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DATES TO REMEMBER

Jun 9-12	AAUW National Convention	New Orleans, LA
Jun 29	Northern District Leadership Planning Meeting Thomas Jefferson library, 7415 Arlington Blvd. Falls Church	2 – 4:30 pm
Jul 13	AAUW VA Summer Leaders meeting English Inn in Charlottesville	12:30-4:30 pm

PRESIDENT’S LETTER

This is my last Message from the President as my term of office is up on June 30, 2013. As I reflect on the last few years as your leader, I am so proud of our branch which is still going strong after 41 years. There are many talented people in AAUW-Woodbridge who are contributing to our community in many different areas. Welcome to the new president, Sandy Lawrence, who was elected for a two year term at the May meeting. Sandy is our Northern District representative and has worked tirelessly and attended many meetings on our behalf. I am sure she will be an excellent leader for us. For those of you who missed the Spring Salad Luncheon, you missed a great event! Good food, good company, a new leader elected, a new member joined and best of all, I received two lovely gifts! Thank you all so much for the AAUW President pin and the book Changing History—Virginia Women Through Four Centuries. See you in September!

Sara B. Anderson, President

SPRING SALAD AND DESSERT LUNCHEON

The luncheon consisted of good food, lots of raffle prizes and election of Board officer for 2013-15. Sara Anderson’ house was the perfect venue. Angela received an AAUW Funds certificate for her outstanding support to the branch (Dr Alice Regan, NVCC, was also awarded a certificate). Outgoing president, Sara Anderson, received an AAUW President pin and a history book on Virginia women. Elizabeth “Vanna” Blindauer conducted the raffle and silent auction to raise money for AAUW Funds.



Tania and Martha



Sara and Carol



Sara presents certificate to Angela



2013 Branch Board Members



“Vanna” calling a lucky number

MEMBERSHIP

Once again, what a delightful way to end the year at our Spring Membership Salad Luncheon. **Sara Anderson**, thank you for setting up your home beautifully for all of our members and lovely guests who were there to enjoy the afternoon with each other. Of course the food was good and dining was followed by a business meeting which included **Angela Booker** updating us on AAUW VA Public Policy activities.

Elections were held and confirmed that our executive board members will be:

President: **Sandy Lawrence**

Membership Vice-President: **Susan Fairey**

Secretary: **John Starsiak**

Appointed to the board as our newest Newsletter editor was **Carol Campbell**. Thanks Carol!

Congratulations to all!

Sara Anderson is stepping down after her president term ends and we awarded her a president's pin with the new AAUW logo and a book about the history of VA women. She was an excellent president. Sandy Lawrence also received the president's pin. We know she'll be very fine in that position, too!

I'm excited to tell you of our newest branch member whom I met at the luncheon. Welcome to **Leslie Gren** who is a delight. Please add her information to your current directory.

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I am also pleased to present another new member, **Alison Thimblin**, Also add her information to your directory.

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June 10 is the last date you can vote on-line for the 2013 AAUW National Election at www.aauw.org/onevote. It is now too late to send in paper ballots.

This was our last get together before the AAUW Fiscal Year ends June 30. Please, please pay your **\$76 dues** (which covers branch, state and national) ASAP to make sure you'll be in our branch directory due out this fall. Make out your check to AAUW-Woodbridge Branch and send it to our treasurer Barbara Ondo, 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192. Remember **\$46 is tax exempt**.

Finally, **Karen Wolf**, who wasn't at the luncheon because she was at her dad's in Oklahoma, got lucky. The massive tornado passed only about a mile from them. Whew!

Susan Fairey
Membership VP

BRANCH MEMBER SURVEYS

First, I want to thank everyone who completed a survey at our May luncheon. I received 13 surveys that included sixteen interesting suggested topics for programs! Some interesting topics that you may see next year include a speaker on the political process and running a campaign; AAUW history, national focus and funds; and a speaker on the history of women's right to vote. All of your suggestions will certainly help Karen and me plan the 2013-14 programs.

Feedback on preferred meeting days showed that many members expressed interest in meeting Saturday afternoons, so we will consider planning several Saturday afternoon luncheon/programs instead of all Wednesday evening programs. First, we will need to find a restaurant that has a meeting room. If anyone knows of such a restaurant, please let me know. Wednesday evening continues to be the most popular choice for weekday meetings, so we will plan to have several programs on that evening as well.

As far as a new meeting place, I have looked into scheduling the PWC library for meetings, but it seems to be solidly booked for Wednesday evenings, so I will try to reserve a room at either McCoart or the Ferlazzo building for Wednesday evening programs.

Stay tuned for what we hope will be an interesting 2013-14 year!

Jeanne Elmore

AAUW FUNDS

We are again planning to participate in **Macy's Shop For a Cause** Fundraiser. This Fundraiser takes place on Saturday, **August 24th** at all Macy Stores. For \$5.00 you get a savings pass that you can use all day and our branch gets to keep the \$5.00. Last year we made around \$250.00. Let's aim for \$300.00 this year. I know we don't have a meeting between now and August, but contact me and I will arrange to get you your saving passes.

We will continue with our raffle at our December and May events and also the silent auction in May. If you have any suggestions for easy fundraisers, please let me know.

Have a nice summer and contact me for your Macy's shopping passes.

Barbara Blindauer
Fundraising Chairman

NORTHERN DISTRICT LEADERSHIP PLANNING MEETING

As a follow up to last February ND leadership meeting, which I represented Woodbridge branch, there will be a Northern Virginia District Planning Meeting, **June 29 from 2 – 4:30 pm** at the Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd. Falls Church. **Incoming Presidents, Membership and Program Chairs are invited.**

There will be a general session to discuss probable State priorities and other focus areas. There will also be brainstorming for branch collaboration. Next will be breakout sessions for president, membership and program. Finally, the separate groups will meet and summarize their small group discussions to all. Materials will be provided at the meeting and light refreshments served.

POCs are Cyndi Shanahan, cyndi0915@aol.com and Maureen Dwyer, maureen.dwyer@realtydirect.com

AAUW OF VIRGINIA SUMMER LEADERS MEETING

The Summer Leaders meeting will be **July 13th 12:30-4:30** at the English Inn in Charlottesville. Angela and I will be attending.

Last year the meeting focused on two branch challenges: getting members to fill positions and recruiting/keeping members. This year the first half of the meeting will take these the next step, including ideas from branches that increased their membership last year and how they did it. The second half will focus on another branch challenge that has come to the forefront this year: how to re-energize your branch and get members more involved again.

Please let Angela or I know if you have ideas, issues, concerns, etc. that you want brought up at the meeting.

Sandy Lawrence
Incoming President

NEWSLETTER EDITOR

This will be my last newsletter, as I am stepping down to have more time for branch president activities. I thank everyone for the great articles submitted and the kind words about the newsletter. **Carol Campbell** will be the newsletter editor starting with the September issue. I know she will be a tremendous editor and will get the outstanding support from branch members that I received.

Sandy Lawrence, Editor

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

If one could be friendly with women, what a pleasure --- the relationship
so secret & private compared with relations with men.

Virginia Woolf

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