



**DATES TO REMEMBER**

Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Wegmans, upstairs	7:30 pm
Sep 5	Board meeting		Wegmans, upstairs	7 pm
Sep 19	Pot Luck dinner	Ali Cohen home		7 pm
		4287 Newbold Court, Woodbridge, VA		
Sep 30	Articles for October newsletter due			
Oct 3	Board meeting		Wegmans, upstairs	7 pm
Oct 13	Northern District Meeting		Burke Centre Library	10 am
Oct 17	Branch Program "Get Out the Vote"			7 pm
		Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge		
Oct 20	Castaways Theatre		Ferlazzo Building	8 pm
		"The Importance of Being Earnest"		
Apr 13	AAUW of Virginia Conference		Richmond	
Jun 9-12	AAUW National Convention		New Orleans	



**PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

**Happy 40th Birthday to us!** The first meeting of AAAUW-Woodbridge Branch was held in 1972 with 32 charter members. We are pleased to have one of those charter members still with us. Thanks, Tania, for sticking with us.

Please come to the September pot luck and enjoy birthday cake.

My summer has been very busy and has gone by too fast. On August 18, I attended the AAUW State Board's special session for branch presidents. It was a good workshop with many ideas on getting and retaining new members (See article below). Our first board meeting of the year was held on August 1 and our vice presidents for programs shared plans for some very interesting programs. I have several personal goals for this year. My first goal is to solve the problem of archiving our "stuff": what to save and where to store it. And my second goal is to have at least one program that attracts 32 people!

Sara B. Anderson, President

## 2012-2013 BRANCH LEADERSHIP

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Board members hard at work at the August meeting



### SEPTEMBER POT LUCK DINNER

Wednesday **September 19, 7 pm** at the home of Ali Cohen, 4287 Newbold Court, Woodbridge, VA

This is the **fortieth anniversary** of the Woodbridge Branch of AAUW. A celebratory birthday cake will be our dessert at the Fall Potluck so members will not be called upon to bring desserts to share.

Special guest at the Fall Potluck will be **Caroline Pickens**, current president of AAUW Virginia. Caroline has been working with the AAUW Archives Corps for several years and she will share some interesting history from the early seventies found in those archives. Perhaps some of the members who have been members of the branch for many years can also recall and relate some of the first projects that the branch created. If you know any prospective members please bring them to this event.

Please **RSVP** as soon as possible to [kleewolf@verizon.net](mailto:kleewolf@verizon.net) and mention what type of dish (non-dessert) you will be bringing.

Karen Wolf

**Directions to Ali's house...**

At the intersection of PWC Parkway and Greatbridge (\*Ruby Tuesday will be on your left); turn right and go to the round about.

Take the first right off of the round about (Asdee). Follow Asdee until the T intersects with Coventry Glen.

Turn right on Coventry Glen and follow it until the T intersects at Tideswell Mill Ct.

Turn right onto Tideswell Mill Court.

Follow Tideswell Mill Ct to the first (and only) left which is Newbold Court.

Turn left onto Newbold. We are on the right hand side where the cul de sac begins. The number is 4287. Please CAR POOL!!!!

Home phone is 703.878.3460

**2012-2013 WOODBRIDGE AAUW PROGRAMS**

The co-VPs want to give you a glance at the programs and activities proposed for the 2012-13 year so you can put dates on your calendar now. Many of the programs will be at Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge. Hope to see you there!

<b>DATE</b>	<b>TIME</b>	<b>EVENT</b>
Sep 19	7:00 pm	Potluck dinner
Oct 17	7:00 pm	Program topic: "Get Out the Vote"
Oct 27	1:00 pm	Tour of Lorton Workhouse Arts Center and Prison (Suffragists) Museum
Nov 14	7:00 pm	Program topic: "ID Theft"
Dec 5	7:00 pm	Holiday dinner
Jan TBD	TBD	Saturday chick flick
Feb 23	12:00	Occoquan luncheon
Mar 20	7:00 pm	Program topic: "Title IX"
Apr 17	7:00 pm	Program topic "AAUW Lobby corps/Lobbying"
May TBD	TBD	Salad luncheon

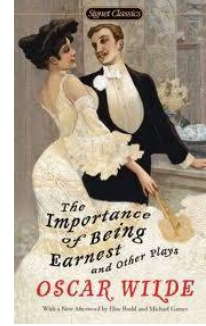
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**AAUW FUNDS**

We started the 2012--2013 fundraiser year off already with the Macy's fundraiser. We made around \$250.00. Other fundraisers will be Castaways Productions (more info to follow), raffles, silent auction, and meals at Famous Dave's. Stay tuned for more info to come on eating at Famous Dave's. If you have any suggestions on fundraisers, please let me know.

Thanks,  
Barbara Blindauer, AAUW Funds



## OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CASTAWAYS REPERTORY THEATRE

Once again this year, we will be targeting participation in attending performances of the Castaways Repertory Theatre as a way to raise funds for scholarships. Here is how it works: members send in \$20 to our treasurer, Barbara Ondo; with 10 members attending we receive a group rate of \$10 per person; the balance of \$10 goes to our scholarship fund.

So, please mark your calendar for **Saturday, October 20, 8:00 pm** Ferlazzo Building Auditorium, Woodbridge. The first play of the season will be "**The Importance of Being Earnest**" directed by Julie Little and set in London, 1895. More details will be provided in the October newsletter. Hope to see you there.

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## MEMBERSHIP

Welcome back to our new year of terrific branch programs and get-togethers with our wonderful branch members. We had a lovely Spring Membership Salad Luncheon in May and now have some terrific new people in with us. **Welcome to Susan Marsh and Shari Oley and welcome back to former members Kathryn Kelsey and Pat Comer!**

Sometimes breaks become necessities, but lovely long-time member **Suzanne Harvey** will once again be producing and distributing the **branch membership directory**. It will have quite a few additions and changes in it since the last one. Please be sure to fill us in on changes in your address, email or others, as needed.

We all are looking forward to seeing each other at the September potluck. This will be the beginning of the 40th year of our AAUW Woodbridge Branch. How exciting! Be sure to come and have fun getting together and eating a good meal! You'll enjoy whatever else takes place!

Do you know of a college graduate who might be interested in becoming a member of a terrific organization that supports education and equity for women and girls and be among local lovely, friendly and supportive women? If so, give me their name along with their e-mail address and phone number and I will contact them about our branch.

Susan Fairey  
Membership VP

## PUBLIC POLICY/GET OUT THE VOTE

What did you do on the 4th of July?

The Woodbridge Branch with support from the League of Women Voters (LWV) withstood temperatures of 103 degrees to GOTV and participate in the **Dale City Parade**. Carol Noggle, Sheila School, Dianne Blais, Lena Booker, Sandy Lawrence, Jeanne Elmore, and Kristina Romines (AAUW-GOTV) joined me in this important event. (Pictures below)

Lena drove the Red Double cab 150 Ford pickup truck (Loaned to us by Cowles Ford Woodbridge.) as Sandy and Dianne waved at the crowd and told them that we were registering people to vote at the **Family Fun Day** at the Dale City Commuter Lot. The truck was decorated on each side with a poster of a woman with her mouth taped shut. This poster was designed by an AAUW group in SE Virginia. There were almost 200 groups in the parade, we were number 123. We never drove in a parade, so our excitement was lining up in the right place. Sandy missed the spot and had to turn around and try to find the right spot. Boy did that get us excited, as the parade had started. You had to be in the right spot so you could be correctly announced as you went by the grandstand. The parade was taped and is being shown on local government TV channel the rest of this year, so look for it.

The LWV decorated the booth with AAUW and League posters and banners. They were well organized for registering voters and answering questions. We registered 14 people and were able to answer a lot of questions. Did you know, if you move, but are still living in the same community, you have to re-register to vote?

On August 4<sup>th</sup>, we manned a GOTV table at the **African American Heritage Festival in Manassas**. Carol Noggle from the LWV-Manassas again provided support. We registered at least six voters, provided forms such as Absentee Ballot request forms. The political parties kept sending people to us to their answer numerous questions.

Hope to have more GOTV events and look forward to your help.



Angela Booker  
Co-VP Public Policy  
AAUW VA



**MEMBER IN THE SPOTLIGHT**  
**TANIA IWANOWSKI**

I am originally from Pittsburgh, went to the University of Pittsburgh and graduated with a BA in Education. I taught Spanish for 3 years in the Pittsburgh area and then came to the Washington area for a job with the federal government. I stayed home with my children after they were born and then worked as a pre-school teacher for a number of years; in fact, I had Phyllis Jackson's and Mary Williams' daughters in my classes. In my 40's, I then was employed full time with Prince William Department of Social Services as a Welfare Fraud worker. I moved to Dale City when the only grocery store was in Marumsco Plaza. After 8 years, I moved on to the Commonwealth of Virginia as a Medicaid Fraud worker and then transitioned to a Medicaid Appeals Hearing Officer. I retired from that position and am now working part time again for Prince William Department of Social Services, reviewing cases for Medicaid and Food Stamps. I joined AAUW originally as a founding member but dropped out for a while and the rejoined. I think that I have been president at least 4 times. I have three children, all boys, and a set of twins and one granddaughter. I enjoy our book club, reading is a passion for me, and I also like to attend the ballet, opera and theatre in D. C.

NOTE: Tania is a founding member of Woodbridge AAUW Branch

**BOOK CLUB UNO**

Book Club Uno meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at Wegmans. Ours is a non-traditional book club, we bring one or two books we have read. We discuss the plot (for fiction), what we liked or disliked about the book, if we would recommend it and other issues we would like to comment on. We all enjoy our evening together and it is a wonderful way to get involved in AAUW.

Tania Iwanowski

**NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS**

**SAVE THE DATE**

AAUW Northern District meeting will be **October 13, 2012** from 10 am to 1:30 pm

Location: **Burke Centre Library** 5935 Freds Oak Road Burke, VA 22015

Guest Speaker: **Attorney Susan L. Burke**

Ms. Burke is spearheading three lawsuits against the Department of Defense, Former Secretaries of Defense **Rumsfeld** and **Panetta**, and the military services to reform how the U.S. military prosecutes rape and sexual assault cases. She is featured in the documentary "The Invisible War", which was voted Sundance Film Festival Fan Favorite.

AAUW supports these lawsuits through the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) case-support program.

More information to follow but put the meeting in your calendar **TODAY**.

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**HAVE YOU? Visited Sewall-Belmont House and Museum**



The Sewall-Belmont House and Museum was the fifth National Woman's Party (NWP) headquarters and has the most complete collection of suffragist artifacts in the United States. The museum is located at 144 Constitution Ave NE (near Union Station metro) and is open Wednesday-Sunday 12-5 pm. For more information, go to [www.sewallbelmont.org](http://www.sewallbelmont.org).



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### AAUW VA LEADERSHIP TRAINING

On August 18, in Charlottesville, AAUW of Virginia held a Leadership Training for state branch members. Sara, Angela and I were part of the 52 women who participated in this energizing and high informative session.

Deepti Gudipati, Director for Leadership Development at AAUW, lead the group in brain storming on recruiting branch members for leadership positions. Patsy Quick provided ideas to better communicate with members and potential members using social media, email, newsletters and web sites ([Woodbridge web site coming on line soon](#)). Anita Aymer talked about why people join and stay AAUW members and Caroline Pickens provided great ideas for having an energetic, fulfilling, and productive branch.

Sandy Lawrence

### AAUW PUBLICATIONS: WAYS AAUW COMMUNICATES WITH YOU

All members get Outlook and Mission and Action. But there are other publications you may be interested in:

- **Equity Issues in the News:** Recent news headlines and stories about AAUW and topics of equity for women and girls. Emailed to AAUW Board, State and Branch Presidents, State and Branch Communications ([Subscribe by emailing a request to: media@auw.org.](#))
- **Two-Minute Activist:** Get an alert when your involvement can make a critical difference. ([Subscribe by clicking on link at www.aauwofva.org under Public Policy or by clicking on ACT at www.aauw.org.](#))
- **AAUW Dialog: Discussion, Information, Advocacy Log.** This is a type of blog written by staff and guests on a variety of topics. The “essays” are usually short and timely. There is a comment section at the end of each post. At [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) click on [blog](#). It takes you to the most recent posts. Once there you can click and subscribe to have a notice of the posts sent to your email. From your email, you click and it takes you to AAUW Dialog. [Anyone can subscribe.](#)
- **Resources for Members and Officers:** At the AAUW web page, log into the *Member Center* using your member number and click on *Officer and Member Resources* from the menu on the left. Forms, templates and other useful tools, many developed specifically to help [state and branch officers.](#)

## OTHER BRANCHES' EVENTS

### ***McLean Area Used Book Sale***

September 14-16, McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Ave in McLean, VA.

Friday            Sept 14            9-7  
Saturday        Sept 15            10-6  
Sunday          Sept 16            12-4

Over 40,000 used books, CD's and DVD's will be offered for sale.

On Sunday most books are \$7.00 a bag.

The proceeds go to scholarships and fellowships for women. Questions? 703-527-4206 or [www.mcleanaauw.org](http://www.mcleanaauw.org)

### ***Fairfax City Book & Author Luncheon***

Saturday            Nov 3            11am to 2pm

Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Rd., Fairfax, VA 22030

\$40 per person. Reservation deadline, October 31, 2012

Carole Bellacera	<i>Lily of the Springs</i>
Alan Cheuse	<i>Song of Slaves in the Desert</i>
Del Quentin Wilber	<i>Rawhide Down</i>
Suzi Weinert	<i>Garage Sale Stalker</i>
Barbara Esstman	<i>The Other Anna: A Novel</i>

Benefits University Scholarships for Women in our Area and AAUW Fellowships.

Join us for an event filled with Literature, Food & Fun, plus a Great Silent Auction!

Please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Suzanne Mahoney, 8313 Chapel Lake Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 (703) 978-3258 [suzanne070946@mac.com](mailto:suzanne070946@mac.com) Checks should be payable to AAUW Fairfax City Branch. View flyer at <http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/LuncheonFlyer2012.pdf>

## FROM THE EDITOR'S LAPTOP

Woodbridge Wisdom is published monthly, September through June, except for a November/December bimonthly issue. Articles are due the 30th of the month preceding each issue. Your articles and suggestions are always welcome. Please send your articles for the October newsletter by September 30 via e-mail or postal mail.

Sandy Lawrence, Editor

## QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Aging is not 'lost youth' but a new stage of opportunity and strength."

**Betty Friedan**

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