



Happy 40th

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Woodbridge, VA Branch Newsletter

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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Wegmans, upstairs	7:30 pm
Feb 6	LWV/AAUW	State Lobby Day	Richmond, VA	
Feb 9	Castaways Theatre	"Laughing Stock"	Ferlazzo Building	8 pm
Feb 23	Branch Luncheon		Madigan's Waterfront	Noon
		201 Mill St, Occoquan		
Feb 28	Newsletter articles due			
Mar 1-3	Suffrage Centennial Celebration		AAUW HQ, Various DC	
Mar 16	PWC Science Fair		Kelley Leadership Center	8 am
		14715 Bristow Road, Manassas		
Apr 6	Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference			
Apr 13	AAUW VA Conference		Richmond, VA	
May 16	AAUW VA Federal Lobby Day		Capitol Hill, DC	
Jun 9-12	AAUW National Convention		New Orleans, LA	

PRESIDENT'S LETTER

Our January event was viewing the film "The Invisible War" at the home of **Ali Cohen**. **Sandy Lawrence** led the discussion after the film. Thanks to Ali for the use of her lovely home, thanks to Sandy for the discussion group, and thanks to those who brought snacks! If you missed this event and would like to see the film, call me. I hope many of you are using the AAUW web site and our own local branch web site. That is the way we can attract new members in this cyber age. We welcome ideas, recipes, pictures, and articles for the web site. Let's show people who are looking for AAUW that we are an interesting group doing fun and informative activities.

Sara B. Anderson, President

FEBRUARY LUNCHEON



Our February luncheon will be at **Madigan's Waterfront** restaurant on **Saturday, Feb 23, at noon**. The address is 201 Mill St, Occoquan. Please **contact Jeanne** at jfelmore2@verizon.net or call 703-490-5526 **by February 16** to reserve your seat. Looking forward to seeing everyone there!

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AAUW FUNDS

Start thinking of basket ideas for our **Silent Auction** at the **May Luncheon**. And the **gift raffle** will also be conducted at the luncheon. Look for further updates on meals at **Famous Dave's** before our March and April meetings.

Barbara Blindauer
Fundraiser Chair.

FEBRUARY SCHOLARSHIP FUNDRAISER CASTAWAYS REPERTORY THEATRE

Join our branch on **Sat, Feb 9, 8 PM**, at the Castaways Repertory Theatre's production of *Laughing Stock* directed by Ted Ballard. The play is described as, "A hilarious backstage farce and genuinely affectionate look into the world of the theater" and involves an over-matched but well-intentioned company. Opening night of "The Playhouse", a rustic New England summer theater company, turns into chaos with "misplaced technical cues, forgotten lines and props, wrong entrances, and eccentric acting." For more information, check <http://www.castawaystheatre.org/>.

All members and their guests are encouraged to attend. The location is the **Ferlazzo Building Auditorium** located at the intersection of US Route #1 (Jefferson Davis Highway) and Cardinal Drive. There is plenty of parking. Tickets are \$20.00 each with \$10.00 going to our Woodbridge AAUW Scholarship Fund. In order to receive the group rate we need at least 10 participants. If you plan to attend, please let Barbara Ondo, our treasurer, know at barbaraondo@gmail.com. Checks may be sent in advance to Barbara at 5033 Softwood Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22192, or you may pay Barbara Ondo upon arrival at the Ferlazzo Building on the 9th. It is very helpful to let Barbara know that you will be attending so that it can be determined that we have enough participants for the group rate.

Any other questions about the event may be sent to **Eileen Thrall** at wthrall@verizon.net. We really hope to see you there; a very enjoyable way to raise funds for scholarships!

CALL FOR SCIENCE FAIR JUDGES!

Be part of the AAUW Woodbridge Branch judging team at the **PWC Regional Science Fair Saturday, March 16**, at the **Kelley Leadership Center, 14715 Bristow Road Manassas, VA 20112**. Judges are asked to **arrive by 8 a.m.** to enjoy **light refreshments** and participate in a brief welcome and overview of the day's events. Then our judging team divides up the exhibits to be evaluated.

The Science Fair was created for Prince William/Manassas area students to exhibit independent research projects in the fields of science, mathematics, engineering, and computer science. We will judge just the Middle School (Seventh and Eighth grades girls' exhibits. These are critical years when many girls begin to lose interest in or their confidence begins to wane in the STEM fields. AAUW strongly advocates for girls to excel in STEM school subjects and to consider careers in these areas given the robust job market and potential for advancement, economic security and opportunities to serve in leadership roles.

In order to be selected for participation in the Regional Fair, the students must have placed in the top of their category at their home school. During the Regional Science Fair, the students' projects are judged on the following criteria: Background Knowledge and Plan, Experimental Design and Procedures, Results/Conclusions,

Display, Clarity (interview and display), and Creative Ability and Originality. The Judge's handbook provides a helpful list of questions we can pose to the students as we evaluate their displays.

This year, we will select a first, second, and third place and one honorable mention winning exhibit. Branch members who would like to serve on this year's judging panel are asked to **contact Suzanne Harvey, Judging Chair, at (571) 437-7109 or Harvey.suzannel@gmail.com**. Optimally, we need a team of five or six judges to be able to visit all the exhibits and make our final decisions by 11:30 a.m. and have time to personalize the certificates and small gifts in preparation for the afternoon award ceremony that is held at 3:00 p.m. Judges are not required to attend the award ceremony but are most welcome to do so!

MEMBERSHIP

If this is the time that you have begun to work on your **taxes for 2012**, here's a deal you may enjoy! Of the \$49.00 you paid for 2012-2013 **AAUW national dues, \$46.00 is tax deductible**. State and local taxes are not tax deductible, only the national portion. Not bad, though!

Angela Booker and **Sandy Lawrence** attended Lobby Corps training, January 24. Lobby Corps members meet every Thursday when Congress is in session to present and advocate AAUW's legislative positions on a range of issues. May 16 is **AAUW VA Federal Lobby Day**, so mark that on your calendars

Spring will eventually be here, so there's a lot to think about. The **PWC Science Fair** will be coming up next month on **March 16** and we expect that our own **Girls+Math+Science=Success Conference** will be on **April 6**. We eventually follow our February luncheon with our annual Spring Membership Salad Luncheon at one of our homes and two interesting local branch meetings in between. Have you considered attending this year's **AAUW State Conference** which will be in Richmond one day on **April 13**? The **AAUW National Convention** will be held **June 9-12** in New Orleans. So much to enjoy!

With such a cold winter upon us, keep in mind that the days are getting longer! Stay warm and healthy!

Susan Fairey
Membership VP



TURNING POINT: GIVE A DOLLAR

Individuals and organizations who donate \$1000 or more will have their names placed on a wall of honor at the site of the memorial. AAUW of Virginia is asking every branch member to donate a \$1 towards this effort so that our support of the Suffragist Memorial can be acknowledged. Woodbridge Branch is delighted to participate. The money we collect will be sent to AAUW of Virginia as part of the larger donation to be made by the state organization.

Another Opportunity to Give: **Branch Luncheon February 23**

SUFFRAGE CENTENNIAL CELEBRATION

The **weekend of March 1-3** marks the Centennial of the suffrage march held in Washington DC, on **March 3, 1913**. There will be a variety of events going on around Washington that AAUW branch members might want to attend. See them at **www.suffrage-centennial.org** under "Events". •

This link will take you directly to those events: http://suffrage-centennial.org/?page_id=151. AAUW is listed prominently here!

Saturday March 2, AAUW will host two events at the headquarters building: **1111 16th Street NW, Washington, D. C.**

- 9 am-noon: Panel on **Modern Day Activism and the Role of Social Media**
- 2 pm-4 pm: **Author Robert Cooney** discusses his book *Winning the Vote: The Triumph of the American Woman Suffrage Movement*.

Suzanne Gould will also be available **Saturday from 9-5** to display some material from AAUW's archives and to talk with visitors about AAUW's history. **Tours of the building will be available for AAUW members.** Several non-D.C. based organizations will have information tables set up.

Everyone is invited! Hope you can come. For more information contact:

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“EveryONE Counts” AAUW of Virginia Conference

The AAUW of Virginia one-day conference (EveryONE Counts) is **April 13** in Richmond. It will be a celebration of Virginia's successful use of One Member, One Vote for one year. The time is quickly drawing near. It should be a beautiful weekend and a jam-packed conference. I hope you will begin talking to your members now about making plans to attend. The **conference registration fee, before April 1, is only \$45!**

If you want to make it an overnight or weekend visit, the Richmond Branch and the State Board are having a casual reception from 7-10 pm on Friday evening. There are lots of other interesting places in Richmond to enjoy Saturday night and Sunday. **More information** will be found in the Vision, out later this month, and on the state website www.aauwofva.org.

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

George Mason College/University Partner got a big boost when Kitty Richardson and I met with the directors, associate director and graduate students at the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Multicultural Education and the Office of Women and Gender Studies in December. We discussed activities within AAUW at all levels and the many resources in the DC metro area that could be tapped. For the spring semester, we are looking at activities such as involvement with Lobby Corp, having a presentation from Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, sponsoring students to attend NCCWSL, and publicizing e-student membership.

Sexual Assaults in the Military. The Academy Award nominated “Invisible War” and the high profile lawsuits LAF has supported have influenced the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA has 19 amendments that reform sexual assault/harassment policies, including:

- Prohibit the military from recruiting anyone convicted of a sex offense
- Mandatory separation of convicted sex offenders
- Create a "Special Victims Units" to improve investigation, prosecution and victim support

•Create an independent review panel to closely examine the way that the DoD investigates, prosecutes, and adjudicates sexual assaults

However a recommendation to change how rapes are reported and prosecuted was not acted on. Currently reports must go through the service member's chain of command. The Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act, which AAUW supports, calls for rape cases be tried in civilian vice than military court. DoD opposes this change as it would disrupt "good order and discipline".

HAVE YOU? Gassed up to car for Lobby Day in Richmond

February 6, VA AAUW is teaming up with the League of Women Voters to lobby in Richmond. This effort is especially critical this year as all elected offices are up for election. It starts at 8:30 am with a Women's Round table. For more information, contact Angela Booker, Co-VP Public Policy at angeladbooker@gmail.com.

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HAVE YOU SEEN THE AAUW MEMBER SURVEY?



Recently the AAUW Outlook Winter 2013 issue came in the mail and had a 2012 AAUW Member Survey enclosed. However, some AAUW members have opted to receive the Outlook via email. Those members received no notice of the Survey.

If you go to www.aauw.org and scroll down, on the bottom left, you will see a link to the survey: "Have an Opinion? Let us Know!" Click there and fill out the survey. Or, you can enter this link into your browser: www.aauw.org/membersurvey2012 Either way, you will need to login with your member number.

Even if you threw away the postal survey, you can submit the online version.

Deadline for submissions: April 2, 2013.

I hope all Virginia AAUW members will fill out the survey and send it back in the enclosed envelope, or submit it online. It is an opportunity to let AAUW know your interests.

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SANDY LAWRENCE'S CRAB DIP

Blend:

8 oz. soften cream cheese (1 packet)
½ cup mayonnaise
1 tsp dried mince onion
½ tsp season salt

Fold in:

1 tbsp chopped parsley
Dash of garlic powder
6 oz crab meat (1 small can)

Serve cold with crackers

QUOTE OF THE MONTH

"Worry does not empty tomorrow of its sorrow,
It empties today of its strength."

Corrie ten Boom

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