

## EVENTS

<b>November 7, 2017</b> <i>Tuesday</i>	<b>ELECTION DAY – Did you get out and Vote?!</b> Which part of the 100% are you? Every registered voter votes whether they go to the polls or not...
<b>November 8, 2017</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Book Club Uno</b> Panera's at the Glen 2 pm
<b>November 12, 2017</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>Honor the Suffragists at the Lorton Workhouse</b> 2-5 pm Read more in newsletter & Register at this link <a href="http://www.suffragistmemorial.org">www.suffragistmemorial.org</a>
<b>November 20, 2017</b> <i>Monday</i>	<b>"Human Trafficking: In Prince William County, What Can We Do?"</b> <b>Ms. Mary Ellen Smith, PWC Public Schools, Social Worker</b> Occoquan Room, Mc Coart Building 7 pm



## Co-Presidents' Message

We have had unusually warm and beautiful fall days but it is time to turn our thoughts to the days ahead.

Election Day in Virginia has brought cold and rain. It's really important to vote- no wonder "GOTV (get out the vote) is one VA AAUW's initiatives. We hope that you did vote. The results of this election will affect us for the next ten years.

We thank our members and family members for their service to our nation, not just on this coming Saturday, but each and every day. Please consider taking part in the many Veteran's Day activities, too.

Our book club is continuing- however, it would be nice to have a few more social groups, lunch, dinner plays, etc. We both attend the Manassas Symphony Orchestra's concerts, as does Lee, to see/hear our violinist, Susan. 🎵 {*Susan Fairey & Sara Anderson used to subscribe, too.*} Patty Mc Coart can remind us about Castaways Repertory Theatre, too...

We hope to see everyone at the November meeting. It addresses an important topic- human trafficking- not something we might associate within our county. Please refer to the detailed email you received November 1<sup>st</sup> from the board; if you need information, contact us. ↓

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## **BRANCH November 20<sup>th</sup> PROGRAM:** **“Human Trafficking in Prince William County”**

One of VA AAUW's targeted issues has been and still is "Human Trafficking". There have been workshops, panels, and regional information at the federal and state level.

The director of social workers for Prince William County Schools received an award last spring for her work and efforts on human trafficking. I read the news article on the county schools' website when I was searching for information for my Science teachers' project. I contacted her department and she put me in touch with two specialists on the topic who developed a presentation for our branch. One, Mary Ellen Smith, the social worker for Potomac High School, will present to us both current information and most importantly- how this impacts the greater Prince William County area, what is being done through our schools, and **what we can do**.

As a teacher and one who believes knowledge is powerful, I personally invite you to attend our meeting with Ms. Smith on Monday evening, November 20<sup>th</sup>, at 7 pm. We have reserved the Occoquan Room at the McCoart Building complex- where the Potomac Nationals' stadium is and the supervisors' chambers are as well. The room is reserved to have a maximum of 29 people- please consider attending and bring a friend/colleague. The county's calendar will have this meeting posted as "open to the public" and we it will be listed on our branch website, also.

This is a first step for our branch for awareness and outreach. Next, we can build a panel format and expand to a larger setting, which is what another northern VA branch is doing on Tuesday, November 14<sup>th</sup>. (see information under district)

So we can be sure that we have enough materials for attendees and that we have a head count, PLEASE email me to RSVP, by **Sunday, November 19<sup>th</sup>**. If you cannot attend, but would like materials from the presentation and/or be part of our branch's next step, please email me, too. As of November 8<sup>th</sup>, we have 10 yes RSVPs and our co-state president has forwarded the above to her Mt. Vernon branch where several of her branch members are interested. Thank you so much.

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

### **Our Local Issue!**

**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.**

### **Regional and State**

Many AAUW branches use tabling at events as a way to connect with their communities. AAUW of Virginia recently tabled at "Moving Forward, Together – Impact & Influence," an annual women's conference hosted by Rep. Don Beyer (D-VA). Many members of Congress see AAUW as a resource on these issues and attending events like these are a great way to build those relationships. {See Susan's report on a similar conference sponsored by Senator Mark Warner. }

It's almost time for the annual League of Women Voters of Virginia's annual Pre-Session Legislative Roundtable in Richmond on December 6, 2017 (9:30 a.m. to . 12:30 p.m.) The event is free and features representatives from a variety of organizations, including AAUW of Virginia, who present short summaries of their legislative priorities for the upcoming General Assembly Session. It's always an informative session and allows us to see other organizations we can work with on our legislative priorities. It will be followed by an optional luncheon. Complete information follows below. **Please be sure to register even if you are not attending the luncheon session because seating is limited.**

**Wednesday, December 6, 2017**  
Credit Union House of Virginia  
108 N. 8th St., Richmond, VA 23219-2306

## DEADLINE TO REGISTER: Nov. 30, 2017

Construction has created the need to find a new meeting place. We believe you will be happy with these new accommodations. It also means that not everything (i.e., speakers) has been finalized. A special webpage has been set up on the [lwv-vva.org](http://lwv-vva.org) website to keep you informed as new information arises.

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It is going to be an exciting year, so come hear from the experts on what to expect for the 2018 Legislative Session.

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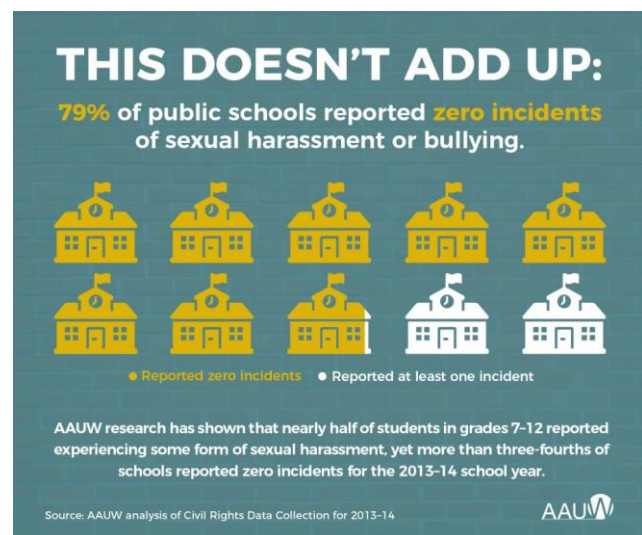
### Sexual Harassment Reported in State Legislatures across the Country

In the wake of national attention to the issue of sexual harassment, women in state legislatures across the country are speaking out about the harassment they've experienced at work. Many reports describe a pervasive culture of sexual harassment in statehouses. Just this year, sexual harassment was reported in state legislatures in Illinois, Oregon, California, Rhode Island, Tennessee, Missouri, South Dakota, and Iowa, among others. The reports range from harassing comments to rape and sexual assault. State politics are heavily male-dominated, with just 25 percent of state legislature seats held by women in 2017. AAUW advocates for equitable work climates free from sexual harassment.

### National

#### Legislators Introduce Title IX Protection Act

On October 12, House Democratic Leader Nancy Pelosi along with Reps. Jackie Speier (D-CA) and Lois Frankel (D-FL) held a press conference announcing the introduction of the Title IX Protection Act. The proposed legislation would codify Title IX guidance outlined in the Department of Education 2001 Guidance on Title IX and the now rescinded 2014 Questions and Answers document and 2011 Dear Colleague Letter. AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches spoke at the press conference, joining members of Congress and other advocacy groups in calling to protect Title IX and ensure that all students can attend school free of sex discrimination.



#### Three-Fourths of Schools Report **Zero** Incidents of Sexual Harassment in Grades 7-12

AAUW's analysis looked specifically at public schools with students in grades 7-12. These schools were selected in order to compare data with AAUW's groundbreaking [2011 research report \*Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School\*](#), which analyzed data from a survey of students in the same age group. *Crossing the Line* found that nearly half (48 percent) of students surveyed had experienced some form of sexual harassment in the past school year, with nearly 9 in 10 (87 percent) of those students saying that the harassment had a negative impact on them.

While at a national level more than three-fourths of all schools reported zero incidents of sexual harassment, the rate of zero-reporting varied across states. For example, in Florida and Hawaii 98 percent of schools reported zero incidents of sexual harassment, but in Vermont only 46 percent of schools reported zero incidents.

The schools whose numbers of allegations AAUW analyzed reported about 47,400 sexual harassment incidents for which the demographic information of the target of the harassment was recorded. The CRDC found that only 0.17 percent of enrolled students reported experiencing sexual harassment, a number drastically lower than the 48 percent of students who reported experiencing sexual harassment in *Crossing the Line*. Of those reported incidents about 58 percent of targets of harassment were girls (27,700) even though they make up only 49 percent of the 28 million students enrolled at these schools. In the CRDC data about 0.20 percent of girls were recorded as targets of sexual harassment versus 0.14 percent of boys, making girls .06 percent more likely than boys to be the targets of harassment. The gender ratio of victims of reported school sexual harassment found by the CRDC is similar to the ratio reported in *Crossing the Line*, which stated that girls were 16 percent more likely than boys to be sexually harassed in grades 7–12.

In Virginia, out of 786 schools, only 131 reported allegations and 655 schools said they had zero allegations resulting in 83% saying they had no reported allegations.

Congresswoman Patsy Mink (D-HI) forever changed the face of academia and athletics through the passage of [Title IX](#), the federal law that prevents sex discrimination in education. In the 45 years since its enactment, Title IX has expanded opportunities for women and girls from classrooms to playing fields. But despite tremendous progress, inequities and barriers remain.

**Now, Congress has the opportunity to further ensure equity in education for all students by enacting the Patsy T. Mink Gender Equity in Education Act of 2017 (GEEA).** Representative Mink, GEEA would provide resources, training, and technical assistance to support schools in fully implementing Title IX. It would help to reduce and prevent sex discrimination in all areas of education by:

- Establishing an Office of Gender Equity in the U.S. Department of Education to coordinate activities within the Department and among other federal agencies
- Supporting the work of thousands of Title IX coordinators by providing annual training and technical assistance
- Authorizing competitive grants to K-12 schools, colleges, local educational agencies, or states to support their gender equity work

Instances of sex discrimination affect the ability of all students, regardless of gender, to learn. AAUW believes that policies that allow everyone to excel are beneficial for society as a whole. We're proud of what Title IX has achieved for students—but we can do more.

**What We Must Do:** Tell your members of Congress to: co-sponsor the Gender Equity in Education Act (GEEA) of 2017, introduced by Sen. Mazie Hirono (D-HI) and Rep. Louise Slaughter (D-NY) and strengthen Title IX.

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Public Policy Chair {with input from state and national}

## Gender Equity

**There will be enough women on the Supreme Court when there are nine.”**  
**Associate Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Supreme Court of the United States**

### AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund

Since its inception, **LAF** has funded and supported plaintiffs in landmark cases such as *Wal-Mart Stores Inc. v. Dukes et al.* and *Cioca et al. v. Rumsfeld et al.* as well as cases with the potential to set future precedents such as *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*.

Recently the 2017 LAF committee and AAUW board voted to adopt several new cases that may change the landscape for women and girls. Stay tuned as we share the experiences of our new and existing LAF plaintiffs seeking redress through the legal system.

### Cheer of the Week- October 14

Girl Scout Alice Paul Tapper wrote a *New York Times* op-ed encouraging girls to have the confidence to raise their hands in class. Her troop helped launch the “Raise Your Hand” patch, which requires scouts to answer questions in class and recruit at least three other girls who promise to do the same.



## **Book Club Uno**

Our *next* Book Club Uno meeting will be **Wednesday, November 8<sup>th</sup>**, 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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***Centennial Commemoration "Night of Terror" - Sunday, November 12, 2017, 2-5pm***

**Workhouse Arts Center, Bldg W-16 Gallery, 9518 Workhouse Road, Lorton, Virginia 20079**

100 years ago on November 14<sup>th</sup>, thirty-two women were arrested for picketing the White House for the right to vote. They were beaten, chained, and force-fed at the Occoquan Workhouse, an event which became known as the "Night of Terror." You are invited to celebrate and honor these women whose sacrifice was a "Turning Point" in efforts to pass the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on November 12<sup>th</sup> from 2-5 p.m. at the Workhouse Arts Center, Bldg W-16, in Lorton. Their indomitable strength and sacrifice helped turn the tide in efforts to have toward ratification, eventually occurring in 1920. Remember these remarkable women known as the "Silent Sentinels."

Highlights:

"Struggle for the Vote" -- a talk by suffrage historian, Dr. Elisabeth Griffith

Staged, dramatic reading of the Occoquan suffragists' own accounts

NY Metropolitan Museum of Art quartet-in-residence, PUBLIQuartet presents world premiere of commissioned work, "Silent Sentinels"

Anthems of protest led by Capital Harmonia community women's chorus

Ceremonial Bell Ringing -- Remembering the 32

**Registration is free but seating is limited. Register at [www.suffragistmemorial.org](http://www.suffragistmemorial.org).**

In 2013 AAUW of Virginia members and branches contributed more than \$2000 to become a charter supporter of the Turning Point Memorial, which will be built near the Workhouse.

## **Updates from Our Treasurer & Membership VP**

Through our reaching out to national members in our area, our branch has a new branch member who has been a national member for many years- welcome to **Lillian Orlich**, an educator in Prince William County for 67 years. We look forward to you all meeting her soon. For now... [https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/after-a-67-year-school-career-an-89-year-old-guidance-counselor-reluctantly-retires/2017/07/16/fc8bae76-6815-11e7-a1d7-9a32c91c6f40\\_story.html?utm\\_term=.459b73217f34](https://www.washingtonpost.com/local/education/after-a-67-year-school-career-an-89-year-old-guidance-counselor-reluctantly-retires/2017/07/16/fc8bae76-6815-11e7-a1d7-9a32c91c6f40_story.html?utm_term=.459b73217f34)

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## STEM UPDATES & NEWS

Cheer of the Week 10.27.2017

**After learning about the water contamination crisis in Flint, Michigan, eleven-year-old Gitanjali Rao** invented a **cheap, portable, and reliable lead testing kit**. Rao, who wants to be either a geneticist or an epidemiologist one day, won "America's Top Young Scientist" in the Discovery Education 3M Young Scientist Challenge for her invention.



The National Council of Science & Civic Engagement is pleased to announce that Dr. Karen Kashmanian Oates will serve as Scholar in Residence during her upcoming sabbatical. Eliza Reilly, executive director of NCSCE, commented, "Since becoming founding co-PI of the SENCER project in 2001, Karen Kashmanian Oates has been a highly visible national leader in science education. Through the development and evolution of her distinguished academic career as associate dean *{a previous SUCCESS! Conference presenter for the "New Horizons" program at GMU}*, provost, Deputy Director at NSF, and most recently, as Dean of Arts and Sciences at WPI, Karen has served as an invaluable and energetic mentor, collaborator, advisor, and networker in the growing community of transformation that she helped establish. We are fortunate that she has agreed to take the role of "Scholar in Residence with the National Center during her sabbatical year." Dr. Oates is a Professor of Arts and Sciences at Worcester Polytechnic Institute (WPI). *{John's alma mater that we highlighted last month}*

### **How Men Can Help Women in STEM: Shut Up, Sit Back and Listen - from Scientific American**

The UNESCO Institute for Statistics estimates that only around 30 percent of researchers worldwide are women. Similarly, according to the Economics and Statistics Administration of the US Department of Commerce only 24 percent of STEM jobs are held by women, with individual disciplines like Engineering having a significantly worse gender bias. There's also extensive literature on biases against women in STEM, affecting all aspects of academia, including hiring, publishing, citation counts and teaching. Read more:

<https://blogs.scientificamerican.com/voices/how-men-can-help-women-in-stem-shut-up-sit-back-and-listen/>

## Our Member Spotlight



This month we celebrate our co-president, **Barbara Ondo's**, alma mater. Barbara earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Penn State University. As Pennsylvania's only land-grant university, Penn State has a broad mission of teaching, research, and public service- conceived in 1855, when the Commonwealth chartered it as one of the nation's first colleges of agricultural science. In the 1880s, the college expanded its curriculum to curricula in engineering, the sciences, the liberal arts, and more. In the 1930s

Penn State established a series of undergraduate branch campuses, primarily to meet the needs of students who were location-bound during the Great Depression- predecessors of today's system of 24 located throughout the Commonwealth. Penn State began offering systematic advanced-degree work in 1922 and graduate education and research evolved hand in hand. By 1950 the University had won international distinction for investigations in dairy science, building insulation, diesel engines, and acoustics, and other specialized fields. A college of medicine and teaching hospital were established in 1967 with a \$50 million gift Milton S. Hershey; in 1989 the Pennsylvania College of Technology in Williamsport became an affiliate of the University; in 2000, Penn State and the Dickinson School of Law merged. Famous alumni include thousands of people, your editor has chosen the following to include this diverse group:

**Jean Craighead George**, Newbery Medal-winning children's author including *My Side of the Mountain* *{editor's fave}*

**Susan Miller**, playwright, *My Left Breast*, two-time Obie winner, Eugene O'Neill Contest winner, Emmy nominee

**David Morrell**, novelist, *First Blood*

**John Pielmeier**, playwright, *Agnes of God*

**Herman Fisher**, co-founder of Fisher-Price toy company

**Julius J. Epstein**, screenwriter of *Casablanca*

**Kenneth Frazier**, chairman and CEO, Merck & Co., Inc. & **Lloyd Huck**, chairman emeritus of Merck & Co., Inc.

**Richard T. James**, inventor of the Slinky

**Mark Parker**, CEO of Nike, Inc.

**Hugh Ellsworth Rodham**, textile wholesaler; father of Secretary of State Hillary Clinton

**Fred Waring**, bandleader

**Patricia A. Woertz**, CEO of Archer Daniel Midland; on *Fortune* magazine's "Most Powerful Women in Business" list

**Margaret Carlson**, journalist, pundit. First female columnist for *TIME*

**Erica Grow**, meteorologist and television reporter

**Steven E. de Souza**, screenwriter; *Judge Dredd*, *Beverly Hills Cop III*, *48 Hrs.*, *Die Hard*

**Carmen Finestra**, Emmy Award-winning television writer and producer; *The Cosby Show*, *Home Improvement*

**Jonathan Frakes**, actor and director (*Star Trek: The Next Generation* series)

**Keegan-Michael Key**, actor, comedian; *MADtv*, host of Animal Planet's *The Planet's Funniest Animals*  
**Lisa Salters**, ESPN reporter and former Nittany Lady Lion Basketball Star  
**Joonas Suotamo**, Chewbacca actor in *Star Wars: The Force Awakens*, former Penn State Basketball forward/center  
**Caroline Casagrande**, member of the New Jersey General Assembly  
**B. Frank Heintzleman**, former Governor of Alaska Territory  
**Kathleen L. Casey**, commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission  
**Maria Leavey**, political strategist  
**Barbara Hackman Franklin**, former United States Secretary of Commerce  
**Robert Cenker**, Space Shuttle astronaut, STS-61-C  
**Priscilla Guthrie**, former Associate Director of National Intelligence and Chief Information Officer  
**Caroline C. Hunter**, member of the Federal Election Commission (FEC)  
**Guion Bluford**, astronaut, first African-American in space  
**Jill Morgenthauer**, retired Colonel United States Army and Illinois politician  
**Jane C. Charlton**, professor of astronomy and astrophysics  
**Michael P. Murphy**, United States Navy SEAL and Medal of Honor recipient  
**Maggie Lucas**, WNBA player - Indiana Fever  
**Bonnie Newman**, member of the Reagan and George H.W. Bush administrations, chief of staff to Judd Gregg  
**Mary Ellen Clark**, 1992 and 1996 Olympic bronze medalist, diving  
**Helen Darling**, WNBA guard for the San Antonio Silver Stars  
**Suzie McConnell-Serio**, former professional basketball player, current coach  
**Joseph Heller**, author of *Catch-22*  
**Alyssa Naeher**, professional women's soccer player, United States Women's National Soccer Team, Chicago Red Stars  
**Cynthia Brewer**, professor and head of the Department of Geography, notable for her contributions to cartographic visualization  
**Velvet Brown**, tuba soloist and recording artist; is associate professor of music  
**O. Richard Bundy**, Director of Athletic Bands, including the Penn State Blue Band {MSO's conductor, Jim Villani's band and Penn State alum}  
**Mary Jane Irwin**, computer scientist, National Academy of Science member  
**Aleksander Wolszczan**, discoverer of first extrasolar planets and pulsar planets  
*Fictional Characters who Claim Penn State as Their Alma Mater*  
 Marvel Comics has two alumni from here: Bruce Banner, better known as "The Hulk," and Walter Langkowski, better known as "Sasquatch." Raj Comics also has an alumna from here. Super Commando Dhruva's sister Chandika did her student exchange and spent two semesters at Penn State. Dr. Abby Lockhart, in the television series *E.R.* is a graduate of Penn State with a minor in English.

## Events & Leadership Matters for the Northern District

**HUMAN TRAFFICKING: HERE AND NOW IN NORTHERN VIRGINIA**

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017, 7:00 pm**

**Redeemer Lutheran Church: 1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22101**

**Panel Includes:**

**Detective Bill Woolf, Fairfax County Police Department, Child Exploitation Unit**

**Dr. Elizabeth Payne, Fairfax County Public Schools Coordinator of Health, Physical Education, and Family Life Education**

**Ms. Deepa Patel, Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider**

**Learn how to protect our children and combat human trafficking**

**Presented by the American Association of University Women, McLean**

On Saturday, October 21<sup>st</sup>, the Northern District hosted a special event scheduled. **AAUW's new CEO, Kim Churches**, was the featured speaker! From Kim's power point presentation, editor includes ideas for your consideration and musing:

AAUW's priority issues: pay equity, Title IX, STEM, and Leadership Concerns:

- Flat organizational structure leads to silos and many chiefs
- Perceived frequently as an "older women's organization"
- AAUW as "Jill of all trades"

Membership organizations changing from 20<sup>th</sup> to 21<sup>st</sup> century

- demographic shifts
- interests
- philanthropy

Positive:

- Rich foundation in our history and our many accomplishments
- Committed and longstanding members Superb staff, mission-driven
- Respected for mission, policy/advocacy, fellowships & grants, research and programs

Imagine if we:

- Ensured 40-50% of Title IX Coordinators positions required focus Title IX enforcement
- Expanded Title IX work to include Title VII and became the leading voice





- Created workforce paths for K-12, Community College and Vo-tech for women nationwide
- Developed original research on women of color and access to education and jobs
- Developed partnerships with corp, foundation and NGOs to improve girls' education internationally
  - Became the go-to resource for nonprofits and higher ed on leadership development for women; not just Fortune 500 focus
- Trained 10 million through StartSmart & WorkSmart
- Championed pay equity state legislation in all states
- Created a scorecard of the US and other nations as to pay equity practices and legislation
- Became national "good housekeeping" seal of approval through certification of equity programs
- Improved number of tenure-tracked STEM professors to 40-50%

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Northern District Co-Representatives

## **"Dame Changers" – Mark Warner's 2017 Women's Leadership Conference**



The *Virginia Women's Conference* is a nonpartisan, nonpolitical U.S. Senate event. This event is free to all participants but an invitation and registration was required to attend. Susan Bardenhagen attended along with other VA AAUW members. VA AAUW Branches from the Virginia Beach area sponsored a table where they garnered pages of interested women's contact information! Senator Mark Warner

addressed more than 800 woman gathered at the 8th annual Virginia Woman's Conference, addressing the audience by speaking about the many challenges faced by women, including the growing reports of sexual harassment in industries like film and television.



The conference is a non-partisan event featuring special keynote speakers, workshops, and networking opportunities for Virginia women. However, considering the angst that Senator Warner faces in his job with the present climate in Washington, he literally threw his prepared speech off the podium, though thanking his staff for their efforts. The former governor of Virginia spoke about memorials to women and people of color in Richmond and about Katherine Johnson, the so-called human computer from NASA Langley who inspired the feature film *Hidden Figures*.

The room was most energized when he spoke about Harvey Weinstein, the film producer accused this month of sexually assaulting and harassing several women. "As the father of 3 daughters who are all in their twenties, the notion, particularly a man in power would be so abusive, there is -- what the heck -- there is a special place in hell for Harvey Weinstein," said Warner. He also touched on healthcare and the Senate Intelligence Committee's investigation into Russian meddling in the 2016 election -- topics unrelated to the conference. Most poignant was his anecdote about when his daughter was in second grade and touring the area around the Richmond capitol with her mom and queried why there weren't any statues of women. Now, almost twenty years later, there will be.

Other speakers included emcee and local radio host Cathy Lewis and keynote speaker Aya Hijazi, a human rights activist recently detained and released in Egypt. Ava was jailed for two years for treason- helping homeless children in Cairo?!! Jennefer Witter, the CEO of The Boreland Group Inc, spoke on "The Fine Art of Networking."

{Notes & photos for this report from wavy.com in Virginia Beach, Kate Mishkin of ideastations.com, and elevatenetwork.com}





**November is National American Indian Heritage Month-** first recognized by Joint Resolution in 1990.

### November Highlights in US Women's History

**11, 1993:** The Vietnam Women's Memorial is dedicated in Washington, D.C. after being conceived by former army combat nurse **Diane Carlson Evans** and sculpted by **Glenna Goodacre** to honor the 265,000 women who voluntarily served during the Vietnam era

**14, 1889:** Journalist **Elizabeth Cochran, aka Nellie Bly**, sails around the world in 72 days, 6 hours, 11 minutes, and 14 seconds, beating the fictional record set by Phineas Fogg in Jules Verne's *Around the World in Eighty Days*

**28, 1881:** The first organizational meeting is held for the predecessor group to the **American Association of University Women**



### November Birthdays

**4, 1942** - NWHP Board Member and 2013 Honoree **Dr. Patricia Bath**, ophthalmologist and inventor. Her invention of the Laserphaco Probe was an important milestone in the advent of laser cataract surgery. In 1976, Dr. Bath co-founded the American Institute for the Prevention of Blindness, an organization committed to "protect, preserve, and restore sight."

**5, 1857:** **Ida Tarbell**, investigative reporter, wrote expose on Standard Oil that led to federal investigation and break-up of the company

**8, 1897:** **Dorothy Day**, social reformer, suffragist and peace activist, co-founded the Catholic Worker movement and editor of newspaper

**11, 1744:** **Abigail Adams**, politically influential First Lady, early advocate for women's rights *and* 1914: Daisy Lee Bates, mentored and advised the Little Rock Nine who integrated the Little Rock, Arkansas, public high school between 1959 and 1961, suffered personal, physical, economic, and professional loss, wrote autobiography in 1963, *The Long Shadow of Little Rock*

**12, 1815 (1902) Elizabeth Cady Stanton** was the first woman to publicly call for women's rights to vote. The year 2020 will be the 100th anniversary of women in the United States winning the right to vote, thanks in no small part to her efforts in the early feminist movement of the mid-19th century.

**15, 1887:** **Georgia O'Keeffe**, innovative painter, known for her oversized, close-up paintings of flowers and landscapes

**17, 1903:** **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

**18, 1945:** **Wilma Mankiller**, first female Chief of the Cherokee Nation, 1985-95 →

**20, 1910:** **Pauli Murray**, civil rights lawyer, Episcopal priest, first black person to earn a doctorate at Yale Law School, 1965



**22, 1943:** **Billie Jean King**, tennis champion, won 20 Wimbledon titles, first female athlete in any sport to earn \$100,000 (1971), beat Bobby Riggs in the Battle of the Sexes (1973)

**26, 1792:** **Sarah Grimk**, outspoken abolitionist and influential women's rights pioneer, 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

**29, 1832:** **Louisa May Alcott**, author of *Little Women* and other beloved children's books →

**30, 1924:** **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



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## **Advanced Planning Calendar for 2017-2018**

<b>December 6, 2017</b>	League of Women Voters of Virginia's annual Pre-Session Legislative Roundtable in Richmond, from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm. See article in newsletter for more information.
<b>December 6, 2017</b>	<b>Holiday Dinner: Occoquan Inn</b>
<b>January 27, 2018</b>	<b>Movie Day – “Hidden Figures” @ Ali’s Home Theatre</b>
<b>February 7, 2018</b>	<b>State Lobby Day in Richmond</b>
<b>February 10, 2018</b>	<b>“Looking to Spring” Luncheon @ Maddigan’s in Occoquan</b>
<b>March 10, 2018</b>	<b>Pr. Wm.-Manassas Regional Science Fair Judging</b>
<b>March 17, 2018</b>	<b>28<sup>th</sup> Annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!” Marsteller Middle School</b>
<b>April 20-22, 2018</b>	<b>Virginia AAUW State Conference Portsmouth</b>
<b>May 20, 2018</b>	<b>Spring Brunch @ Susan’s Manassas Home</b>



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