

## EVENTS

<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. Please let Sandy know if you are attending.	
<b>December 6, 2017</b> <i>Wednesday</i>	<b>Holiday Dinner: Occoquan Inn</b> <i>301 Mill Street, Occoquan</i>	<b>6:30 pm</b>
<b>December 9, 2017</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Virginia Women's Equality Regional Summit</b> <i>Richmond {See public policy information below}</i>	<b>9:30 am – 4 pm</b>
<b>January 8, 2018</b> <i>Monday (new day/time)</i>	<b>Book Club Uno</b> <i>Panera's at The Glen, Lake Ridge</i>	<b>6 pm</b>
<b>January 21, 2018</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>Movie Day – “Hidden Figures” @ Ali's Home Theatre</b> <i>{note date/day change}</i>	<b>1 pm</b>

## Co-Presidents' Message



This week had a big day for AAUW — our birthday! During this season of giving thanks, we honor the group of visionary women who founded AAUW 136 years ago on November 28, 1881. On that day, Marion Talbot, then a recent graduate of Boston University, and Ellen Swallow Richards, the first woman graduate of the Massachusetts Institute of Technology, invited 15 alumnae from eight colleges to a meeting in Boston,

Massachusetts. Among the first generation of women college graduates, these pioneering women struggled with a lack of career opportunity. In founding AAUW, they discussed how they would join together to help other women break through educational barriers and attend and graduate college as well as assist those who had already graduated.

The rest is history. Today, AAUW boasts 170,000 members and supporters, more than 100 student orgs, and 800 college and university members. Our community engages in amazing advocacy work—in 2017, AAUW members and supporters voiced their support or opposition to at least 325 state bills, submitted more than 10,000 comments to the U.S. Department of Education in support of strengthening and protecting Title IX, and sent over 270,000 messages to lawmakers. We look forward to many, many more years of advocating for women and girls!

We both wish you happy holidays and look forward to seeing many of you at dinner on the 6<sup>th</sup>.

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## **ANNUAL DECEMBER DINNER @ The Occoquan Inn, December 6<sup>th</sup>**

Our annual Holiday Dinner is on **Tuesday, December 6, 2017**, at 6:30 pm at the Occoquan Inn in Occoquan. This promises to be a relaxing evening for all as we take a break from getting ready for the holidays and enjoy each other's company.



Once again we will have the gift raffle. This is an important fundraiser for our branch to AAUW's Foundation. Members may bring a gift (\$10-\$15) for the raffle; tickets may be purchased for \$1 each or 6 for \$5.

Guests are always welcome at our Holiday Dinner - please invite friends and family. The owners are opening their establishment especially for our dinner, as they have for several years now and we receive separate checks. As Lee mentioned in her email to you, there will be one menu from which we can select ☺ The food is prepared for each dinner guest. If you have not already responded, **PLEASE RSVP to Lee [lmvannett@aol.com](mailto:lmvannett@aol.com) by Sunday, December 3<sup>rd</sup>.**

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

### **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.** Please contact Joyce Eagles and Sandy Lawrence if you would like to join our efforts to "try again" to encourage our BOCS to approve the resolution.

### **Regional and State**

#### **Virginia Women's Equality Regional Summit**

On **Saturday, December 9th, 2017, from 9:30 AM-4:00 PM**, the Virginia Women's Equality Coalition is sponsoring the Virginia Women's Equality Regional Summit at the Double Tree Midlothian in Richmond (1021 Koger Central Blvd., Richmond). The summit will provide a space for Virginians to learn how to use the momentum from November's election to affect actual policy changes in the General Assembly. There will be guest speakers, interactive panel discussions, workshops, and trainings. The Summit is a fantastic opportunity to network and learn more about the status of women across the region. General Admission tickets are \$15, and student tickets are \$7.50. Here is the link to register: <https://progressva.actionkit.com/donate/WEC-summit-2017/>.

### **National**

#### **2017 State Elections Bring Wins for Diverse Representation and Health Care**

*With no federal elections on the ballot, state and local races took center stage on Election Day last week. Voters weighed in on everything from gubernatorial races to ballot initiatives to school board races. This year's elections saw a number of landmark achievements. Maine voters passed the Medicaid Expansion Initiative. Backed by AAUW of Maine, this initiative will increase the number of Mainers covered by the state's Medicaid program under the Affordable Care Act. New Jersey's newly elected lieutenant governor, Sheila Oliver (D), is the first black woman to win statewide office in the state, and Hoboken, New Jersey, elected the first Sikh mayor in the state. Many cities also elected women mayors. In Virginia and other states, openly transgender candidates won several races. Additionally, Virginia boasted two firsts in the House of Delegates, electing their first Asian-American woman delegate and their first Latina delegates.*

*The AAUW policy team is feeling particularly grateful for our members. Your impressive advocacy work, and volunteering of energy and talent to advance AAUW's Public Policy Priorities, makes a true difference time and time again in the lives of women and their families across the country.*

*This year, we saw an onslaught of state legislative victories. From ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment in Nevada and passing a bevy of equal pay bills across the country, to supporting victims of sexual assault and working to curb*

*human trafficking, together we made great strides for women and girls. By penning letters to the editor, providing legislative testimony, working with coalition partners, and sharing your stories with your elected officials, you impacted change. I encourage you to take time to reflect on these momentous accomplishments.*

*Over the next six weeks, we'll celebrate the wins in 2017 and start gearing up for 2018. We look forward to working together and are excited for what's to come.*  
*Kate Nielson, AAUW State Policy Manager*

**11/10/17:** AAUW Murfreesboro (TN) Branch sponsored a debate about solutions to the gender pay gap. Members of the award-winning Blue Raider Debate Team at Middle Tennessee State University (MTSU) discussed whether legislation can trigger the social change necessary to close the pay gap. Jennifer Crow, president of the AAUW student organization at MTSU, moderated the debate. Speakers displayed a strong understanding of current equal pay laws; they discussed weaknesses in enforcement and regulation, as well as the need for greater cultural change. Events with student participation are a great way to build relationships and further advocacy on campus — kudos to AAUW Murfreesboro and MTSU!

#### **Cheer of the Week (12/1/2017)**

**A new monument honoring leaders in the women's suffrage movement will be the first statues of historical women in New York City's Central Park.** The park's current statues include 22 male historical figures.

#### **Jeer of the Week**

**A Federal Reserve report from a 2016 survey found that there is a gender gap among small businesses nationwide.** The analysis showed that women-owned businesses faced disproportionate difficulties in securing loans and increasing profits and employee numbers.

#### **50-State Student Debt Landscape**

The Consumer Financial Protection Bureau released a 50-state [report](#) analyzing over 50,000 student debt complaints. As a group, student loan borrowers hold more than 1.4 trillion dollars of debt. We know that [women take on larger student loans](#) than do men. And, because of the gender pay gap, they have less disposable income with which to repay their loans after graduation, requiring more time to pay back their student debt. **As a result, women hold nearly two-thirds of the outstanding student debt in the United States.**

#### **{Reminder from 11/2017's newsletter}**

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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## 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**

- A study by the American Institute of Physics [found](#) that women in physics with PhDs are paid approximately 18 percent less than their male colleagues. A six percent disparity remained after controlling for factors like age and employment sector. Studies and observations attribute that disparity to a number of factors including things like implicit bias and differences in salary negotiation habits.
- AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown and Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches both spoke to radio programs this week. Brown [joined](#) the program *Native America Calling* to discuss the pay gap for Native American women, while Churches [spoke](#) to WFAE's *Charlotte Talks* about workplace sexual harassment.

### **AAUW and Dell Release New Report to Improve Gender Equity in Tech**

AAUW partnered with Dell to [release](#) the *Playbook on Best Practices: Gender Equity in Tech* on Wednesday. Despite the high demand and earning potential in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM) careers, women make up only one in five engineering and computing graduates. The report aims to help increase equity in the STEM fields by promoting inclusive talent pipelines, fair recruiting strategies, and an unbiased work culture. Employers play a critical role in improving the representation of women in tech, and this playbook equips them with actionable steps for a data-driven approach to promoting gender equity.

## Book Club Uno

Our next Book Club Uno meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018, at 6 pm. We decided that December is quite busy. In January, we will start the new year with a new day and time. We meet at Panera's in "The Glen" in Lake Ridge. Kraen, John, and Susan met for the November meeting the day after Election Day- it was a wonderful discussion of the election's outcomes, history and biographical tidbits about our country's political leaders, and interesting recent publications by astronauts and social commentary.

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### ***Centennial Commemoration "Night of Terror" - Sunday, November 12, 2017 Workhouse Arts Center ~ Lorton, Virginia***

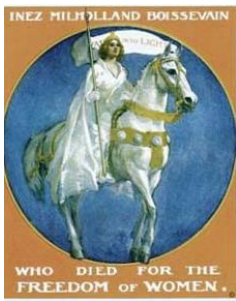
100 years ago on November 14<sup>th</sup>, thirty-two women were arrested for picketing the White House for the right to vote. They were beaten, chained, and force-fed at the Occoquan Workhouse, an event which became known as the "Night of Terror." These women whose sacrifice was a "Turning Point" in efforts to pass the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment on November 12, 1917 and their indomitable strength and sacrifice helped turn the tide in efforts to have toward ratification, eventually occurring in 1920. These remarkable women became known as the "Silent Sentinels."

Highlights:

"Struggle for the Vote" -- a talk by suffrage historian, Dr. Elisabeth Griffith *with amazing video and power point presentation that evoked a silent sigh from the audience*

Staged, dramatic reading of the Occoquan suffragists' own accounts *with heart-wrenching journal accounts*





NY Metropolitan Museum of Art quartet-in-residence, PUBLIQuartet performed world premiere of commissioned work for this event, "*Silent Sentinels*"

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

Ceremonial Bell Ringing -- Remembering the 32 - *Susan rang for Dorothy Day*

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. For the above-listed event, northern Virginia's AAUW branches were well represented, including Susan Bardenhagen, Caroline Pickens, and Patsy Quick. From December's important birthdays, it is

appropriate to include these here:

- December 17, 1853 (1945) – Harriet Taylor Upton, encouraged to join suffrage movement in 1890 by Susan B. Anthony, managed suffrage campaigns and ratification drive in Ohio, held positions in the Republican Party, defeated for Congress at age 70
- December 25, 1806 (1875) – Martha Wright, called the first Woman's Rights Convention in Seneca Falls in 1848 with her sister Lucretia Mott *{Lucretia' great, great, great granddaughter attended this event; joined by descendants of Betty & Graham,*
- December 28, 1894 (1988) – Burnita Matthews, suffragist, as a young law student in the District of Columbia learned that she could carry a banner outside the White House but would be arrested for not having a permit if she spoke, stayed silent and avoided arrest, gained admission to the bar in 1920, worked for the National Woman's Party, chosen as Federal District Court Judge by President Truman in 1949

## **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. Prince William County Schools has received a grant and recognition for the program they have developed. High school and a few middle school social workers have prepared programs that are presented to all ninth graders. Mary Ellen Smith, the social worker for Potomac High School, presented 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**.

Eleven members and a guest joined Ms. Smith on Monday evening, November 20th, at 7 pm. Her presentation was eye-opening and prompted excellent and intuitive thoughts for our branch for awareness and outreach. We have plans to support the community outreach and to lend our voices to support to the school board. Also, we shared AAUW's community action grants which could continue the program's expansion.

**Susan Bardenhagen**

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

Through our reaching out to national members in our area, our branch has another new branch member who became a member with the "Gift a Grad" program after completing her degree at George Mason University – "our" own branch meeting presenter and SUCCESS! Conference presenter: **Paige Epler**. Her mom, a former branch member, is rejoining our branch as she works on a graduate degree: **Pam Epler**. Pam originally joined the Woodbridge Branch in 1982 and has kept contact with many of us throughout her teaching career in PWC and with her daughter's involvement in gender equity and STEM. Many of you may have met another new member, **Marlo Watson**, at Joyce's spring luncheon, who just joined us as well.

Sandy and Lee gathered and edited the data for our new branch directory; Susan prepared it by adding scrapbook photos. Those present at the November 20<sup>th</sup> received theirs. We will have the rest for members at the December 6<sup>th</sup> dinner. Let Susan know if you would like yours prior to then. ☺

Former member, **Jeanne Elmore**, wrote to share that she is the new VP of membership of the Beaufort, South Carolina branch! They are about the same size as Woodbridge and have the same issues with recruiting new members. They have a movie group that meets once a month at a member's home. The moderator picks a movie (that members can download or rent to watch at home) and then they meet to discuss. (If this idea sounds interesting, let Lee, our Program VP know, and we can try it. ☺) In September she coordinated with the Beaufort League of Women Voters for a "get out the vote" initiative. Jeanne was an active member of LWV here in PWC, too. She says hi to all and that she misses us. ☺

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## **MOVIE DATE @ ALI's HOME THEATRE!**

On **Sunday afternoon, January 21<sup>st</sup>**, at 1 pm we will meet at Ali's home in Lake Ridge near the McCoart Building complex for our annual home theater event. Ali will provide us with popcorn, ice, water, and paper products. Bring your beverage choice- hot or cold- and a snack item to share. We will be viewing "Hidden Figures," based on the book by Margot Lee Shetterly about NASA's crew of African American women "computers" that not only helped John Glenn's space flight' success, but also continue the legacy of African women in STEM fields!

In July, Susan participated in a STEAM+ conference where the woman highlighted in Shetterly's chapter 15, Dr. Chris Darden, was the keynote speaker. The *American Institute of Architects* main office in DC hosted the event. In October, the National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine honored Shetterly and three others with their Communicator Awards- yes, Susan, was there. She met Margot and her parents, both PhDs- and got their autographs to add to Dr. Darden. Dr. Darden will be a speaker at the VA AAUW state conference in April. All good networking, don't you think?

For the history buffs, the editor put this here:

December 13, 1993 - Susan A. Maxman becomes first woman president of the *American Institute of Architects* in its 135 year history.

## **WOMEN'S HISTORY NEWS from National Women's History Project**



## Our Member Spotlight



Last month we celebrated our co-president, **Barbara Ondo**'s, alma mater. Barbara earned her Bachelor of Science degree in Psychology from Penn State University. With the editor's oversight, we did not include another Penn State alumna- member, **Jeanette Rishell**, the city of Manassas Park's present mayor. Jeanette received her Bachelor of Art degree in History from Penn State.

Also, when preparing the December birthdays, I found this listing on the NWHP.org site:

December 6, 1967- Helen Greiner a co-founder of iRobot and currently CEO of CyPhyWorks and is a Trustee of the Museum of Science (Boston); on the Computer Science Advisory Board of Worcester Polytechnic Institute; and a Director of the National Defense Industrial Association (NDIA). *{October's highlight was WPI, editor is going to follow up her research.}*



This month we will be highlighting **George Mason University**. Many members include George Mason in their curriculum vitae. **Paige Epler** earned her BS in Pre-Medical Biology with a minor in Astronomy; she is currently pursuing a graduate degree there. **Pam Epler** received her MEd in Administration & Supervision; she is currently working on her PhD in Education Policy. **Susan Farmer** received her EdS in Administration while teaching Science in PWC. **Sandy Lawrence** has her MS degree in Information Systems that she has used in her "third career" after teaching and the Navy. **Katherine Nelson-Tracey** earned her MA in Choral Conducting from GMU. And, **Eileen Thrall**

earned her BS in Business Administration. That makes six and there are more members who have taken classes toward personal interest and other degrees.

George Mason University is the largest public research university in Virginia. The university was founded as a branch of the University of Virginia in 1949. The extension center offered both for credit and non-credit informal classes in the evenings at Washington-Lee High School in Arlington; schools in Alexandria, Fairfax, and Prince William; at federal buildings, at churches, at the Virginia Theological Seminary, at Marine Corps Base Quantico, and even in a few private homes. A resolution of the Virginia General Assembly in January 1956 changed the extension center into University College, the Northern Virginia branch of the University of Virginia. Seventeen freshmen students attended classes in a small renovated elementary school building in Bailey's Crossroads starting in September 1957.

In 1958 University College became George Mason College. The City of Fairfax purchased and donated 150 acres of land just south of the city limits to the University of Virginia for the college's new site, which is now referred to as the Fairfax Campus. In 1959, the Board of Visitors of the University of Virginia selected a permanent name for the college: George Mason College of the University of Virginia. In the fall of 1964 the new campus welcomed 356 students.

During the 1966 Session of the Virginia General Assembly with the backing of the University of Virginia, George Mason College became a four-year institution making it a degree-granting institution. During that same year, the local jurisdictions of Fairfax County, Arlington County, and the cities of Alexandria and Falls Church to appropriate \$3 million to purchase land adjacent to Mason to provide for a 600-acre campus with the intention that the institution would expand into a regional university of major proportions, including the granting of graduate degrees.

It became an independent institution in 1972. Mason faculty have twice won the Nobel Memorial Prize in Economics and three have won Pulitzer prizes. The Science and Technology campus opened in 1997 as the Prince William campus in Manassas. More than 4,000 students are enrolled in classes there in bioinformatics, biotechnology, information technology, and forensic biosciences educational and research programs. There are undergraduate programs in health, fitness and recreation, and graduate programs in exercise, fitness, health, geographic information systems, and facility management. The 1,123-seat Merchant Hall and the 300-seat Gregory Family Theater in the Hylton Performing Arts Center opened in 2010. 🎵 *Susan performs there with Manassas Symphony Orchestra & Old Bridge Chamber Orchestra.*

The 110,000-square-foot Freedom Aquatic and Fitness Center is operated by the Mason Enterprise Center. The Mason Center for Team and Organizational Learning stylized as EDGE is an experiential education facility open to the public. The Sports Medicine Assessment Research and Testing lab stylized as SMART Lab is located within the Freedom center - most known for its concussion research. On April 23, 2015 the campus was renamed the Science and Technology Campus.

Faculty & Alumni include:

Martin Sherwin, Pulitzer Prize winner for his biography of Robert Oppenheimer; Roger Wilkins, Pulitzer Prize winner for coverage of the Watergate scandal along with Bob Woodward and Carl Bernstein; and Steven Pearlstein, Pulitzer Prize winner for Commentary;

Bill Murray, comedian & actor; Angela Orebaugh, cyber security technologist and professor; Susan Hirsch, Professor of Conflict Resolution & Anthropology; Genevieve Grotjan Feinstein, mathematician & cryptanalyst;

Teresa J. Domzal, dean of the School of Business; Deborah Platt Majoras, former chairman of the Federal Trade Commission;

Steve Ricchetti, served as White House Deputy Chief of Staff in the Clinton administration; counselor to Vice President Joe Biden;

Chuck Robb, former Governor of Virginia; former U.S. Senator; Anna E. Cabral, Treasurer of the United States; Kyndra Miller Rotunda, Army JAG officer; Zainab Salbi, President, Women for Women International; Denise Bode, energy expert, member of George W. Bush's Team; Hala Gorani, news anchor, CNN International; Kathleen L. Casey, Commissioner of the U.S. Securities and Exchange Commission; Sandra Cauffman and William P. Winfree, NASA; Deborah Hersman, National Transportation Safety Board; Bethany Hall-Long, Lieutenant Governor of Delaware; Kaye Kory, Virginia House Delegate; Cathy Hudgins, member of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors; Sherri Kraham, deputy VP at the Millennium Challenge Corporation; Sharon Creech, novelist; Chad Ford, sports journalist and founder of ESPN Insider; Angie Goff, news anchor, NBC 4 Washington WRC-TV; Carolyn Kreiter-Foronda, Poet Laureate of Virginia; Rebecca Cardon, actress; Jennifer Derevjanik, basketball player; Murielle Ahouré, NCAA Indoor Track and Field Championships All-American- 60-meter dash; Terri Dendy, Olympic track & field; Nikki Hornsby, singer, songwriter, musician, recording artist, founder of CJP-NH Records; Jennifer Pitts, Miss Virginia USA; Kate Ziegler, world record distance swimmer; Anousheh Ansari, space tourist; Sandy Antunes, astronomer; Victoria Stiles, makeup artist; Jennifer Pitts, Miss Virginia, Miss Virginia USA

## **Events & Leadership Matters for the Northern District**

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

**Tuesday, November 14, 2017, McLean ~ Presented by McLean AAUW**

**Panel Included:**

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

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

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

Lee and Karen attended this program on our behalf to bring our branch another perspective on this issue.

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Northern District Co-Representatives



## December Highlights in Women's History

- 1, 1955 – Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person
- 5, 1935 – Mary McLeod Bethune creates the National Council of Negro Women
- 7, 1941 – Capt. Annie Fox receives the first Purple Heart awarded to a woman for her service while under attack at Pearl Harbor
- 10, 1869 – Wyoming- 1<sup>st</sup> territory to give women the right to vote and 1938 – Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for literature
- 14, 1961 – President's Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and 1985 – Wilma Mankiller is sworn in as chief of the Cherokee Nation of Oklahoma: 1<sup>st</sup> woman in modern history to lead a major tribe
- 17, 1993 – Judith Rodin is named president of Univ. of Pennsylvania, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution
- 28, 1967 – Muriel Siebert becomes the first woman to own a seat on the N.Y. Stock Exchange

## December Birthdays

- 1, 1893 (1981) – Dorothy Detzer, worked at Hull House where she investigated child labor infringements for several years, national secretary of Women's International League for Peace and Freedom (1924-46) where she became known as the "Lady Lobbyist" in Congress, respected for her research and integrity – no personal favors, private dinners or backroom deals
- 2, 1886 (1976) – Josephine Roche, after gaining control of her late father's Colorado coal mine operation in 1927, invited the United Mine Workers to organize workers and get contracts, supervised the Public Health Service as part of FDR's administration, made recommendations for 1935 Social Security and tried to encourage universal health coverage, named one of 10 outstanding women in the U.S. in 1936
- 3, 1842 (1911) – Ellen Swallow Richards, first woman to graduate from MIT (1873), recognized as the creator of the fields of ecology and home economics, co-founder of the Association of Collegiate Alumnae, which became the American Association of University Women.
- 6, 1815 (1884) – Jane Swisshelm, suffragist, wrote articles for local papers against slavery, for women's rights, and against legal inequities, led to close friendship with Mary Todd Lincoln and 1927 (2002) – Patsy Mink, first Japanese-American Congresswoman, wrote the Women's Educational Equity Act, played a key role in the enactment of Title IX- renamed posthumously "Patsy Takemoto Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act"
- 8, 1919 (1985) – Julia Robinson, her logic and number theory resulted in theorems she discovered solving Hilbert's Tenth Problem about 1970, assumed the presidency of the American Mathematical Society, elected to the American Academy of Arts and Sciences
- 9, 1906 (1997) – Esther Peterson, as head of the Commission on the Status of Women was the most powerful woman in the Kennedy administration, fought for women's rights, especially improvements in working women's conditions, awarded the Medal of Freedom from President Carter and 1906 (1992) – Rear Admiral Grace Murray Hopper, pioneering computer scientist who invented the compiler and co-invented COBOL computer language
- 10, 1830 (1886) – Emily Dickinson, one of America's most famous and prolific poets
- 11, 1892 (1982) – Harriet Adams, after the death of her father, who had syndicated the publishing of juvenile books, with her sister continued his practice with many titles in the Nancy Drew series which were plotted and then written by ghost writers
- 13, 1903 (1986) – Ella Baker, organizer, tried to develop local leaders for civil rights campaigns but found male leaders in the NAACP quite unwilling to delegate power, helped lead the Southern Christian Leadership Conference until Dr. King took over, worked with the Mississippi Freedom Democratic Party
- 14, 1897 (1995) – Margaret Chase Smith, first woman elected to both houses of Congress (R-ME), 8 years- House & 24- Senate, 1<sup>st</sup> in Senate to challenge Senator Joseph McCarthy's anti-communist crusade and 1955, Jill Pipher, president of the Association of Women in Mathematics
- 16, 1844 (1928) – Fanny Garrison Villard, suffragist and philanthropist and 1901 (1978) – Margaret Mead, cultural anthropologist
- 21, 1959 (1998) – Florence Griffith Joyner, Olympic track and field champion, won 3 gold medals and 1 silver at 1988 games
- 22, 1912 (2007) – First Lady Claudia "Lady Bird" Taylor Johnson, advocate for civil rights, National Chair of Head Start, led "Beautification" efforts
- 23, 1867 (1919) – Sarah "Madam C. J." Walker, entrepreneur and philanthropist, 1<sup>st</sup> woman & 1<sup>st</sup> African American woman self-made millionaire and 1912 (1998) – Anna Jane Harrison, chemistry professor at Mount Holyoke College, continued research on ultraviolet spectroscopy and increased public understanding of the impact of science and technology, first president of the American Chemical Society (1987) *{note to "our" Andrea Brothers ☺}*
- 24, 1951 (1998) – Marsha Gomez, activist, used pottery and sculpture from her Choctaw ancestry to teach & demand rights for indigenous women
- 25, 1821 (1912) – Clara Barton, founder and president of American Red Cross, 1881-1904
- 26, 1954 (2006) – Susan Butcher, sled dog racer, 4-time winner of the Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Race
- 27, 1930 (1999) – Mary Ellen (Meg) Greenfield, named editorial editor at "Washington Post" in 1979 after winning a Pulitzer Prize, penned commentaries on civil rights, integration, nuclear arms and the military establishment
- 29, 1937 (1990) – Thea Bowman, 1<sup>st</sup> black Catholic nun to join white Franciscan Sisters in the 60s, worked with issues of racial inequality

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

<b>January 21, 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>April</b>	<b>“Equal Pay” Day indicating when women in the United States “catch up” from the year before to earn the equal salary of their male co-workers for the SAME job</b>
<b>May 20, 2018</b>	<b>Spring Brunch @ Susan’s Manassas Home</b>



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