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DATES TO REMEMBER

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| Sep 4 | Board Meeting | Wegmans | 7:30 pm |
| Sep 21 | Potluck luncheon | Ali Cohen's House 4287 Newbold Court, Woodbridge | 1:00 – 3:30 pm |
| Sep 24 | Book Club Uno | Panera's At The Glen | 7:30 pm |
| Oct 15 | Branch Program | Girls and Human Trafficking James J. McCoart Administration Building, Powell Creek B | 7:00 pm |
| Oct 18 | Northern District Meeting | Burke Center Library | 1:00 pm |
| Mar 14 | Prince William Regional Science Fair | | |
| Mar 21 | "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference | | |
| Apr 18 | AAUW of VA State Conference, Charlottesville | | |
| Jun 18-21 | AAUW National Convention | San Diego, CA | |

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

I hope you had a terrific summer, filled with travel to fun places, good food, and good friends. As always Woodbridge members were busy throughout the summer.

In June, I attended the 2014 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Women of Distinction event. It was inspiring to be in a room with almost 1,000 college women and AAUW leaders, everyone coming together to share ideas in a creative, collaborative environment. We teamed with the League of Women voters for voter registration and information at the July 4th Dale City Family fun day. In July, Carol Campbell, Jeanne Elmore and I attended the AAUW of VA Summer Leaders Meeting. Along with almost 70 members, we learned techniques to determine a branch's vision and how to implement that vision. And thank you to everyone who voted at the AAUW of VA elections. We were recognized as having the second highest percentage of branch members voting.

We grieve with Eileen Thrall on the death of her husband, William A. "Tony" Thrall, on August 24, 2014. We also say farewell to Terry Rudman who is moving to St Augustine, Florida.

Sandy Lawrence
President
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SEPTEMBER POTLUCK LUNCHEON

Wow! Hope you all have had a terrific summer! It is hard to believe that the summer is over and here we are ready to kick off AAUW Woodbridge Branch's 42nd year. This promises to be an exciting year as we have our own President Sandy Lawrence, who also is State Co-President with Patsy Quick, to keep us all up-to-date with the latest happenings at all levels of AAUW. And don't forget we have Jeanne Elmore, as Co-Northern Virginia District Representative, to keep us advised of what our neighboring branches are doing. Both Sandy and Jeanne will update us at our kick-off luncheon. So you do not want to miss this exciting event!

Ali Cohen will host our gathering on Sunday, September 21, 2014, from 1:00 – 3:30 pm. Thank you so much Ali for opening up your lovely home to us once again! It is greatly appreciated. It will be a great beginning to another great year!

Please email me at breeze053@aol.com and cc ali.cohen@verizon.net to RSVP and tell me what you plan to bring to the potluck. The board is planning to use a telephone tree so we will call you if I don't hear from you during the first week after the newsletter goes out. And remember guests are always welcome at our events! My phone number is 703-389-4702 if you have any questions.

Directions to Ali's:

- **4287 Newbold Court in Woodbridge near the McCoart Building. Ali's phone number is 703-878-3460.**
- **Three roads intersect where you will travel... Ridgefield Road (from Dale City), Prince William Parkway (coming from Lake Ridge) and Greatbridge which is directly across from where Ridgefield Road intersects the Parkway from the south. Directions here are given as if one were to be driving from Lake Ridge.**
- **At the intersection of PWC Parkway and Greatbridge (Ruby Tuesday will be on your left on the corner); turn right and go to the roundabout.**
- **Take the first right off of the roundabout (Asdee Lane).**
- **Follow Asdee until it T intersects with Coventry Glen Drive.**
- **Turn right on Coventry Glen and follow it until it T intersects @Tideswell Mill Court.**
- **Turn right onto Tideswell Mill Ct.**
- **Follow Tideswell Mill Ct. to the first (and only) left which is Newbold Court.**
- **Turn left onto Newbold. Ali's home is on the right hand side where the cul de sac begins. The number is 4287. She asks that members "Please CAR POOL**

Hope to see you there!

Carol Campbell
Vice-President for Programs

WELCOME TO A NEW MEMBERSHIP YEAR in AAUW!

AAUW's membership year is based on a fiscal calendar, so July 1st began your new year as a member of AAUW- for national, state, and Woodbridge branch memberships. Our most recent roster shows just over half of our Woodbridge members have submitted their 2014-2015 dues. Treasurer Karen Wolf has sent those not current a personal snail mail reminder; please renew as soon as possible. With our "opening" luncheon event on Sunday, September 21st, you can bring your dues check then, too. Just let Karen know your plans- her e-mail is kleewolf@verizon.net.

Our luncheon is an excellent time to invite a guest, so please consider friends, former AAUW members, or colleagues. Our branch is getting noticed with our projects and outreach. Personally, I would love for us to reignite our membership totals to those achieved by our award-winning, former membership VP, Susan Fairey. I look forward to meeting our newest members soon. Hope to see you on the 21st!

Susan Bardenhagen
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BOOK CLUB

Don't forget our book club. We have moved from Wegman's to Panera's at the Glen, where Old Bridge Rd and the Parkway meet. Time 7:30 P.M., usually second Wednesday, however in September, we are meeting on September 24.

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SAVE THE DATES!!

We already have confirmed dates for our branch's two March projects. They've moved the Regional Science Fair that we judge to the second Saturday- March 14, 2015. Usually it's the third Saturday. That leaves the third one for the SUCCESS! Conference which is just perfect since spring break begins on the next one.

Plan to help judge the middle school female projects on March 14th. The more judges, the better! It's so rewarding to participate in this branch effort to encourage female students in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Mathematics) areas.

The 25th annual (not anniversary, it's a Math thing.) "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference will be held on March 21, 2015. The Woodbridge Branch joined forces with the Manassas Branch in 1995 and became the sole presenter in 2000. We hope that it will continue at Marsteller Middle School and we will confirm the location as soon we know it. Susan B is always looking for new presenters and business supporters, so contact her with ideas and questions. successconference@juno.com

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

Save the Date for "The Ups (and Downs) of Electing Women" at the Northern District Meeting **Oct. 18** featuring a panel discussion with current and former elected women officials. Come join members from the 12 Northern District branches **Oct. 18 at 1:00** at the Burke Center Library!

Manassas Park Councilmember, **Jeanette Rishell**, and former House of Delegates member, **Margi Vanderhye**, will discuss their experiences getting elected (and defeated), and AAUW Public Policy staff member, **Melissa Jackowski**, will bring us the latest statistics on women in elections at local, state, and national levels.

Hope to see everyone there!
Jeanne Elmore and Caroline Pickens
Co-Northern District Reps

HOW TO RECEIVE A PAPER COPY OF THE VISION

The AAUW of Virginia *Vision*, the state newsletter, is issued three times a year: fall, winter/spring, and summer. With the fall 2014 issue, you will notice a new email service providing the *Vision* online to everyone with an email address registered with AAUW on the Membership Services Database (MSD). We encourage you to help AAUW of Virginia to save money by accepting the *Vision* via email. In that way you can read it online, print it, or download it and save it to your computer. The link will arrive in your email boxes via the new AAUW email service called Salsa.

In addition, the *Vision* (both past and current) is always available on the AAUW of Virginia website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>).

The *Vision* will automatically be postal-mailed to branch members who do not have an email address registered with AAUW on the MSD.

If you wish to receive the *Vision* in print copy via postal mail, you may fill out and submit a simple online form at this link: <http://bit.ly/T6xnT9>. You may also submit the form from the state website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive paper copies of the *Vision* via postal mail. Please submit the form by September 20 if you wish to receive a print copy of the Fall 2014 *Vision*.

Patsy Quick & Sandy Lawrence
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OTHER EVENTS

McLean Area AAUW 45th Annual USED BOOK SALE

Friday September 19, 9am-7pm Saturday September 20, 10am-6pm
Sunday September 21, 12pm-4pm Credit Cards Accepted!

McLean Community Center 1234 Ingleside Ave. McLean, VA
Questions: aauwbookfair@gmail.com, 703-527-4206

The Fairfax City AAUW BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

Saturday, November 1, 2014 11 am to 3 pm Country Club of Fairfax • 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA
\$40 per person (includes luncheon)

This year's featured books are all about unexpected life changes:

Sarah Pekkanen, **The Best of Us**: A Novel. Four college friends reunite on a luxurious vacation in Jamaica, and the closeness reveals truths about all their lives.

Mary Kay Zuravieff, **Man Alive!** A Novel. A family is changed drastically when a bolt of lightning strikes one of its members.

John Muller, **Mark Twain in Washington, D.C.: The Adventures of a Capital Correspondent**. Twain's time in the capital in the 1860s proved to be a critical point in his career.

Jan Neuharth, **The Kill**: A Hunt Country Suspense Novel. Solving a murder in Middleburg puts a cast of colorful residents under the glare of suspicion.

Daniel Stashower, **The Hour of Peril**: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War. As he traveled from Illinois for his inauguration, Lincoln was the object of a plot foiled by Allan Pinkerton in this spell-binding account.

Please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Suzanne Mahoney at 8313 Chapel Lake Ct.,

Annandale, VA 22003 • (703) 978-3258 • email: suzanne070946@mac.com • Checks should be payable to “AAUW Fairfax City Branch.”

Reservations must be made by **October 29** and are payable in advance.

NEEDED: NEWSLETTER EDITOR & AAUW FUNDS CHAIR

The Newsletter Editor only needs word processing software and a printer, nothing fancy. The busiest time is at the end of the month to produce 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.

The AAUW Funds Chair informs branch members about the work of AAUW Funds and ensures that contributions are made to support the programs. She disseminates news and information about the AAUW Funds programs and activities to branch members, encourages and promotes AAUW Funds educational and fundraising activities; keeps accurate records of all funds raised; and submits funds in a timely manner to Association and AAUW of Virginia.

I hope you consider taking either one of these vital positions. If you are interested, please let me know.

Sandy Lawrence

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