

**Vol 44, Number 3 ~~ Woodbridge, VA Branch Newsletter ~~ November, 2016**

**UPCOMING EVENTS**

<b>November 5</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Book Club Uno</b> Panera's at the Glen, Lake Ridge	<b>2 pm</b>
<b>November 17</b> <i>Thursday</i>	<b>Branch Monthly Meeting &amp; Program</b> "Gender, Power, and Violence" – Dr. Angela Hattery, GMU Cedar Creek Meeting Room, McCoart Building	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>December 6</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Holiday Dinner @ The Occoquan Inn</b> <i>Please note RSVP and additional information in newsletter. ☺</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>December 14</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Book Club Uno</b> Panera's at the Glen, Lake Ridge	<b>2 pm</b>

**President's Message ~~ REMEMBER THE SUFFRAGETTES – VOTE!**



As I write this, it's less than ten days before the elections. AAUW is very committed to the ideal that every person with the right to vote, should register and vote. This year, AAUW of VA registered over 500 new voters along with providing voter and election information.

Remember the Suffragettes, who risked their lives to give women the vote and,

**Vote This Election Day!**

I hope that you continue to keep Sara Anderson and her family in your thoughts and prayers. I have sent several cards to her from the branch letting her know we are thinking of her.

See all you at our November program. And bring a friend!

**Sandy Lawrence** [sandyaauw@juno.com](mailto:sandyaauw@juno.com)

## Programs for Autumn

Greetings! As Thanksgiving quickly approaches, I would like to take this opportunity to extend warm wishes for a Happy Thanksgiving as you gather with family and friends.

October was a busy month for AAUW Woodbridge members as we enjoyed a delightful evening at Ali's for Presidential Debate Bingo. While no one won Bingo, (although I was close!☺), I consider us all winners as we shared comradery and discussed current events. *{Our guest from Susan's Symphony, Connie, e-ed us about how much she enjoyed the event and shared it with friends and family. "After I told my sister-in-law about the Debate Bingo, she called this afternoon to tell me that the Regal Theatres in Columbia, SC are opening their doors for people to attend what they call a Debate Party. Just buy popcorn and drinks and enjoy yourself."}*

The evening at Woodbridge Northern Virginia Community College for another Presidential Debate Bingo was also exciting as Sandy and I experienced the enthusiasm and vision of today's college students as they prepare for their futures. Ms. Ziona Bates did an excellent job of recruiting e-student members and her high-energy level was contagious to all.

A very special thank you to our members who attended the "Queen Bee Syndrome" presented by George Mason University Adjunct Professor Karen Bune. Ms. Bune cited examples of women who have experienced this type of unacceptable behavior in the workplace and then held a question and answer session.



The Greater Manassas Veterans Day Parade's theme this year is "Honoring Veteran First Responders". The Parade will be held on Saturday, November 12, at 11:00 am in Old Town Manassas. **We thank you, Sandy, and all our veterans for your service to our Country.**

The November Monthly Meeting and Program will be held on Thursday, November 17, 2016, beginning at 7:00 pm in the Occoquan Room at the McCoart Building. This Program will feature Dr. Angela Hattery and her spouse and co-author, Professor Earl Smith. They have several new book projects that they will speak about, including a book on "Gender, Power and Violence" which is due out late this year, and a new book that will come out next year, Policing the Black Body. Dr. Hattery is Professor and Director of Women and Gender Studies at George Mason University. **Please RSVP to me at [breeze053@aol.com](mailto:breeze053@aol.com) by Tuesday, November 15 if you plan to attend.**

Our annual Holiday Dinner is on Tuesday, December 6, 2016, 6:30 pm at the Occoquan Inn in Occoquan. This is usually a relaxing evening for all as we take a break from getting ready for the holidays and enjoy each other's company. Once again we will have the gift raffle. This is an important fundraiser for our Branch and members may bring a gift (\$10-\$15) to exchange. Many look forward to the excitement of opening a gift. Tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5. Guests are always welcome at our Holiday Dinner. **Please RSVP to me at [breeze053@aol.com](mailto:breeze053@aol.com) no later than Sunday, December 4. Thank you!**

On Sunday, January 22, 2017, we will meet at Ali's house to have our meeting, view "Suffragettes", and, of course, enjoy snacks. Here's hoping the weather cooperates!

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V.P. Programs

**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**

### **Book Club Uno and Beyond to *One More Page!***

Our next Book Club Uno is on November 9<sup>th</sup>. Rumor has it that a former member and a guest may join us. We'll have to use the big table at Panera's! *One More Page* has the following for those interested in book and author talks:

***Our Book Clubs are reading...***

20% discount on Book Club purchases

**FICTION:** Bertrand Court by Michelle Brafman - **WED**, Nov 2 @7pm - **Note date change**

**NON-FICTION:** Sisters of Sinai: How Two Lady Adventurers Discovered the Hidden Gospels by Janet Soskice - Mon, Nov 14 @7pm

**DAYTIME:** A Spool of Blue Thread by Anne Tyler - Fri, Nov 11 @11am

[www.onemorepagebooks.com](http://www.onemorepagebooks.com)

### **MEMBERSHIP NOTES**



**Empowering women since 1881!** Have you thought about AAUW's impact on women for the last 135 years? Recently:

- Many members have successfully advocated for equal pay in their own backyards.

- Our 2016 research report *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership* examines the causes of women's underrepresentation in leadership roles and suggests what we can do to change the status quo.

- We awarded more than \$3.7 million in fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in FY17.

- In 2016 we launched even more salary negotiation workshops for women in cities around the country.

- AAUW served 3,643 middle school girls through our STEM programs this past summer — a new record!

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Vice-President for Membership

### **OUR MEMBER DIRECTORY WILL BRIDGE CENTURIES OF TECHNOLOGY**

We will be updating and enhancing our branch member directory, including adding birthdays. Please be on the lookout for a request from me to update information. Paper copies of the directory will be available for those who request, hopefully- at the holiday dinner. On our branch website, under the password protected member section, we will also post the directory electronically for reference and for updating new member information.

### **Membership – Dues Are Due ☺**

Our finance officer, Karen, continues to post this year's dues payments. Remember, you can easily pay on line or mail Karen a check. The amount for national, state, and branch is \$76. If you are a member-at-large and wish to join Virginia and our branch, the total additional, is \$27. If you need assistance with paying on-line or sending Karen a check, please contact either one of us. At the end of this month, National will consider your membership lapsed...

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## Public Policy ~~ Local, State, & National

October has proven to be a very busy month for the Woodbridge branch in terms of public policy. Although the attempt to get a voter registration table up and running at the Woodbridge campus of NOVA failed (two other groups were already in place), we did get permission to try again in the spring.

Presidential debate bingo wasn't exactly what the participants thought it would be but we did have a lot of fun! The bingo cards that AAUW provided centered around policy issues whereas the presidential debaters used their time for debate on issues other than policy. That in itself led to some lively discussion among the bingo players. The snacks were yummy and the door prizes very much appreciated! The best bit of all was our guest Connie, a friend of Susan's, who sports a wicked sense of humor and some keen insight into the presidential candidates and their actions!

Shortly after the bingo night, emails started coming in about supporting Ziona in her efforts to make a bingo night happen at the Woodbridge Campus of NOVA. And support we shall. YES!!!!!!

**Looking ahead to 2017**, I would like for us to make a big deal out of Equal Pay Day on April 15, 2017. In addition to getting a county board of supervisors to accept and promote a petition from us, we can get t-shirts made and wear them the week of, put magnets on our cars, and "plaster" our social media pages with awareness. We are by no means limited to these ideas so let me know what you are willing to do and I will help to make it happen!

Finally, I sincerely apologize for bombarding you with all the updates from headquarters! In an effort to lessen email traffic, I will ask you to go to the AAUW website and type "updates" into the search box so you can subscribe to the blasts that YOU want. If you only sign up for one, consider making it "The Two Minute Activist". It is the fastest and easiest way to get your point across to our senators and representatives.

See you at the voting booth November 8, 2016!!

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Public Policy Chair

## News and Updates from Members

Wed, Oct 12, 2016 09:31 AM

Jeanne posted in Facebook that they are back home in Beaufort, SC - House is fine, have electric, water. 6 large trees came down, but otherwise no damage. Whew!



On August 28<sup>th</sup> nine branch members joined member Sara and her husband, Art, for their 56<sup>th</sup> wedding anniversary celebration. We met many friends and family members and treasured time with Sara. ☺



**SUCCESS!** Conference presenter, Piper, who joined MIT's AAUW student chapter, is in her junior year in aerospace engineering. Her sister, Della, also a **SUCCESS!** presenter, received a AAUW "gift for a grad" membership from me after she graduated from VCU and a gift membership from the Richmond Branch for state and branch dues; then, inaugurated the **SUCCESS!** Conference's "little sister" this past June. Their real little sister, Eleanor, who won first place from our Science Fair judging this year won the Blue Ribbon prize for middle school fair, in March. Della just wrote me that, Eleanor went on to the middle school semi-finals with Broadcom International. Eleanor competed as a **NATIONAL Finalist** in DC on October 29<sup>th</sup>!!! {Update – "We don't have results from the competition yet, but she presented very well! She's a strong speaker and really knew her stuff :) I'll let you know when I hear more!" from Della this morning.} This is why we need branch members to help us judge the projects at the regional Science Fair! => **Next year, it is March 11<sup>th</sup>**. Please save the date and consider supporting this worthwhile project.



## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT MEETING**

The Northern District meeting was held October 22 with 51 attendees and all but one branch represented. The program was “Gender Bias in Politics: Is it Real?” The panel was excellent: Melissa Richmond, Vice President of Running Start (which collaborates with AAUW on “Elect Her”), and Melissa Jackowski, formerly AAUW Grass Roots Advocacy manager and now with TargetSmart, which uses data to assist candidates in their campaigns. Both young women are committed to getting more women into politics and have experience in campaigns (both were active in the 2008 campaign, Richmond with Mitt Romney and Jackowski with Joe Biden). They had fascinating insights into gender bias, which often comes from within the woman candidate herself (less confidence in her own skills and self-downplay of her achievements). Encouraging and training young women is crucial.

An interesting theory is that when legislatures reach **30%** female members- that is the point when the universe for women candidates will expand quickly: critical mass. Another interesting fact: due to the extensive use of data, you may see a political ad on your TV and your neighbor may see a different one on the same channel—a factor both horrifying and awesome.

Shout-outs for branches were given for new members (12 for **Reston-Herndon**), filling officer positions (100% for **every branch**), fundraising (\$50,300 grossed at **McLean Area**’s book sale), three new Honorary Life members (**Peggy Stotz**, McLean Area; **Frances Campbell**, Arlington; **Diane Watts**, Mt. Vernon), and special recognition for **Anne Peabody** in the Falls Church Area Branch, who joined AAUW 75 years ago in 1941. Patsy and Sandy presented **Dianne Blais** with her Legacy Circle pin and announced **Marion Stillson** had also recently joined.

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## **DEBATE NIGHT & “GET OUT THE VOTE” & MORE!**



Our Woodbridge Branch teamed with Northern Virginia Community College’s Woodbridge Campus to host AAUW’s Presidential Debate Bingo. Branch members Sandy Lawrence and Carol Campbell teamed with NVCC student Ziona Bates on the Woodbridge campus on Oct 19. Besides providing bingo cards, we also signed up AAUW e-student members, talked about the AAUW mission, and provided snacks. Sixteen students, both male and female, registered as AAUW e-student members!

Ziona is organizing a student chapter at the college and the charter is coming up next! We will keep you posted on that event. Ziona has already been active in the Northern Virginia District with other branches, so we will continue to hear about her. ☺

## STEM UPDATES and NEWS

### "INSPIRE Women" Act Passes Senate Committee

The Inspiring the Next Space Pioneers, Innovators, Researchers and Explorers (INSPIRE) Women Act ([H.R. 4755](#)) passed the Senate Committee on Commerce, Science, and Transportation on 21 September. The bill, which passed the House of Representatives in March, directs NASA to take steps to encourage women to study STEM fields and submit a plan on how NASA can facilitate and support current and retired astronauts, scientists, engineers, and innovators to engage with K-12 female STEM students. No funding complements the bill that must now be approved by the full Senate before it can be signed into law by the President. {from the Policy Newsletter of the *American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics*}

## TITLE IX – Ideas from AAUW

### Tired of the election? Take on bullying and harassment with this branch project!

You've probably been following this election closely, and perhaps you even hosted a few voter registration drives. If you're feeling a sense of election fatigue, you're not alone. In what seems like a never-ending campaign, Americans have reported serious stress and anxiety over this election.

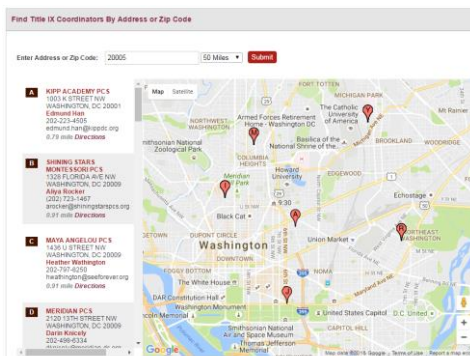
If you are feeling election fatigue, there are still ways to stay active with AAUW. Our new Title IX coordinator map makes it easier than ever to be a part of AAUW's historic project to improve gender equity in your local schools.

#### Why is this project important?

The U.S. Department of Education found that [some of the most egregious and harmful Title IX violations](#) occur when schools fail to have a Title IX coordinator or when a Title IX coordinator does not have the training or authority to oversee compliance with Title IX. That's why the Department released a great [resource guide](#) for Title IX coordinators to better understand and perform their important job of ensuring that learning environments are free from sex discrimination. By delivering these resources to Title IX coordinators at local schools, AAUW members are helping to ensure we put these materials into the hands of as many coordinators as possible.

#### How do I participate in this project?

1. [Find your nearest Title IX coordinators](#). Simply enter your zip code, and the coordinator's name, email address, and phone number will appear.



2. Schedule a meeting with the Title IX coordinator. Call or email the coordinator and let them know that you want to deliver the Department of Education's Title IX resources on behalf of AAUW. [This makes for a great branch project!](#)

3. Deliver the resources! Print the [resource guide](#) and the [letter to Title IX coordinator](#) to bring to your meeting.

**Bonus step:** Don't forget to [report how your meeting went!](#) With your help, we can track of how many Title IX coordinators our members have contacted by putting your branch on our delivery map.

Help us fill our map with even more deliveries nationwide. Take part in this important project today – and, of course, don't forget to vote!

***We have the information for our local schools. Let Susan and Sandy know if you would like to take on this project and work with us to ensure that our students are supported by this important federal program. Thanks!***

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SUCCESS! Conference Coordinator

## November Highlights in US Women's History

**November 1, 1848** – First medical school for women, the New England Female Medical School, was established  
**November 8, 1910** – The state of Washington passes a constitutional amendment to guarantee woman suffrage and in 1984 – Dr. Anna L. Fisher, MD, on space shuttle Discovery, becomes the first American mother & third American woman to fly into space  
**November 11, 1979** – Bethune Museum & Archives opens in Washington D.C. as a center for African-American women's history and in 1993 – The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. – the idea came from a veteran nurse and the memorial designed by a woman, too.  
**November 14, 1889** – Journalist Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly, sails around the world in 72 days breaking the fictional Jules Verne's Phileas Fogg's trip, *Around the World in 80 Days*, and in 1903 – The U.S. Women's Trade Union League is established and in 1946 – Emily Greene Balch, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace & Freedom, is awarded the Nobel Peace Prize  
**November 28, 1881** – The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the American Association of University Women (AAUW)

## November Birthdays

**November 2, 1936 (1999)** – Rose Elizabeth Bird, attorney, first woman in California to hold a cabinet position  
**November 4, 1942** – Patricia Era Bath, ophthalmologist and inventor- the Laserphaco Probe, a milestone for laser cataract surgery  
**November 7, 1909 (1980)** – Ruby Hurley, served on the committee that arranged Marian Anderson's performance at the Lincoln Memorial after she was barred from singing at Constitution Hall  
**November 8, 1897 (1980)** – Dorothy Day, social reformer, suffragist and peace activist, co-founded the Catholic Worker movement and 1920 (1998) – Esther Rolle, one of founding members of the renowned Negro Ensemble Company in 1968, actress  
**November 9, 1918 (1995)** – Florence Chadwick, legendary female long distance swimmer, at age 10 swam the 2.5 mile channel at the mouth of San Diego Bay, swimming the English Channel in 1950 she bested the existing record by 71 minutes  
**November 11, 1744 (1818)** – Abigail Adams, politically influential First Lady, early advocate for women's rights and 1914 (1999) – Daisy Lee Bates, mentored and advised the "Little Rock Nine" who integrated the Arkansas, public HS  
**November 12, 1815 (1902)** – Elizabeth Cady Stanton, organized first U.S. women's rights convention in Seneca Falls, NY, in 1848 and 1905 (1979) – Louise Thaden, aviator who worked for Travel Aircraft, soloed in 1927; founded with other competitors, the "Ninety-Nines," which was open to all women with a pilot license  
**November 15, 1887 (1986)** – Georgia O'Keefe, painter known for her oversized, close-up paintings of flowers and landscapes  
**November 17, 1903 (1977)** – Spotted Elk (Molly Alice Nelson Archambaul), international and spellbinding native Penobscot dancer, resisted assimilation while building bridges between cultures, used her knowledge of anthropology in her lecture/dance recitals and 1923 (1988) – Ruth Bleier, trained in neuroanatomy in 1961, lost hospital privileges when she refused to testify before the House Committee on Un-American Activities, studied differences in brain structure between males and females at the University of Wisconsin  
**November 18, 1857 (1950)** – Rose Knox, co-founded Knox Gelatin Co., revolutionized the company following her husband's death and 1945 (2010) – Wilma Mankiller, first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation, 1985-95  
**November 19, 1895 (1989)** – Louise Dahl-Wolfe, photographer for "Harper's Bazaar", launched the career of 17-year-old actress Lauren Bacall, also worked for "Sports Illustrated" and "Vogue" and 1910 (1993) – Gladys Hobby, microbiologist whose clinical research and patients with serious infections heralded the introduction of penicillin, sulfa drugs, streptomycin, and other antibiotics  
**November 20, 1896 (1965)** – Rose Pesotta, union organizer and first woman VP of the International Ladies Garment Worker Union and 1910 (1985) – Pauli Murray, civil rights lawyer, Episcopal priest, first black person to earn a doctorate at Yale Law School, 1965 and 1976 – Dominique Dawes, first African-American to win an Olympic individual event medal in 1996, gold medal also in 2012  
**November 22, 1943** – Billie Jean King, tennis champion, won 20 Wimbledon titles, first female athlete in any sport to earn \$100,000  
**November 23, 1898 (1980)** – Rachel Brown, bacteriologist who found pathogenic fungus responsible for diseases and refined a safe and effective antibiotic for human fungal in 1950, **worked with AAUW to widen opportunities for women in science**  
**November 24, 1921 (1992)** – Yoshiko Uchida, author of more than 30 books dealing with the Japanese-American experience  
**November 25, 1900 (1980)** – Helen Gahagen Douglas, actress and politician, served as California Congresswoman, when she ran for the Senate- her opponent Richard Nixon claimed she was "pink down to her underwear," which was later termed the worst "red-smeat" campaign in American politics  
**November 26, 1792 (1873)** – Sarah Grimké, outspoken abolitionist, wrote "Epistle to the Clergy of the Southern States" in 1836 refuting Biblical scripture that justified slavery, wrote "Letters on the Equality of the Sexes, and the Condition of Woman" in 1838  
**November 26, 1832 (1919)** – Mary Walker, women's rights advocate who adopted the "Bloomer" dress reform in 1850s, won the Medal of Honor for services in the Civil War including treating patients in the South, an active suffragist  
**November 29, 1876 (1977)** – Nellie Tayloe Ross, became the first woman governor when her husband died in 1924, championed prohibition and worker's rights, defeated for a full term, Roosevelt appointed her director of the Mint, a position she held for 20 years and 1832 (1888) – Louisa May Alcott, author of Little Women and 1919 (1994) – Pearl Primus, choreographer and dancer who fused modern dance with African dance and created public demand for African American women when she debuted in 1943, her interest in anthropology helped preserve African dance tradition  
**November 30, 1900 (1994)** – Mary Lasker, worked with the Birth Control Federation of America in 1939 (which was renamed Planned Parenthood in 1942), lobbied for federal funding for the National Cancer Institute and the National Heart Institute and 1924 (2005) – Shirley Chisholm, first African-American Congresswoman, (D-NY, 1969-83), first woman and first African-American Democratic presidential nominee, received 151 delegate votes at the Democratic Convention in 1972

*Edited from "National Women's History Project" Calendar [www.nwhp.org](http://www.nwhp.org) {proud that AAUW firsts are included ☺}  
I'm impressed with the longevity of so many of the above listed women! SMB ☺*

## Advanced Planning Calendar for 2017

***Come Storm the Capitol at Convention!***

***Registration is open for the 2017 AAUW National Convention in Washington, DC. Get the best deal by registering before January 14<sup>th</sup>.....***

<b>January 22, 2017</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>"At the Movies" at Ali's Home</b> <b>"Suffragettes"</b>	<b>afternoon</b>
<b>February 1, 2017</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>State Lobby Day in Richmond</b>	
<b>February 18, 2017</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Spring Luncheon at <i>Madigan's Waterfront</i> in Occoquan</b>	
<b>March 11, 2017</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Prince William Regional Science Fair, AAUW Judging</b> <b>Kelly Leadership Center, Prince William County Schools</b>	<b>8 am</b>
<b>March 17, 2017</b> <i>Friday</i>	<b>Set-up for SUCCESS! Conference</b> <b>Marsteller Middle School, Bristow</b>	<b>7-10 pm</b>
<b>March 18, 2017</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>27<sup>th</sup> Annual "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference</b> <b>STEAM Careers, Marsteller Middle School, Bristow</b>	<b>7:30 am -1 pm</b>
<b>March 28 or 29</b> <i>Tuesday or Wednesday</i>	<b>Gourmet Night Out</b>	
<b>April 18</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	<b>Monthly Meeting &amp; Program</b> <b>Update on Bullying and School Violence</b>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>May 13</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Spring Dessert Luncheon</b> <b>Location TBA</b>	<b>1:30 pm</b>
<b>May 31</b>	<b>Gourmet Night Out &amp; Planning Session for 2017-2018</b>	
<b>June 14 – 17, 2017</b> <i>Wednesday thru Saturday</i>	<b>National AAUW Convention, Washington, DC</b>	

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