

Important Dates to Remember:

- Nov. 6- Board Meeting, Wegmans @7pm.
- Nov. 20, Speaker: Jeanette Rishell. McCoart Building, @7pm..
- Dec. 3, Board Meeting, Wegmans @7pm.
- Dec. 11, Holiday Dinner, Occoquan Inn @7pm.

President's Letter: What Are You Thankful For?

We are quickly reaching the holiday season, where we think about the past year. Thanksgiving, Hanukkah, Christmas, Kwanza, Eid and cumulating in New Years.

I'm thankful that we sold my parents' house (to my nephew) and there is now closure. The golf clubs are out

of the closet and although the drives are not always "long and straight" there are more laughs than lost golf balls. AAUW continues to be a big part of my life and I'm thankful for all the wonder friends I met and the opportunities I have, including being president of this great branch.

So what are you thankful for? Send your input to our fabulous newsletter editor, Elizabeth Blindauer at eblindauer84@yahoo.com for inclusion in our December newsletter

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Senator Warner Sends Congrats

Caroline Pickens, AAUW of Virginia President, received a hand-signed embossed letter from Sen. Warner, congratulating AAUW of Virginia on receiving the 2013-14 AAUW Impact Grant. "The winning of this grant reflects your ability to provide a valuable service to the citizens of the Commonwealth of Virginia. It will allow your organization to focus on two critical

issues affecting women of every age, which are equal pay and Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM). I commend all those whose commitment and hard work made this grant award possible."

Thanks go to our own **Angela Booker**, Co-Vice President for Public Policy for her work in writing the application!

Membership

Thanks to all who attended the October meeting at the Old Town Sport Pub in Manassas on Saturday, October 26. Ms. Carol Noggle, President of Prince William League of Women Voters, gave an excellent presentation on issues affecting women in the VA election. She distributed many informative handouts which included an invitation to attend "The Pre-Session Women's Round Table on Capitol Square" in Richmond, VA on Wednesday, December 4, 2013. Since this occurs just one month after the election, the transition to a new administration and changes in delegates will create an atmosphere of anticipation not to be missed. If we have enough interest, we may want to carpool to this event. More information can be found at www.lwv-va.org

In addition, representatives from the Prince William League of Women Voters went before the Board of County Supervisors of Prince William County to alert them to the League's presence and interest in the local processes of

governance. Among the members who attended were Branch members Jeanne Elmore, Elaine Cash, Sheila School, and Terry Rudman. Thank you ladies!

Alison Thimblin has volunteered to be the NVCC Woodbridge Campus Liaison. She will plan and coordinate events/activities at the campus. Thank you Alison!

In keeping with the theme "Keys to the Future: A Member-Get-a-Member Campaign", please consider bringing a friend, family, or colleague to the November meeting featuring Jeanette Rishell's presentation on "The Nuts and Bolts of Running a Campaign for Office" on November 20 or invite them to our

Holiday dinner on December 11.

It's not too early to start making your plans to attend the AAUW State Conference at Smith Mountain Lake from April 4-6, 2014.

We wish all of you a Happy Thanksgiving and a happy holiday season!

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Volunteer Opportunities



Volunteers are still needed to host "Dinner Out". It can be a lunch, dinner, or brunch. It is wonderful for branch members to get together for great food and fun.

November Program

Wednesday November 20 7 p.m. Room 107A in the Development Services Building at the McCoart Complex. This building is behind the McCoart Building.

Member Jeanette Rishell will present the program "The Nuts and Bolts of Running a Campaign." Jeanette will describe the path a woman must take beginning with the vision of her role as a public servant to the achievement of public office. It is not an easy path. One must tap many resources and follow many legal guidelines in order to run a successful campaign. Jeannette is a member of the

Manassas Park City Council.

Running for office is an AAUW initiative. AAUW has collaborated with the group Running Start and the group She Should Run to form the Elect Her Initiative. All these programs serve to inspire and train young women to run for public office. There are many links at AAUW.org to read that describe the programs. Statistically women hold only 18% of the seats in Congress, and state legislatures have only 24% women.

Karen Wolf, Co-VP Programs

December Program



Our December Holiday dinner will be Wednesday, December 11, 7:00 PM, at the Occoquan Inn. Please put the date on your calendar and hope you can attend.

Jeanne Elmore
Co-VP Programs

Quote of the Month

*"Hold up your head...
You were made for
victory."*

Anne Gilchrist

AAUW Funds

We will not be having a fundraiser prior to the November meeting. Instead if you would like to have dinner with some of the members at Ruby Tuesdays on the Prince William Parkway prior to going to the McCoart Building, please come around 5:30. Again, this is not a fundraiser like we had at

Famous Dave's or Glory Days, just a chance to socialize prior to the meeting.

At our December Holiday Dinner please remember to bring a wrapped gift and money to buy raffle tickets.

Barbara Blindauer
Fundraising Chair

Approved Budget, 2013-2014

The budget was approved on October 26, 2013

Cash on Hand \$965.30

Dues \$420.00

Total \$1,385.30

Officers \$300

Meetings \$300

Contingency \$215.30

Insurance \$160

Programs \$100

Newsletter \$100

Membership \$100

Directory \$100

District \$10.00

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Lobby Corps Open House November 7

If you have a yen to roam the hall of Congress for *Truth, Justice and the AAUW Way* or just interested in what Lobby Corp members have been advocating for, the **Lobby Corps Open House** is for you. This is my first year in Lobby Corp and it has been a fascinating and fulfilling experience. The AAUW Lobby staff ensures we receive comprehensive training and briefings on the key issues we lobby for such as education,

civil rights and economic security. The open house is from 10AM-2:00PM (Lunch will be served) at AAUW headquarters, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036. For more information, contact VoterEd@aauw.org or 202-785-7724.

Have You? Been to the expanded Lorton Workhouse Prison Museum

The Workhouse Prison Museum has been expanded to two rooms, including one dedicated to the story of the more than 70 suffragists imprisoned there. The Workhouse

Prison Museum is free and open Wednesday-Friday from noon until 3 pm and on Saturday and Sunday from noon until 4 pm. For more information, go to www.workhousearts.org/about-workhouse-arts-center.

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Pre-Women's Roundtable Meeting

This is information on the Pre-Women's Roundtable Meeting in Richmond, 4 December 2013 in preparation for Lobby Day. You can sign up directly with the League, application is on this email. The luncheon includes a detailed presentation of an issue and gives you the opportunity to talk to the earlier presenters

and to ask questions to the luncheon speakers. This is an outstanding opportunity and it will give you a detailed understanding of Virginia Governmental Affairs. Applications are due near the end of November, prices go up the later you wait. We will be asking Branches to work

on carpools. Contact your friends in the League for potential carpoolers.

Angela D. Booker
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Note from the Editor



As many of you may recall, I was planning on running the Marine Corps Marathon in October. Unfortunately I had an injury and was unable to run. (I did get out there and cheer on the other runners in my banana suit.) I have plans to defeat this marathon next year and also will be running a half marathon in Nashville and a relay race in Canada. Thanks for the support and encouragement!

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