



# Woodbridge Wisdom

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Wegmans, upstairs	7:30 pm
Mar 6	Board Meeting	Wegmans		7 pm
Mar 20	Branch Program	"TITLE IX – It's NOT Just Sweat Socks"		7 pm
		Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge		
Mar 16	PWC Science Fair		Kelley Leadership Center	8 am
		14715 Bristow Road, Manassas		
Mar 31	Newsletter articles due			
Apr 6	Girls+Math+Science=Success	Conference	Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	
Apr 13	AAUW VA Conference		Richmond, VA	
Apr 17	Branch Program	"AAUW Lobby Corps/Lobbying"		7 pm
		Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge		
May 16	AAUW VA Federal Lobby Day		Capitol Hill, DC	9:30 am
May 18	Salad Luncheon	Sara Anderson's house		11:30 am
Jun 9-12	AAUW National Convention		New Orleans, LA	

## PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The February program was held at Madigan's Waterfront in Occoquan. The food and conversation were both excellent. At the business meeting, **Elizabeth Blindauer** and **Martha Langer** were **elected to the nominating committee** which also includes **Karen Wolf as the board representative**. This committee is charged with selecting a slate of officers which will be presented at the March meeting. The **officers to be elected this year are president, vice-president of membership, and secretary**. If you are lucky enough to be called by someone from this committee, I would hope that you would carefully consider your answer. The **election will be held at the May 18th salad and dessert luncheon**.

The **Virginia State AAUW conference is April 13 in Richmond**. I attended the state conference last year for the first time and found it to be a very interesting and rewarding conference. I am hoping that many of you will decide to attend this one day event. Registration forms were e-mailed to everyone but if you want to attend and can't find the form, call me. See you all at the March meeting!

Sara B. Anderson, President



## **MARCH PROGRAM** **TITLE IX – It's NOT Just Sweat Socks**

- What AAUW member had a prominent role in getting Title IX passed?
- What areas, besides sports, are addressed by Title IX?
- What are AAUW efforts in Title IX today?

Our own **Sandy Lawrence** will be our speaker at the **March 20** program at **7 pm**. She will discuss how Title IX has affected students and educators at all education levels and the challenges still being faced. She will also discuss AAUW efforts in Title IX. **If you think Title IX just affects sports, you need to attend this program!**

Among her degrees Sandy has an AS and BSE in Physical Education and a MS in Health Education. She has coached and officiated at the High School and College levels. In 1989, LT Lawrence was named the Female Military Athlete at Naval Surface Warfare Center, Dahlgren VA.

We will meet at **Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge**. Please bring an item that can be sold in the gift shop of Potomac Place to the meeting.

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## **MEMBERSHIP**

Have you read your **Winter/Spring Virginia Vision**? How terrific to see us twice! Our member **Sandy Lawrence**, who happens to be our Northern District representative, has taken over Twitter. This joins with her being our newsletter editor and the web manager. There is also an article of **our branch celebrating our 40th birthday** with charter & current member, (**Tania Iwanowski**), current state president, (**Caroline Pickens**) and first branch president (**Dee Zborill**). We have a branch with a wonderful history.

March is my favorite month of the AAUW year in our branch. This is **Women's History Month** and our March speakers are always great. It is the time when we judge middle school girls projects at the PWC Regional Science Fair on March 16. A wonderful day of learning for middle and high school girls comes up the next month on April 6 at our own Girls+Math+Science= Success Conference produced by member **Susan Bardenhagen**. Volunteering to help will be a rewarding way to make a positive impact on young girls. It's also fun to be with your friends!

The **AAUW VA state convention** will be taking place April 13 at the Holiday Inn Richmond Airport in Richmond. **Register before April 1 and save \$10**. Major events will take place on Saturday: business meetings, workshops and a special buffet brunch. King and double rooms are blocked for us until March 22. Further information is in the Vision or check it out at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>

Susan Fairey  
Membership VP



## AAUW FUNDS

Prior to our March 20 program, we will eat at **Famous Dave's**. **10% of our total will come back to our Branch**. A flyer found in this newsletter must be presented at the time you order. **Come join us!**

Please start thinking of **themed baskets for our Silent Auction** at the May Salad Luncheon. If you would like me to make your basket, please provide me with the items and a basket by May 1. I am going to be out of town in May so I need to make the baskets prior to my leaving. Also, please let me know if you will be planning to donate a basket or gift cards. We will also do our **gift raffle at the May luncheon**. Thank you.

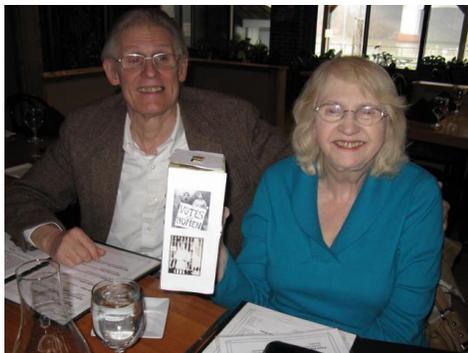
Barbara Blindauer  
Fundraising Chair

## FEBRUARY LUNCHEON

Saturday, Feb 23, we had our annual luncheon at Madigan's in Occoquan. Fourteen ladies braved the soggy weather, but all was warm and cheerful inside. As usual, the food and service were great.



We also raised \$63 for the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association in support of AAUW of Virginia goal to be included on the Wall of Donors as a "Friend" of TPSM.



## CALL FOR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES!

**Be part** of the AAUW Woodbridge Branch judging team at the **PWC Regional Science Fair Saturday, March 16**, at the **Kelley Leadership Center, 14715 Bristow Road Manassas, VA 20112**. Judges are asked to **arrive by 8**

a.m. to enjoy **light refreshments** and participate in a brief welcome and overview of the day's events. Then our judging team divides up the exhibits to be evaluated.

The Science Fair was created for Prince William/Manassas area students to exhibit independent research projects in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, and computer science. We will judge just the Middle School (Seventh and Eighth grades girls' exhibits. These are critical years when many girls begin to lose interest in or their confidence begins to wane in the STEM fields. AAUW strongly advocates for girls to excel in STEM school subjects and to consider careers in these areas given the robust job market and potential for advancement, economic security and opportunities to serve in leadership roles.

This year, we will select a first, second, and third place and one honorable mention winning exhibit. Branch members who would like to serve on this year's judging panel are asked to **contact Suzanne Harvey, Judging Chair, at (571) 437-7109 or Harvey.suzannel@gmail.com**. Optimally, we need a team of five or six judges to be able to visit all the exhibits and make our **final decisions by 11:30 a.m.** and have time to personalize the certificates and small gifts in preparation for the afternoon award ceremony that is held at 3:00 p.m. Judges are not required to attend the award ceremony but are most welcome to do so!

### **2013 GIRLS + MATH + SCIENCE = SUCCESS! CONFERENCE**

The 23<sup>rd</sup> annual SUCCESS! Conference presented by our Woodbridge Branch and SPARK- the Prince William County Education Foundation- will be held on **Sat, April 6<sup>th</sup>**. Marsteller Middle School, in Bristow, is hosting the conference for the tenth year.

The conference is for students in grades 5-12 and the adults in their lives; parents, educators, and community leaders. Students' workshops are on careers in the Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics (STEAM); women's history; and career planning. Adult workshops address gender equity, supporting students' careers goals, financial planning for post-high school, and updates in the STEAM fields.

We are dedicating this year's conference to **Dr. Sally Ride**, who tragically succumbed to pancreatic cancer last summer. Sally, her Sally Ride Science programs, and the Sally Ride Science Festivals at local George Mason were all supporters of the SUCCESS! Conference with materials, presenter contacts, and her autographed photos for our display.



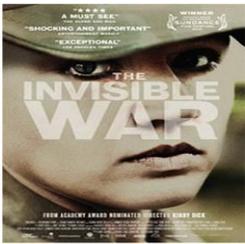
Science teacher presenter, Nsama Okeowo, and Sally's photo from the 2012 conference

We need lots of volunteers in order to keep the success happening. Please consider any or all of the following:

- contact Susan with possible presenters, sponsors, donors of items
- consider presenting your Science, Math, Engineering, Technology, Arts, gender equity career
- help pick up materials from sponsors
- come to **Marsteller, Friday, April 5<sup>th</sup>** to help prepare program packets, set out displays and/or set up refreshment tables- **between 7 and 10:30 pm**
- assist the morning of the conference with [registration from 7:30 am until 9 am](#)
- assist during the conference with [collecting evaluations and distributing t-shirts](#).

Micron Technology has already committed to being a major corporate sponsor and we expect that Lockheed Martin, ProChain Solutions, Apple Federal Credit Union, and NOVEC will again support our t-shirts. This year the shirts will be a new shade of lavender, probably with teal lettering on the front, black for sponsors' logos on the back.

The conference has a simple website where interested folks can get a copy of the registration form and contact the "conference coordinator". Check it out for photos of previous conferences- there have been 24! at <http://successconference.net> If you would like to volunteer and we hope you will, contact Susan at [susanmbee@juno.com](mailto:susanmbee@juno.com) Thanks, in advance, for helping to publicize the event! ☺



## NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

Still haven't seen *The Invisible War*? Want family, friends, and neighbors to see it?

Here's your chance. **George Mason University** and **AAUW** are teaming to screen *The Invisible War* on **Thursday March 28 from 4:30-7 PM** at George Mason University Fairfax campus, Johnson Center Cinema. This screening is **free and open to the public**.

There will be a panel discussion after the movie. Holly Kearl and I will be on the panel. Attorney Susan Burke, featured in the film, or her representative will also be on the panel.

Prior to and after the movie, there will be tables in the foyer for AAUW literature and laptops connected to the AAUW site so students can get an E-student affiliation membership and the Invisible War site to sign the petition. There will also be movie favorite snacks.

**How can you help?** Branch members are needed to man the tables to answer questions on AAUW, provide information on AAUW activities at all levels, and take names of potential new branch members, etc. We need members to get the word out to their community and other organizations about the event. A flyer and such will be available shortly. Of course, a bag of movie snacks is always welcome. Please tell your branch president how you can help.

**Mark this on your calendar TODAY!**

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*Celebrate Every ONE Counts One Day Conference in  
Richmond  
April 13, 2013*

Couldn't be a better place to be the second weekend in April than Richmond! **Our one-day statewide meeting, Every ONE Counts**, celebrates the fact that AAUW of Virginia has been using the One Member, One Vote for a year now, with great success!

The conference will take place at the new **Holiday Inn Richmond Airport in Sandston**, just a mile from the Richmond Airport, easily accessible for conference attendees. Greater Richmond AAUW looks forward to having you all back to Richmond for an engaging and busy meeting. **Register before April 1 and pay just \$45!**

**The conference begins at 10:30 on Saturday**, with a **Buffet Brunch**, included in the registration fee. Our Keynote Speaker is **Dr. Karen Remley**, the former state Commissioner of Health, who resigned in protest over the stringent new requirements for abortion clinics. Her address will be followed by the annual **Business Meeting** and a **Town Hall discussion** by Patricia Fae Ho, national AAUW Vice President. The busy day continues with **District Meetings** followed by a choice of enlightening **workshops**: *Count Us IN: Become a Website Wonder*, led by Patsy Quick, Leslie Vandivere and Megan Morrison; *Skinning the Cat: Many Ways to Lead*, led by Patricia Fae Ho and Caroline Pickens, and *Creating and Innovating the Best Membership Practices: What Can We Learn From Others?* led by Mary Beth Pelosky and Sally Sledge.

If you decide to come **Friday evening**, we will all gather in the Hospitality Suite with the State Board members to relax and enjoy each other's company, wearing our college shirts to remember Bright College Days, 7-10 PM.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO REGISTER:

- Download and mail the registration form found at the state website:  
[http://va.aauw.net/files/2012/12/2013brochu\\_reg.pdf](http://va.aauw.net/files/2012/12/2013brochu_reg.pdf)
- Mail in the form found in the Winter/Spring issue of the *Vision*.

### QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"If you go high or far enough, some place the sun is always shining."  
Amelia Earhart

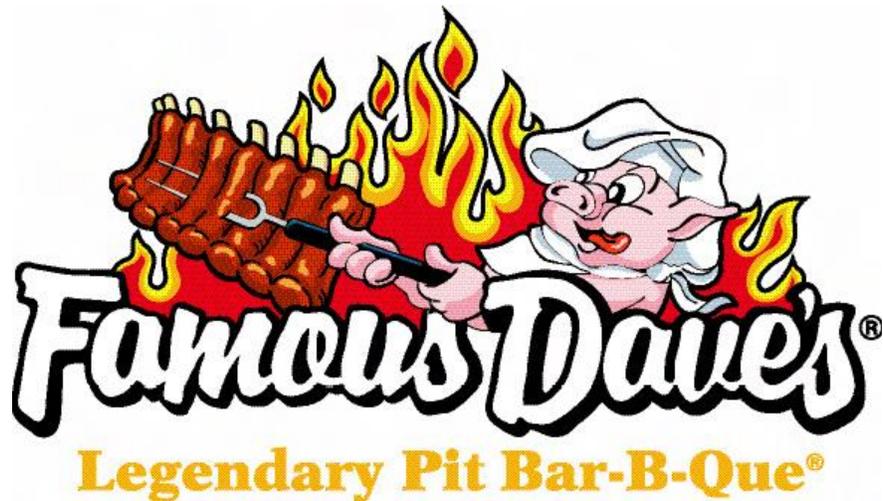
### FROM THE EDITOR'S LAPTOP

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 April newsletter by March 31 via e-mail or postal mail.

Sandy Lawrence, Editor

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AAUW homepage: <http://www.aauw.org>



American Association of University Woman



**Wednesday March 20, 2013**

**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 branch.**

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

***Flyer must be submitted during visit for donation.***

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