?" Do you have an "Elevator Speech", a short spiel to inform and recruit new members? Here's what your elevator speech can consist of: **Snappy Intro** - "The American Association of University Women is an organization of women and men with college degrees that has been empowering women and girls since 1881."

Specific AAUW actions at National, State and Branch levels (Here are some ideas)

National:

- In 2012, AAUW awarded over \$3.7 million to support American and international women with fellowships and grants, especially for graduate and post graduate studies.
- In 2013 Lobby Corp volunteers made over 1,500 visits to congressional offices to lobby on bills and issues such as Paycheck Fairness Act, Sexual assault in the military, and the Healthy Families Act.
- AAUW research reports have looked at equal opportunity for girls in schools, the pay gap, and why there are so few women in the STEM fields.

State:

- Donated over \$2,000 to the Turning Point Suffragette Memorial One of 11 states to receive an Impact grant for STEM and Equal Pay activities
- Registered over 1,200 votes in the "Get Out the Vote" campaign Conduct annual State and Federal Lobby days.

Branch:

- Since 1991, we've co-sponsored the "Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference", which helps girls and adults learn about STEM careers.
- We judge middle school girl's science project at the Prince William County Regional Science Fair. We award prizes and invite the girls and their parents to present their project at the branch spring luncheon.
- We conducted "Get Out The Vote" voter registration at the July 4 Dale City Family Fun day.

Closing remarks

"If I can have your email, I'll give it to our branch membership VP and she will send you more information and an invite to our next program."

So get your elevator speech ready and be a **RECRUITER**

Sandy Lawrence
President

Membership

Greetings! I hope you have a Happy Easter and the Easter Bunny will be good to you. By mid-April we should have wonderful spring weather.

We welcome Regina Groff, Julie Kelly and daughter Katy Kelly to the AAUW Woodbridge Branch! They recently joined at the Success Conference and we are very happy to have them aboard. We send our condolences to Mary Jo Howarth, who mother passed away on Sunday March 16, 5 weeks after her father.

Thanks to Suzanne Harvey for coordinating the Branch's judging and awards for the Prince William Regional Science Fair on March 15th. Also thanks to members Susan Bardenhagen, Barbara Ondo, Jeanette Rishell, and Suzanne's husband, Chuck, for judging. We had some very interesting topics this year.

Congratulations to member Susan Bardenhagen for once again producing another outstanding Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference on March 22nd. It is exciting to see the students and their parents arrive and so eager to participate in the workshops. Due to Susan's diligent efforts, they are able to take home a wealth of information that will hopefully guide them to choose STEM careers. Thank

you to all our branch members who helped out. It was truly a wonderful day!

We hope you will take time out of your busy schedule and come to the April Program on April 19th. It sounds very interesting and I can't wait!

One of my favorite events is the Spring Salad and Desert Luncheon that will be held on May 17th. The conversation is lively, the food is delicious, the election is held, and we raise money by holding a raffle. Remember to bring a guest who may be interested in joining our Branch.

It is time to begin thinking about AAUW of Virginia's annual one-member one-vote election, which will take place between April 29 and May 29. Watch for your voting instructions in late April and early May. Do not ignore emails and mailings in April and May. The instructions provided to you at that time will include the deadlines for voting. New members who have joined by April 1 will be eligible to vote in the 2014 elections.

Carol Campbell
VP Membership
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Membership Dues

Dues are due! We will begin to collect dues for 2014-2015. Please bring a check for \$76 made out to AAUW - Woodbridge Branch to either the April meeting or to the May salad luncheon. If you prefer, you may also mail it to Treasurer Barbara Ondo at: 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192. The year officially ends on June 30. By paying before then, you needn't worry about any lapse in membership and, besides, it will save us a lot of calling during the summer.

You can give the gift of membership. What better way to show your passion about AAUW than to share membership in the organization with someone you care about, especially a new college graduate.

April Program

Our next meeting will be Saturday, April 19, at 1:00 PM. This will be held in the Powell's Creek B room at McCoart County Admin Building. Our featured speaker will be Jenny Mischel, who is the Prince William County Director for "Bully Police Virginia". She will discuss her organization, bullying today, as well as strategies and techniques to prevent bullying. This current topic involves children, grandchildren and even adults so hope you can attend and support our last programmed speaker of the 2013-14 year.

Jeanne Elmore
CO-VP Programs



March Program



Quote of the Month

“To throw obstacles in the way of a complete education is like putting out the eyes.”

– Elizabeth Cady Stanton

AAUW Funds



At our May Salad Luncheon we will have two fund raisers. First, we will have a Silent Auction. We need donations of theme baskets or gift cards to have a gift card tree. So far I have heard from two members who are planning to donate. Our second fundraiser is our wrapped gift raffle. Just bring a wrapped gift and money to buy raffle tickets. Please support these fundraisers. If you are planning to do something for the Silent Auction such as a service, theme basket, or gift cards, please let me know.

Barbara Blindauer

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Castaways Repertory Theatre Fundraiser

Even though it is a very busy time of year, please set aside Sunday, May 4, 2013, 1:00PM, to attend Castaways Repertory Theatre's production of South Pacific, music by Richard Rodgers, lyrics by Oscar Hammerstein II, book by Oscar Hammerstein II and Joshua Logan. The spring musical directed by Zina Bleck will be performed at the Ferlazzo Building Auditorium located at the intersection of US Route#1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) and Cardinal Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191. There is plenty of parking. For additional information you may wish to check out the website at www.castawaystheatre.org.



All members and their guests are invited and encouraged to attend and help our branch raise scholarship funds. Members participating send in \$20 to our treasurer, Barbara Ondo; with at least 10 attendees a group rate of \$12 (musical rate) per person is received with the balance of \$8 going to the scholarship fund. Let Barbara Ondo know, if you plan to attend. She can be reached at barbaraondo@gmail.com or by mailing a check to her in advance to 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

The Castaways Repertory Theatre, formed in 1981, is a non-profit Community Theatre whose mission is "to provide quality live theatrical performances to the members and visitors of our community while involving those same community members in the theatrical arts through education, participation, and enlightenment". Your participation supports this fine community group and our scholarship fund.

Eileen Thrall

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AAUW National

AAUW Members and Volunteers, We Salute You!

Every day, we ask you, our members and volunteers, to make an effort to empower women and girls. Not only do you do this, but you do it well. From leading our national board, to planning state and national conventions, holding fundraisers, and pulling off powerful local programming, you do so much to help realize AAUW's mission, and we cannot thank you enough.

With that in mind, AAUW's national staff have designated the last week of March as Member and Volunteer Appreciation Week. While we couldn't possibly cram all our thanks into one week, we want to make sure you know how much we appreciate all you do to empower women and to make AAUW the powerful community it is.

Thank you, thank you, thank you!
AAUW National Staff

Girls+Math+Science=SUCCESS Conference



2014 Prince William-Manassas Regional Science Fair

Suzanne Harvey, Head Judge; Chuck Harvey, Jeanette Rishell, Susan Bardenhagen, Barbara Ondo, & Carol Campbell

First Place:

Pallavi A., Computer Science, “The Effect of the Type of Coolant Used on How Much Electricity is Produced” (Pennington Traditional School); *Second place in category*

Second Place:

Rylie P., Medicine & Health, “Cholesterol Countdown” (Linton Hall Private School); *Honorable Mention in category, CIA Award, Public Health Award*

Third Place:

Julia B., Environmental Science, “The Effects of Different Types in the Bull Run River” (Bull Run Middle School); *Honorable Mention in category, Federal Water Quality Award, Naval Research Award, PWC Service Authority Award*

Honorable Mention:

Hailey H., Behavioral Science, “Trees vs Technology” (Manassas Park Middle School); *Second place in category*

We interviewed all of the projects completed by females and narrowed 70 to 15 which we revisited as a team. We selected our finalists as above. In Animal Sciences, Allison’s “Saddle Up” earned 2nd place in her category; in Biochemistry, the team examining yeast earned 1st in their category; and in Environmental Science, our two others on “Fired Up” and “Dog Spots” earned 3rd and 1st in the category with the latter student earning the grand award for the middle school division. Of the 70, 35 received awards in their categories. Half of the senior division projects were complete by females and 14 of the 35 received awards in the categories.



AAUW of Virginia 2014 Voting Announcement

It is already time to begin thinking about AAUW of Virginia's annual one-member-one-vote election, which will take place between April 29 and May 29. Because paper ballots raise the cost considerably, all members are encouraged to vote online. Last year 787 paper ballots were mailed to members at a cost of \$811.73, over 40% of the total cost. Only 98 of these ballots were cast.

On the recommendation of the Voting and Elections committee, the Board voted for an opt-in rather than an opt-out process for receiving a paper ballot.

Branches can encourage online voting by bringing lap-tops or tablets to the May branch meeting to allow members to vote there.

Those who will need a paper ballot can request one between January 22 and April 6 by calling Mary K Johnson at 703/913-9490, emailing her at johnsons7703@verizon.net, or writing to her at 7703 Griffin Pond Court, Springfield, VA 22153. She will need each member's AAUW ID number, branch, and address.

All members who have joined by March 31, 2014, are eligible to vote. The quorum for the election is 7% of all members of AAUW of Virginia. For more details, see the 2014 Winter/Spring edition of the Vision.

AAUW of Virginia
Voting and Elections Committee
December 2013

AAUW Federal Lobby Day

I am able to provide some more information about our May 8, 2014, Federal Lobby Day in Washington, DC, which is held under the auspices of the AAUW Lobby Corps. At the present time the anticipated schedule will look like:

--You'll receive briefing information about the topic we'll be covering the night before Lobby Day. This is why it is important to RSVP with your email address so this information will reach you.

--We'll meet in the cafeteria of the appropriate Capitol Hill office building on May 8th at 9:30 a.m. Further information and directions will be provided at a later date.

-- Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW's Government Relations Manager and Manager of the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, will provide a briefing on the bill we'll be covering and discuss strategy regarding the offices we will be visiting and our meetings.

--AAUW of Virginia members will be matched up with experienced Lobby Corps members and assigned offices to visit.

--The group makes visits from about 10:30 a.m. until around noon.

--Optional group lunch follows.

This schedule is still tentative, pending any changes in the Congressional calendar.

Please let me know by April 23, 2014, the names and email addresses of those who'll be coming, along with information on who their Member of Congress is.

Leslie Tourigny
AAUW of VA
Public Policy VP

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