

Woodbridge Wisdom

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President's Letter: Say YES to Leadership

Important Dates to Remember:

- Dec.11, Holiday Dinner, Occoquan, 7 pm
- Jan 7, Board meeting Tuesday, 7PM Wegman's
- Jan. 18, Movie at Ali Cohens', 1 pm
- Feb 5, AAUW State Lobby Day, Richmond VA
- Apr 8, Equal Pay Day

I have been the Northern District Representative since 2010. I'm still not sure why I volunteered for the position (I really didn't know what the District Rep did and I certainly did not know I was on the state board). But it has been a tremendous experience and I have no regrets taking the position.

While I have reached my

term limit and will be stepping down June 30, it appears my time on the state board will continue. I have agreed to be a cocandidate for state president along with Patsy Quick (Mt. Vernon branch) for 2014-16. I intend to complete my term as branch president.

The branch will need new officers for the next term. Volunteering for a

leadership position can be scary, but is one of the most rewarding experience you can have. So say YES to an AAUW leadership position.

Sandy Lawrence, President slawrence4@juno.com 703-569-1588

Nominating Committee

Members are needed for the Nominating Committee. The committee consists of three members, two will be elected at the February branch meeting and one elected by the board of directors at their February meeting. The offices up for election are Secretary, Vice President for Programs and Vice President for Finance. Remember these can be co

positions. More information to come, but please consider volunteering for the committee (Or volunteering to run for an office).

Members Ali Cohan and Sandy Lawrence attended the Lobby Corp Open house on Nov 7 at AAUW Headquarters. They are standing in front of the Panels of Outstanding Women.



Membership

On November 20 we enjoyed a

presentation by member Jeanette Rishell on "The Nuts and Bolts of Running a Campaign for office". She described the path a woman must take beginning with the vision of her role as a public servant to the achievement of public office. Jeannette is a member of the Manassas Park City Council. Thank you Jeanette for an interesting and informative evening.

As always, we encourage members to bring a friend, colleague or family member to our programs. Our Holiday Dinner on December 11 would be a great time to introduce them to our wonderful branch. If you have any questions or know a potential member, please email me or Carol and we will be happy to send them information about our branch and AAUW.

If you have any information about yourself or one of our members that you think would be of interest and should be included in our newsletter please send us an email. Hope to see you in December!

Carol Campbell Co-VP, Membership <u>Breeze053@aol.com</u>

Leslie Gren Co-VP, Membership LesGren@yahoo.com

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.

January Program

The meeting in January will be at 1:00 p.m. on Saturday January 18 at the home of Ali Cohen We will be seeing the movie *Miss Representation*. It is both an OWN and Documentary Film Club selection and was shown at the Sundance Film Festival in 2011.

The quote from the film website says" *Like drawing back a curtain to let bright light stream in, Miss Representation uncovers a glaring reality we live with every day but fail to see. Directed by Jennifer Siebel Newsom, the film explores how mainstream media contribute to* the under-representation of women in influential positions in America and challenges the media's limiting and often disparaging portrayals of women, which make it difficult for the average girl to see herself as powerful."

Karen Wolf, Co-VP Programs



Holiday Dinner



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

"In the cookies of life, good friends are the chocolate chips."

> -Shoebox Greetings (a tiny division of Hallmark)

AAUW Funds

At the December Holiday Party we will have our Holiday Raffle. Please bring a wrapped gift and we will sell raffle tickets. Also, please remember to bring cash or check to purchase raffle tickets. Many thanks.

Barbara Blindauer Fundraising Chair



What are you thankful for?



Being laid off was a shock, but I am thankful that I saved enough money and had no debts, so I could retire and do the things I want to do. I'm busier than ever and enjoying life.

Sandy Lawrence

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