



# Woodbridge Wisdom

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## DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Wegmans, upstairs	7:30 pm
Apr 3	Board Meeting	Wegmans		7 pm
Apr 6	Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference		Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	
Apr 13	AAUW VA Conference		Richmond, VA	
Apr 17	Branch Program	" AAUW: ACTIVE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE "		7 pm
		Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge		
Apr 30	Newsletter articles due			
May 11	Castaways Theatre		Ferlazzo Building	8 pm
	"Man of LaMancha"			
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 March meeting included a fun (fund-raising) dinner at Famous Dave's before the formal business meeting at Potomac Place. The program was our own Sandy Lawrence presenting Title IX information. It really was very interesting and we all learned a great deal about Title IX.

As I look back on my years as president and co-president, I am impressed with the **people in AAUW/Woodbridge Branch and the talent** in various areas displayed by members. I have enjoyed seeing **Patty McCoart** in several plays, love the Manassas Symphony with **Susan Bardenhagen** playing the violin, and have enjoyed the New Dominion Choraliers with **Katherine Nelson-Tracey** conducting. I am proud to say these are members of AAUW/Woodbridge Branch!

Sara B. Anderson, President

**APRIL PROGRAM**  
**AAUW: ACTIVE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE**

Our speaker is **Nancy MacKenzie** who has been a member of **AAUW Lobby Corps** since May 1980. Nancy will speak on how AAUW's national legislative program is developed, from how AAUW decides which issues to lobby to the lobby process itself and the issues that the Lobby Corps is currently advocating in the 113th Congress. Nancy was **featured in a write-up on the Lobby Corps** in 2010 and it can be read here. <http://www.aauw.org/2010/08/10/nancy-mackenzie/> She has been active in the Manassas Branch since its formation in 1975 and has held numerous positions outside her branch at higher state levels.

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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**BRANCH OFFICER ELECTIONS**

The Nominations committee offers the following names for branch officers:

President: **Sandy Lawrence**  
Membership Vice-president: **Susan Fairey**  
Secretary: **John Starsiak**

Elections will be held at the annual business meeting during the May luncheon. Others may be nominated from the floor as long as they have consented to run.

Karen Wolf Elizabeth Blindauer Martha Langer  
Nominations committee

**SUCCESS! CONFERENCE NEEDS YOUR SUPPORT!**

It's now less than a week until the **23<sup>rd</sup> annual "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference**. We are asking for members' support on **Friday night, April 5<sup>th</sup> between 7 and 10 pm**, to help set up refreshments, displays, and registration tables and Saturday morning at the conference, **April 6<sup>th</sup> between 7:45 and noon**, to help with registration, the membership table, visiting presentations, and helping to distribute t-shirts.

The conference is dedicated to Dr. Sally Ride, the first American female astronaut; Delta Sigma Theta Sorority's Centennial anniversary; and local educator, Susie Shaw, member of the conference's volunteers from the Manassas Branch in the 90s. We have Science Fair awardees returning to the conference, both as participants and as presenters, too!

The newly created website for the conference has provided attendees with forms and information, as well as a way to contact for information, and receive e-mail confirmations. Check it out: <http://successconference.net>

All of the STEM- Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics- plus the Arts fields will be represented by our 40 presenters. Also, there will be workshops on college planning, gender equity, and women's history. Three of our members- **Susan B., Sandy, and Suzanne- are on the presenters' roster.**

Thank you to **Tania, Karen W., Joyce, and Elizabeth B. for connecting us to possible presenters. Thank you to Susan F. and Carol C. for program support.**

In addition to the Marsteller Middle School Ruri-Teens and National Junior Honor Society student volunteers Wednesday and Friday after school, we must have adult support for Friday evening and Conference Day Saturday. We have a Delta sorority member helping on Friday night in addition to Susan & husband John, Carol C, and Susan B. On Saturday morning, we have some PW County teachers and branch members Susan B. and Carol C. who have volunteered- again, we need more support from Woodbridge Branch members for both days.

Some members said they would assist at the February luncheon and the Science Fair judging- please confirm to Susan at [susanmbec@juno.com](mailto:susanmbec@juno.com) or contact Susan F. by phone. Our co-presenter of the conference- SPARK, the Prince William Education Foundation, printed the registration forms and has coordinated with both of our major corporate sponsors, Micron Technology and Lockheed Martin, for their financial contributions to the conference. In addition, ProChain Solutions and NOVEC are t-shirt sponsors. Our list of sponsors who have donated items to the participants' packets is huge!

The t-shirts will be purple (color last used for 1994's conference) with shimmery silver ink, like stars in space, for the front's and sleeves' dedications. The sponsors' logos will be on the back in white ink. The programs will be parchment grey with purple ink. Hmm, did we mention that volunteers earn a t-shirt to wear? ☺

Please consider joining us to support the conference. There are tasks for anyone's skills- sitting to fold singly t-shirts from their dozen packs or preparing presenters' goodie bags trick-or-treat style; spreading out the laminated posters across all of the tables for viewing and "placemats" or setting up the refreshment tables; or helping at the membership table or with distributing registration packets and t-shirts at the conference. Many hands make light work, right? Thank you for helping to make the conference a success!

**DIRECTIONS TO MARSTELLAR Middle School**, 14000 Sudley Manor Drive, Bristow, VA 20136.

Prince William Parkway or Route 234 north toward Manassas. Follow parkway, either from the Route 234 bypass or from Woodbridge to the left connector at Liberia Avenue in Manassas. Turn left onto Sudley Manor Drive (after University Blvd. for the Pr. Wm. George Mason campus site).

You can also take route 28 south in Manassas (off of route 234 bypass and Prince William Parkway) and turn right onto Linton Hall Road. Then turn left onto Sudley Manor Drive.

Remain on Sudley Manor crossing over Linton Hall Road. School is on right side of road. Come in main entrance which is up pathway under columned brick awning.

## MEMBERSHIP

Have you noticed the new **AAUW** logo? After many years, the logo has been changed, this time to really emphasize women. Pretty good, I'd say, although I've liked ALL the logos!

One of our best events is coming up on Saturday, April 6. It will be our branch's "**Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference**" which has been going on and on and growing for many years. In fact, many of the girls who first came return year after year. I love encouraging all of the middle and high school girls to succeed in careers. The girls have the opportunity to learn what various careers would be like and they can go to several that interests them. Join me in offering assistance at this wonderful program!

You certainly will want to participate in another best event! Be sure to list our **May 18 Spring Membership Salad Luncheon** at Sara Anderson's on your calendar!

**DUES ARE DUE!** We will begin to collect dues for 2013-2014. Please bring a **check for \$76** made out to AAUW - Woodbridge Branch to either the April meeting or to the May salad luncheon. If you prefer, you may also mail it to treasurer Barbara Ondo at: 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192. The AAUW calendar

year officially ends on June 30. By paying before then, you needn't worry about any lapse in membership and, besides, it will save us a lot of calling during the summer!

**Jeanne Elmore, Dianne Blais and Sandy Lawrence** attended several panels at the AAUW Headquarters Suffragette Centennial Parade Events. Here they are with Marion Talbot, one of the founders of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae which later became AAUW.



Susan Fairey  
Membership VP



### AAUW FUNDS

Prior to our April 17 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

### MAY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CASTAWAYS REPERTORY THEATRE

Even though it is a busy time of year, please set aside **Saturday, May 11, 8 PM**, Ferlazzo Auditorium, to attend The Castaways Repertory Theatre's production of **"Man of LaMancha"**, directed by Zina Bleck. Please help our branch raise scholarship funds by attending. Members participating send in \$20 to our treasurer, Barbara Ondo; with 10 attendees a group rate of \$10 per person is received; the balance of \$10 goes to the scholarship fund. Let Barbara Ondo know if you plan to attend. She can be reached at [barbaraondo@gmail.com](mailto:barbaraondo@gmail.com) or by mailing check to her in advance at 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192. More information to follow in May newsletter. Should you have any questions, please contact Eileen Thrall at [wthrall@verizon.net](mailto:wthrall@verizon.net).



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

Wearing her high school letter sweater, Sandy Lawrence talked about why Title IX was enacted, the six areas addressed by Title IX and what AAUW is doing in Title IX. To learn more about Title IX, go to the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE). *Title IX at 40: Working to Ensure Gender Equity in Education*. Lisa Maatz, NCWGE Chair, AAUW. <http://www.ncwge.org/PDF/TitleIXat40.pdf>



### SUSAN FAIREY'S GRANT

This past year Susan's grant money funded STEM activities for middle school girls in Lynchburg. The \$7000 grant allowed Lynchburg College to partner with Hunton-Randolph Community Center, an inner city community center, and Lynchburg Schools. The year began in July with a weeklong summer camp with a "Girls Go Green 4 STEM" theme, focusing on sustainability. The girls were mentored throughout the year by peers who were involved with STEM curricula and with female scientists both at the local college and long distance (using Skype). An emphasis was placed on family involvement so there were meetings with family members as well. You can read about it at <http://www.lynchburg.edu/content/lc-receives-stem-grant#.UVXygxzKg4g>. This sounds like an ideal match between the funds and the vision Susan had for its use as a tool to stimulate girls to grow in the STEM fields.

### NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

The screening of *The Invisible War* at George Mason University, Johnson Center Cinema, was a resounding success. There were over 50 viewers of the movie and AAUW members were there in force and with snacks.



Holly Kearn (AAUW LAF program Manager), Josh Connolly (Legislative Aide to Rep Jackie Speier (D-CA) ), Mary Ann Sprouse (Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education and Services (WAVES)) and myself lead a panel discussion. We also had great support from GMU Women and Gender Studies (WGST). Look for more events with GMU in the future.

**HAVE YOU?** Gassed up to car for State Conference in Richmond

The AAUW VA conference on April 13 starts at 10:30 am with a Buffet Brunch, included in the registration fee. District Meetings are from 3-3:30 pm. Hope to see you there.

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### **Voting Begins April 15 — Make Your Voice Heard**

Voting in this year's **AAUW national elections** opens online April 15. All members may vote on proposed changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and the AAUW Bylaws and for candidates for the national board. Just visit the website after April 15 and bring your member ID and voter PIN, which are listed on the back cover of your Spring/Summer AAUW Outlook magazine. (Digital Outlook subscribers will receive their voting information with their Outlook e-mail.) For more information, visit the One Member, One Vote web page or see the voter guide in your Outlook.

**AAUW Committee and Task Force Appointments:** Deadline May 1 Want to serve AAUW in a greater way? AAUW is now accepting applications for 2013–15 national committee and task force appointments. These committee positions provide excellent opportunities for AAUW leadership and have been very rewarding for many who have served in the past. Learn more and apply now at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org).

## *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

"Every single inch of ground that woman stands upon today has become gained by the hard work of some little handful of women in the past."

Susan B. Anthony

### 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 May newsletter by April 30 via e-mail or postal mail.

Sandy Lawrence, Editor

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American Association of University Woman



Wednesday April 17, 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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