



# Woodbridge Wisdom

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## UPCOMING EVENTS

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| May 16    | <b>Spring Salad/Dessert Luncheon</b><br><b>Science Fair Winners &amp; Their Parents</b><br><b>Caroline Pickens, Northern District Co-Chair</b><br><b>Guests</b><br><b>Joyce Eagle's Home, Woodbridge</b> | <b>12:00 pm – 2:00 pm</b> |
| May 30    | <b>Program Planning Session for 2015-2016</b><br><b>Occoquan Room, McCoart Building</b>                                                                                                                  | <b>9:00 am - 11:30 pm</b> |
| Jun 18-21 | <b>AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA</b>                                                                                                                                                           |                           |

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A branch is only as strong as its leaders, programs, and members. We are very lucky that **John and Susan** have agreed to continue in their leadership position. **Carol** has been doing a fabulous job with programs, but she needs ideas and assistance from members. I hope to see everyone at the **May 30 Program Planning session**. Bring your ideas for events, programs and things we can do to support women and girls and increase our visibility in the community. And, I hope everyone takes **Susan's** idea and contact a former member. Our branch is doing great things, but we need additional members to continue the work we do and also to take on leadership positions.

You don't need to bring **membership checks** to bring to the Spring Luncheon, you can renew on line. Details in this newsletter. Let us know if you didn't receive an e-mail from AAUW recently reminding you.

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**President**  
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## PROGRAMS

May greetings! Hopefully, when you receive this newsletter, I will be enjoying warmer weather as I head out of town for a wedding. It's been too cold for me!

On Saturday, April 11, 2015, Karen, Jeannie and I enjoyed a special guided tour of the National Museum of the Marine Corps. We also had the distinct pleasure of meeting Iwo Jima Veteran Frank Matthews, as he gave highlights of what happened on that important day in history. It was certainly an honor to meet this brave Marine. We viewed highlights of women in the Marine Corps although they were interwoven within all the displays at the Museum. I will have the brochure entitled "Women in the United States Marine Corps" available at our May meeting.

The 2015 Virginia/West Virginia AAUW State Conference "Celebrating Our Past and Creating Our Future" was certainly an exciting event held in Charlottesville, VA on April 18-19. It was such a pleasure to meet our AAUW WVA members and to celebrate 90 years of AAUW Virginia and 93 years of AAUW West Virginia with them. The speakers and workshops were very informative, the meals were delicious, and the play was delightful. It was also productive to speak with program officers from other branches to hear what they are doing. I enjoyed the Ash Lawn-Highland tour, home of President James Monroe, the 5th President of the United States and his wife.

Our **Salad and Dessert Luncheon on May 16, from 12:00 pm – 2:00 pm**, will be held at the home of Joyce Eagles. Her address is 1414 Eiderdown Court, Woodbridge, 22191; Phone 703-878-5012. I will send directions in a separate email. Thanks to Joyce for once again hosting this important event! Since this is pot luck, please bring either a salad or desert. We will also have **the wrapped gift raffle**. Just bring a wrapped gift and money to buy raffle tickets. Our Science Fair winners and their moms are also invited. Please RSVP to me at [breeze053@aol.com](mailto:breeze053@aol.com) no later than Wednesday, May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Best regards,

**Carol Campbell** [Breeze053@aol.com](mailto:breeze053@aol.com)

**Vice-President, Programs**

## 2014 AAUW OF WOODBRIDGE NAMED HONOREES

Thanks to the generosity of members and friends, AAUW of Woodbridge had five "Named Honorees" at the 2015 state conference. In 2014, over \$2500+ was donated and recorded for the Woodbridge Branch, including folks who donated in Susan Fairey's honor. Please join us in congratulating:

**Carol Campbell**  
**Ali Cohen**  
**John Fairey**  
**Jeanette Rishell**  
**John Starsiak**

## BRING A FORMER MEMBER BACK INTO THE BRANCH

In the past years, our roster has seen some of our branch members' names disappear- sometimes because they have retired or moved. Your board members have heard from recent non-renewed ladies and we are optimistic that our roster will include them again for 2015-2016.

Hopefully, you have our directories from past years. Please compare the roster from the "Susan Fairey" years to this year and find one person you know who's not on the 14-15 roster. Contact them and encourage them to join us at the May 16<sup>th</sup> luncheon; arrange a lunch meeting to share what we've been "up to" since they were last members; and/or welcome them to the September event.

I'm sure that the more of us these former members hear from, the more they will be encouraged to get their names back on our roster. Of course, please continue to involve colleagues and friends as new members, too. ☺

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**Membership VP**

### PAYING MEMBERSHIP DUES ON-LINE IS HERE- FROM OUR BRANCH TREASURER



Tired of bringing a check to the spring luncheon for dues? Keep forgetting to send a membership check? You can pay your 2015-16 dues on-line from **anywhere** via your computer or smart phone. Here's how:

1. Go to Member Services Database on the AAUW Web site
2. Once in MSD, go to the bottom left to **Membership Payment Program (MPP)**
3. Click on **Renew My Membership**. **Enter your credit card information** and in less than 2 minutes you have paid your National, State and branch dues! OR.....!

I am pleased to announce that the Membership Payment Program is now active for the Woodbridge Branch. Members can now save a stamp, save a check, and maybe apply points to a credit card! It's been years in the making but electronic payment is here! I generated an email from AAUW on 5/1 that Sandy forwarded to you all, which allows you to simply click a link and begin the process.

Please check that your current information is correct when you renew. The system allows you to add gift money to "Funds" as you so desire. In the past the branch has supported **Fund #4176-the Susan Nathanson Fairey Fund**. That fund sponsors Community Action Grants. There is a section in the donation portion of the process whereby if you wish to designate to this fund you can type this number into the "Note" section. This is what is known as a restricted fund. However, your donation dollars can support all kinds of programs. You can read about them from this link:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/>

You will see that the dues of \$76 pay for National, State, **and** Branch dues. \$46 of the dues is tax-deductible. I will of course still accept dues by check and mailed to my home address or at the luncheon. Just let me know, if you have questions. ☺

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**Treasurer**



*Celebrating our Past  
Creating our Future*

*Virginia/West Virginia  
AAUW States Conference  
Charlottesville, Virginia  
April 18-19, 2015*

## AMAZING AAUW-VA CONFERENCE

The Northwest District hosted a truly out-standing conference for **Virginia AAUW's 90th anniversary**. Our branch was well represented with seven members attending. Next year will be **Northern District's turn** to host the conference at the **Dulles Hyatt on April 15-17, 2016**.

Conference attendees had the opportunity to listen to and chat with AAUW Executive Director **Linda Hallman** and to learn of her journey from vocal soloist with the U.S. Army Band to a distinguished career as an executive for non-profit organizations. Participants had a choice of three workshops entitled: **"Preventing Campus Domestic Violence."** **"What Stories Are Under the Bed?"** (preserving our records), and **"Yes, Virginia, We Do Have Human Trafficking."**

A special high point of the conference was the distribution of **Neola Waller's** just-published book, ***The History of the American Association of University Women of Virginia, 1925-2010***. This scholarly and inspiring book was a labor of love for **Neola**, and Virginia members are grateful for her work on this record of our 90-year history. All branches will receive one free copy and others are available for \$10 each. (Neola has supported our branch as a presenter at the SUCCESS! Conferences in the 1990s.)



Sandy Lawrence & Patsy Quick celebrate  
AAUW of VA's 90<sup>th</sup> birthday



Jeanne Elmore and others at Ash Lawn-Highland

## **DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!** **BRANCH OFFICER ELECTIONS**

Elections will be held at the annual business meeting at the May luncheon. Others may be nominated from the floor at the meeting as long as they have consented to run.

**President: Sandy Lawrence**

**Membership Vice-President: Susan Bardenhagen**

**Secretary: John Starsiak**

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**  
**AAUW NATIONAL ELECTIONS UNDERWAY**

Voting has begun. Make sure to participate by voting by the deadlines below!

<b><u>May 8, 2015</u></b>	<b>Deadline for AAUW to receive your request for paper ballot.</b>
<b><u>May 26, 2015</u></b>	<b>Deadline for mailing ballots; must be postmarked by 11:58 p.m. to be counted.</b>
<b><u>June 19, 2015</u></b>	<b>On-line voting ends at 9:00 p.m. PDT</b>

**DON'T FORGET TO VOTE!**  
**AAUW OF VIRGINIA ONE MEMBER/ONE VOTE 2015**

Watch your email for the voting instructions for AAUW of Virginia's online state elections. The email message will be coming from AAUW National, our service provider for voting and elections. (You should have received this email already.)

**It is very important that you vote and help us make our quorum! Although your vote is private, we will have statistics and will be recognizing all branches with over 40% of eligible members voting and especially those with the highest percent voting.**

The state election process **opens on April 27 and closes on May 27**. Those who requested paper ballots by April 21 will be able to vote by mail. All others will vote on line. The process should be quick and easy! For the full **Voter Guide**, you will find links on the AAUW of Virginia website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/> . If you have additional questions, you may email [4mi15fone@gmail.com](mailto:4mi15fone@gmail.com) .

**Please vote and help your branch be recognized for its active participation in AAUW of Virginia's One Member One Vote process.**

**GIVE A COLLEGE GRAD A GIFT**

AAUW members can give recent college graduates a **free, one-year AAUW membership** within two years of graduation, **at no cost to you or them**.

- Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.
- Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.
- Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more. Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift>

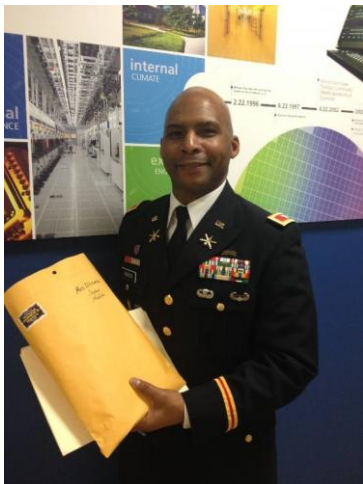


## SUCCESS! Conference T-Shirts to the White House!

In the twenty-five years and rainbow of colors of t-shirts for the annual SUCCESS! Conferences, the t-shirts and programs have been shared with many important women. Maya Angelou received two colors- one in 1993 or so and one in 1995- at the Association for Supervision & Curriculum Development national conference when she was a keynote on education and at the University of Virginia when she gave a presentation on “Passion” filling the field house with inspirational words.

In 2002, Sally Ride received hers at the Sally Ride Festival at George Mason University. She autographed our poster photographs early in 2003 thanking us for them. We dedicated the 2013 conference to Sally and presented shirts to her life partner; her mom and sister; and the Sally Ride Science, Inc. staff at the special tribute program at the Kennedy Center in 2013.

Anoushka Ansari, the first private citizen female astronaut to the space station, received hers at the National Air & Space Museum. More female astronauts, keynoting at Sally Ride Festivals and VA Association of Science Teachers professional development institutes, have our shirts in their collections. Lily Ledbetter received hers at AAUW headquarters last year. More STEM “stars” have also been honored with shirts. Next, we hope to share them with our “Arts” stars.



On April 23<sup>rd</sup>, our First Lady spent the day at Micron’s Manassas plant. Micron has been a major corporate sponsor for SUCCESS! since 2006, also securing presenters and donating items for participants. April marks the 4<sup>th</sup> anniversary of Michelle’s and Jill Biden’s “Joining Forces Initiative”. In her mission to encourage American companies to hire veterans, Michelle’s visit included speaking with Zuzana, our contact. Zuzana reported to me that, “Michelle touched on girls in technology at least twice during her speech.” So, we made sure that Mrs. Obama, Malia, and Sasha would receive SUCCESS! shirts!

Here is a photo of Mrs. Obama’s assistant with our envelope of the three shirts and program that included our Jeanette’s annual listing of “Women in Political Office” information sheet and list of presenters. Those of you who helped at the conference probably recognize the “Women’s History Month” sticker. ☺ The colonel assured Zuzana that the first lady and first daughters would personally receive the gift since he works at the White House. Isn’t this cool?!

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