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UPCOMING EVENTS

March 8, 2017	International Women's Day	
Wednesday	Book Club Uno, Panera's at the Glen	2 pm
March 11, 2017 Saturday	Prince William Regional Science Fair, AAUW Judging Kelly Leadership Center, Prince William County Schools	8 am
March 17, 2017 Friday	<u>Set-up for SUCCESS! Conference</u> Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	7:30 - 10 pm
March 18, 2017 Saturday	27th Annual "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference STEAM Careers, Marsteller Middle School, Bristow	7:30 am - 1 pm
March 28 or 29	Gourmet Night Out – Ideas? Contact Susan!	

President's Message: MARCH IS ROARING



They say March comes in like a lion. Woodbridge AAUW is also coming in like a lion and we are roaring into March.

First, on **March 11, from 8 am until 1 pm.**, we will be judging middle school girls' projects at the **Prince William-Manassas Regional Science Fair**. It is lots of fun, the girls appreciate the support we give them, and it gets AAUW recognition. If you can volunteer, contact **Suzanne: harvey.suzannel@gmail.com** or **Susan: susanmbec@juno.com**.

Then, on **March 18**, is the 27th annual **"Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference**. Woodbridge AAUW has a presenter of the conference since 1996 and it is one of the longest running AAUW STEM events in the country. Help is needed to set up the cafeteria on Friday evening, March 17, from 7:30-10 pm *and* lots of help the day of the conference between 7:30 am and 1 pm- in shifts for registration; preparing t-shirts for attendees; and the closing with evaluation collection and shirt distribution. Please contact Susan at successconference@juno.com to help.

I look forward to seeing you at one or both events. Come and let's ROAR!!

Thanks to the donations of branch members, we have the opportunity to have **four Named Honorees** for 2016. These people will be honored at the April 1 Annual Business meeting and at our Spring Luncheon. Please send me **your candidate's name by March 10**. (Look for our previous honorees later in this newsletter for ideas.)

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International Women's Day, March 8th, has special significance this year

On March 8th we observe **International Women's Day**, the origins of which trace back to protests in the US and Europe to fight for the political rights for working women. AAUW will stand in solidarity with the millions of women across the country and around the world committed to advancing gender equality. Whether by observing International Women's Day, participating in the "day without a woman" general strike, or taking action to advance policies that empower women and girls, AAUW members will observe March 8 not as a day off but as a "day on." Women cannot afford to wait for equality, and it won't happen without our mobilized action.

For more than 135 years AAUW has advanced equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Whether by advocating legislative change, making their voices heard on social media, or taking to the streets in their communities, on March 8 AAUW members across the country will do their part to raise awareness and take action to improve the lives of all women and girls. Be sure to subscribe to [AAUW Action Network](#) to receive our suggestions for how to spend your "day on"!

Alexandria City Schools closing on 'Day Without Women'

ALEXANDRIA, VA (WUSA9) - All Alexandria City Public Schools will close on Wednesday after hundreds of staff members requested the day off. Wednesday, March 8 has been promoted as 'A Day Without a Woman.' "This is not a decision that was made lightly," Superintendent Alvin L. Crawley said in a message to parents and students. "The school district said 300 staff members requested to have the day off and attributed it to International Women's Day. "The decision is based solely on our ability to provide sufficient staff to cover all our classrooms. It is not based on a political stance or position," Crawley said. Students won't have to make up the missed day thanks to unused snow days that were built into the schedule. It will be considered a teacher work day for all ACPS staff.

WUSA9 checked with several other local school districts about how they plan to handle 'A Day Without A Woman.' Here are their responses: Prince George's Co. Public Schools: No response; Montgomery Co. Public Schools: "We are monitoring the situation and have no answer at the moment"; Fairfax Co. Public Schools: No plans to close schools; D.C. Public Schools: Open on Wednesday; Loudoun Co. Public Schools: Not closing. The district hasn't received any requests to close; and Prince William Co. Public Schools: Monitoring the situation. *(7:12 pm on 3/7- TV Alert- PG County in Maryland has announced their schools will be closed, too.)* In addition, DCPS offered this statement:

"DCPS schools are and will continue to be safe places for all students and all people in our communities, regardless of immigration status, race, sexual orientation, gender identity, or gender expression. While some may plan to attend this week's walk out on International Women's Day, all students and staff are expected to be in school throughout the day so that teaching and learning can continue. We respect the right to self-expression and peaceful protest in support of gender equality. We encourage staff and students to use this as an opportunity to celebrate and acknowledge the social, economic, cultural, and political achievements of women through classroom discussion and activities."

'A Day Without A Woman' is meant to recognize the impact women add to the economy, while also fighting for equality and human rights. On Wednesday, women (and men) are encouraged to mark the day by: * taking the day off; * avoiding shopping (except to support small, women- and minority-owned businesses); and * wearing red in solidarity. 'A Day Without A Woman' is being organized by the same people behind the Women's March on Washington. You can learn more about the movement [here](#).

Book Club Uno and Beyond to One More Page!

Our next Book Club Uno meeting is Wednesday, March 8th at 2 pm at Panera's in "The Glen" in Lake Ridge. Please let Karen know if you will be attending, so she knows what size table we should share.

From our friends at **One More Page** bookstore in Falls Church: *Thurs, May 4 at 7 pm:* Actor and author **Ian Harding (Pretty Little Liars)** will be signing copies of his book **Odd Birds**, following a brief Q&A at Kenmore Middle School. [Register](#) for your ticket!

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Now We Know Why It's Called a "Spring" Luncheon! ☺



Who would have thought that our mid-February luncheon which has in the past been cancelled because of snow, would have 70+ degree temperatures with families and celebrations in Occoquan?! Madigan's Waterfront provided us a prime table location. It was a great event with great food and socializing. We got updated on our members' news and made plans for "real" spring events!

John, Barbara, Sandy, Susan, Lee, Joyce, Marlo, Dorothy, and Eileen are seen here finishing dessert and deciding what to do with the rest of the beautiful day. We've got special birthday plans, new judges for the Science Fair, and more.

AAUW Woodbridge Science Fair Judging

For over a decade, our branch members have supported the Prince William-Manassas Regional Science Fair as organizational judges. We annually join many other organizations- the EPA, AIAA, Naval Research Center, Federal Water Quality, Northern VA Dental Association, and more- by judging projects relevant to our mission and awarding prizes to outstanding STEM students. In addition to identifying outstanding middle school, grades 7 and 8, female projects in all categories for consideration, we disseminate information about the SUCCESS! Conference.

Our team for this year's event on **March 11, 2017, from 8 am until 1 pm**, includes **Suzanne Harvey, Susan Bardenhagen, Barbara Ondo, John Starsiak, Lee Vannett, Sandy Lawrence, and Andrea Brothers**, our potential member/scientist working at GWU. Let's hope that the roaring March lion's predicted snow only is a bluster...

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Science Fair Judging Coordinator

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27th Annual "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference

March 18, 2017 at our fourteenth hosting by Marsteller Middle School, in Bristow, is this year's event! Our four major corporate sponsors are already on track- Micron Technology, Lockheed Martin, ProChain Solutions, and NOVEC. We have a new sponsor- the International Council on Systems Engineering, Chesapeake Chapter. They will be a corporate sponsor and are sending two presenters, too. We have many sponsors for the items in all of participants' packets. We're up to 30 presenters in STEAM fields!

Our conference will have a bittersweet tribute to **Sara Anderson**, who volunteered at the conference and supported AAUW's mission, with an ACTS award bestowed upon her just two weeks before she succumbed to lung cancer on October 31st. Her daughter and family, husband, and sister and brother-in-law will be attending. Second, we will honor **Bettie Stegall**, a former TJHSST teacher and SUCCESS! presenter for several years. Third, we will honor **Melvin Padgett II**, who presented on college financial planning for SUCCESS!, alongside his RN wife, and his daughters attended the conference. His daughter, Amanda, presented on banking and will possibly present in her new role as a realtor; his daughter, Suzie, is a doctor of pharmacy at the UVa Medical Center.

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Conference Coordinator and STEM Chair, VP- Membership

Public Policy ~ Local, State, & National

Local

Get Ready for Equal Pay Day on April 4: Ali is coordinating our efforts to present an “Equal Pay Proclamation” for the Prince William County Board of Supervisors for April 4, 2017. If you would like to join Joyce, Sandy, and Susan with Ali in preparing for this, please contact Ali. Thanks!

State

The Virginia General Assembly will meet in Regular Session in Richmond from January 11-February 27, 2017. You’ll be able to find out lots of useful information about the lawmakers and proposed legislation at the following websites: <http://virginiageneralassembly.gov> and <http://lis.virginia.gov>.

Leslie Tourigny, AAUW of Virginia state public policy chair, testified in support of a bill that would ban the use of salary history to determine future pay in Virginia. Ultimately, the bill did not make it out of committee. Women in Virginia are still paid just 78 cents for every dollar men were paid in 2015. Tourigny stated in her testimony before the Virginia House Commerce and Labor Committee, “There is convincing evidence that sex discrimination in the workplace continues to be a problem. That’s not a myth – that’s math.”

AAUW OF VIRGINIA LOBBY DAY, FEBRUARY 1

From Leslie Tourigny: AAUW of Virginia rocks!! Twenty-five participants (including a family member) from nine branches invaded Richmond on February 1 to make our voices heard to our lawmakers—and to listen to what they had to tell us. Thanks to everyone for making the trip and for bringing along boundless intelligence, commitment, and passion.

From Sandy Lawrence: After missing the past two years, it was great to lobby in Richmond this year. A carload of us went down the night before. We had a wonderful dinner with Greater Richmond members and stayed with a member overnight. Great food, great conversation.

Then an early start the next morning. We first met with Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam for about 30 minutes. Leslie Tourigny, AAUW of VA Public Policy VP spoke about Pay Equity, Human Trafficking, and Redistricting. The Lt. Gov. stated that redistricting should be a top priority.



Lt. Gov. Ralph Northam with AAUW of VA delegation! Next we spoke with Sen. Adam Ebbin (Northern Virginia), whose bill on training the police to recognize human trafficking failed to get out of committee. We also met with Speaker William Howell. He was supportive of our efforts to help survivors of Human Trafficking. He provided names

of Representatives who might be willing to sponsor a human trafficking bill which would provide assistance to victims. Later, from the floor of the Delegates, he commented on how many AAUW members were in his office. AAUW VA Delegation with Speaker William Howell- photograph right. We also spoke with the aide of newly elected Senator Jennifer McClellan, who received 89.78% of the vote in her election in the Richmond Area.



Some of the VA delegation with Senator Jennifer McClellan’s aide (front, right) Many of us visited our District representative. I visited Del. Vivian Watts office and left info with her Chief of Staff. Everyone we met applauded

AAUW for their hard work and commitment to issues affecting women and girls. We are planning our Federal Lobby day. Once a date is confirmed, we will get that information out to you. Please try to lobby Congress this year and put lobbying our state Legislators on you to do list for next year. ~ **Sandy Lawrence** ~

National Get Ready for Equal Pay Day on April 4

The Nevada State Senate [voted to ratify](#) the Equal Rights Amendment this week. **The resolution will head to the State Assembly for a final vote. If ratified, Nevada would be the 36th of 38 states needed to put the Equal Rights Amendment in the U.S. Constitution.**

The President's First to Address Congress BINGO

We had so much fun hoping to hear policy words during the last presidential debate, that we were psyched to try again with President Trump's February 28th address. AAUW came up with bingo cards with the following topics and words:

<i>transition</i>	<i>Obamacare/Affordable Health Care Act</i>		<i>women of color</i>	<i>campus sexual assault</i>	
<i>opportunity</i>	<i>campaign finance reform</i>	<i>economy</i>	<i>executive order</i>	<i>working families</i>	<i>judges</i>
<i>civil rights</i>	<i>pregnancy discrimination</i>	<i>LGBT</i>	<i>debt free college</i>	<i>human trafficking</i>	<i>girls</i>
<i>gun violence</i>	<i>violence against women</i>	<i>nominate</i>	<i>national security</i>	<i>work-life balance</i>	<i>jobs</i>
<i>hate crimes</i>	<i>paid sick days</i>	<i>equal pay</i>	<i>accountability</i>	<i>Citizens United</i>	<i>justice</i>
<i>Title IX</i>	<i>Planned Parenthood</i>	<i>abortion</i>	<i>sustainability</i>	<i>workforce training</i>	<i>STEM</i>
<i>Pell Grants</i>	<i>Paycheck Fairness Act</i>	<i>bipartisan</i>	<i>school vouchers</i>	<i>minimum wage</i>	<i>pensions</i>
<i>DREAMers</i>	<i>recruit veterans</i>	<i>family leave</i>	<i>Supreme Court</i>	<i>college programs</i>	<i>child care</i>
<i>transgender</i>	<i>Equal Rights Amendment</i>	<i>student loans</i>	<i>parental leave</i>	<i>good-paying jobs</i>	
<i>women's health</i>	<i>higher education</i>	<i>discrimination</i>			

Did you play? There were three cards provided by AAUW's Public Policy office. Bring your winning card or email Ali for your prize at the May luncheon. ☺

Make Your Voices Heard: There is an easy way for you to make your voices heard on these important public policy priorities. **Sign up for AAUW's Two-Minute Activist Program.** Go to www.AAUW.org and look for Two Minute Activist. Enter your email to receive urgent e-mail notices on key pending issues, and be able to contact your members of Congress via a few quick keystrokes. No fuss, no muss and remember, democracy is not a spectator sport.

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March 26th: Public Open House at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, 9am-5pm This year marks the centennial of the first NWP pickets of the White House - an unprecedented and courageous act of thousands of women. To commemorate this historic anniversary, and to celebrate Women's History Month, we invite you to join us for our open house. Come imagine yourself on the picket line as you explore self-guided tours of the exhibitions and library, see special objects from the collection, and enjoy delicious refreshments. [Learn more here](#)

STEM News

The **STEM Education Coalition** is very pleased that President Trump will sign a pair of bipartisan bills into law that will authorize NASA and the National Science Foundation to bolster their efforts to bring more women and girls into the critical science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields.

The first bill, authored by Rep. Elizabeth Esty (D-CT), is the Promoting Women in Entrepreneurship Act, which would expand efforts at NSF to encourage entrepreneurial programs to recruit and support women to extend their focus beyond the laboratory and into the commercial world. The second is the INSPIRE Women Act, authored by Rep. Barbara Comstock (R-VA), which would direct NASA to produce a plan within 90 days to expand the engagement of its educational programs with women and girls in the STEM fields.

Our Coalition supports comprehensive efforts to expand the capacity and diversity of the STEM workforce pipeline, including targeted initiatives to promote the inclusion of underrepresented minorities, women, and other high-need populations in STEM fields. The STEM Education Coalition is an alliance of more than 600 business, education, and professional organizations that is dedicated to elevating education in the STEM fields as a national priority.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS & UPDATES



Prince William County has a new building set to open in the fall of 2017. The new elementary school is located in the new development of Potomac Shores which is located in Dumfries, VA 22026. The School Board decided to name the School, **Covington Harper Elementary** after “our” **Betty Covington** and John Harper. Many people spoke at the meeting in support of Betty & Harper. Betty’s service spanned 54 years in service to the children and the citizens of Prince William County as a teacher, assistant principal, principal and School Board member for 13.5 years of the 54 years.

One of our program speakers and SUCCESS! Conference speakers, **Paige Epler**, graduated from George Mason University with a B.S. and was given the “AAUW Give a Grad a Gift”. Her mom, **Pam**, is working on her doctorate in education and will be rejoining our branch, too. We welcome them to our branch!

“Our” Piper spent her winter recess from MIT in Kazakhstan, working with students. She has been studying Russian, too. Della, her sister, is coordinating her second “Full STEAM Ahead” with the Virginia Math and Science Coalition this time.

OUR BRANCH’S NAMED GIFT HONOREES

Check out our fourteen year history of the AAUW Education Foundation’s donations in our branch’s honor:

2002: Marguerite Belec, Ellen Demucci, Ana Feliciano, Mary Jo Howarth, Ethel Mae Perkins, Deloris Hampton (in memoriam)
2003: Evelyn Gibbs, Jennifer Howarth, Michael Friedman, Mary Williams (in memoriam)
2004: Linda Viggiani, Sandra Lawrence, Barbara Blindauer
2005: Myra Lindsey, Edna Nelson (in memoriam)
2006: Phyllis Jackson, Tom Howarth
2007: Martha Langer, Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS! Conference

2008: Sara Anderson, Lori Gazzano
2009: Shirley Vasy
2010: Elizabeth Blindauer
2011: Eileen Thrall
2012: Angela Booker, Alice Reagan
2013: Susan Fairey
2014: Ali Cohen, Carol Campbell, John Fairey, Jeanette Rishell
2015: Sara Anderson, Eileen Thrall, Karen Wolf, Susan Bardenhagen

COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY CONNECTIONS

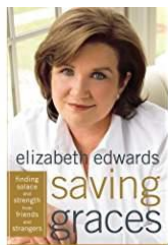
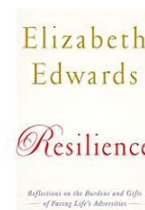
This month we honor members **Karen Wolf** and **Barbara Blindauer** by recognizing a few of the many accomplished women who are also graduates of **The University of Mary Washington**. Outstanding alumni can be found in a myriad of professions, although politics and the arts take the lead.

On March 14, 1908, Virginia Governor Claude A. Swanson signed into law legislation for the establishment of the new State Normal and Industrial School for Women. It was called Fredericksburg Teacher’s College. The institution was renamed Mary Washington College in 1938 after Mary Ball Washington, mother of the first president of the United States of America, George Washington, and longtime resident of Fredericksburg. In 1944 the college became associated with the University of Virginia as its women’s college. Until that time, the University of Virginia had not admitted women as undergraduates, except in its education and nursing programs; its postgraduate programs were also coeducational. Following UVA’s transition to coeducational status in 1970, the Virginia General Assembly reorganized Mary Washington College in 1972 as a separate, coeducational institution.

The General Assembly of Virginia enacted legislation changing the college’s name to University of Mary Washington on March 19, 2004. The institution sought university status to reflect the addition of master’s degree programs and increasing enrollment at its College of Graduate and Professional Studies, formerly the James Monroe Center for Graduate and Professional Studies, located in nearby Stafford County. (college information from Wikipedia)

Alumni include: **Karen Olsen Beck**, former First Lady of Costa Rica; **Teresa A. H. Djuric**, U.S. Air Force Brigadier General; **Jean Donovan**, relief worker martyred in El Salvador; **Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda**, Poet Laureate of Virginia, 2006–2008; **Nan Grogan Orrock**, Georgia House of Representatives 58th district; **Toddy Puller**, Virginia District 36 Senator; **Desiree Marie Velez**, actress; **Brenie Liliana Matute**, Former Minister International Cooperation, Honduras; **Judge Reinhold**, actor; and **Anne Rudloe**, marine biologist, writer, environmentalist and cofounder of Gulf Specimen Marine Laboratory.

Perhaps the most recognizable is **Mary Elizabeth Anania Edwards**. Independently from her husband's political career, she was an attorney, a best-selling author and a health care activist. Her life began as a military "brat." Her constant exposure to the Vietnam wounded set the stage for her activism in health care reform. Never taking the easy road, Elizabeth faced the death of her son, family indiscretions, and recurring bouts of cancer with strength, grace, and determination.



Her final (written words) are as follows: "You all know that I have been sustained throughout my life by three saving graces – my family, my friends, and a faith in the power of resilience and hope. These graces have carried me through difficult times and they have brought more joy to the good times than I ever could have imagined. The days of our lives, for all of us, are numbered. We know that. And, yes, there are certainly times when we aren't able to muster as much strength and patience as we would like. It's called being human."

"But I have found that in the simple act of living with hope, and in the daily effort to have a positive impact in the world, the days I do have are made all the more meaningful and precious. And for that I am grateful. It isn't possible to put into words the love and gratitude I feel to everyone who has and continues to support and inspire me every day. To you I say: you know."

Northern District News

Our branch leaders' event on **Saturday, February 25th** in Burke elicited many productive ideas for building membership and leadership incentives. Sandy forwarded the document with the generated ideas and strategies; check it out!

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Northern District Co-Representatives

AAUW of VA Annual Business Meeting

With AAUW National Convention in "nearby" DC in June, we are having a one-day "drive-in" state meeting at the English Inn of Charlottesville on **April 1.**, starting at 10 am. The Virginia *Vision* has all the details, including the registration form link, which is due March 24th. We've also included the form at the end of this newsletter.

WHY IS IT IMPORTANT TO ATTEND THIS MEETING?

- The Keynote speaker, Dr. Sidney Bland, will talk about "Echoes of the Woman Suffrage Past: Parades, Demonstrations, and Memorials, with Eyes Always on the Prize." Dr. Bland is on the Board of the TURNING POINT SUFFRAGIST MEMORIAL, in Lorton.
- This is a great chance to network with AAUW members from around the state.
- Branches will be recognized and rewarded for their work this year, and Named Honorees will be presented, along with door prizes.
- Most important reason to attend is to be a part of the unified spirit of AAUW of VA and to be nourished by your connection with other like-minded women.
 - After the meeting, members are invited to participate in creating a beautiful glass bowl or other item (see photos in the *Vision*) at **The Glass Palette**. We want to give our minds some fun!

Looking forward to seeing you there!

Sandy Lawrence & Patsy Quick, Co-Presidents, AAUW of VA

REGISTRATION FORM Annual Business Meeting April 1, 10:00 AM



Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Email _____

Designation: ___ Branch Member ___ Branch Board Member ___ State Board Member ___ Guest

___ I will attend the Annual Business Meeting and Box Lunch (\$15.00) \$ _____
(2000 Morton Dr. Charlottesville, VA, 10 AM)

Lunch includes Red Skin Potato Salad, Brownie, Whole Fresh Fruit, Bottled Water

PLEASE CHOOSE ONE:

- ___ Smoked Turkey with Gouda Cheese on Wheat
- ___ Honey Roasted Ham with Swiss Cheese on Rye
- ___ Chicken Salad on Croissant
- ___ Vegetarian Wrap with Artichoke, Roasted Red Peppers, Mozzarella & Greens in a Pesto Tortilla

___ I will attend the event at The Glass Palette. (1304 E. Market Street, Charlottesville VA, from approximately 1:45-3:45) <http://theglasspalette.net/>

My choice of project is checked below. My amount is on the line: \$ _____
(At the time of the event, there will be a postage charge added.)

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| ___ Small pendant or ornament | \$20 |
| ___ 4" Square window hanging or bowl | \$22 |
| ___ 5" Square window hanging or bowl | \$26 |
| ___ 6" Square window hanging, plate or bowl | \$34 |
| ___ 4" x 8" Rectangle plaque or tray | \$36 |
| ___ 3-dip or Olive Tray (4" x 12") | \$48 |
| ___ 8" Plate or Bowl | \$54 |

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (*Make check to AAUW of VA*) \$ _____

Mail to Patsy Quick, 5508 Old Mill Rd. Alexandria, VA 22309 by March 24, 2017.

NO refunds for cancellations after March 24.

March Highlights in US Women's History

March 1, 1978 – Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California and **1987** – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month

On March 3 we remember the 1913 Women's Suffrage March on Washington, DC, where over 8000 women gathered on the eve of President Woodrow Wilson's inauguration to demand a constitutional amendment guaranteeing the right to vote.

March 4, 1917 – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress

March 4, 1933 – Frances Perkins becomes United States Secretary of Labor, the first female of the United States Cabinet

March 8 – International Women's Day, whose origins trace back to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women

March 11, 1993 – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General

March 12, 1912 – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting

March 13, 1986 – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska

March 17, 1910 – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls

March 20, 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published, becoming the best-seller of 19th century

March 21, 1986 – Debi Thomas becomes first African American woman to win the World Figure Skating Championship

March 31, 1888 – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in the U.S. and **1776** – Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..."

March Birthdays

March 1, 1945 (1997) – Nancy Woodhull, editor of USA Today (1975-90), promoted women for leadership positions in public and private sectors with the motto, "Do something to help another woman every day," founded "Women, Men and Media," a research and outreach project with Betty Friedan in 1988.

March 2, 1887 (1981) – Elizabeth Morrissey, public school and college educator, concentrated on labor issues including unemployment insurance in American Trade Unions, pressed women's groups to get involved in social issues

March 3, 1943 (1995) – Myra Sadker, studied and researched sex roles in children's literature, wrote texts to challenge sexism in education of girls because it short-changed their ambitions, co-authored "Sexism in School and Society" (1973); **with her husband, David, pioneered AAUW's research, "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America" and** **1962** – Jackie Joyner-Kersey, considered one of the world's greatest female athletes, holds the record in the long jump (1988) and the heptathlon.

March 4, 1899 (1993) – Elizabeth Wood, taught English at Vassar (1922-26), became involved in public social welfare in FDR's Public Works Administration where her 1934 plans to create housing that included play areas and racial diversity were undercut when residents were not involved in the planning

March 5, 1885 (1959) – Louise Pearce, one of the foremost pathologists of the early 20th century and **1931 (1997)** – Geraldyn Cobb, record-setting aviator, 1st woman to pass qualifying exams for astronaut training- not allowed to train because of her gender

March 6, 1924 (2006) – Sarah Caldwell, founder, conductor, and artistic director of the Opera Company of Boston

March 7, 1938 – Janet Guthrie, pioneering woman auto racer, first woman to compete in Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500

March 8, 1894 (1976) – Dorothy Ainsworth, believed that sports are healthy and develop the values, skills, and character required in a democratic society, chaired the U.S. Joint Council on International Affairs in Health, PE, and Recreation (1950-57)

March 9, 1910 (1996) – Sue Lee was a labor organizer who led the 15-week strike against National Dollar Stores factory for better wages & working conditions; featured in Unbound Voices: A Documentary History of Chinese Women in San Francisco

and **1928 (1987)** – Graciela Olivarez, Chicana activist, first woman and Latina graduate from Notre Dame Law School.

March 10, 1903 (1987) – Clare Booth Luce, playwright and politician, wrote "The Women" (1936), a scathing portrayal of rich society women, member of Congress (R-CT), ambassador to Italy (1953-56), the highest diplomatic post held by a woman.

March 11, 1903 (1989) – Dorothy Schiff, first female newspaper publisher in New York and **1904 (1984)** – Hilde Bruch, escaped from Nazi Germany, her pioneer work made her the leading expert in eating disorders, especially anorexia nervosa and **1921**

(1987) – Charlotte Friend, as a microbiologist in the 1950s at Sloan-Kettering Institute discovered a link between defective maturation and tumor growth in mice, discoveries that were critical in establishing the role of viruses in some cancers

March 13, 1944 – Susan Gerbi, biochemist, helped devise a method to map the start site of DNA replication.

March 14, 1902 (1994) – Margaret Hickey, president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women (1944-46).

March 15, 1896 (1989) – Marion Cuthbert, helped found the National Association of College Women to fight discrimination in higher education (1932), wrote path breaking dissertation, "Education and Marginality: A Study of the Negro Woman College Graduate" and **1933** – Ruth Bader Ginsburg, second female U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1993).

March 23, 1857 (1915) – Fannie Farmer, author of famous cookbook which for the first time included specific ingredient measurements that would become standardized cooking practice and **1905 (1977)** – Joan Crawford, actress and **1924 (1980)** – Bette Nesmith Graham, invented Liquid Paper, created two foundations to support women's businesses and art.

March 24, 1826 (1898) – Matilda Joselyn Gage, suffragist, women's rights and Native American rights activist, historian, founding member of the National Woman Suffrage Association {her home and gravesite is in Fayetteville, NY which Susan passes each visit to her father} and **1912 (2012)** – Dorothy Height, 40 years as President of the National Council of Negro Women.

March 25, 1934 – Gloria Steinem, women’s rights activist and journalist, founding editor of Ms. Magazine, helped found National Women’s Political Caucus, the Women’s Action Alliance, and the Coalition of Labor Union Women.

March 26, 1930 – Sandra Day O’Connor, 1st woman Supreme Court Justice *and* **1940** – Nancy Pelosi, 1st woman Speaker

March 27, 1897 (1981) – Effa Manley, co-owner & manager with husband Abe of the Negro League baseball team the Brooklyn Eagles, worked hard to get Negro League players included in the Baseball Hall of Fame *and* **1924 (1990)** – Sarah Vaughan, renowned jazz singer.

March 29, 1885 (1977) – Frances Bolton, created endowment to build a school of nursing at Western Reserve in 1933 after working with the Visiting Nurse Association & seeing the homes of the desperately poor, helped remove color lines in nursing, as Ohio Congresswoman worked for racial equality and equal pay, but not the ERA *and* **1918 (1990)** – Pearl Bailey, jazz and blues singer *and* **1928 (1992)** – Joan Kelly, set up a Master of Arts Program in Women’s History at Sarah Lawrence with Gerda Lerner, advanced feminist scholarship by calling for a “doubled vision” to resolve conflicts inherent in the desire for female inclusion under male dominance.

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Advanced Planning Calendar for 2017

- April 1, 2017** **AAUW of Virginia Annual Business Meeting ~ *See the registration form at the end.* ~**
- April 4, 2017** **Equal Pay Day – *We’re working on a Proclamation for Prince Wm. County***
- 1. April 18** **Program: “Women’s Health Issues”**
 - 1. Dr. JoAnne Gutliph**
 - 2. Tuesday** **Room 107A Development Services Building, next to the McCoart Bldg. 7 pm**
 - 3. May 13** **Spring Dessert Luncheon**
 - 4. Saturday** **Location TBA 1:30 pm**
 - 5. May 31** **Gourmet Night Out & Planning Session for 2017-2018**
 - 6. June 14 – 17, 2017** **National AAUW Convention, Washington, DC**
 - 7. Wednesday thru Saturday**

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