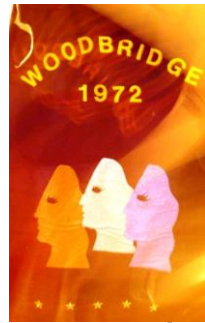


# *Woodbridge Wisdom*

## Since 1972



**Happy 40<sup>th</sup>**



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October 2012

### DATES TO REMEMBER

<b>Monthly</b>	<b>Second Wednesday</b>	<b>Book Club Uno</b>	<b>Wegmans, upstairs</b>	<b>7:30 pm</b>
<b>Oct 3</b>	<b>Board meeting</b>		<b>Wegmans, upstairs</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>Oct 13</b>	<b>Northern District Meeting</b>		<b>Burke Centre Library</b>	<b>10 am</b>
<b>Oct 17</b>	<b>Branch Program "Get Out the Vote"</b>			<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge</b>			
<b>Oct 20</b>	<b>Castaways Theatre</b>		<b>Ferlazzo Building</b>	<b>8 pm</b>
	<b>"The Importance of Being Earnest"</b>			
<b>Oct 27</b>	<b>Tour of Lorton Workhouse Arts Center and Prison (Suffragists) Museum</b>			<b>1 pm</b>
	<b>9601 Ox Road Lorton, VA 22079</b>			
<b>Oct 30</b>	<b>Articles for November newsletter due</b>			
<b>Nov 14</b>	<b>Branch Program "ID Theft"</b>			<b>7 pm</b>
	<b>Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge</b>			
<b>Apr 13</b>	<b>AAUW of Virginia Conference</b>		<b>Richmond</b>	
<b>Jun 9-12</b>	<b>AAUW National Convention</b>		<b>New Orleans</b>	



### **PRESIDENT'S LETTER**

The September 19th potluck/40<sup>th</sup> birthday was a very fun event. Thanks go to Karen Wolf and Jeanne Elmore, our program vice-presidents for planning the party, to Ali Cohen who hosted the party in her lovely home and to our honored guests Caroline Pickens, president of AAUW Virginia and Delores Zborill, organizer and first president of AAUW-Woodbridge Branch! And of course, thanks to Susan Fairey for locating Delores and inviting her to the meeting! Delores spoke on how our Woodbridge Branch first started in 1972 and some of the projects the Branch sponsored. Does anyone out there remember Community Night? There were 32 charter members of our branch and one of them is still a member: Tania Iwanowski. Caroline Pickens gave a brief history of AAUW which is 131 years old now and still working on women's issues. The first study done by AAUW in 1885 was to refute the current thinking that women were too fragile for higher education and that attending college would affect women's health! As many of you know, I am very interested in history and I personally enjoyed

learning so much about national AAUW and our branch at this event. We really started our year off with a bang and I am looking forward to many fun and interesting events this year. I would like to say a special thanks to Suzanne Harvey for putting together a new directory this year. The directory is an important part of our history each year and it does not just appear! Thanks again to Susan Fairey, membership vice-president, who got the information together, and to Suzanne Harvey for printing it!

Sara B. Anderson, President



### OCTOBER'S PROGRAM

Did you know that people who vote have a pattern of voting and are members of social networks of voters?

Our October program on **Oct 17 at 7 PM**, will give you more information about AAUW's current effort to **Get Out The Vote (GOTV)**. You will hear what AAUW nationally and locally is doing to get women out to vote. We are a powerful and influential bloc of voters. Come out and support this program that will feature our branch Public Policy representative, **Angela Booker**, as the speaker. This meeting will be held at Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge

You don't want to miss this one!

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Jeanne Elmore  
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703/490-5526

### TOUR OF LORTON WORKHOUSE PRISON MUSEUM AND ART CENTER



Are you interested in learning about the history of the former DC Workhouse that housed some suffragists in the early 1900s? If so, Jeanne Elmore has scheduled a tour **Saturday October 27, at 1 PM**. You will learn the history of the prison as well as how it became a cultural arts center. This will also include a tour of the museum onsite where you will learn all about what the jailed suffragists went through to get the right to vote.

If you are interested and can attend, **either call Jeanne at 703-490-5526 or email her at [Jfemore2@verizon.net](mailto:Jfemore2@verizon.net) by October 20**. We will all meet inside building W-16, the first building on the right when entering the center. The address is 9601 Ox Rd, Lorton (basically on your right on Route 123 past the Occoquan River bridge). The website is <http://www.lortonarts.org/about-workhouse-arts-center>. Hope to see you there!

## AAUW FUNDS

Prior to our meeting on **Wednesday, October 17**, we will meet for **dinner at Famous Dave's** on the Parkway. 10% of our checks will come back to us as a fundraiser. In the newsletter you will find a copy of the flyer for Famous Dave's. Please print off copies and give to family and friends. This flyer is good all day of the 17th. It has to be attached to the check in order for us to get credit. Please try and come and have dinner with us and encourage your neighbors, family, and friends also to eat at Famous Dave's that day. Thanks see you on the 17th.

Barbara Blindauer  
Fundraiser Chair.



## OCTOBER SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CASTAWAYS REPERTORY THEATRE

Members and your guests, please mark your calendar for **Saturday October 20, 8 PM**. You are invited to attend Castaways Repertory Theatre's production of *The Importance of Being Earnest* directed by Julie Little and set in London in 1895. Jack Worthing, a wealthy bachelor, and his ward Cecily live in the country. He creates a troublemaking, alter-ego named Ernest in order to escape his conservative lifestyle. Come find out where this double-life leads. The performance will take place at the Ferlazzo Building Auditorium, located at the intersection of US Route #1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) and Cardinal Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191. Additional information regarding Castaways may be found on the web site <http://www.castawaystheatre.org/>.

For members who have or haven't participated before in this enjoyable evening, we pay \$20.00 per person, and we receive a group rate of \$10.00 per person, provided we have 10 participants. The remainder of \$10.00 goes to the Woodbridge Branch Scholarship Fund. If you plan to attend, please send your check to our treasurer, Barbara Ondo, 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192 or email her at [bgondo@comcast.net](mailto:bgondo@comcast.net) and let her know you plan to attend. Any other questions may be directed to Eileen Thrall at [wthrall@verizon.net](mailto:wthrall@verizon.net).

## PROPOSED BUDGET 2012-2013

We will be voting on the proposed budget at our October meeting

### INCOME

CASH ON HAND	\$926.45
DUES	<u>\$552.00</u>
	\$1,478.45

### EXPENSES

DIRECTORY	\$100.00
NEWSLETTER	\$100.00
OFFICERS	\$500.00
INSURANCE	\$150.00
CONVENTION	\$500.00
DISTRICT	\$ 10.00
CONTINGENCY	<u>\$118.45</u>
	\$1478.45

Barbara Ondo, Treasure

## MEMBERSHIP

I must start by saying how extra special our September potluck was as we celebrated the 40th anniversary of the Woodbridge Branch. **Ali Cohen** was the most gracious hostess. We had two special guests that included our current AAUW State President, **Caroline Pickens** and **Dee Zborill** who was our very first Woodbridge Branch President back in 1972. Each of them was presented with a lovely corsage with ribbons in AAUW colors.

The next surprise was when each person there received a gift of a pencil marked "AAUW-WOODBRIDGE BRANCH 1972-2012." Much thanks to **Hawthorne House**, the special stationery store in Occoquan, who made this generous pencil donation to the branch again.

Then it was time for the food which looked fantastic - the best ever! If this wasn't enough, a wonderful cake marked with "Woodbridge Branch AAUW 1972-2012" was put out for dessert. What a meal! Pictures of our guests and all of our branch presidents over the years who were at the potluck will be added to the scrapbook which shows our branch history and which people enjoyed seeing.

Following all that, we heard very nice speaking from both Dee and Caroline. Oh, and did I mention our 2012-2013 branch directories arrived by **Suzanne Harvey** who is back in action? What a night! Extra thanks to those who took care of setting up a very special 40th anniversary party. They are: Ali Cohen, Sara Anderson, Sandy Lawrence, Suzanne Harvey, Karen Wolf and I, now called "the detail queen"!!

You should know that we have one of the finest branches around. Please let me know the names and e-mail address of potential members. I will be happy to be in touch with them! Be sure to come to the next meeting and pick up your directory!

Susan Fairey  
Membership VP

## WOODBRIDGE WEB SITE IS UP!

The Woodbridge web site is up. Some areas are still under construction, and there is tweaking to do, but you can check it out at <http://woodbridge-va.aauw.net/>

Sandy Lawrence Woodbridge AAUW webmaster

## SEPTEMBER POT LUCK DINNER PICTURES



Dee Zborill, Tania Iwanowski and Caroline Pickens cut the birthday cake

# IT'S MY VOTE



Dianne Blais (Fairfax City) and Sandy Lawrence (Woodbridge) conducted GOTV activities Friday and Saturday at the McLean branch Used Book Sale.



## **NORTHERN DISTRICT PROGRAM “THE FIGHT AGAINST SEXUAL ASSAULT ON MILITARY MEMBERS”**

Date: **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 will be speaking on her landmark series of nationwide lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes rape and sexual assault. Her work on this project is highlighted in the documentary “The Invisible War”, an audience award winner at the Sundance Film Festival.

Susan L. Burke graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received her J.D. degree from Catholic University, where she received the faculty award for highest academic average. In her 25-years of practice, Ms. Burke has defended and prosecuted civil actions on a wide range of topics, including human rights, pharmaceutical fraud, defense contractor fraud, employment and disability discrimination, election law, and environmental torts. Presently, Susan focuses on fraud, class actions and mass torts. Ms. Burke serves as lead counsel in the Maryland multi-district litigation known as KBR Burn Pit MDL, where she seeks justice for the many service members and contractors who were harmed by KBR's negligent operation of burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan. Ms. Burke also serves as lead counsel in actions on behalf of those tortured at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Those actions are pending in federal courts in Maryland and Virginia.

Directions to Burke Centre library:

From 123/Ox Rd:

Exit onto Fairfax County Parkway South. Take an immediate left on Fred's Oak Road. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.

From Fairfax County Parkway heading North:

Turn right on Fred's Oak Road. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.

From Fairfax County Parkway heading South:

Turn left on Fred's Oak Road immediately after the 123/Ox Road exit. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.

For more information, contact:

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Northern District Representative, AAUW

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703/569 1588

### **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

### **OTHER BRANCHES' EVENTS**

#### ***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**

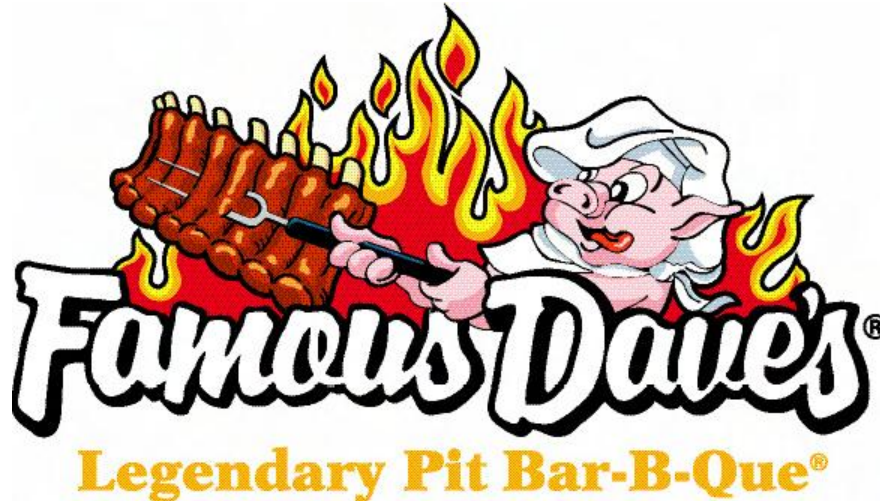
"Cooking is like love. It should be entered into with abandon or not at all."

Harriet Van Horne

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# American Association of University Woman

**Wednesday October 17, 2012**

**11 AM till 10:30 PM**

Join us at Famous Dave's in Woodbridge, VA for dinner for some award winning BBQ. You may dine in or carry out

Famous Dave's will donate 10% of your check to our club.

For a complete menu, please visit <http://www.famousdaves.com>

*Flyer must be submitted during visit for donation.*

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