



# Woodbridge Wisdom

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

Feb 18	Book Club Uno	Martha Langer's house	2 pm
Feb 21	Spring Luncheon	Madigan's Waterfront, Occoquan 201 Mill Street Occoquan	Noon
Mar 14	Regional Science Fair	Kelly Educational Building	7:30 am- Noon
Mar 21	25 <sup>th</sup> Annual "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference	Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	
Apr 11	Tour of National Museum of the Marine Corps	18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle	10:00 am – Noon
Apr 18 - 19	AAUW of VA State Conference, Charlottesville, VA		
May 16	Spring Salad/Desert Luncheon		12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
Jun 18-21	AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA		

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I hope everyone had a great holiday and are surviving these cold days. Remember, less than two weeks until pitchers and catchers report to Spring Training.

As you can see from **Upcoming Events** there are a wide variety of activities and programs in the next few months. From luncheons to STEM events to conferences & conventions, there is something for every member. You don't have to be a rocket scientist to judge the **Science Fair**, just have a willingness to listen to the girls present their project. Many hands are needed for the **SUCCESS! Conference**, which is one of the oldest STEM events in AAUW. It is an amazing undertaking that Susan does each year and the article highlights many ways to help. And **AAUW of Virginia** turns 90 this year, which makes this state conference extra special. We have great speakers, powerful topics and, of course, fun. As state Co-President, I hope to see a big Woodbridge contingency at the conference. We have money in the branch budget to split among the conference attendees to help defray costs. For more information check out the Vision at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2012/08/Vision2015WinterSpring-Final-Compressed.pdf>  
I hope to see you at least at one event and hopefully, all of them. And, bring friends and potential members.

**Sandy Lawrence**  
**President**  
SandyAAUW@juno.com

## WANTED: NOMINATION COMMITTEE MEMBERS

We need two nomination committee members to be elected at the February meeting to identify candidates to run for president, membership, and secretary. The third committee member will be elected by the Board at the February board meeting.

## PROGRAMS

With February comes Valentine's Day! Hope you enjoy this special day!

For our new members, even though the outside temperatures may still be dropping, AAUW Woodbridge Branch is heating up with our many upcoming activities.

On Wednesday, February 4, 2015, I had the privilege of attending **AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day** in Richmond with other AAUW members. We kicked off this exciting day by attending the League of Women Voters of Virginia's Women's Legislative Roundtable, meeting with our senators and delegates' staff, meeting with **Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam** and **Governor Terry McAuliffe** respectively, and being acknowledged in the House and Senate Galleries. The Human Trafficking Petition with over 1200 signatures and packets of information were distributed. We then joined the League of Women Voters at the Tobacco Company for a special lunch to discuss the day's successes. My recommendation for all is to mark your calendar to attend next year's Lobby Day!



Carol and AAUW members delivering the human trafficking petition to Governor Terry McAuliffe

Our annual **Spring Luncheon** will be at **Madigan's Waterfront restaurant**, 201 Mill Street Occoquan, Phone: 703 494-6373 on Saturday, February 21, at 12 noon. Friends, family and potential members are certainly welcome. This is a delightful event. Please let me know by February 18 if you plan to attend. ([breeze053@aol.com](mailto:breeze053@aol.com)). Guests will order from the menu and pay by separate checks.

The Regional Science Fair and the SUCCESS Conference need your support! Please consider volunteering your time and talent for these events.

On Saturday, **April 11, 2015, from 10:00 am – 12:00 pm**, we will tour the National Museum of the Marine Corps, 18900 Jefferson Davis Highway, Triangle, Phone: 703-649-2350. I have requested that women in USMC history be highlighted.

We are in need of a volunteer to host our **Salad/Desert Luncheon** on **May 16, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**. Please let me know as soon as possible if you are interested. For new members, this is a pot luck luncheon, followed by a short business meeting, and elections.

Even though our viewing of the video “Not My Life” by Robert Bilheimer and narrated by Glenn Close was cancelled due to impending bad weather, I have the film if you would like to borrow it. This was the first film to comprehensively depict the cruel and dehumanizing practices of global human trafficking modern slavery.

There will also be a planning session for next year’s programs at the end of May. Stay tuned for more information.

Enjoy all that AAUW Woodbridge has to offer in the upcoming months!

**Carol Campbell**  
**VP Programs**

## **FINANCES**

Checking is \$971.76 as of December 31 2014.  
Savings is \$1066.20 as of December 31 2014.

**Karen Wolf**  
**VP Finance**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

Thank you, again, to Suzanne Harvey for compiling and preparing our 2014-15 membership directories. It was great to have such a wonderful turnout at the holiday dinner and reconnect with members we hadn’t seen in a while; plus, to meet daughters and moms of members. ☺

On a somber note, our thoughts and prayers go out to member Jeanette Rishell and her family on the passing of her husband of 45 years. While a sad occasion, it was consoling to share in spirit with so many branch members and families- Joyce & Doug Eagles, Barbara Ondo & John Starsiak, Carol Campbell, Susan Bardenhagen, Jeanne Elmore, Sandy Lawrence, and also our friend, Lydia Gonzalez. Lydia’s daughter hopes to join her mom at our February luncheon.

### ***AAUW has some excellent items in its membership newsletter for January-February:***

*We encourage you to take time to reflect on what it means to be a part of an organization that has never wavered in its commitment to advocate on behalf of women and girls. Have you visited the [Our History](#) section of the AAUW website? It’s a good reminder of our legacy for you and your branch to look at together. Of course, our lifelong relationships with pretty amazing people who are like family to us also remind us every day of the AAUW legacy. Membership provides tangible and intangible benefits worth far more than our dues, and that’s what inspires us to share how wonderful AAUW is with others.*

*We believe that paying these benefits forward is critical to the future of AAUW, and doing so can be as easy and simple as giving the gift of membership. There are many ways to gift membership affordably, and in some cases even free, as in the [Give a Grad a Gift](#) program. As we move forward in 2015, resolve to give someone you know the opportunity to belong to AAUW.*

*Remember, your membership strengthens our mission and our reach!*

### ***Take 50–75 Percent off National Dues for New Branch Members January 1–March 15***

*Recruit new branch members with the half-price national dues rate of \$24.50 between January 1 and March 15. You can even use the [Shape the Future](#) campaign to double the discount! That makes national dues for any new members joining at a public event just \$12.25 — 75 percent off AAUW national dues! This offer applies to the*

2014–15 fiscal year, so the membership will expire June 30, 2015. Student affiliate dues of \$17 are also eligible for these discounts.

### **Take 50 Percent off National Memberships Given by Branch Members January 1–March 15**

National membership is a great gift for those who want to support our mission but whose schedules don't allow time to participate in regular meetings and activities. Now through March 15, as a branch member, you can give the gift of a regular annual national membership for just \$24.50 *online!* Introduce your busy friends to AAUW, and once they have more time, encourage them to join your branch.

### **Celebrate Winter Graduates with a Free Membership**

Celebrate the success of a graduate this season with the *Give a Grad a Gift* campaign. Anyone who graduated within the last two years is eligible, so don't forget interns or student teachers you know. Give them a free, one-year membership in honor of their accomplishments.

For more on national membership dues and discounts, check out the *national dues, fees, and tax deductibility table!*

**Susan Bardenhagen**  
**VP Membership**

## **SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES NEEDED!**

The Prince William Regional Science Fair is scheduled for Saturday morning, **March 14<sup>th</sup> at the Kelly Educational Building off of Prince William Parkway**. Each year, our Woodbridge Branch gets a team together to judge this event. As organizational judges, we seek out all of the projects entered by females in grades 7 and 8. Each team member chooses to judge categories in which they have expertise or interest from the eleven—including Chemistry, Environmental Science, Physics, Microbiology, and more!

Each team member looks for the top 2-3 projects in their categories to present to the team, by interviewing the students present. The team narrows the group for consideration down to about 10-15 and we review and ask questions of the presenter as a team. Our awards are for 1<sup>st</sup>, 2<sup>nd</sup>, 3<sup>rd</sup>, and honorable mention with special prizes selected for the students' Science and Math classes. The young ladies and their parents are invited to our May luncheon to share their projects.

Whether you have a Science background or just an interest, please consider being part of our team. It really is exciting to see our future scientists, engineers, and entrepreneurs in action. It is rewarding to learn that most of our selections go on to win in their category and/or receive awards from other organizations. **The judges meet together about 7:30 am and are finished by noon.**

So, contact Suzanne H or Susan B if you would like to be part of this year's Science Fair judging.

[Harvey.suzannel@gmail.com](mailto:Harvey.suzannel@gmail.com) or [SMB4STEAM@gmail.com](mailto:SMB4STEAM@gmail.com)

## **2015 “GIRLS + MATH + SCIENCE = SUCCESS!” CONFERENCE PLANS**

The 25<sup>th</sup> annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!” Conference will be held on **Saturday, March 21st, at Marsteller Middle School** in Bristow. The Woodbridge Branch has supported this conference since 1995. We usually schedule it during Women's History Month after the Prince William Regional Science Fair.

The title is from a 1990 program on the West Coast and for us, has evolved from only non-traditional careers in Math and Science being presented to Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics (**S.T.E.A.M.**) careers, women's history, gender neutral education, and workshops for adults, too.

Our major corporate sponsors are working with us again- Micron Technology and Lockheed Martin. SPARK- the Prince William County Education Foundation- is our co-presenter; and presenters are being invited as the newsletter goes to press. For the **second year in a row, we have been awarded a \$100 VA of AAUW impact aid grant toward materials for participants, too!**

We have two community women to be honored with dedications in the program who died in 2014- Maddie Cannon Parrish, community leader involved in many women's organizations and Scouts, and Karen Frances Brown, presenter at first 1991 SUCCESS! about career as CPA and her company was a packet sponsor ever since. The t-shirts will be the only shade of purple that hasn't been used yet- a pale violet. We're still working on the color of the lettering- suggestions welcome! ☺

### **How can branch members support the conference, you ask?**

- \* Forward suggestions for sponsors- both financial and for items- to Susan B.
- \* Forward suggestions for presenters with an e-mail/phone contact to Susan B.
- \* Volunteer to present your STEAM career!
- \* Mark your calendar for helping set-up Marsteller's cafeteria with posters and refreshments on Friday night, March 21<sup>st</sup> - let Susan know ASAP so she can plan.
- \* Mark your calendar for the day of the conference- **early morning 7:30 am until 9:30 for help with passing out packets and getting conference underway; 9:30 until 11:30 to help refresh the refreshments and get the cafeteria ready for the evaluation collection and t-shirt distribution; and/or 11:30 until 1 pm to collect, distribute, and gather up materials for 2015.**

We will have a display table for AAUW as usual with membership materials and all of our presenters will receive membership packets. Our recent scrapbooks will be displayed, too. Our expectation is to provide awareness of all of the excellent studies and programs AAUW has that support the goals of the conference. We expect to have displays of the 26 conferences' materials along with the banner of shirts. After the Woodbridge Branch became partners, for two years we had an east and west conference in 1997 and 1998.

Check out the conference's website: [www.successconference.net](http://www.successconference.net).

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Human Trafficking Trends in the United States**

Since 2007, the National Human Trafficking Resource Center (NHTRC), operated by Polaris, has worked closely with local partners to help tens of thousands of callers connect with the help and services they need. As a result of the calls, emails, and online tip reports fielded by the hotline over the course of our first five years of operation, the NHTRC maintains one of the most extensive data sets on the issue of human trafficking in the United States.

From December 7, 2007, through December 31, 2012, the NHTRC answered 65,557 calls, 1,735 online tip forms, and 5,251 emails — totaling more than 72,000 interactions. Polaris analyzed the information learned from these interactions during the first five years of the hotline's operation.

#### *Key facts:*

- The NHTRC experienced a **259% increase in calls** between 2008 and 2012.
- In five years, the NHTRC received reports of **9,298 unique cases of human trafficking**.
- The three most common forms of **sex trafficking** reported to the hotline involved pimp-controlled prostitution, commercial-front brothels, and escort services. **Labor trafficking** was most frequently reported in domestic work, restaurants, peddling rings, and sales crews.
- 41% of sex trafficking cases and 20% of labor trafficking cases referenced **U.S. citizens as victims**.
- **Women** were referenced as victims in 85% of sex trafficking cases, and **men** in 40% of labor trafficking cases.

**From the Department of State website: 20 Ways You Can Help Fight Human Trafficking**

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After first learning about human trafficking, many people want to help in some way but do not know how. Here are just a few ideas for your consideration.

1. Learn the [red flags that may indicate human trafficking and ask follow up questions](#) so that you can help identify a potential trafficking victim. [Human trafficking awareness training](#) is available for individuals, [businesses](#), [first responders](#), [law enforcement](#), and [federal employees](#).
2. In the US, call the [National Human Trafficking Resource Center](#) at 1-888-373-7888 (24/7) to get help and connect with a service provider in your area, report a tip with information on potential human trafficking activity; or learn more by requesting training, technical assistance, or resources. Call federal law enforcement directly to report suspicious activity and get help from the [Department of Homeland Security](#) at 1-866-347-423 (24/7), or submit a tip online at [www.ice.gov/tips](http://www.ice.gov/tips), or from the U.S. Department of Justice at 1-888-428-7581 from 9:00am to 5:00pm (EST). Victims, including undocumented ones, are eligible for services and immigration assistance.
3. Be a conscientious consumer. Discover your [Slavery Footprint](#), and check out the [Department of Labor's List of Goods Produced by Child Labor or Forced Labor](#). [Encourage companies](#), including your own, to take steps to investigate and eliminate slavery and human trafficking in their supply chains and to publish the information for consumer awareness.
4. Incorporate human trafficking information into your professional associations' conferences, trainings, manuals, and other materials as relevant.
5. [Join](#) or start a grassroots anti-trafficking coalition.
6. Meet with and/or write to your local, state, and federal government representatives to let them know that you care about combating human trafficking in your community, and ask what they are doing to address human trafficking in your area.
7. Distribute public awareness materials available from the [Department of Health and Human Services](#) or [Department of Homeland Security](#).
8. Volunteer to do victim outreach or offer your professional services to a [local anti-trafficking organization](#).
9. Donate funds or needed items to an anti-trafficking organization [in your area](#).
10. Organize a [fundraiser](#) and donate the proceeds to an anti-trafficking organization.
11. Host an awareness event to watch and discuss a recent [human trafficking documentary](#). On a larger scale, host a human trafficking film festival.
12. Encourage your local schools to partner with students and include the issue of [modern day slavery in their curriculum](#). As a parent, educator, or school administrator, be aware of how traffickers [target school-aged children](#).
13. Set up a [Google alert](#) to receive current human trafficking news.
14. Write a letter to the editor of your local paper about human trafficking in your community.
15. Start or sign a human trafficking [petition](#).
16. **Businesses:** Provide internships, job skills training, and/or jobs to trafficking survivors. **Consumers:** Purchase items made by trafficking survivors such as from [Jewel Girls](#) or [Made by Survivors](#).
17. **Students:** [Take action](#) on your campus. Join or establish a university or secondary school club to raise awareness about human trafficking and initiate action throughout your local community. Consider doing one of your research papers on a topic concerning human trafficking. **Professors:** Request that human trafficking be an issue included in university [curriculum](#). Increase scholarship about human trafficking by publishing an article, teaching a class, or hosting a symposium.
18. **Law Enforcement Officials:** [Join](#) or start a local human trafficking task force.
19. **Mental Health or Medical Providers:** Extend low-cost or free services to human trafficking victims assisted by nearby anti-trafficking organizations. [Train](#) your staff on how to identify the indicators of human trafficking and assist victims.
20. **Attorneys:** [Look for signs of human trafficking among your clients](#). Offer pro-bono services to trafficking victims or anti-trafficking organizations. Learn about and offer to human trafficking victims the [legal benefits for which they are eligible](#). Assist anti-trafficking NGOs with capacity building and legal work.

A list of non-governmental organizations in our area that battle human trafficking:  
**Virginia**

[Boat People S.O.S., Inc.](#)

BPSOS, Inc has received a grant from the Office of Refugee Resettlement (ORR) to provide post-certification services to the approximately 200 Vietnamese and Chinese women and men who were victims of trafficking in American Samoa.

[Center for Multicultural Human Services - Program for Survivors of Torture and Severe Trauma \(CMHS\)](#)

The Center for Multicultural Human Services received a joint federal grant with Break the Chain Campaign from the Department of Health and Human Services, Office for Refugee Resettlement to provide pre-certification and post-certification services to victims of trafficking in the greater Washington, DC region..

[Tahirih Justice Center](#)

Tahirih Justice Center provides direct legal services, as well as comprehensive social services referrals, to trafficking victims.

**Washington DC**

[African Tourism Organization](#)

The African Tourism Organization (ATO) was founded as a regional umbrella organization by Self Help Initiatives, Inc.

[Ayuda, Inc.](#)

Ayuda provides legal and social services to low-income Latino and other foreign-born immigrant communities in the Washington DC metropolitan area. Ayuda administers a Trafficking Project that provides comprehensive legal and social services to victims of human trafficking.

[Break The Chain Campaign](#)

Break The Chain Campaign seeks to minimize the effects of human trafficking, modern-day slavery and worker exploitation through comprehensive direct service, research, outreach, advocacy, training and technical assistance.

[Center for Women Policy Studies](#)

The Center's work to combat trafficking of women and girls into the United States is a crucial part of its advocacy for women's human rights.

[Fair FUND](#)

In 2002, FAIR Fund was founded as an assistance and empowerment organization to support the successful integration of women's equality into developing civil societies.

[Free the Slaves](#)

Free the Slaves is the sister organization of Anti-Slavery International in London, the world's oldest human rights group.

[Polaris Project](#)

Named after the North Star that guided slaves towards freedom along the Underground Railroad, Polaris Project is a multicultural grassroots organization combating human trafficking and modern day slavery in the United States and Japan.

[Project HOPE International](#)

Project HOPE International (PHI) based in Washington, DC, works in Southeast Asia and the United States to build bridges between NGO practitioners, donors, professionals, and policy makers to better inform, understand, and meet the needs of trafficked persons and their support networks through education, coordination, and advocacy.

[The Protection Project](#)

The Protection Project is a legal human rights research institute based at Johns Hopkins University School of Advanced International Studies in Washington, DC .

**Ali Cohen**

**Public Policy Chair**

**BOOK CLUB**

The February Book group will be held at the home of Martha Langer at 2 p.m. on Wednesday February 18. Call 703-368-8217 for directions.

**Tania Iwanowski**  
[tania.iwanowski@yahoo.com](mailto:tania.iwanowski@yahoo.com)

## AAUW OF VIRGININA NEWS

**Drum roll please!!** We set a goal of collecting 1000 signatures on our human trafficking petition so we could get the attention of lawmakers when we deliver the petitions on Wednesday, February 4, 2015, as part of our 2015 State Lobby Day activities. Thanks to the extraordinary efforts of our extraordinary members we did more than just reach the goal **WE EXCEEDED IT. We collected 1200 signatures!!!!** This notable accomplishment, along with six Letters to the Editor published in news outlets around the state, human trafficking programs presented by branches around the state, and coalition building, we have made a huge leap forward in raising public awareness of the epidemic of human trafficking in Virginia. Hopefully, this will result in some action on the part of our lawmakers to pass legislation to assist survivors of human trafficking.

### **Well-done!!**

Leslie Tourigny  
AAUW of VA Public Policy VP



## **DON'T MISS AN AMAZING AAUW-VA CONFERENCE**

Don't miss your chance to **celebrate AAUW of Virginia's 90<sup>th</sup> anniversary**. We will be "**Celebrating our Past and Creating our Future**" during our April 18-19<sup>th</sup> convention in Charlottesville, VA at the Doubletree Hotel. A rich agenda highlights the achievements of AAUW during its past 133 years and illuminates strategic directions for our goals in years to come which will empower women.

The agenda on April 18 focuses on the past with **AAUW Archivist Suzanne Gould's** evocation of our history. Following Suzanne's presentation is a Q & A session with **AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman** about AAUW National's Impact plan. The afternoon sessions include **Geoffrey Skelley** of the UVA Center for Politics discussing the implications of the 2014 elections for our political priorities leading to the 2016 elections and the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment which gave women the right to vote in 1920. Concurrent with this session is the afternoon workshops that will focus on the issues of Human Trafficking and Campus Sexual Violence.

The celebration continues over dinner and will be capped by a hilarious comedy performed by UVA Prof. Ann Mazur's Victorian Theatrical Society.

On April 19, you can join with counterparts to share ideas to strengthen your branches. The conference ends with an elective **tour and box lunch at Ash Lawn-Highland, home of James Monroe**, 5<sup>th</sup> President of the United States.

The Winter/Spring 2015 Vision has more details on the conference. The state website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>) has an online brochure and conference registration information. Register before 27 March for \$80. After that the registration fee increases to \$90.

There are three ways to register for the Doubletree:

- Special one click webpage: [http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CHOSHDT - AAW-20150417/index.jhtml?WT.mc\\_id=POG](http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/groups/personalized/C/CHOSHDT-AAW-20150417/index.jhtml?WT.mc_id=POG)
- Phone call (800/222-8733, mention AAUW)
- Doubletree.com with code AAW

Don't miss this amazing opportunity! See you in Charlottesville!!



*Build-a-Cake!*



We are proud and excited to be celebrating 90 years of AAUW of Virginia this year! Through the decades we have had many challenges and many successes! But, there are also many things left to do! We can't wait to create an even stronger future for women and girls. Join the celebration! What do you wish for the next 90 years?

We will build –a –cake with your wishes at the Conference. There are 2 ways to participate:

- Write down your wish at the State Conference in Charlottesville at the birthday table,
- Send a wish early by email by April 15 to [pnquick@cox.net](mailto:pnquick@cox.net), or [sandyaauw@juno.com](mailto:sandyaauw@juno.com) ;

Show your pride and your hope for the future! Help us build-a-cake !

**Sandy Lawrence and Patsy Quick**  
**Co-Presidents, AAUW of Virginia**

## STEM News

Events are happening right in our community! On Saturday, February 7<sup>th</sup>, I volunteered to support a *Society of Women Engineers TechBridge* event, coordinated by the Girl Scouts. It was co-presented by the Prince William Chapter of the *National Coalition of 100 Black Women*. 75 middle school girls representing Graham Park, Potomac, and Saunders Middle Schools took part in team-building, four engineering projects, and learned about engineering careers from the eight women engineers. I supported their efforts by assisting with materials and applying my STEM teacher expertise. It was so rewarding! I've made contacts for presenters and volunteers for the SUCCESS! Conference. Also, the NCBW will help us disseminate information about the conference to their schools and colleagues!

From AAUW-

### **New STEM Research from AAUW Coming Soon**

Women remain dramatically underrepresented in the engineering and computing workforce, which accounts for more than 80 percent of STEM jobs. *Solving the Equation: Women in Engineering and Computing*, AAUW's upcoming research report, will feature the latest data on girls' achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done. [Sign up to be the first to know about the findings in Solving the Equation](#), scheduled for release in March 2015, and stay tuned for additional information about organizing watch parties in your neighborhood or on a local campus.

### **What It Really Means to Work in Manufacturing**

What's an average day like in a manufacturing career? AAUW talked to Dolores Wilson, training and development manager at the [Alcoa](#) office in Barberton, Ohio, to find out more about the exciting opportunities for women in manufacturing and the importance of educating girls and their families about this male-dominated field. [Read Wilson's story on our website.](#)

### **Making an Impact with Computer Science Education Week**

AAUW members and supporters know how important it is to introduce girls and women to the fast-growing field of computer science — that's why they're doing it themselves. This past winter, for [Computer Science Education Week](#), the AAUW community took some [great ideas](#) and ran with them to create successful and fun computer science events for girls across the country. [See how](#) AAUW members celebrated Computer Science Education Week, and [learn how](#) you can code all year long.

### **How Do We Bridge the Gender Gap in Science? Women in STEM Lead the Charge**

“At Tech Trek, girls learn that if they want to pursue studies and a career in STEM, they can,” says research chemist and Florida’s AAUW National Tech Trek Pilot Program Assistant Director Karin Marge Ostrom. “There is nothing to stop them from succeeding.” [Learn](#) about Ostrom’s experience as a Tech Trek leader in Florida and how you can help close the gender gap in STEM.

**Susan Bardenhagen**  
**Branch STEM Liaison**

## **AAUW NATIONAL ELECTIONS UNDERWAY**

Here’s a look at the timeline for the upcoming AAUW National Elections. Be sure to participate by sending in your vote by the deadlines below!

On January 29, 2015 the candidate profiles will be posted to the website.

Mid-March, 2015 Voter PIN will be mailed to members with the Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook; the final slate of candidates, bylaw proposals, and resolutions will be published in the Spring/Summer issue of the AAUW Outlook.

April 1, 2015 Opening date to request paper ballot; voter PIN e-mailed to members.

April 15, 2015 Voting begins online.

May 8, 2015 Deadline for AAUW to receive request for paper ballots.

May 26, 2015 Deadline for mailing ballots; must be postmarked by 11:58 p.m. to be counted.

June 19, 2015 online voting ends at 9:00 p.m. PDT

Woodbridge homepage: <http://woodbridge-va.aauw.net/>

AAUW homepage: <http://www.aauw.org>

SUCCESS! Conference website: [www.successconference.net](http://www.successconference.net)

AAUW of VA homepage <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>

**See next page for State Conference Registration Form.....**

# Registration AAUW VA/WVA States Conference April 18-19, 2015

## DoubleTree Hilton, Charlottesville

Name \_\_\_\_\_ AAUW Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Street Address \_\_\_\_\_  
 City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_  
 Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

**Check all that apply:**

First Time Attendee? \_\_\_\_\_ Current Branch President? \_\_\_\_\_ Student Affiliate? \_\_\_\_\_  
 Past State President? \_\_\_\_\_ Current State Board Member? \_\_\_\_\_ Presenter? \_\_\_\_\_

**Conference Registration** (includes Saturday luncheon)

Received by March 27: \$80 Received after March 27: \$90 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Saturday Buffet Dinner and Cash Bar** \$28.00 x number attending \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Special needs: \_\_\_\_\_

**Lodging Information: DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel Charlottesville**

990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlottesville, VA 22901 1-434-973-2121

<http://doubletree3.hilton.com/en/hotels/virginia/doubletree-by-hilton-hotel-charlottesville-CHOSHDT/index.html>

Exclusive AAUW Virginia rate: Standard room \$139.00 (plus tax) **Not included in registration.**

**Sunday James and Elizabeth Monroe's Ash Lawn-Highland Tour**

**10:00 to 12:00 noon**

Tour departs from the DoubleTree at 9:15 a.m.

Tour and Box Lunch \$20 x number attending: \_\_\_\_\_ \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**(Note: lunch choices below. Please check your choice.)**

**Total Check Amount** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**Make check payable to AAUW Virginia NW District (Note: No refunds after April 10)**

**Mail registration form and check to: Mary Froehlich, 112 Oak Ridge Dr., Stephens City, VA 22655**

**(h) 540/869-1728 froeh@comcast.net**

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**Saturday Workshops (choose one)**

A. Human Trafficking \_\_\_\_\_ B. Branch Archives \_\_\_\_\_ C. Campus Sexual Violence \_\_\_\_\_

**Sunday Breakfast Meeting (Cost of breakfast buffet not included)**

Counterparts Meeting: Your position? \_\_\_\_\_

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**Sunday Ashlawn-Highland Tour Box Lunch Selections.** Indicate selection/s.

Served with 8-oz bottled water and fruit salad, choice of potato or pasta salad (circle one), and a brownie.

Dietary Restrictions? \_\_\_\_\_

•**English Derby** | Roast Beef, Havarti cheese, romaine lettuce, tomato, Vidalia onion on an onion roll \_\_\_\_\_

•**The Chickadee** | Sliced grilled chicken, romaine, herb cream cheese, sundried tomato pesto on wheat Kaiser roll \_\_\_\_\_

•**The Hammer** | Black Forest ham, Havarti cheese, romaine lettuce and tomato on sub roll \_\_\_\_\_

•**The Roma** | Mozzarella, romaine lettuce, tomato, basil pesto and olive oil on sub roll \_\_\_\_\_

•**The Henny Penny** | Grilled chicken, Monterey Jack, whole grain mayonnaise, romaine, tomato on ciabatta roll \_\_\_\_\_

