

UPCOMING EVENTS

Mar 14	Regional Science Fair Kelly Educational Building	7:30 am- Noon
Mar 21	25th Annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!” Conference Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	8 am - Noon
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 Joyce Eagle’s house	12:00 pm – 2:00 pm
May 30	Program Planning Session. Location TBD	10:00 am - 12:00 pm
Jun 18-21	AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA	

PRESIDENT’S MESSAGE

OK. **Who made Mother Nature Mad?** Because of bad weather both our January movie and February luncheon were cancelled. As I write this, the ice gods have made my driveway an ice skating rink.

But spring is coming and it brings great programs and events that you don’t want to miss. There is always room for another science fair judge. Many hands are needed for the **Success! Conference**, which is one of the oldest STEM events in AAUW. We will have our AAUW branch table at the conference with membership brochures and other AAUW information.

Have you signed up for the State Conference? **AAUW of Virginia** turns 90 this year, which makes this state conference extra special. We have great speaker, powerful topics and of course fun. Five members of the branch will be honored at the business meeting as Named Honorees for their contributions to the branch and AAUW. I hope there is a big Woodbridge contingency to honor them. We have money in the branch budget to split among the conference attendees to help defray costs. Information and registration form can be found in this newsletter or 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
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MARCH PROGRAMS

Happy St. Patrick's Day! I hope that you all have a grand old time on March 17th. As I am a Gallagher, this day always brings back fond memories of celebrations when I was growing up in Pittsburgh. At my high school we were the "Fighting Irish" and, of course, our colors were green and white.

We have an opportunity for helping the National Science Teachers Association with a STEM competition for 6th-9th-grade students from March 6th through March 20th. If you have the knowledge and time needed to be a virtual judge for this competition, please consider supporting this event. For additional information, please contact me at breeze053@aol.com.

Hopefully, we will have beautiful spring weather for the Regional Science Fair on March 14th and the SUCCESS Conference on March 21st! These are two of our most prominent events that we all anxiously await each year. 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.

Thank you to Joyce Eagles for graciously volunteering to host our Salad Desert Luncheon on May 16, 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm! For new members, this is a pot luck luncheon, followed by a short business meeting, and elections. We also have gift raffles that are exciting!

A tentative planning session for next year's programs will be held on Saturday, May 30th, from 10:00 am to 12:00 pm. The location is to be determined. Stay tuned for more information.

Happy Spring to all!

Carol Campbell

Vice-President, Programs

PRINCE WILLIAM/MANASSAS REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR JUDGING, MARCH 14TH

Suzanne and Susan are pleased with how the judging team for the female projects in grades 7 and 8 is becoming an effective sized team! We have Suzanne, Susan, Barbara, John, Sandy, and Lyndsay. Each team member will choose categories in which they have some experience or interest to judge- often Physics, Chemistry, and Plant Sciences need more than one judge; Biochemistry, Microbiology, and Mathematics are generally smaller; and the rest somewhere in between.

We begin as a team about 8 am with the continental breakfast supplied by the fair coordinators; next, there is a judges meeting with the Science Fair Coordinator. Only projects presented by females are considered for our awards of first, second, and third (occasionally, an honorable mention). We take notes and inquire about the student's interest, choice of topic, and methodology- looking for projects that are creative, innovative, and show expertise at a high level. After each judge completes their initial interviews, the team meets again to share the highlights for the team to review. Our final task is to revisit the ten or so "finalists" for a few questions and then come to consensus on our winners.

Susan presents our awards at the ceremony later in the afternoon, gets a photo for our scrapbooks, and gets contact information to invite the winners and their parent(s) to the spring luncheon. And, all of the students, grades 7-12 are given a flyer to attend the SUCCESS! Conference, fees paid by corporate sponsors. We usually get 5-10 additional students and parents registered. Some have become our future presenters, too! We hope this sounds like the rewarding experience it is- please consider joining our team since "Many hands make light work."

Suzanne Harvey

Science Fair

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“GIRLS + MATH + SCIENCE = SUCCESS!” CONFERENCE NEEDS ONE MORE PART

At three weeks until March 21st, we have our **violet t-shirt color** chosen, sponsors confirming, presenters considering their presentations, items for packets being organized, and the families and friends of the two women we are honoring working on the dedication pieces. The final piece that **we need is YOU**- volunteering to help us set up the evening prior, the 20th, and supporting us with registration and t-shirt distribution on the 21st.

SPARK the Education Foundation for Prince William County Public Schools, is our co-presenter and paid for the 2000+ registration flyers for the county schools. Micron Technology, Lockheed Martin, Pro-Chain Solutions, NOVEC, and Vulcan have confirmed their financial support. We expect that our other sponsors and perhaps a few new ones will complete our support by the March 6th due date. I have boxes of pencils, bookmarks, pens, and other packet items ready for the “trick-or-treat” bag stuffing; with more arriving in the mail- brochures, booklets, and flyers from AAUW, Techbridge, and AiAA. We were approved for a VA AAUW Impact grant for \$100, which will help pay for shipping and items from AAUW. We’ve got about two weeks to gather up more items. Ideas? Contact Susan!

So far our presenters include two sets of sisters- each bringing their sisters on board to share their STEAM (Science, Technology, Engineering, the Arts, and Mathematics) careers- a new group who will present in the gym, our former Science Fair winners, and more. I made personal requests to members whose degrees and careers relate to the goals of the conference, as near as I could tell from the directory information. If I didn’t contact you and you are interested, please let me know. While the conference’s “data base” includes over 200 people, I am always concerned that we have enough speakers for both the students and adults. We especially need a speaker to present on women’s history- we have videos and items in our SUCCESS! Conference collection. The due date for presenters is also March 6th. (Both sponsors and presenters need to be confirmed, along with all of the registrations received, by this date in order to order t-shirts and plan the printed program.)

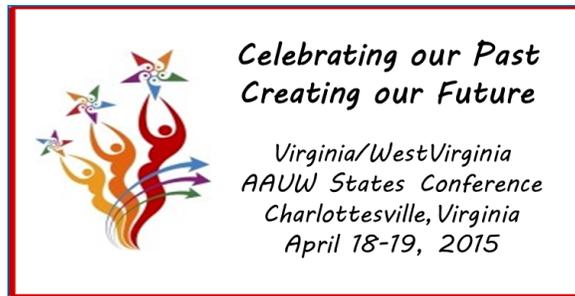
Maddie Hooe Cannon Parrish and Karen Frances Brown are our honored women this year. Both were community leaders; Maddie’s sisters-in-law were a conference volunteer from the Manassas Branch in the SUCCESS! Conferences early years and a presenter the first year of 1991; Karen was a CPA, Chamber of Commerce officer, and also a presenter in 1991. Maddie’s family and Karen’s co-workers will be in attendance for our dedication.

All of the Prince William County, Manassas City, and Manassas Park City Public Schools that house students in grades 5-12 have been sent flyers for distribution. The registration forms that have already come in already are from many schools. Godwin and Beville Middle Schools have their buses reserved; Pennington’s coordinator has her students signing up, and we are hoping previous attendees will return, too. Our member, Regina, has been helping with getting student registrations. She has Girl Scouts and members of her daughter’s soccer team.

The Science Fair participants at the Junior and Senior Regional will all be invited when we judge on March 14th with their fees being covered by corporate sponsors. Educators’ are encouraged to attend and can earn 5 recertification points toward their Virginia license renewals.

Mark your calendar for helping **set-up Marsteller’s cafeteria** with posters and refreshments **on Friday night**, March 20th. Mark your calendar for the day of the conference, **March 21st - 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** to close out 2015 and begin the process for 2016.

Susan Bardenhagen
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DON'T MISS AN AMAZING AAUW-VA CONFERENCE

Don't miss your chance to **celebrate AAUW of Virginia's 90th anniversary**. We will be **"Celebrating our Past and Creating our Future"** during our April 18-19th 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 100th anniversary of the 19th 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**, 5th President of the United States.

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
- 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, or 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

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

AAUW OF VIRGINIA ONE MEMBER/ONE VOTE 2015 VOTER GUIDE

This is the fourth year for AAUW of Virginia's One Member/One Vote initiative. We hope that all of you will be casting your vote in May and that most of you will be voting online. It is very important that members participate because we need a quorum of 7 per cent for the election. Without 7 per cent of the membership voting, the new state officers cannot take office. Please take the time to vote as a responsible AAUW of VA member.

Schedule of 2015 voting February 2—Requests for paper ballots begin April 21—Deadline for requesting paper ballots April 24—Springfield-Annandale Branch mails paper ballots April 27—Online voting opens May 22—Postmarked paper-ballot deadline May 27—Online voting closes at midnight .

Save this copy of Virginia Vision. This is the Voter Guide to the elections. This year you will be voting on candidates for state office. Reports outlining your choices are found in this Voter Guide. The Voter Guide will be available on the state website (<http://aauwva.aauw.net/>). Verify your email and mailing address in your AAUW national profile Voting will be made available online to all AAUW of Virginia members with email addresses. The email address that AAUW National has in your profile in the Member Services Database (MSD) will be the address used to notify you to vote.

Please do not send change of address notices to the Voting and Elections Committee. To assure receipt of voting instructions and ballot, go to the Member Center on www.aauw.org and log into the MSD to verify and edit your email and mailing addresses no later than April 1. New members who have joined by April 1 will be eligible to vote in the 2015 elections. Requesting paper ballots In order to save money, we have instituted an opt-in rather than an opt-out process for receiving a paper ballot.

Members may request a paper ballot between February 2 and April 21 by calling Mary K. Johnson at 703/913-9490, emailing to 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. Members who do not know their ID number may obtain them from their branch treasurer or from the MSD.

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. All votes will be returned to and tallied by AAUW National so they will not be seen by AAUW of Virginia members. Questions concerning the process of voting can be directed to the AAUW of Virginia Voting and Elections Committee (V&EC) at johnsons7703@verizon.net

Woodbridge homepage: <http://woodbridge-va.aauw.net/> AAUW homepage: <http://www.aauw.org>
AAUW of VA homepage <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>

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

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? _____

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 _____