

# Woodbridge Wisdom

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### DATES TO REMEMBER

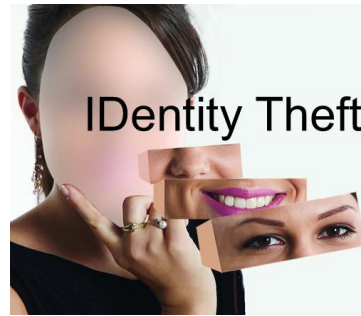
Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Wegmans, upstairs	7:30 pm
Nov 7	Board meeting		Wegmans, upstairs	7 pm
Nov 14	Branch Program "ID Theft"			7 pm
		Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge		
Dec 5	Holiday dinner	Occoquan Inn		7 pm
		301 Mill St, Occoquan, VA.		
Dec 30	Newsletter articles due			
Apr 13	AAUW of Virginia Conference		Richmond, Va	
Jun 9-12	AAUW National Convention		New Orleans	



### PRESIDENT'S LETTER

The October program was very interesting and I am looking forward to November. I am still trying to reach the goal of 32 attendees at a meeting and the November program on Identify Theft would be a great time to reach that goal! Or maybe we could get 32 people to the Christmas dinner! Come out, learn something new and enjoy visiting with friends! As we await Hurricane Sandy, let me take this time to thank our Sandy for all she does for our branch. This newsletter is one thing Sandy does but that's not all. She is our No. Va. District representative keeps us well informed on AAUW issues and she has been a tremendous help as we try to keep our by-laws up to date. Thank you, Sandy!

Sara B. Anderson, President



## NOVEMBER'S PROGRAM

### DID YOU KNOW

- It's estimated that as many as 9 million Americans have their identities stolen each year
- Identity theft continues to be one of the fastest growing crimes in the United States

**Tom Polhemus** will be our guest speaker at the November 14 meeting. He will discuss on current trends in financial crimes and how people can prevent themselves from becoming a victim. He will also discuss crimes against the elderly.

Tom has been with the Fairfax County Police Department thirty-five years and assigned to the Financial Crimes Section for sixteen years. He investigates crimes of identity theft, credit card fraud, embezzlement, check fraud and obtaining money by false pretense.

We will meet at Potomac Place, 2133 Montgomery Avenue Woodbridge. Please bring an item that can be sold in the gift shop of Potomac Place to the meeting.

## DECEMBER'S HOLIDAY DINNER

Our Christmas dinner will be held at the Occoquan Inn, December 5th, at 7:00 pm. The address is 301 Mill St, Occoquan, VA. You can order from the menu and there will be separate checks. If you want to reserve a seat call Jeanne Elmore at 703-490-5526 or email her at Jfelmor2@verizon.net by Nov 30. Hope to see you there!

## TOUR OF LORTON WORKHOUSE PRISON MUSEUM AND ART CENTER

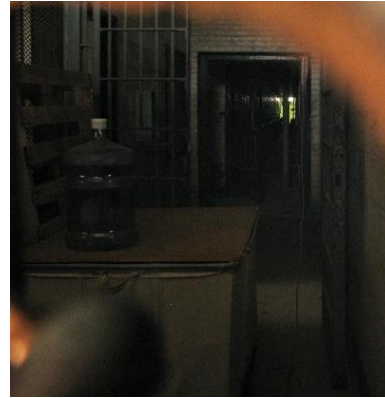
Several of us took a tour of the Lorton Art center. We saw many different types of art and met some of the artists.



We also visited the Workhouse Prison Museum and hear about the suffragettes and the tortures they endured to get the vote for women. Karen took this great picture through a keyhole that shows an original cell block.



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### AAUW FUNDS

**Want great food? With great folks?** If so, come to **dinner at Famous Dave's** on the Parkway prior to our **Wednesday, November 14** meeting. 10% of our checks will come back to us as a fundraiser. In the newsletter you will find a copy of the flyer for Famous Dave's. Please print off copies and give to family and friends. This flyer is good all day of the 14th. It has to be attached to the check in order for us to get credit. Please try and come and have dinner with us and encourage your neighbors, family, and friends also to eat at Famous Dave's that day. **See you on the 14<sup>th</sup>!**

Barbara Blindauer  
Fundraiser Chair.





## MEMBERSHIP

How wonderful to read the Fall VA AAUW *Vision* and see our members actively involved in AAUW state activities! **Angela Booker**, Vice-President for State and Federal Public Policy on the VA state board and **Sandy Lawrence**, Northern District representative, along with **Jeanne Elmore** branch Co- VP for Programs were in the newsletter. How proud to see them written up as active AAUW members! Be sure to read the newsletters, as this one and others, no doubt, will show pictures of many of our branch members!

The October branch meeting featured as the first speaker **Angela Booker**, who talked about AAUW support of getting women out to vote as powerful and influential voters. She then talked about the Lorton Workhouse Prison Museum and Art Center. **Dianne Blais** also spoke about getting out the vote. Dianne is a past VA AAUW state president as well as the state VP for Public Policy. Currently, she is the VA AAUW Get Out The Vote co-chair. This was quite an interesting evening!



We have begun to give out our **2012-13 branch membership directories**. The mistakes below accidentally showed up. If you already have your copy, please make the corrections below. The copies still to be given out have the corrections.

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NON-members who should NOT be in the branch directory!

Sarah Nielsen                  Felice Rollins                  Kim Wilson

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

Susan Fairey  
Membership VP

## WOODBIDGE WEB SITE IS UP!

The Woodbridge web site is up. Some areas are still under construction, and there is tweaking to do, but you can check it out at <http://woodbridge-va.aauw.net/>

Sandy Lawrence Woodbridge AAUW webmaster

## NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS



Almost 50 members attended the AAUW Northern District meeting to hear Attorney Susan Burke outstanding presentation on the issue of sexual assault on military members. She discussed her lawsuits filed for plaintiffs against Department of Defense (DoD). She stated the difficulty winning these lawsuits because of the Supreme Court ruling (*Feres v. United States*) which said the Federal Tort Claims Act does not apply to claims by petitioning service members. Only one judge has heard arguments on the current lawsuits and he ruled against the plaintiffs, basically saying rape is an occupational hazard of the military.

Ms. Burke plans on filing another set of lawsuits that will press DoD to explain “good order and discipline.” She plans to show that the military is a “hostile environment” based on chants, songs, prevalent pornography, etc.

Ms. Burke stressed how supportive AAUW has been with providing Legal Advocacy funding for the lawsuits, arranging the showing of “The Invisible War”, etc. She thanked the audience for their current and future support.

At the business meeting, there were presentations on the upcoming State conference, updating everyone’s profile on the AAUW Member Services Database, and an update on past and upcoming Get out the Vote activities.

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Northern District Representative  
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The AAUW Action Fund released the VoteHER Toolkit <http://www.aauwaction.org/voteher-toolkit/> – an essential guide to how candidates and elected officials stack up on issues important to women and to their families this election year. Clear information on candidate positions will be critical as voters head to the polls in

November. This is especially true for women, whose votes will likely decide the 2012 election. The AAUW Action Fund's nationwide It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign continues to reach out to young women to educate and mobilize their vote on Tuesday, November 6. They, and women everywhere, now have a trusted resource in the VoteHER Toolkit.

The VoteHER Toolkit includes three resources, all focused on AAUW priority issues:

- The annually released AAUW Action Fund Congressional Voting Record explaining AAUW positions and votes taken by representatives and senators in the 112th Congress
- Voter guides comparing candidates in the presidential and key Senate races
- An analysis of the Obama administration's performance in its first term

Download your copies of the VoteHER Toolkit resources today <http://www.aauwaction.org/voteher-toolkit/> and share these voter education tools with your friends, family, and colleagues! Visit the AAUW Action Fund website for more resources, including questions to ask candidates at town hall meetings, a template for your branch to create its own voter guides for local House races, and fact sheets on key issues in this election.

### **FROM THE EDITOR'S LAPTOP**

As a charter member and volunteer at the Women in Military Service for America Memorial, I participated at the 15<sup>th</sup> Anniversary ceremony of its dedication, Oct 20-21. Here I am in the lobby wearing my ribbons and ball cap from the USS Nimitz (CVN 68), where I was its first Combat Systems Officer.



Woodbridge Wisdom is published monthly, September through June, except for a November/December bimonthly issue. Articles are due the 30<sup>th</sup> of the month preceding each issue. Your articles and suggestions are always welcome. Please send your articles for the January newsletter by December 30 via e-mail or postal mail.

Sandy Lawrence, Editor

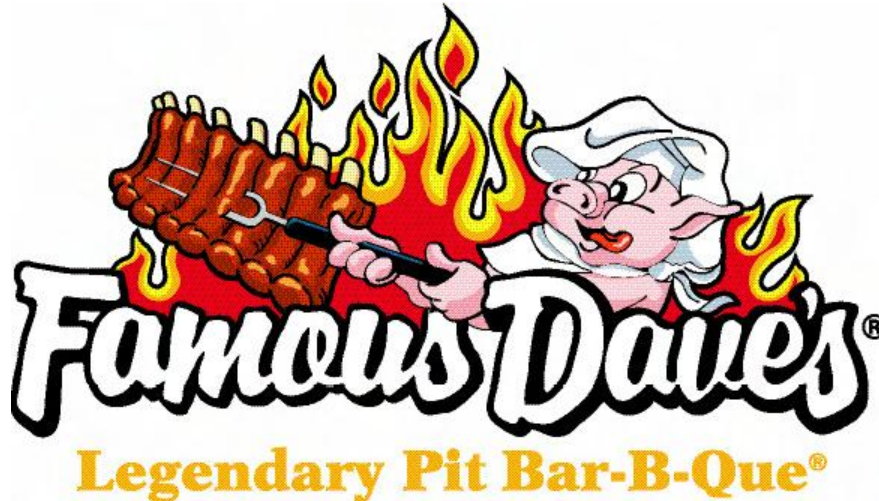
### **QUOTE OF THE MONTH**

"Every single inch of ground that woman stands upon today has become gained by the hard work of some little handful of women in the past."

Susan B. Anthony

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# American Association of University Woman

Wednesday November 14, 2012

**11 AM till 10:30 PM**

Join us at Famous Dave's in Woodbridge, VA for dinner for some award winning BBQ. You may dine in or carry out

Famous Dave's will donate 10% of your check to our club.

For a complete menu, please visit <http://www.famousdaves.com>

*Flyer must be submitted during visit for donation.*

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