

EVENTS

May 3, 2017	Book Club Uno Panera's at the Glen	2 pm
May 13, 2017 <i>Saturday</i>	Spring Celebration Luncheon! <i>Joyce Eagle's Home</i>	noon
May 31 or June 3rd	Gourmet Night Out & Planning Session for 2017-2018	
June 14 – 17, 2017 <i>Wednesday thru Saturday</i>	National AAUW Convention, Washington, DC	

President's Message: Annual Business Meeting. Will You Stand Up?

May 13 is our Spring Salad and Dessert lunch. Our awesome Science Fair winners have been invited to join us with their parents to share their award-winning projects. This is an opportunity to catch up with members and meet prospective members, pay dues for next year, and enjoy some wonderful food.

It is also our annual meeting. This is a critical meeting, as we will be voting for President, Vice-President for Programs, and Recording Secretary. The current board members have either reached term limits or resigned, so we need members to stand up and run for these positions.

These can be co-positions or a committee. This is a great board and with great members, so you will have help. I have enjoyed my four years as President and highly recommend it.



It's Rosie's 74th "Birthday" this month!

If you have any questions, please contact me. And, please stand up!

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Public Policy ~~ Local, State, & National... International, Too

Local

The results are in for the special election held April 18th for Clerk of the District Court – Attorney Jacqueline Smith defeated State Delegate Jackson Miller, in her second attempt at the position. Forums and debates held at the AME Church in Manassas sponsored by the PW- NAACP and at Bethel Ner Shalom synagogue sponsored by the League of Women Voters and the Prince William Committee of 100 educated many branch members and more community members on the importance of this elected position. Thanks to everyone who voted. It made a difference!

State

AAUW of Virginia members are eligible to vote online in the 2017 AAUW of Virginia election. We need to reach a quorum so it is important that you follow the directions **in the email you received on April 13th** and cast your vote! The ballot contains candidates for three positions. Online voting begins April 13 and ends May 5, 2017, at midnight. To learn more about a candidate, refer to the 2017 Winter/Spring *Vision* on the AAUW of Virginia website at www.aauw-va.aauw.net. All AAUW of Virginia Branch members who joined before March 30, 2017, are eligible to vote. Only the first ballot received from each member will be counted; duplicate ballots will not be counted. For questions about the voting process or ballot content, contact the state co-presidents at pnquick@cox.net or sandyaauw@juno.com. For technical inquiries about voting contact connect@aauw.org or call 800/326-2289 (M-F, 10 to 5). AAUW of Virginia hopes you will take this opportunity to participate in the leadership of the state organization by voting. Branches with the highest percent of voting members will be recognized, so help your branch win recognition!

AAUW of Virginia Co-Presidents Patsy Quick and Sandy Lawrence

National

Our newsletter editor lists this as her “Jeer of the Week”:

The Trump administration is discontinuing a signature girls’ education initiative championed by former first lady Michelle Obama, according to officials. The “Let Girls Learn” program, which she and President Barack Obama started in 2015 to facilitate educational opportunities for adolescent girls in developing countries, will cease operation immediately, according to an internal document obtained by CNN. (5/1/17 News Alert)

Secretary Betsy DeVos Rescinds Obama-era Student Loan Protections

On April 11, Education Secretary Betsy DeVos signed an order turning over key parts of the Obama-era plan to streamline the student lending system and to protect student borrowers. A major piece of the Obama administration’s guidance struck down by DeVos states the Department should strongly consider a company’s track record when choosing student loan vendors and should not choose companies who have demonstrated poor service or other issues in the past. Nearly two dozen state attorneys general spoke out against DeVos’ move to revoke this federal guidance to increase consumer protections in student loan servicing. In their letter, the attorneys general told Secretary DeVos that her decision “to roll back essential protections imperils millions of student loan borrowers and families.” The Obama administration cut out private banks and lenders as student debt collectors, as they profited greatly from student loans, and put the federal government in charge of lending. The Department then contracted out to private firms for the services and put strict safeguards in place to protect borrowers. Overturning the guidance allows for contracting companies that have historically mistreated consumers, which is troubling for the future of student loans.

From AAUW:

Welcome back from Congress’s two week recess! Lately, there’s been lots of conversation about the successes and challenges of President Donald Trump’s first 100 days in office. From the Women’s March in January to Equal Pay Day events in April, AAUW members have spent the past four months actively engaged in advocacy efforts to support women and girls. You’ve answered the call to hold elected officials at all levels of government accountable and to support efforts that increase equality for all women. And although it can be easy to lose sight of the forest for the trees, it’s important to remember: advocacy is a marathon, not a sprint.

As summer approaches – and with it, AAUW’s National Convention – we’ll continue to speak out in support of policies that improve the lives of women and challenge the proposals that fail to meet AAUW’s high standards. We hope you’ll join our efforts with continued passion and persistence.

AAUW Cheer of the Week

Astronaut Peggy Winston **broke** the record for longest consecutive days in space this week, surpassing the 534 day record. By the time Winston returns to Earth, she is expected to have spent 666 days in space.

Book Club Uno and Beyond to One More Page!

Our Book Club Uno meeting will be **Wednesday, May 3rd**, at 2 pm at Panera's in "The Glen" in Lake Ridge. Lee, John, Martha, Susan, and Karen invite you to join us, speaking of science, mystery, political commentary, novels, costume design, history, and more. Hmm, I heard someone has a new comic book, or is it a graphic novel?? Again, this is the first Wednesday of the month to accommodate members' schedules.

Coming up (from One More Page) 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. Fans and birdwatchers alike will enjoy learning more about the fascinating interplay between the actor's life in Hollywood and birdwatching in this charming memoir. Ian, an [American](#) actor best known for his role as [Ezra Fitz](#) in the series [Pretty Little Liars](#), has been working with the [Lupus Foundation of America](#) to raise funds and awareness for [lupus](#) research and education to support his mother, who has been living with lupus for more than 20 years. [ABC Family television drama series Pretty Little Liars](#) is an ABC Family television series in which four girls battle against an invisible enemy after their friend's mysterious murder.



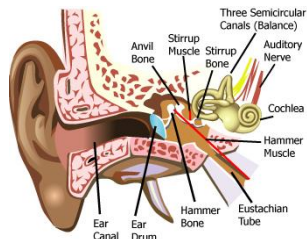
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HEALTH MATTERS Matter! - Branch Program on April 18th

Our third evening program for this year had three parts, each addressing matters across the lifespan which impact our health and wellness. It was held at 7 pm, on Tuesday, April 18th, in Rooms 107 A-B, on the first floor of the Development Services Building, adjacent to the McCoart Building.



First, **Dr. Mary Jo Grote**, "Hearing Health Care Center of Manassas, Inc.", an audiologist and SUCCESS! Conference speaker, presented on hearing health and concerns with damage to our ears and the aging process. As a cellist in the Manassas Symphony who was a second grade teacher, Mary Jo is especially keen on young and old maintaining their ability to enjoy both music and voice. She brought models of our ears, state-of-the-art hearing aids, and lots of exceptional handouts.

Among the major points Mary Jo targeted: after World War II, veterans' hearing and balance was examined and a relationship was determined that prompted consideration of evaluation; we have 11 cranial nerves- the 8th splits into balance and hearing; every baby's hearing is tested in U.S. as of 2000; untreated hearing loss can lead to early dementia because the lack of communication/stimulation results in decreased brain activity; and the brain doesn't stop evolving until the heart stops beating. Wow! 😊

Our branch member, **Lee**, is involved with the American Cancer Society's "Relay for Life." Through her volunteer efforts, she has learned a lot about the status of cancer research, treatment, and the hope for a future which is cancer-free. Lee shared about how this historic program has sustained its purpose with two handouts of poignant statistics and information.



Third, **Ms. Hope Cooke** and **Ms. Michelle Washington**, insurance agents with Colonial Penn/Bankers Life, presented, "For the Life of Your Retirement ®". Their piece offered ideas and answered questions that affect us across the lifespan, pertaining to long-term care insurance and critical illness insurance. The statistics shared were eye-opening and gave us important financial terms to consider.

SPRING SALAD & DESSERT LUNCHEON – May 13th

I believe it's safe to say that Spring is here since my roses are blooming! Joyce will be hosting our annual spring salad and dessert luncheon on Saturday, May 13th at noon, at her home in Woodbridge. For those of you new to this tradition, we ask that each member bring either a salad or a dessert to share (with serving utensils, please☺) and a gift bag/package with an inexpensive item for our raffle/fundraiser for AAUW Foundation. Our phenomenal Science Fair winners and their parents are invited and will bring their projects so you all can see our future's in good hands! Please invite a guest who might be a potential member to join us- this has been a traditional event for us to welcome new people. It is also the meeting for our branch elections (see Sandy's president's message above).



Please RSVP to both Joyce jeagles2@msn.com and Susan susanmbee@juno.com by **Thursday, May 11th evening** so we both can plan. We look forward to seeing you all! Let's fill Joyce's home with wonderful people.

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Our Member Spotlight



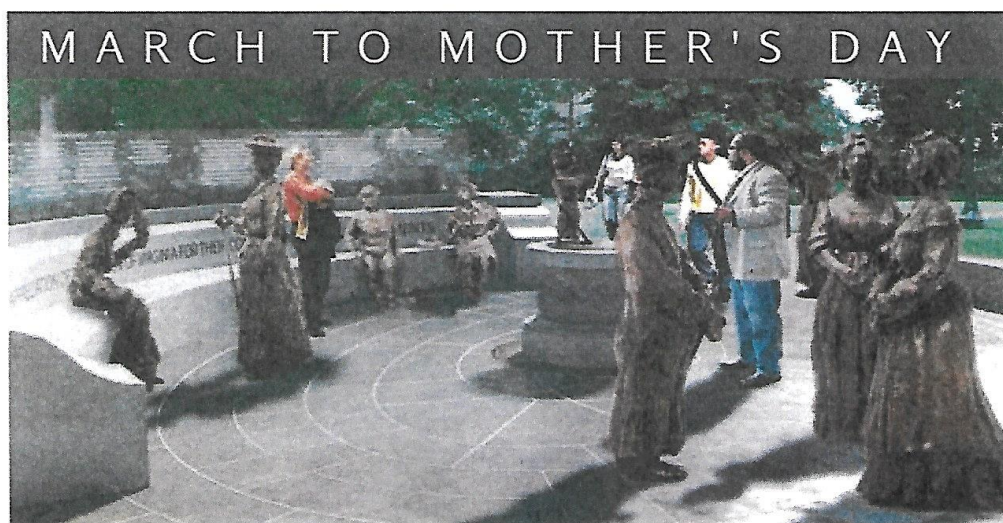
This month our college focus is on the **University of Massachusetts** which is also known as the school of choice for our **Joyce Eagles**. Here are a few of the important dates for UMass Amherst was **born in 1863** as a land-grant agricultural college set on 310 rural acres. It offered its first classes in 1867 with four faculty members, four wooden buildings, 56 students, and a curriculum combining modern farming, science, technical courses, and liberal arts. In **1892, the first female student enrolled** and graduate degrees were authorized. Over time, the curriculum, facilities, and student body outgrew the institution's original mission. In 1931, to reflect its broadened curriculum, "Mass Aggie" had become Massachusetts State College. "Mass State" in turn became the University of Massachusetts in 1947." (taken from www.umass.edu)

Other notable dates that are specific to female students and alumni are:

- 1912** - Five women enrolled.
- 1920** - Abigail Adams House, first women's dormitory, built.
- 1966** - Curfews for women abolished.
- 1972** - Everywoman's Center opens

The University has continued to grow and expand physically so as to match the intellectual hunger and curiosity of its students. As a result, the University of Massachusetts has been home to many famous people in all areas of educational pursuit. Those most notable women include:

Buffy Saint-Marie - singer songwriter
Natalie Catherine Coleman (1991) Ph.D., astronaut
Cynthia E. Rosenzweig, Senior Research Scientist at NASA Goddard Institute for Space Studies (1981), author
Natalie King Cole, singer and daughter of Nat King Cole
Madeleine Kunin (1956) first female Governor of Vermont and former United States Ambassador to Switzerland (1985–1991)
Bonnie Dumanis (attended) District Attorney of San Diego County (2003–present)
Audie Cornish (2001) National Public Radio host of *All Things Considered*, former host of *Weekend Edition Sunday*



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WOMEN'S MONUMENT ON VIRGINIA'S CAPITOL SQUARE

The Women's Monument Commission in partnership with the Virginia Capital Foundation and the 2019 Commemoration present the March to Mother's Day fundraising campaign.

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VOICES FROM THE GARDEN

Voices from the Garden is the first monument of its kind in the nation recognizing women's achievements. Voices encompasses twelve bronze statues of significant women from the state, surrounded by a glass panel, etched with names of other noteworthy Virginia women.



EJ Scott, our "SUCCESS!" Conference presenter on "Chemistry is Fun!" is on the governor's inaugural committee for this monument. Please check it out; we received this notice from VA AAUW to include in our newsletter. Isn't networking phenomenal? ☺

May Highlights in US Women's History

1, 1950 – Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African-American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, named Library of Congress's Consultant in Poetry (later called Poet Laureate) in 1985

5, 1938 – Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen presents results of her medical research identifying the disease cystic fibrosis at a meeting of the American Pediatric Association

May 6 – 12 Nurses Week

8, 1914 – President Woodrow Wilson signs a Proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day

10, 1872 – Victoria Woodhull is nominated as the first woman candidate for U.S. president for the Equal Rights Party

12, 1968 – A Mother's Day march of "welfare mothers" in Washington, led by Coretta Scott King accompanied by Ethel Kennedy

21, 1932 – Amelia Earhart Putnam becomes the first woman to complete a solo-transatlantic flight by flying 2,026 miles from Newfoundland to Ireland in just under 15 hours and **1973** – Lynn Genesko, a swimmer, receives the first athletic scholarship awarded to a woman (University of Miami)

29, 1977 – Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500 car race and **29, 1943** – "Rosie the Riveter" by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post

May Birthdays

1, 1830 (1930) – Mary Harris "Mother" Jones, labor leader and organizer

3, 1894 (1989) – Phyllis Greenacres, psychoanalyst in physical maturation & psychological development in children and **1898 (1987)** – Septima Clark, educator, civil rights activist, called "The Grandmother of the Civil Rights Movement" and **1901 (1981)** – Estelle Massey Osborne, first African-American nurse to earn a master's degree

5, 1864 (1922) – Elizabeth Seaman, pen name "Nellie Bly," investigative journalist, wrote expose of mental asylum (1887), set a record for circling the world in 72 days (1890)

8, 1910 (1981) – Mary Lou Williams, jazz composer, became piano chair and writer for Benny Goodman (1931)

9, 1906 (1994) – Sarah Boyle, Virginia writer, supported immediate integration in 1962 with "The Desegregated Heart," and

1917 (2013) – Fay Kanin, screenwriter, nominated for Academy Award for "Teacher's Pet", produced "Friendly Fire" with Carol Burnett (1979), second female president of the Academy of Motion Picture Arts and Sciences (1979-83)

11, 1875 (1912) – Harriet Quimby, first American woman to become a licensed airplane pilot (1911), first woman to fly across the English Channel (1912) and **1894 (1991)** – Martha Graham, modern dance innovator and choreographer, first dancer to perform at the White House

and **1906 (1975)** – Ethel Weed, military officer in the Women's Army Corp., promoted women's rights and suffrage in Japan

12, 1907 (2003) – Katharine Hepburn, actor, performed for more than 60 years, won four Academy Awards for best actress

15, 1937 – Madeline Albright, first woman U.S. Secretary of State (1997-2001)

18, 1970 – Tina Fey, television writer, producer, and actor, first female head writer for "Saturday Night Live" (1999), creator of television series "30 Rock", youngest winner of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor (2010)

19, 1930 (1965) – Lorraine Hansberry, first African-American woman to write a Broadway play, "A Raisin in the Sun"

24, 1898 (1986) – Helen Taussig, pediatric cardiologist, first woman full professor at Johns Hopkins (1959), contributed to the ban on thalidomide in the 1960s, first female president of the American Heart Association (1965)

25, 1905 (1995) – Dorothy Wesley, librarian and historian, one of the first African-American women to earn a master's degree in library science (Howard University, 1932), as curator of the Moorland-Spingarn Collection at Howard University and **1910 (1997)** – Mary Keyserling, economist, Director of the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department (1964-1969), Executive Director of the National Consumers' League, and personal advisor to Eleanor Roosevelt in the Office of Civilian Defense and **1928** – Mary Wells Lawrence, first woman executive of an advertising firm, first female CEO of a company traded on the New York Stock Exchange, named Advertising Woman of the Year (1971)

26, 1916 (1976) – Helen Kanahale, labor organizer in Hawaii, worked with the Women's Auxiliary of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union, subpoenaed before the Territorial Committee on Subversive Activities in the 1950's because of her labor organizing and opposition to the death penalty and **1924 (1977)** – Thelma Hill, dancer, choreographer, educator, co-founder of the New York Negro Ballet Company (1954), one of the founders of the dance troupe that became the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater, after an injury focused on teaching dance and **1951 (2012)** – Sally Ride, astrophysicist, first American woman astronaut

27, 1907 (1964) – Rachel Carson, scientist and environmentalist, wrote The Silent Spring which became a cornerstone of the modern environmental protection movement and **1909 (1997)** – Mary Fieser, organic chemist, co-wrote Organic Chemistry

31, 1912 (1997) – Chien-Shiung Wu, renowned physicist, first Chinese-American elected to National Academy of Science (1958), first woman elected President of American Physical Society (1975) and **1924 (1985)** – Patricia Harris, lawyer and ambassador, first African-American woman to: hold a Cabinet position, Secretary of Health, Education and Welfare (1979-83), serve as an Ambassador (Luxembourg, 1965), and head a law school (Howard University, 1969) and **1928** – Sonia Pressman Fuentes NOW co-founder, first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the EEOC

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Advanced Planning Calendar for 2017

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June 14 – 17, 2017 National AAUW Convention, Washington, DC
Wednesday thru Saturday

The Fall of 2017 brings our Woodbridge Branch of AAUW's 45th Anniversary! Let's celebrate the history and esteemed roster of those who founded our branch and have graced its member roles. We are seeking ideas – get your scrapbooks, journals, and memories together. ☺

Please mark down on your calendars that our **AAUW of Virginia 2017 Federal Lobby Day is scheduled for Thursday, October 5, 2017**. As in the past, it will be held under the auspices of the AAUW Lobby Corps. AAUW of Virginia members will be matched up with experienced Lobby Corps members and assigned offices to visit that day. Of course, there is always a chance that Congress will change its calendar between now and then, which might mean rescheduling. Stay tuned!!

As of today, there are 56 AAUW of Virginia members registered to attend the AAUW National Convention in Washington, DC in June. Way to go!!! Convention attendees will also have an opportunity to lobby up on Capitol Hill. Detailed information about the **2017 AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Day** will be communicated in separate emails sent directly to convention participants.

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