

**Important
Dates to
Remember:**

- Oct. 1- Board Meeting, Wegmans @7pm.
- Oct. 26- Women in VA Election, Old Town Sports Pub, Manassass. Lunch @12, meeting @ 1pm.
- Nov. 6- Board Meeting, Wegmans @7pm.
- Nov. 20, Speaker: Jeanette Rishell. McCoart Building, @7pm.
- Dec. 11, Holiday Dinner, Occoquan Inn @7pm

President's Letter: We've Only Just Begun

Thanks to Ali for hosting our Pot Luck dinner. All attendees had a wonderful time and we also learned more about AAUW Funds, thanks to our guest speaker Peggy Stotz.

This is a great start to our year. There are lots of exciting programs and activities planned. And to do these and other

events, we need your help. You may say "I don't have the time" but many activities can be broken into small tasks, with each task done by a person.

I ask each member to sign up for one task. Organize a Gourmet out event; send a note on an upcoming program to the local papers, or anything

you feel would contribute to our branch and the AAUW mission. The board members can help you get started on your task. Let's keep our great start going.

Sandy Lawrence,
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2013-2014 Woodbridge AAUW Board Officers

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Membership

On Sept. 18 we enjoyed a delicious Potluck dinner. Thank you to Ali Cohen for being our gracious hostess.

Our special guest speaker was Peggy Stotz, Virginia Chair for AAUW Funds. She explained how the money that we raise through various fundraisers support women in many different ways such as educational opportunities, research on

gender equity, and legal advocacy for workplace and school equality. Peggy also told us about recent changes to the Funds programs and updated us on future plans for making our money work even harder to further the mission of AAUW. We were pleased to have former member Susan Farmer as our other guest. It was good to see Susan again!

We have many great activities planned this year. Carol Nagel, president of Prince William League of Women Voters, will be speaking on Oct.26 and Our Journey Into Politics will take place on Nov. 20. We have other wonderful programs to follow including our Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference.



Volunteer Opportunities

1. NVCC Woodbridge Campus is now an AAUW College/University Partner. We need a group to work with the Woodbridge campus POC to plan and coordinate events/activities at the campus. As Northern District rep, Sandy has worked with George Mason and NVCC Annandale campus to get activities planned, so she can get the initial meeting with the campus arranged and also attend the first few planning meetings. This is a great

opportunity to get young women aware of AAUW and the inequalities they face.

2. Publicity. Several new PWC newspapers, both delivered and on-line, have started up. We need folks to write and send a short blurb on our programs to the papers' event section. Information on the programs can be provided by the programs VPs. Also, the publicity committee can post programs notes to the newspapers, such as the

success conference. The state VP of communications is our state board liaison.

3. Gourmet Out. A couple of folks are needed to do the Gourmet out. It can be lunch, dinner, brunch. If there are a couple of people, each one could take a different month. PWC is getting new and exciting eating places. It would be wonderful for branch members to get together for great food and fun.

Membership Renewal

We are hoping all will renew their membership to AAUW Woodbridge Branch and, of course, we always welcome new members! Please contact me or Carol, if you know of any perspective members and we will contact them. Please feel free to take a friend to any of our programs so they can see what a great group of women we are and learn more about AAUW. All

it takes to join is a college degree.

Dues are \$76. That includes national (\$49), state (\$15) and branch (\$12) dues. Of the national dues, \$46 of that is tax deductible.

Checks should be made out to AAUW Woodbridge branch and mailed to: Barbara Ondo, 5033 Softwood Ln. Woodbridge, VA 22192

Many thanks to Suzanne Harvey for updating the 2013-14 Membership Directory. It will be available at our October meeting. We look forward to seeing everyone at the October meeting at the Old Town Sports and Pub in Old Town Manassas. A great festive place to be on a October Fall day!

Leslie Gren,
Carol Campbell
Co-VPs Membership

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October Program

For October we are trying something new - a Saturday lunch and program! The lunch and program will be October 26, at the OldTowne Sports Pub in Manassas, The address is 8971 Center Street. Lunch will be at noon, and the program will start at 1:00 PM. Our featured speaker will be Carol Noggle, President of the Prince William Area League of Women Voters. She will speak about issues that impact women in this election, as well as new voter/voting regulations. Carol is extremely knowledgeable on these

topics, and I am sure that all who come to this program will leave as a smarter voter.

I need a head count for the restaurant, so please call me (Jeanne) at 703-490-5526 or email at jfelm2@verizon.net by Oct 18 if you can attend. Hope to see you all there!

Jeanne Elmore
Co-VP Programs



November Program

Wednesday November 20
at 7 p.m. in the
Development Services
Building at the McCoart
Complex. Program : "The
Nuts and Bolts of Running
a Campaign for Office."
Speaker: Jeanette Rishell

Karen Wolf

Co-VP Programs

*"Sometimes courage is
the quiet voice
at the end of the day
saying, 'I will try again
tomorrow.' "*

-Mary Anne Radmacher

I am currently looking for a restaurant for us to go to prior to our November meeting. Many restaurants will give us a percentage on what our group will spend that day. Again, many thanks to those who participated. In the Macy's Shop For A Cause Fundraiser.

Barbara Blindauer

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Proposed Budget, 2013-2014

We will be voting on the budget at the next meeting.

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

Barbara Ondo

Treasure

Northern District

The Northern District program and meeting will be **October 26** from 12:30 to 4:30 pm at the Oakton Public Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place Oakton, VA 22124. Doors open at 12:30 and the program will begin at 1.

The topic is "Community Colleges: Affordable, Available, So What's The Barrier?" The guest speaker is Dr. Catherine Hill, Director of

Research, AAUW and co-author of the AAUW report *AAUW report Women in Community College: Access to Success*.

After the program and a short break, the business meeting will be conducted. Hope to see everyone there.

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AAUW Archive Report

You're going through a box of loose papers from the 1950's and come across a beautifully handwritten letter, 5 pages long. You look at the signature, and it's from Rachel Carsen. She is thanking AAUW for giving her the Achievement Award in 1956 and stating she will use the money to do research for her next book. That book turned out to be *Silent Spring*.

This actually happened to me as a member of the AAUW Archives Corps, which meets at AAUW headquarters downtown once a month to work on boxes from our archives that need to be culled and put into archival condition. The letter proved what we have always thought: that

the money from AAUW directly helped Rachel Carson write *Silent Spring*.

There are 17 local AAUW members in the Archives Corps, but most are from Maryland branches. We can use more members—and we need more from Virginia to find these incredible pieces of AAUW history (can't let Marylanders get all the good stuff). Work is done the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. The hours are flexible but generally people come in about 9:30 or 10 and work until 2 or 2:30. It goes all year, but we have fewer attendees in July and August because of vacation times. But that's part of the beauty of it--

you don't have to come every month. New members receive training from the AAUW archivist, plus you are also with members who have been doing this for almost 2 years now who can help you. And it's fun to meet members from other branches. There is a lot of "Oh my gosh—listen to this!"

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at carolineaauw@gmail.com or Suzanne Gould (AAUW's archivist) at goulds@aauw.org. (Headquarters is close to Farragut West and Farragut North stations.)

Caroline Pickens

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