

EVENTS

October 5, 2017	Federal Lobby Day on the Hill (Sandy will report in November newsletter)
October 21, 2017 <i>Saturday</i>	Northern District Event: “Meet AAUW’s New CEO, Kim Churches” George Mason Regional Library, Fairfax City 1:30 pm
October 21, 2017	Mark Warner’s Annual Virginia Women in Leadership Conference: “Dame Changers” (Susan will report in November newsletter!)

Co-Presidents’ Message



We started our new year with a wonderful brunch “Meet & Eat” at Nancy Sorensen’s home. It was great seeing everyone and catching up on their activities. We also got a chance to look at the many scrapbooks from past years and remember good times and friends that are no longer with us, but not forgotten. Karen and Nancy have been storing and updating the over twenty volumes! Our plan is to also have them at our spring luncheon and highlight our events at the SUCCESS! Conference, too.

Our October meeting is coming up on October 21st in Fairfax City. **Kim Churches**, AAUW’s new CEO, will bring us up to date on AAUW and tell us her vision for AAUW’s future as the premier organization for women’s equity and education. Best of all, there will be plenty of time for you to make comments and ask Kim your questions. Those of you who attended national convention were impressed with this young, dynamic, articulate woman. AAUW is very fortunate!

You will also hear about the outstanding and exciting branch and state events on the horizon. If you are interested in going but don’t want to drive, a few members have volunteered. This meeting will be in conjunction with the Northern Virginia District meeting at 1:30 PM at the George Mason Regional Library at 7001 Little River Turnpike, in Fairfax City. We had sign-up sheets for carpools at the September luncheon and secured three “chauffeurs”. See article below for more information and please sign up to attend. Contact Barbara by email or phone.

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Our Local Issue!

Have you ever met a pay gap denier? We just [crunched the numbers on new data](#) from the U.S. Census Bureau and we have the facts you need to arm yourself to fight for fair pay.

WHAT'S NEW ABOUT THE **PAY GAP** DATA?

That's the problem: nothing. Despite incremental change the latest [data show](#) that women working full time, year-round in the United States are still paid 80 percent of what their male colleagues are paid. Clearly the gap is closing at a glacial pace.

IS THERE A PAY GAP EVEN IF YOU COMPARE WOMEN AND MEN IN THE SAME JOBS?

YES.

[Data show](#) that in almost every occupation men are paid more than women.



WHY DON'T WOMEN JUST CHOOSE **HIGHER-PAYING JOBS?**

If only it were that easy! Researchers have found that pay drops for the entire field when women enter traditionally "male" fields.

WHEN WILL THE PAY GAP **CLOSE?**



According to our latest projections, the gender pay gap won't close until 2119. Women and families can't afford to wait that long.

Yes, we are continuing to plan for us to earn the Equal Pay Resolution's support by our Prince William County Board of Supervisors next April.

To add to our justified intent is this note from national:

Analysis by real estate company Redfin recently found that the gender pay gap follows women as they purchase homes. The research found that single women earn just 92 cents of home equity for each dollar earned by single men.

The U.S. Census Bureau released new data on the gender and racial pay gaps. AAUW's analysis indicates that women working full time on average still make 80 cents compared to every dollar men make. At the current rate of progress in closing the gap, women will not receive pay equity until the year 2119. To learn more about the factors that contribute to this pervasive gender pay gap, check out AAUW's seminal report, *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*. Additionally, our state-specific roadmaps examine the gender pay gap in every state and Congressional district, and provide analysis of each state's laws and recommendations to address the pay gap.

On Tuesday, October 10th @ 7 pm, there will be a free webinar with a theme perfectly suited to our Woodbridge Branch on public policy and advocacy. Check out this link to "join" Susan and Sandy on line:

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2017/10/skill-training-webinars/>

State

State Median Annual Earnings and Earnings Ratio for Full-time, Year-round Workers, by State and Gender, 2016-

#22 Nevada \$45,326 \$36,681 81%

United States \$51,640 \$41,554 80%

#23 Virginia \$55,817 \$44,798 80%

National

BE AN ACTIVIST FROM YOUR OWN CHAIR

Couldn't make Federal Lobby day on October 5? Well, you can make your voice heard to your legislators from the comfort of your own home by becoming a "Two Minute Activist". As a Two Minute Activist, you let your legislators know your stance on the issues that affect women and girls; such as:

- Title IX
- Equal Pay (see local and state above)
- Redistricting

To become an activist, go to www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/

and enter your email address. AAUW will then send you email notices when your advocacy is needed most. They will provide the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress.

Redistricting

The 2020 U.S. Census will result in redrawing electoral districts across the country. State legislatures and courts are working to figure out what the rules are and what they want them to be. Maryland, North Carolina, Pennsylvania, and Wisconsin are untangling issues around partisan gerrymandering, while Alabama, Georgia, North Carolina, Texas, and **Virginia** are dealing with racial gerrymandering challenges. "**OneVirginia2021**" is leading the fight in Virginia to have redistricting done by an independent commission with non-partisan criteria instead of the current process of state legislators redrawing the district lines for the U.S. Congress, the Virginia House of Delegates and the Senate of Virginia. To learn more, go to:

www.onevirginia2021.org

Secretary of Education Announces Title IX Rollbacks

In a speech at George Mason University in September, Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos announced that the Department of Education would be reviewing Title IX regulations and guidance. Later in press interviews she confirmed that the Department intended to rescind a 2011 "Dear Colleague" letter on Title IX and sexual violence, taking the first step toward rolling back the progress made toward preventing and ending discrimination in our schools. DeVos' speech noted many situations in which schools have failed to adhere to the law. AAUW believes the appropriate response to this assertion is to enforce Title IX, not to undermine it. We stand with survivors and remain committed to protecting and defending Title IX, and to pursuing its vigorous enforcement.

When educational environments are unsafe because of sexual harassment, assault, and violence, students cannot learn — and their right to an education free of discrimination is put at risk. .

Not-so-fun fact #1: [Forty-eight percent of students in grades 7–12](#) face sexual harassment.

Not-so-fun fact #2: Girls receive \$1.2 million less in funding for high school sports than boys.

Not-so-fun fact #3: Although approximately 20 percent of women are targets of attempted or completed sexual assault, 89 percent of college campuses disclosed zero reported incidences in 2015. AAUW's **Legal Advocacy Fund** report:

Case Update: *Burhans v. Yale*

“Our thirst for female professors and women who model for other women pursuing excellence and leadership will never be quenched while we allow inequities to continue at our universities.” — *Burhans v. Yale* plaintiff Susan Landino (formerly Susan Burhans)

[Susan Landino](#) recently saw her case favorably settled following a five-year legal battle. Landino was hired by Yale University in 1999 as a communications specialist and served the university as a security education coordinator. She claims she was discriminated against and eventually terminated after years of attempting to help survivors of sexual assault on campus and alert Yale to potential Title IX violations. In 2012, she filed suit against Yale alleging sex discrimination and unlawful retaliation under Title IX and other laws. [The suit was settled in 2017.](#)

Rep. Louise M. Slaughter (D-NY) [introduced](#) legislation this week to help schools implement Title IX. The Patsy Mink Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) would [provide](#) Title IX coordinators with annual training, offer grants to institutions that improve gender equity, and establish the Office of Gender Equity in the Department of Education.

AAUW Washington Update: October 6, 2017

Each October, we recognize Domestic Violence Awareness Month (DVAM). While strides have been made to end domestic violence, it remains all too prevalent. AAUW is particularly focused on ending the domestic violence that students experience and Title IX has an important role to play. Survivors should have the support of their campus [Title IX coordinators](#) as well as a myriad of possible accommodations and community resources.

In addition, thanks to the advocacy of AAUW members, when the [Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act of 2013](#) (VAWA) passed, it included updates to the Clery Act, which now requires schools to report the number of dating violence, domestic violence, and stalking incidents on campus, in addition to long standing requirements to report the number of sexual assaults. In [this year's data release](#), reporting on 2015, most campuses did not disclose any reported incidents — which simply does not square with research, campus climate surveys, and widespread experiences reported by students. Moving forward, colleges and universities must learn more about dating violence and domestic violence — the students they serve are experiencing it every day and schools can and must play a key role in addressing it.

You can join [DVAM activities](#) online this month and share [AAUW's resources on campus sexual violence](#). *If you recognize yourself or someone you love as being a victim of domestic or dating violence, know that there is help and support available through the [National Domestic Violence Hotline](#) at 1-800-799-7233 (SAFE).*

Fall is finally here and your members of Congress are heading back home for a district work period. At AAUW, that means one thing: it's time for your recess advocacy!

Connecting with your elected officials about AAUW issues in face-to-face meetings is a great way to develop a relationship and influence the positions they take on issues important to you. We know that relationships are the currency of effective advocacy. After all of the phone calls you've made and emails you've sent to your legislators, an in-person handshake can make a big difference.

Want to make the most of the upcoming Congressional recess? Schedule an in-district meeting or attend a town hall. (Learn how [here](#)!)

You can talk to your Representative and Senators about [the state of equal pay in your state](#). AAUW's updated road maps make it easy by breaking down the latest gender pay gap data by state and Congressional District. Bring one to your meeting and urge your lawmakers to co-sponsor the legislation that will help to close the pay gap.

Want to use this opportunity to address another gender equity issue? [AAUW's Quick Facts](#) provide strategic talking points on a wide range of public policy priorities. Use them to help perfect your legislative ask. Just print a copy and take it to your meeting.

Of course, advocacy relationships extend beyond legislators. This is also a great time to [reach out to your local Title IX Coordinators](#) to ask for their help encouraging schools to commit to upholding strong policies that implement Title IX. What better way to cement your relationship than by co-authoring a Letter to the Editor, [like this one](#)?

Cheer of the Week (10/6) from AAUW: Last Thursday, Gov. Gina Raimondo (D-RI) [signed](#) a bill guaranteeing Rhode Island workers at companies with more than 18 employees five paid sick days per year. Evidence shows, and AAUW agrees, that offering workers the option of taking time off when they or a family member are sick is not just good for families, it's good for business and it's vital for public health.

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Book Club Uno

Our next Book Club Uno meeting will be **Wednesday, November 8th**, at 2 pm at Panera's in "The Glen" in Lake Ridge. We will not be meeting in October because Karen and John will be out of town. Lee, John, Susan, and Karen invite you to join us- speaking of science, mystery, political commentary, novels, costume design, history, and more. The September meeting was awesome- consider joining the lively discussion! Hmm, and with this November meeting the day after Election Day, we'll have some hot topics to be sure!

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Virginia Women in History 2017: A Traveling Panel Exhibition from the Library of Virginia

Central: October 5 – October 12 *
Bull Run: October 16 – October 25 *

On loan from the Library of Virginia, come see this annual project that honors eight women, living or deceased, for their contributions to the commonwealth. One of the women honored this year is Mary Virginia Jones, a mechanical engineer from Prince William County, the first female licensed professional engineer in Virginia. *{Editor's note- Many of the previous years' posters are part of the twenty-seven years of SUCCESS! Conference's portfolio!}*

*Please note start and end dates may vary slightly due to shipping and rotating of the traveling exhibit.

STEM UPDATES & NEWS **Gender Equity & 2018 SUCCESS!**

This Tuesday, October 11th is the United Nation's "International Day of the Girl Child".
It was established in 2012.

The day aims to highlight and address the needs and challenges girls face, while promoting girls' empowerment and the fulfillment of their human rights. The world's 1.1 billion girls are a source of power, energy, and creativity – and the millions of girls in emergencies are no exception. This year's International Day of the Girl (IDG) on October 11 marks the beginning of a year-long effort to spur global attention and action to the challenges and opportunities girls face before, during, and after crises. (from the UN's website researched after CBS Sunday morning's listing of the day on "Calendar".)

Check out this link from the National Coalition of Girls Schools- Susan co-presented with SUCCESS! Conference presenter and author, Abigail Norfleet James, in 2015 at their international conference in Richmond. Susan highlighted AAUW's long history of supporting women and girls after researching the timeline. {Let Susan know if you'd like a copy of the document she created.}

<http://campaign.r20.constantcontact.com/render?m=1102923280765&ca=8bf8c306-e800-4f6e-bb96-9653e2b59b61>

AAUW cited the following link with data on: *Gender inequalities persist in all areas of social and economic life and across countries. Young women in OECD countries generally obtain more years of schooling than young men, but women are less likely than men to engage in paid work. Gaps widen with age, as motherhood typically has marked negative effects on gender pay gaps and career advancement. Women are also less likely to be entrepreneurs, and are underrepresented in private and public leadership positions.*

<http://www.oecd.org/gender/the-pursuit-of-gender-equality-9789264281318-en.htm>

☺ A new NASA research facility dedicated to mathematician Katherine G. Johnson opened last Friday. Johnson gained notoriety after her portrayal in the recent film *Hidden Figures*, which told the story of three black women who worked at NASA in the 1960s. *Susan had the honor to meet Margot Lee Shetterly, the author, and her parents, after she was awarded the "Communicator Award" by the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine on September 13th. Previously, in July, Susan met Dr. Chris Darden, aka "Chapter 15" at the STEAM+ Conference in DC.*

Ⓢ A new report from T. Rowe Price found that families with sons are more likely to save for college than families with daughters. Studying families with children of all one gender, researchers found that parents of boys were more likely to prioritize college savings.

Updates from Our Treasurer

Membership Dues

For those of you who have not rejoined AAUW for this year, it is time to do so! It is so much easier to use the credit card payment method than to send me a check. (I may not process right away because I travel quite a bit, sometimes for long periods of time.) With the Member Payment Plan and your credit card you can rejoin in less than 5 minutes! My credit card gives me 2% cash back so that is a great incentive for me. I am impressed with the fact AAUW is using only the latest browsers which are the most secure. Try Chrome if you are unable to use other browsers. To do this open the personalized link I sent you by email which when opened, allows you to enter the AAUW Member Services Database under your member number. I will send you a new email if you need it. Or, call me! (703-494-4983)

You may mail me your check at Karen Wolf, 13104 Rock Ridge Lane, Woodbridge, VA 22191-1022 and I will take care of it for you. Be sure to indicate any changes such as addresses, phone numbers, or new emails that you may prefer. Dues for National, State, and Branch are \$76, \$46 of which is tax-deductible.

New Member from Our Luncheon!

At our September "Meet & Eat", we met Jennie Lawrence who found us through our website and contacted Sandy who connected Jennie with Susan and the rest is history! She lives in Woodbridge, has a BFA and a Master's in Business Administration. She is the contact for a non-profit with a mission similar to AAUW's. Her membership is the first for our branch under the Shape the Future for this new year! Welcome, Jennie!

Proposed Budget

Your board presents the following budget for your approval. Please respond to the newsletter email for your vote.

	Proposed	Actual		Proposed	
Income	2016-2017	2016-2017		2017-2018	
Dues received 2016-2017		\$288.00	Dues '17-'18 5/17-9/17	\$180.00	
Membership Initiative from AAUW of VA		38.80		38.80	
United Cash on Hand to carry over 6/30/2017		307.28		595.28	
Total Income		\$634.08		\$814.08	
Expense Budget					
Officers	\$175.00	47.45	New checks	Officers	\$70.00
Conference	0.00			Conference	115.00
STEAM Programs	50.00	50.00	'16 SUCCESS	STEAM Programs	50.00
Non-STEAM Programs	100.00	50.00	gift cards	Non-STEAM Programs	100.00
Insurance	185.00	185.00		Insurance	185.00
Newsletter	50.00			Newsletter	50.00
Membership	50.00			Membership	50.00
Directory	50.00			Membership Initiative	38.80
NOVA District Dues	10.00	10.00		Directory	50.00
Success Conference	50.00	50.00	SUCCESS	NOVA District Dues	10.00
Contingency	23.73			Success Conference	50.00
				Contingency	45.28
Total Expense	\$743.73	\$392.45			\$814.08

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Our Member Spotlight



Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI) is a private research university in Worcester, Massachusetts, focusing on the instruction and research of technical arts and applied sciences. Founded in 1865 in Worcester, WPI was one of the United States' first engineering and technology universities and now has 14 academic departments with over 50 undergraduate and graduate degree programs in science, engineering, technology, management, the social sciences, and the humanities and arts, leading to bachelor's, master's and PhD degrees. WPI's faculty works with students in a number of research areas, including biotechnology, fuel cells, information security, surface metrology, materials processing, and nanotechnology. Our co-president, **John Starsiak**, earned his Bachelor of Science degree in Chemistry from Worcester Polytechnic Institute. For John, who has three degrees in Chemistry and Chemical Engineering, chose WPI for our spotlight.

Alumni from this university include:

Elwood Haynes (Class of 1881) was an early alumnus, prominent chemist and inventor and credited for aiding in the development of the automobile and the creation of stainless steel.

William Hobbs (Class of 1883) was a noted 19th-century geologist.

Robert H. Goddard (Class of 1908) is WPI's best-known alumnus, and is widely regarded as the Father of Modern Rocketry.

Mei Yi-Qi/Yi-Chi (Class of 1913) studied electrical engineering at WPW. After becoming a Christian at a YMCA camp in Massachusetts Mei was active in WPI's YMCA and the Chinese Students' Christian Association. After returning to China, he served as executive director of the Tianjin YMCA before becoming a physics instructor at Tsinghua School in 1915. Mei returned to the United States in 1921-22 and took classes at the University of Chicago and at Columbia. He became the dean of faculty at Tsinghua in 1926, then serve as the director of the Chinese Educational Mission in Washington, D.C. from 1928-31. Mei was the president of Tsinghua University, China and founder of National Tsinghua University, Taiwan.

Harold Stephen Black (Class of 1921) revolutionized electronics by inventing the negative feedback amplifier in 1927.

Richard T. Whitcomb (Class of 1943) was aeronautical engineer responsible for the "area rule" of high-speed aircraft design, the supercritical airfoil, and winglets.

Robert Stempel (Class of 1955) was the inventor of the catalytic converter and former Chairman and CEO of General Motors.

Audrey Carlan '57 earned a master's degree in physics as WPI's first female graduate student. She proudly received her honorary doctorate in May 2017 after being greeted by a standing ovation from her fellow graduates. A pioneer in her field and a trailblazing working mother, Carlan's focus on acquiring both a rigorous education and relevant skills remains to this day. She recently completed a class in the ethics of driverless vehicles because the issue concerns her greatly. And she's watched *The Martian* three times, considering the real possibility of humans living on another planet. Her accomplishments as a scientist at a time when few women entered the field show how her foundation in skills and education are a powerful match.

Women were allowed to enter WPI as undergraduates in February of 1968...

Dean Kamen (dropped out in 1976) invented the first portable insulin pump and started (DEKA), the company that invented the Segway Human Transporter.

Eric Hahn (Class of 1980) is the co-founder of Collabra Software (sold to Netscape) and Lookout Software (sold to Microsoft). In 1997, he became the CTO of Netscape.

David Gewirtz (Class of 1982) is a CNN columnist, cyberterrorism advisor, and leading presidential scholar. He was also a candidate for the 2008 Pulitzer Prize in Letters.

Nancy Pimental (Class of 1987) earned a Chemical Engineering degree, is one of the writers of *South Park* and the movie *The Sweetest Thing*. She also replaced Jimmy Kimmel as co-host of *Win Ben Stein's Money*. She is an alumna of Phi Sigma Sigma.

SUCCESS! CONFERENCE SCHEDULED

Our "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference is scheduled for March 17, 2018 at Marsteller Middle School- the twenty-eighth annual event. This will actually be the thirtieth conference since in 1997 and 1998, we hosted two- one at Fred Lynn MS in Woodbridge and one at Metz MS in Manassas. On Friday evening, March 16th, we set up the cafeteria. Please mark your calendars to volunteer! Please consider friends and colleagues for presenters, sponsors- in addition to yourself. ☺

Please contact me with any ideas and suggestions. The conference has evolved from math & science to including technology and now the arts as STEAM careers are interwoven in the skills necessary for preparation!

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“MEET & EAT” September 16th!



It was special to return to Nancy's home for our luncheon and to peruse our history with the scrapbooks. We have begun celebrating our 45th year. Please join us at our next branch activity!

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Membership & Leadership Matters for the Northern District

OCTOBER 21st SPECIAL EVENT!

On Saturday, October 21st, the Northern District has a special event scheduled. **AAUW's new CEO, Kim Churches**, will be our featured speaker! Yes, we're close to AAUW's home base in DC- location has its benefits. It will be at **1:30 pm at the George Mason Regional Library at 7001 Little River Turnpike, in Fairfax City**. Kim will talk about her vision for AAUW's future and what's happening at National. Bring your questions. Check out this link to prepare: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=jbudSXFpGck&feature=youtu.be>

Barbara has arranged three people to carpool and share rides- John & Barbara, Suzanne Harvey, and Lee Vannett. **Contact Barbara if you would like a ride and she will connect you with one of the drivers.** ☺ barbaraondo@gmail.com

Our branch has been asked to bring 2 plates of sweet finger foods, so also let Barbara know, if you can be a “rider” and a “chef”.

Please let Barbara know as soon as you can- by Wednesday, October 18th so that she can rsvp to the district coordinators- we are expecting a large group, with eleven branches represented. Thank you! Feel free to contact us ↓ if you have any other questions. We look forward to seeing/meeting you!

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Northern District Co-Representatives

October Highlights in US Women's History

- 3, 1904** – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida
4, 1976 – Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC) and **1993** – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice
8, 1993 – Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature
10, 1983 – Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements
11, 1984 – Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to “walk” in space during Challenger flight
15, 1948 – Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy
16, 1916 – Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.’s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York
23, 1910 – Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight
28, 1958 – Mary Roebling is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)

October Birthdays

- 1, 1935** – Dame Julie Andrews, versatile film and stage actress, won an academy award for “Mary Poppins” (1964)
2, 1895 (1990) – Ruth Streeker, when Marines recruited women she became a colonel in the U.S. Marine Corps Reserve (1943), recruited men and women for active service and **1912 (1980)** – Alice Bourneuf, economist, worked on the Marshall Plan to help Europe after World War II, taught economics at Boston College and **1919 (1997)** – Shirley Clarke, filmmaker, produced avant-garde films in 1950s and 60s including “Robert Frost: A Lover’s Quarrel with the World,” which won an academy award for best feature documentary
3, 1897 (1982) – Ruth Bronson, Bureau of Indian Affairs official who got loans for Indian students, forced authorities to honor treaties (1944)
4, 1908 (1995) – Eleanor Flexner, influential author and historian, wrote Century of Struggle: The Women’s Rights Movement in the United States
5, 1959 – Maya Lin, artist and architect of the Vietnam Memorial in Washington DC, other public sculptures, author of Boundaries (2000)
6, 1905 (1998) – Helen Wills Moody, dominated American women’s tennis in the 1920s and 30s with 8 Wimbledon titles and 7 U.S. singles titles and **1914 (1997)** – Mary Louise Smith, Republican Party chair (74-77), supporter of ERA and pro-choice and **1917 (1977)** – Fannie Lou Hamer, civil rights leader and voting rights crusader, helped organize the Mississippi Freedom Summer (1964)
7, 1913 (2005) – Elizabeth Janeway, social analyst of 20th century women’s equality drive, wrote Man’s World, Women’s Place (1971) and Powers of the Weak (1980) and **1920 (1994)** – Kathryn Clarenback, founding member of the National Organization for Women
8, 1881 (1981) – Esther Lape, championed U.S. participation in the Permanent Court of International Justice, which failed by 7 votes in the Senate (1935), worked for compulsory health insurance, which was supported by Presidents Truman and Eisenhower but defeated by the AMA
9, 1823 (1893) – Mary Shadd Cary, first black woman editor in North America, “Provincial Freeman” (1853); in Windsor, Canada, helped black freed slaves know their rights and **1884 (1982)** – Helene Deutsch, psychoanalyst, wrote 2-volume The Psychology of Women (1944-45) with emphasis on motherhood and **1892 (1992)** – Abigail Eliot, founding member of the National Association for Nursery Education (1933), helped monitor quality
10, 1888 (1980) – Dorothy Ferebee, finally gained medical internship at Freedman’s Hospital despite rampant sexism, then built a 47-year association with Howard University hospital and the District of Columbia and **1900 (1993)** – Helen Hayes, actress and “First Lady of the Stage”
11, 1884 (1962) – Eleanor Roosevelt, civil rights advocate, feminist, author, world diplomat, former First Lady (1933-45)
12, 1908 (1997) – Ann Petry, reporter for African-American newspapers in 1930s, wrote The Street, first African-American novel to sell more than a million copies (1946) and **1916 (1994)** – Alice Childress, actress, “Anna Lacasta” (1944), playwright, “A Hero Ain’t Nothin’ But A Sandwich” (1973)
13, c.1754 (1832) – Mary Hays McCauley, “Molly Pitcher” of the Battle of Monmouth (1778), legendary water-carrying heroine of the American Revolution and **1897 (1979)** – Edith Sampson, lawyer, first black American to be appointed as a UN delegate, first to be elected U.S. circuit judge
16, 1895 (1989) – Marguerite Rawalt, lawyer, president of the National Federation of Business and Professional Women (1954-56), supporter of the ERA and entire feminist agenda, particularly including the word “sex” in Title VII of Civil Rights Act of 1964 and **1925** – Angela Lansbury, actress
17, 1943 – Vilma Socorro Martinez, lawyer, first female US Ambassador to Argentina (2009), civil rights crusader
18, 1889 (1968) – Fannie Hurst, author, wrote novels and volumes of short stories over 50 years, left ~\$1,000,000 to Brandeis and Washington Universities for professorships in creative literature and **1890 (1986)** – Pauline Newman, labor leader who emigrated from Lithuania (1901), aided uprising of the 20,000 in New York, hailed by Coalition of Labor Union Women as a foremother of the liberation movement and **1917 (1983)** – Mamie Clark, psychologist, established the Northside Center for Child Development (1946) with husband, Dr. Kenneth Clark, for the mental hygiene of the whole child and **1951** – Terry McMillan, author of 13 novels including Waiting to Exhale (1992) and **1956** – Martina Navratilova, tennis champion
22, 1834 (1915) – Abigail Scott Duniway, early western author and suffrage leader, (1871-1915), succeeded in winning woman suffrage in Oregon (1912), wrote Path Breaking (1914) and **1919** – Doris Lessing, author, born in Iran, Nobel Laureate in 2007
23, 1866 (1954) – Ethel Dummer, established Juvenile Psychopathic Institute in Chicago to study juvenile offenders and **1906 (2003)** – Gertrude Ederle, 1st woman to swim the English Channel and **1911 (1999)** – Martha Roundtree, creator and first moderator (1945-54) of “Meet the Press”
24, 1830 (1917) – Belva Lockwood, attorney, first woman admitted to practice law before Supreme Court (1879), ran for U.S. President in 1884 and 1888 and **1896 (1994)** – Marjorie Joyner, helped develop more than 200 Madam C. J. Walker beauty schools by 1919, added professional status to the occupation, worked with Eleanor Roosevelt and other leaders in civil rights struggles and **1915 (1976)** – Letitia Woods Brown, pioneer in researching and teaching African-American history, completed Ph.D. at Harvard in 1966, primary consultant for the Schlesinger Library’s Black Women Oral History Project, co-authored Washington from Banneker to Douglass 1791-1870
25, 1894 (1985) – Marjorie Phillips, artist, introduced modern art to the Phillips Gallery as associate director of her husband’s Washington DC museum
26, 1911 (1972) – Mahalia Jackson, internationally acclaimed gospel singer, sang at the 1963 March on Washington and **1947** – Hillary Rodham Clinton
27, 1908 (1954) – Lee Krasner, artist, the Works Progress Federal Art Project in 1930s and 40s enabled her to exhibit her paintings and collages in New York and London, also aided the art of her husband, Jackson Pollock and **1940** – Maxine Hong Kingston, award-winning author of The Woman Warrior
28, 1842 (1932) – Anna Dickinson, orator, early champion of the rights of women and blacks, supported interracial marriage, attacked the double standard of morality and **1897 (1981)** – Edith Head, Hollywood costume designer, first successes were Clara Bow and Mae West, won academy awards
30, 1864 (1953) – Elizabeth Coolidge, endowed first pension fund for Chicago Symphony Orchestra (1916), funded Lucy Sprague Mitchell’s Bureau of Educational Experiments, established a foundation at the Library of Congress (1925) that provided for the Elizabeth Sprague Coolidge Auditorium because “music must be brought to life in performance”
31, 1860 (1927) – Juliette Low, founder and first president of the Girl Scouts and **1896 (1984)** – Lutah Riggs, architect of both country estates & modest homes, advocate of preserving historic buildings and **1906 (1996)** – Louise Talma, composer, 1st American woman to receive the Sibelius Medal

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Advanced Planning Calendar for 2017-2018

November, 2017	Branch Program: “Human Trafficking”
December 6, 2017	Holiday Dinner: Occoquan Inn
January 27, 2018	Movie Day – “Hidden Figures” @ Ali’s Home Theatre
February 7, 2018	State Lobby Day in Richmond
February 10, 2018	“Looking for Spring” Luncheon @ Maddigan’s in Occoquan
March 10, 2018	Pr. Wm.-Manassas Regional Science Fair Judging
March 17, 2018	28th Annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!” Marsteller Middle School
April 20-22, 2018	Virginia AAUW State Conference Portsmouth
May 20, 2018	Spring Brunch @ Susan’s Manassas Home



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