

UPCOMING EVENTS

Oct 7	Board Meeting	Wegmans	7:30 pm
	<i>Second Wednesdays</i>	<i>Book Club Uno</i>	
October 8	Panera's at "The Glen"		7:30 pm
Oct 15	Branch Program	Derrick Riggins: "Girls on a Journey"	7:00 pm
	James J. McCoart Administration Building, Powell's Creek B		
Oct 18	Northern District Meeting	Burke Center Library	1:00 pm
	5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke		
Nov 19	Branch Program	Susan W. Farmer: "STEM Activities: Science/Technology/Engineering/Mathematics"	7:00 pm
	Location to be determined		

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

What a great start to our AAUW Year! Thanks to Ali and her mom for hosting the potluck and to everyone who attended and brought such great treats.

Mark your calendar for:

- A great year of branch programs and events. Starting with our October 15 program which looks at human trafficking of girls in our area. Bring your family and friends
- The Northern District meeting (October 18), which features branch members **Jeanette Rishell**, who will be on the panel discussing women and elected office; **Jeanne Elmore**, the Northern District Co-representative; and myself, as state co-president.
- The State conference, April 18, in Charlottesville. More information to follow...
AAUW of Virginia will be celebrating its 90th birthday.

Sandy Lawrence
President
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PROGRAMS

This is a wonderful time of year as summer has ended and the fall season gets underway with all its gorgeous colors and fun-filled activities. Hope you have a delightful Halloween!

Our **October Program** will feature **Mr. Derrick Riggins**, MSW, Director of Community and Government Relations, Youth for Tomorrow. He will speak on human trafficking. His topic will be “Girls on a Journey.” We will meet in the Prince William County James J. McCoart Administration Building, Powell’s Creek Room B, on Wednesday, October 15, at 7:00 pm. (The McCoart building is in front of the Pr. William Nationals’ stadium and where the county board of supervisors meets.) If you plan to attend, please let me know by October 13.

For our **November Program**, **Ms. Susan W. Farmer**, Ed.S, Physical Science Teacher and Science Department Chair, at Parkside Middle School, Manassas, VA, will update us on STEM activities at this level. She also teaches a STEM class. The date is Wednesday, **November 19, at 7:00 pm**. Location to be determined.

Our **December Holiday Dinner** will be at the **Occoquan Inn**, 301 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA, on Wednesday, **December 10, at 7:00 pm**. It seems far away, but you know how time flies. So, please put this on your holiday calendar. It is always a delightful evening!

Carol Campbell
Vice-President, Programs

BRANCH MEMBERSHIP NEWS

From the May luncheon through the days following our September potluck gathering, our branch’s membership roster has seen some move geographically- from Ohio to Pennsylvania and points beyond- and new members join us, too. As of our treasurer’s recent update, almost all of our members have paid up through 2015. I will follow up with those few.

Sandy’s golfing brought us new member, Noni, whose description of her interests and work at Ali’s home read like our AAUW’s vision! She joins the ranks of many of our members who have traveled to diverse places around the world.

It is so exciting that recently graduated Lyndsay **sought us** out while researching organizations supporting women’s issues! In addition to her degree from VCU she has already involved herself in supporting the ERA’s authorization. Lyndsay brought a friend, Simeon, who would like to join our branch, too.

As we all shared news and projects on the afternoon of September 21st, I delighted in hearing the names and celebrating how our members and state/national AAUW members have taken part in branch projects and outreach, championed AAUW’s mission, and have been part of historic events. We will highlight our members in both our newsletters and the branch directory this year.

Please consider inviting friends and colleagues to our branch’s events as our guests. It is heartwarming to meet new people and realize how much we share in the belief of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research, isn’t it? ☺ As the next “Susan” in the role of Membership VP, I look forward to continuing our branch’s diversity and positive impact on our communities. Contact me at successconference@juno.com

Susan Bardenhagen
VP, Membership

BOOK CLUB

Don't forget our book club. We have moved from Wegman's to Panera's at the Glen, where Old Bridge Road and the Parkway meet. Time is 7:30 pm. We meet the second Wednesday of the month. Bring your favorite books to discuss.

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SEPTEMBER POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Thanks to Karen Wolf for the wonderful pictures from the luncheon.



Barbara and John



New Member Noni and Sandy



Karen and Carol



Martha and Patty



Our Hostesses Ali and her mom



Sara, Martha, and Tania



MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT: *Lyndsay Wilshaw*

Hometown: Long Island, New York.

Education: First two years at Longwood University and last two years at Virginia Commonwealth University. Majored in psychology and minored in sociology.

AAUW member since: 2014

Occupation/Company: Presentation Team Member at Target

Family/pets: I have two wonderful parents (Thomas and Tracey) and an older sister (Kaelan) that graduated from Virginia Tech. My sister currently works as a biology teacher at Brooke Point High School. We both share a love for the sciences, although she is more “hard science” and I lean more towards social sciences.

Hobbies/Activities: I love Musical theatre, trying to paint with watercolors, arts & crafts, and travelling to D.C. and NYC any chance I get!

What I like about AAUW: I love the focus on educating young girls and women in the STEM areas. There is nothing more important than education, whether you are receiving it from schooling or through life experience.

One thing I bet you did not know about me: Since I am unable to pay for graduate school at this time, I have been trying to self-educate by borrowing two to three books from the library on social sciences and feminism (and of course some plays thrown in there). My self-discipline may need a little work but it’s been an amazing experience so far.

SAVE THE DATES!!

We already have confirmed dates for our branch's two March projects. They've moved the Regional Science Fair that we judge to the second Saturday- March 14, 2015. Usually it's the third Saturday. That leaves the third one for the SUCCESS! Conference which is just perfect since spring break begins on the next one.

Plan to help judge the middle school female projects on March 14th. The more judges, the better! It's so rewarding to participate in this branch effort to encourage female students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) areas. Suzanne Harvey coordinates this program for us.

The 25th annual (not anniversary, it's a Math thing.) "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference will be held on March 21, 2015. The Woodbridge Branch joined forces with the Manassas Branch in 1995 and became the sole presenter in 2000. We hope that it will continue at Marsteller Middle School and we will confirm the location as soon we know it. Susan Bardenhagen is always looking for new presenters and business supporters, so contact her with ideas and questions. successconference@juno.com

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

THE UPS (AND DOWNS) OF ELECTING WOMEN



- What are the challenges and barriers facing women running for office today?
- Is being defeated the end of the world?
- What's the current status of women in elected office on local, state, and national levels?

Join us for a panel discussion with Jeanette Rishell, Manassas Park Councilmember; Margi Vanderhye, former member of the Virginia House of Delegates; and Melissa Jackowski, National AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager.

SATURDAY, OCTOBER 18
1:00 PM
BURKE CENTER LIBRARY
5935 FREDS OAK ROAD, BURKE

OTHER EVENTS

The Fairfax City AAUW BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 1, 2014 11 am to 3 pm Country Club of Fairfax • 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA
\$40 per person (includes luncheon)

This year's featured books are all about unexpected life changes:

Sarah Pekkanen, **The Best of Us**: A Novel. Four college friends reunite on a luxurious vacation in Jamaica, and the closeness reveals truths about all their lives.

Mary Kay Zuravieff, **Man Alive!** A Novel. A family is changed drastically when a bolt of lightning strikes one of its members.

John Muller, **Mark Twain in Washington, D.C.: The Adventures of a Capital Correspondent**. Twain's time in the capital in the 1860s proved to be a critical point in his career.

Jan Neuharth, **The Kill**: A Hunt Country Suspense Novel. Solving a murder in Middleburg puts a cast of colorful residents under the glare of suspicion.

Daniel Stashower, **The Hour of Peril**: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War. As he traveled from Illinois for his inauguration, Lincoln was the object of a plot foiled by Allan Pinkerton in this spell-binding account.

Please mail your check (payable to "AAUW Fairfax City Branch) or Visa or MasterCard information to Suzanne Mahoney at 8313 Chapel Lake Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 • (703) 978-3258 • email: suzanne070946@mac.com Reservations must be made by **October 29** and are payable in advance.



DATES TO REMEMBER

Dec 10	Holiday Dinner	Occoquan Inn, 301 Mill Street Occoquan Inn, 301 Mill Street, Occoquan, VA	7:00 pm
Mar 14	Prince William Regional Science Fair		
Mar 21	"Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference		
Apr 18	AAUW of VA State Conference, Charlottesville, VA		
Jun 18-21	AAUW National Convention	San Diego, CA	

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