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UPCOMING EVENTS

September 9 th	Second Wednesday of the Month - Book Club Uno	7:30 pm
September 27 th	Pot Luck Brunch Ali Cohen's Home (See inside for more information.)	1:30pm
October 3 rd	Northern District Meeting Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke 22015	2:00 pm
April 2, 2016	Girls + Math + Science= SUCCESS! Conference Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	8 am -noon
April 15-17, 2016	Virginia AAUW State Conference, Hyatt Dulles	

President's Message

HOW I SPENT MY SUMMER VACATION

I hope everyone had a great summer. See what some of our members did this summer later in this newsletter.

My big summer event was attending the AAUW National Convention in San Diego. There were over 1,200 attending. Between the workshops, panels, meeting other members, it was an exciting time. As Chair of the Social Media Committee, I presented my report to the entire convention. Quite a moment.

And, September starts the AAUW year. Carol has lots of great programs planned. I hope we have more fun activities this year. If you wanted to go to a favorite restaurant or see that new movie that came out, why not make it a branch activity? This doesn't need a lot of planning, just send an email with date, time and event. This is one way to attract new members.

Sandy Lawrence

President

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WELCOME BACK POTLUCK BRUNCH FOR 2015-16



Here we are ready to kick off AAUW Woodbridge Branch's 43rd Year! State Co-President Sandy Lawrence will update us on all the latest happenings at all levels of AAUW and the National Convention. Susan Bardenhagen will update us on STEM activities. So, you do not want to miss this exciting event!

Ali Cohen will host our gathering on **Sunday, September 27, 2015, from 1:30 to 4:00 pm**. Thank you so much Ali for opening up your lovely home to us once again. It is always a great beginning to another great year!

Please email me- Carol Campbell- at breeze053@aol.com and cc: ali.cohen@verizon.net to RSVP and tell me what you plan to bring to the potluck. And remember, guests are always welcome at our events! My phone number is 703-389-4702 if you have any questions.

Directions to Ali's:

4287 Newbold Court in Woodbridge, near the McCoart Building. Ali's phone number is 703-878-3460.

Three roads intersect where you will travel Ridgefield Road (from Dale City), Prince William Parkway (coming from Lake Ridge) and Greatbridge which is directly across from where Ridgefield Road intersects the Parkway from the south. **Directions here are given as if one were to be driving from Lake Ridge intersection of PWC Parkway and Greatbridge (Ruby Tuesday will be on your left on the corner); turn right and go to the roundabout.**

Take the first right off of the roundabout (Asdee Lane). Follow Asdee until it T intersects with Coventry Glen Drive. Turn right on Coventry Glen and follow it until it T intersects @Tideswell Mill Court. Turn right onto Tideswell Mill Ct. Follow Tideswell Mill Ct. to the first (and only) left which is Newbold Court. Turn left onto Newbold. Ali's home is on the right hand side where the cul-de-sac begins. The number is 4287.

Hope to see you there!

BOOK CLUB

Don't forget our book club. We have moved from Wegman's to Panera's at the Glen, where Old Bridge Rd and the Parkway meet. Time 7:30 P.M., usually second Wednesday of the month.

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OTHER ITEMS OF INTEREST

On July 18, 2015, I attended the 2015 Virginia AAUW Summer Leaders Meeting, which took place in Williamsburg. The meeting was chaired by Co-Presidents Sandy Lawrence and Patsy Quick. Deepti Gutapati from AAUW National Headquarters led leadership workshops on growing and strengthening the branches. It was very informative and Sandy shared her tips on conquering email clutter. Her tips helped me clean up my inbox once and for all!

On **September 13, 2015**, Ali and I will attend a meeting of Northern Virginia District Branch Coordinators for the VA State Conference to be held April 15-17, 2016, at the Hyatt Dulles. We have received a description of the responsibilities the Northern District has for the Conference, divided into 10 jobs/committees, for the 10 branches. Each Branch has been asked to review them and **select 4 in priority order that we would be willing to take on.** *Please note that although Ali and I have volunteered to be a Branch Coordinator, should anything happen and we would be unable to serve, the BRANCH is still responsible for carrying out the 4 jobs.

On **Saturday, November 7, 2015, at 11:00 a.m.**, the 7th Annual Greater Manassas Veterans' Day Parade will honor "Women in the Military". It is held in Old Town Manassas. It has always been a great parade, but this year's theme will make it truly remarkable!

It is my goal this year as Program Vice-President to have additional activities for members to attend, if they are interested. However, due to space limitations, our calendar of regular scheduled events will continue to be listed in the front of the Newsletter. Programs of interest will be listed in a separate section, i.e., trips to Washington, D.C., Hylton Center events, overnight trips to New York, etc. If you are interested in hosting an event, please let me know.

As soon as details for the October program are finalized, I will forward the information to you. We anticipate it to be a Saturday event.

Thank you for your support and I look forward to an amazing year!

Carol Campbell

Vice-President, Programs

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PUBLIC POLICY

On Saturday, **October 10th**, at **Congregation Ner Shalom**, from **7-10 pm**, there will be a **candidates' forum** for Chairman of the Board of Supervisors, Chairman of the School Board, and Commonwealth's Attorney. Members of the community at large and congregation members will attend, and candidates will be asked questions submitted by the audience. There will be food and soft drinks and a time for candidates and voters to mingle. The event will be free of charge, but contributions can be made to the synagogue or the candidates at the guests' discretion.

I will be happy to make reservations for our ladies-they just have to let me know!

Ali Cohen

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MEMBERSHIP

Our membership year begins with the fiscal year- on July 1st, so we're already on a roll. We have some new members, too. The process keeps getting more streamlined; simple steps on line.

“Our” Science Fair winner and SUCCESS! Conference presenter, Piper Sigrest, joined the M.I.T. university AAUW student chapter as a freshman. After interning with Space X in California for the summer, she will be continuing her college studies. Her sister, Della, also a SUCCESS! Conference presenter, received my “give a grad a gift” membership, courtesy of AAUW. Living in Richmond after graduating from V.C.U., Della was honored with state and branch membership dues from the Greater Richmond branch. They are working on their first STEAM conference, patterned after SUCCESS! for June of 2016. The sisters are fine examples of how we all can encourage the next generation of AAUW leaders. ☺

Please follow Carol's suggestions about bringing a guest (or two!) to Ali's on September 27th. It's an encouraging way to share the benefits and comradery

Susan Bardenhagen

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**How Will This Story End?
Come Find Out on October 3**

WHO: All Northern District Branch Members
WHAT: Annual Fall District Meeting
WHERE: 2:00 pm; Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke 22015
WHY: Learn, Energize, Act

Once upon a time (1972 to be exact) Congress wisely adopted Title IX. What progress has been made in these 43 years? Many look to women's sports and the incredible changes in that arena. But Title IX is much broader than sports and covers many activities that are civil rights issues. The U.S. Department of Education has just released new guidelines and resources for public schools. That is where we AAUW members come into the picture.

Our invited speaker is Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. Those who attended AAUW National Convention this year were captivated by this young woman and her very informative talk. Come hear how equal educational opportunities still lag behind, and how AAUW members can be an incredible partner in connecting with our school Title IX coordinators and the new guidelines for schools. Join us October 3 for the rest of this story.

Jeanne Elmore and Caroline Pickens, Northern District Co-Representatives

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WHAT I DID ON MY SUMMER VACATION

Ali went to Alaska



Sandy and Carol at the Summer Leaders Meeting



Sandy speaking at National Convention



Sandy & Patsy at State President Meeting



Jeanne Elmore went to Arches National Park



AAUW Woodbridge Programs for 2015-2016



Sunday, September 27 1:30 PM	Welcome Back Brunch at Ali Cohen's Speakers: Sandy Lawrence "What's New" Susan Bardenhagen "What's New with STEM Programs"
Saturday, October 3	N. VA District Meeting
Tuesday, October 13 or Saturday, October 17	TBD TBA
Tuesday, November 17 or Saturday, November 21	"Nutrition for Women" - How much attention should we pay to all the science articles that come out today and are debunked tomorrow.
Tuesday, December 15	Holiday Dinner
Saturday, January 23	Movie at Ali's
Wednesday, February 3	Tentative State Lobby Day in Richmond
Saturday, February 20	Spring Luncheon at Madigan's
Saturday, March 12	Prince William Regional Science Fair
Wednesday, March 15 or Saturday, March 19	Update on Campus Violence Location: TBD
Saturday, April 2	SUCCESS! CONFERENCE
Friday, April 15 through Sunday, April 17	AAUW State Conference at Dulles Hyatt
Saturday, May 14	Spring Dessert Luncheon
Saturday, June 4	Planning Session for 2016-2017

AROUND TOWN



Workhouse Fall Arts Festival 2015

September 26, 10am-6pm
September 27, 10am-5pm
Campus-wide • FREE!

The *2nd Saturday Art Walk* at the Workhouse showcases the diverse work of more than 100 visual artists in a unique historic venue, creating an atmosphere that encourages visitors to immerse themselves in the richness of this creative community.

Guests can tour seven unique studio buildings, mix and mingle with artists, buy original works of art, experience ever-changing exhibitions and meet featured artists, all while enjoying light refreshments and music. The social atmosphere of the monthly art walk makes it the perfect destination for a date night or girls' night out, as well as for art collectors and art appreciation groups alike. These monthly events are also perfect for family art outings.

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