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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Wegmans, upstairs	7:30 pm
May 1	Board Meeting	Wegmans		7 pm
May 11	Castaways Theatre "Man of LaMancha"		Ferlazzo Building	8 pm
May 16	AAUW VA Federal Lobby Day		Capitol Hill, DC	9:30 am
May 18	Spring Salad Luncheon	Sara Anderson's house 8403 Kirkwood CT. Manassas, VA		11:30 am
May 30	Newsletter articles due			
Jun 9-12	AAUW National Convention		New Orleans, LA	

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Looking back over my tenure as President for the past year has given me an opportunity to figure out if I feel the time spent on AAUW has been worth-while. Actually, I am going back a few years to include my time as secretary (four years) and co-president (two years) which takes me back a total of seven years, back to 2006. It was Susan Fairey who talked me into returning to AAUW in 2004 or 2005. I had joined in the 1970's and then dropped out when I returned to the workforce in 1980. When I retired in 2000, I pursued my interest in history and politics by becoming active in those circles. Then Susan Fairey worked her magic on me and I started attending AAUW/Woodbridge meetings! The answer to my question is yes; my time spent has been very worth-while. I admire AAUW priorities and work at the national level and I have enjoyed time spent with state and local leaders. And I have learned so much! I urge members to step up to leadership roles and help keep our local chapter active and interesting. Thanks, Susan, and keep up the good work!

Sara B. Anderson, President

SPRING SALAD AND DESSERT LUNCHEON

May 18 Sara Anderson will host the **Spring Salad Luncheon** at 11:30 am. Please let **Jeanne Elmore** know if you are coming by **May 11** at jfelmore2@verizon.net. Members will also be filling out **Members' Survey** asking opinions on program topics, program times and locations, leadership position, etc. So start thinking about it Today!

Directions to Sara Anderson's house @ 8403 Kirkwood CT., Manassas, VA 20112 phone #703-792-5822

Off Rt. 234.

From Dumfries area: take 234 to Morningside Drive (Morningside Dr. is 1.8 miles past the intersection of Rt.234 and Hoadly Rd.).

Turn left onto Morningside Dr.

Take the third right off of Morningside (the first right is Larch, the second is Woodlark and the third is Stoneybrook).

Take the first left off of Stoneybrook onto Kirkwood Ct.

We are the first driveway on the left on Kirkwood Ct. It's a very long driveway that splits with the right going towards the garage and the left (or straight) towards the front of the house. You can go either way. There is plenty of parking w/o blocking anyone. My husband Art will direct traffic!

From WB, Lake Ridge: Take Hoadly Rd. to Rt. 234 and turn right onto 234. It will be 1.8 miles to Morningside Dr. See other directions above.

From Manassas: Morningside Drive will be a left hand turn for you--go thru the light at Lake Jackson/Coles (this is on Rt. 234), and then the light at Purcell. Morningside is the next right hand turn after the light at Purcell. See other directions above.

BRANCH OFFICER ELECTIONS

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

President: **Sandy Lawrence**

Membership Vice-president: **Susan Fairey**

Secretary: **John Starsiak**

MEMBERSHIP

We give great praise to member **Susan Bardenhagen** who once again, after 23 years, produced another wonderful Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference this past April. So many children and their parents arrived to participate in great talks and go home with lovely t-shirts. We are truly grateful to our branch members who helped out. The more, the merrier.

The following weekend was our fabulous AAUW Virginia State Conference held this year in Richmond. Technically, it was only 1 day because there is a national convention this year. It started with a wonderful buffet brunch that included from a terrific speech from the keynote speaker **Dr. Karen Remley**, former State Commissioner of Health. I was delighted to sit with her at the table and liked her. Then we had our annual business meeting/town hall. One item discussed was the meaning of parts of the new AAUW logo. After a yummy munchy break came our district meeting followed by a choice of workshops. I always especially love visiting with the many branch members from around the state. I'm looking forward to next year's state conference at Smith Mountain Lake.

Our Spring Membership Salad Luncheon will be held on May 18. YAY! Hopefully we'll have guests, so bring your favorite foods along with serving utensils. Invited are our Science Fair winners and their moms. We'll take a few moments to vote to accept our board members. We'll have our fun raffle. It should be a lovely luncheon, a great gathering until we begin again in September.

This is our last get together before this year Fiscal Year ends June 30. Please, please pay **your \$76 ASAP** (Remember **\$46 is tax exempt**). Turn in your dues at the luncheon or quickly make out your check to AAUW-

Woodbridge Branch (which covers local, state and national) and send it to our treasurer Barbara Ondo, 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192.

Susan Fairey
Membership VP



AAUW FUNDS

Please let me know by May 5th if you plan to donate a basket for the silent auction. So far we have one basket. I can put together several baskets if you have everything. I am going out of town on May 17th, so I need to complete everything prior to that. Also, we will do the gift bags. Please bring a wrapped gift and purchase raffle tickets. Elizabeth/Vanna will fill in for me at the luncheon.

Barbara Blindauer
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Fundraising Chair

MAY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CASTAWAYS REPERTORY THEATRE

Members and your guests, please plan to attend Castaways Theatre's performance of *Man of LaMancha*, Saturday, May 11, 2013, 8 PM, Ferlazzo Building Auditorium, located at the intersection of US Route 1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) and Cardinal Drive.

Based on Cervantes' Don Quixote, *Man of LaMancha*, directed by Zina Bleck, takes place when Cervantes ran afoul of Catholic authorities. Awaiting interrogation by the Inquisition, he is imprisoned. Cervantes recruits fellow predatory prisoners to protect himself from the prisoners. A play within a play, he uses them "to act out his tale about an elderly country squire who believes he is a gallant knight called Don Quixote."

You are encouraged to attend to help raise scholarship funds. 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 and let her know you plan to attend. Any other questions may be directed to Eileen Thrall at wthrall@verizon.net.

PRINCE WILLIAM COUNTY REGIONAL SCIENCE FAIR

On Mar 16, five Woodbridge Branch members, **Suzanne Harvey, Barbara Ondo, John Starsniak, Elaine Cash, and Susan Bardenhagen**, teamed to judge all middle school science projects completed by females. They divided the thirteen categories of over 150 entries and searched for outstanding projects to report back to the team. After discussing their picks, the team revisited twenty projects to further narrow the field.



Four projects were chosen as our awardees. First place went to Josephine H. of Gainesville Middle School with, "What is the Effect of Age on Peripheral Vision?" Her attention to the scientific method and application to society clinched her top honors from us. In her category of Medicine & Health she earned a third place and other organizations' awards.

In second place, Sarina M. of Pennington Traditional School impressed the team with her project entitled, "The Effect of Performance, Reliability, and Power Consumption on SSD vs. HDD." In Computer Science, this is quite a relevant project topic. She also received third place from the category judges.

Our third place awardee is our last year's first place winner- Emma G. of Bull Run Middle School. She continued her Environmental Sciences interest with "The Effect of the Number of Houses and Buildings on the Water Quality along Catharpin Creek in Western Prince William County." She plans to present her findings to her homeowner's association. She earned second place from the category judges and other organizations' awards as well.

Our honorable mention project was presented by the team of Elena H. and Kelly I. from Reagan Middle School. In the Plant Sciences category, "Even Plants Need Fruits and Veggies" was a unique look at organic fertilizer. They received first place in their category.

For the judging team, in addition to our selections receiving additional awards and prizes, our other "second look" projects also garnered recognition. It's validation for our judging. In their categories, our Animal Sciences received second; two of our Behavioral Sciences received first and second; Biochemistry a third; three of our Chemistry picks a second, third, and honorable mention; Earth & Planetary Science- first place; our two Engineering- second and honorable mention; and our Microbiology team project earned first place. Please consider joining our team next year; it's so rewarding!

Our awardees will be invited with their parent(s) to our May luncheon to present their projects. Previous awardees attended the April 6 SUCCESS! Conference. In addition, we are pleased to announce that one of last year's Science Fair awardees who attended the SUCCESS! Conference under Micron Technology's sponsorship for her fees was a crowd drawing presenter at this year's conference!

APRIL PROGRAM AAUW: ACTIVE ON THE NATIONAL STAGE

Nancy MacKenzie, a member of AAUW Lobby Corps since May 1980, gave a very interesting program on AAUW Lobby Corp. Lobby Corp was started in 1972 and every Thursday morning that Congress is in session, about 30 days a year, Lobby Corps members are briefed on that week's priority and then proceeds to selected congressional offices to educate policy makers.



See below on how you can participate in Federal Lobby Day.

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

Thank You. To outgoing branch leaders, thank you for your hard work and dedication to AAUW. There were many outstanding branch programs, events, and activities this past year and you were a big reason they were so successful. Bravo Zulu for a job well done.

To incoming and continuing branch leaders, thank you for stepping up to the plate and taking a leadership position. Remember there are resources to help you at all levels. Look for more information on upcoming Northern District leadership meeting, June 29, and the state leadership session in conjunction with the summer board meeting. I look forward to working with you this upcoming year.

Federal Lobby Day. Do you have a spare bedroom?

Save Thursday, May 16, 2013 for Federal Lobby Day at Capitol Hill. Members will team up with Lobby Corp members to visit Republican and Democratic congressional offices to advocate for an AAUW issue. I hope we have a great ND turnout like we had for State Lobby Day. Also I'm hoping Northern District members will offer housing for those members coming from out of town to lobby. If you have a spare bedroom or need more information on Lobby Day, contact Susan Eisenberg, Co-VP Public Policy, at va.aauw@gmail.com.

Sandy Lawrence
Northern District Representative
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AAUW OF VIRGINIA VOTING BEGINS MAY 1

AAUW of Virginia Slate:

Sally Sledge, Norfolk, for State VP for Membership & Branch Dev.

Nancy Thompson, Reston Herndon, for State VP for Finance

Sherry Warren, Portsmouth, for State Recording Secretary

Voting Period: May 1 – end of May.

Details: Virginia Vision, Winter/Spring 2013 issue. VA vote is by paper ballot unless member has opted for online. In 2012, VA AAUW mailed out 922 paper ballots and only 142 were cast. Save trees and money and vote online. Also, although the vote is private, AAUW of VA will have statistics and will be recognizing all branches with over 40% of eligible members voting and especially those with the highest percent voting.

AAUW NATIONAL VOTING BEGINS APRIL 15

AAUW National Slate:

Candidates for President, VP, 10 Directors, plus Resolutions, Bylaws amendments, and additions to Public

Policy Program

Voting Period: April 15 – June 10, online. Use your member ID and the voter PIN that was emailed to you by AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman, on April 8, 2013.

Details: Outlook, Spring/Summer 2013 issue, and online. AAUW vote is online. A paper ballot must be requested by May 2, 2013.

AAUW OF VIRGINIA CONFERENCE



Friday Night
Woodbridge attendees



Patricia Fae Ho
AAUW VP



Presenting the check to Turning Point

The conference started Friday night with a “wear you college shirt” social. Angela, Susan and I represented Woodbridge. It was a packed agenda on Saturday, starting with a brunch (where I ate grits for the second time in my life). At the brunch, Anita Aymer presented a check for \$2,005 from AAUW VA branches to Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. Dr Karen Remley, the keynote speaker, presented changes in major health issues in Virginia. In many cases, risks of heart attacks, strokes, etc. have decreased, but there are higher health risks for minorities and the poor.

Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW VP, presented a brief on the status of AAUW and took questions. A common complaint from the members was the difficulty in finding information on the web site.

At the business meeting, the finance, registration, nominating, and AAUW Funds reports were presented, as well as a First Timers Drawing and information on the 2013 One Member/One Vote Process. I have this information if anyone is interested

Sandy Lawrence

OTHER EVENTS

The New Dominion Choraliers of Prince William County, directed by our own **Katherine Nelson-Tracey**, will present their Spring Concert “Love and the Spirit” Saturday, May 11 at 7 p.m. and Sunday, May 12 at 3p.m., at Freedom High School, 15201 Neabsco Mills Road, Woodbridge. Ticket prices are \$15.00 for Adults, \$10.00 for Seniors/Students/Military/Veterans, \$5.00 for ages 5 through 13, and Free for ages 4 and under.

McLean Area Branch “Do Schools Still Shortchange Girls? What Challenges Face School Boards Today?” May 16, 6:30 pm. **Speaker Dr. Anne L. Bryant**, former AAUW’s executive director. The cost of the dinner is \$40, which includes tax and tip. Please send a check payable to McLean AAUW by May 10 to Aroona Borpujori, 1225 Meyer Ct, McLean, VA 22101. Indicate your choice of entrée: chicken, lamb, fish, or vegetarian.

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"There is nothing in a caterpillar that tells you that it's going to be a butterfly".
Margaret Fuller

NEEDED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR

As I am set to be the branch president and have another year as Northern District Representative, I will be stepping down as newsletter editor June 30.

The editor only needs word processing software and a printer, nothing fancy. The busiest time is at the end of the month to product and send out the newsletter. There is a budget line for buying stamps, ink, and paper.

This can be a co or committee position, where a person does one month's newsletter. I hope you consider taking this vital position. If you are interested, please let me know.

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