

**EVENTS**

<b>January 6, 2018</b> <i>Saturday</i>	<b>Public Hearing for Residents of Prince William, Manassas, &amp; Manassas Park with Joint State Delegation of Legislators</b> <i>McCoart Building, County Complex</i>	<b>1-4 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 11, 2018</b> <i>Thursday</i>	<b>Branch Board Meeting</b> <i>Wegman's, Woodbridge</i>	<b>7 pm</b>
<b>January 21, 2018</b> <i>Sunday</i>	<b>Movie Day – “Hidden Figures” @ Ali's Home Theatre</b> <i>RSVP for directions ☺</i>	<b>1 pm</b>

**Co-Presidents' Message**

We both wish you a happy new year and look forward to seeing many of you at our next branch program at Ali's "Home Theatre" on January 21<sup>st</sup>. As you read the calendar's events and the report on the League of Women Voters panel from December 6<sup>th</sup>, please consider supporting civic activities this coming Saturday. Please plan to support our branch's March activities- judging the Science Fair and/or helping with the 28<sup>th</sup> annual SUCCESS! Conference. We both have supported both for many years as judges and volunteers with registration for conference- it's so rewarding to witness the future scientists, mathematicians, technologists, engineers, artists, and empowering young women.



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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. 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's. Dr. Darden will be a speaker at the VA AAUW state conference in April. All good networking, don't you think?

Please join us for this annual branch event! Please RSVP by Friday, January 19<sup>th</sup> to Ali- [ali.cohen@verizon.net](mailto:ali.cohen@verizon.net) or just reply to the email which had this newsletter attached. ☺

## **Book Club Uno & Interesting Book News**

Our next Book Club Uno meeting will be Monday, January 8, 2018, at 6 pm starting 2018 with a new day and time. We will meet at Panera's in "The Glen" in Lake Ridge. Karen, 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.

From "The Ten Best Children's Books of 2017" by Megan Gambino on [www.smithsonian.com](http://www.smithsonian.com), December 18, 2017:

A healthy crop of empowering books for girls has sprung up in this current political climate, from Chelsea Clinton's *She Persisted* to Vashti Harrison's *Little Leaders*. My favorite is *Goodnight Stories for Rebel Girls 2*. Authors Francesca Cavallo and Elena Favilli raised \$866,193 from more than 15,000 backers on Kickstarter to publish the sequel, smashing the previous crowdfunding record for a children's book set by their original *Rebel Girls*. This installment tells the tales of 100 more women, from Ellen DeGeneres, Sojourner Truth and Nefertiti to a lesser-known ice diver, a mail carrier and an eagle huntress, all illustrated by women, of course.

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## **STEM NEWS**

### **On "Science Day in Congress", House Passes Three Bi-Partisan STEM Bills Affecting Veterans, Women, and Early Learners**

**December 19, 2017 from US Department of Education/STEM Coalition**

December 16, 2017, on what House Science, Space, and Technology (SST) Committee Chairman Lamar Smith (R-TX) declared "Science Day in Congress", the House passed three bi-partisan pieces of STEM legislation. The package of STEM bills had been approved by the committee in the last month. H.R. 4375, the STEM Research and Education Effectiveness and Transparency Act passed yesterday while H.R. 4323, the Supporting Veterans in STEM Careers Act and H.R. 4254, the Women in Aerospace Education Act were voted on but won't officially pass till today. The Coalition was active in the mark-up process of these bills in committee, offering feedback and the final language reflected that input, especially as it relates to utilizing a broad application of the term STEM education, rather than focusing in certain specific fields with different student populations.

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

### **Local – Public Hearing**

On **Saturday, January 6<sup>th</sup>**, all Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park residents are invited to a public hearing at the McCoart Building at County Complex Court from 1-4 pm. From State Senator, Jeremy McPike, “My colleagues and I are holding a joint Public Hearing before the General Assembly's 2018 Legislative Session for residents to address their state representatives on issues that concern them.”

In order to hear from as many residents as possible, we ask that all participants respect the following guidelines:

Please speak for no more than three minutes

Please sign up to speak only once

Each organization can have up to two speakers

Participants should bring 15 copies of any materials they wish to distribute

If you are interested in addressing the state delegation regarding your concerns for the General Assembly Session, please sign up at this link: **PUBLIC HEARING SIGN-UP SHEET**

Please let members of our Woodbridge Branch's Board (in the “sent to” line of the newsletter email) if you plan to attend. As an organization, we can have two speakers.

**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 encourage our BOCS to support the resolution.

### **Regional and State**

#### **Virginia League of Women Voters Roundtable**

Several AAUW members attended the VA LWV sponsored meeting of coalition partners on December 6. Some highlights of the panelists included:

**Ric Brown**, Commonwealth of Virginia Secretary of Finance:

Comments: The VA budget depends on many factors – national situations and legislation: the economy; federal actions. The results of the federal tax bill will have an impact. The federal CHIP program (Children's Health Insurance Program) funding expired two months ago. It was widely hoped that Congress would provide a bipartisan agreement to extend CHIP funding but that has stalled. Without matching federal funds some states are having to make deep cuts to their CHIP program. Virginia is one of those states. This has a profound effect on some of our most vulnerable citizens.

**Leslie Tourigny**, AAUW of VA Vice President for Public Policy

AAUW has been researching pay equity since 1894. At the current progression rate we will achieve pay equity in 2119. A federal bill, the Pay Equity for All Act, amends the Fair Labor Standards Act of 1938 to make it an unlawful practice for an employer to: screen prospective employees based on their previous wages or salary histories; seek the previous wages or salary history of any prospective employee from any current or former employer of such employee; provides sanctions for retaliation against potential employees who choose to not give salary histories. This bill is meant to have candidates judged on their qualifications, experience and education – not on what they earned in their previous job.

**Gary Ellis**, – Director of Department of Voter Registration:

Registration in future – goal is to go paperless in future with on line registration. Folks seem more willing to put their personal information – including their SS# - in the computer themselves than give it to someone they don't know outside a grocery store or a library.

**Brian Cannon**, *One Virginia 2021*:

Redistricting is their focus – coming in 2019. The Bethune-Hill vs. VA Board of Elections is a gerrymandering case involving 11 districts in Virginia. It was heard by the Supreme Court of the US which said, “The judgment of the District Court is affirmed in part and vacated in part. The case is remanded for further proceedings consistent with this opinion.” A decision is expected soon. Interesting, in depth information about the case is found on:

<http://www.scotusblog.com/case-files/cases/bethune-hill-v-virginia-state-board-of-elections/>

**Candice Graham**, ERA/Women-Matter: Women-Matter.org

Nevada ratified the ERA this year. AAUW is collaborating with the VA effort. The ERA bill has been introduced in the Virginia legislature many times and has been passed by the Senate 5 times only to be stalled by the House. The VA ERA movement has put out a post card with this message: “Nevada just ratified the Equal Right's Amendment March 22, 2017. Two to go until gender equality is a Constitutional right!



## National

### December 15, 2017

This week marked an important anniversary in women's history. On December 13, 1923, the [Equal Rights Amendment \(ERA\)](#) was [introduced](#) for the first time in the U.S. House of Representatives. The bill was reintroduced every Congress until its passage in 1972. The proposed constitutional amendment [required](#) three-fifths of all states to ratify the amendment before fully implementing the ERA. State legislatures were given until 1979 to ratify the amendment, and Congress later extended the ratification deadline to 1982. By the time the final deadline passed in 1982, 35 states had approved the ERA—three states [short of ratification](#). It's been 94 years since the ERA was first introduced in the House, and women still don't have equal rights under the constitution. But there's good news—in March, Nevada became the first state in 40 years to [ratify](#) the ERA, renewing interest in the issue. The ERA would clarify, once and for all, that sex discrimination is a violation of our constitutional rights as Americans.

**AAUW** promotes equitable political participation and representation in appointed and elected office; to be truly representative, our governing bodies should reflect our population. AAUW of Utah is collaborating on a program called Real Women Run to [host](#) several upcoming events aimed at increasing women's representation in political leadership. We applaud these nonpartisan efforts, and hope they'll help in our goal of creating a diverse culture of involvement, respect, inclusion, and connection, where the richness of ideas, backgrounds, and perspectives is fully appreciated and utilized.

### December 8, 2017

This week was Computer Science Education Week (December 4-10) and was dedicated to inspiring students to take interest in computer science. As opportunities to study and work in [science, technology, engineering, and math \(STEM\)](#) have increased, women have made impressive gains in many fields, particularly biological, environmental, and chemical/material sciences. But despite this progress, women continue to lag in key fields like engineering and computer science. AAUW's research report, *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*, found that the number of women in computing decreased from 35 percent in 1990 to just 26 percent in 2013. In recognition of Computer Science Education Week, AAUW announced the release of our new cyber security curriculum for middle-school girls: [STEMpack: Cyber Security](#). This curriculum, made possible through a partnership with cyber security company Symantec, is intended for a classroom setting and includes robust lessons that cover the origins of the internet, binary code, an introduction to programming languages and coding, deconstructing a computer, and more. Through this STEMpack, not only do students tackle cutting-edge coursework, but they also remain inspired to pursue their STEM passions long after the lessons are finished. We can't wait to see the amazing things the next generation of computer scientists will achieve, especially if we continue to break down barriers that prevent girls from pursuing careers in STEM.

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## **GENDER EQUITY in WOMEN'S HEALTH ISSUES?**

A recent [Pew Research Center study](#) on how society views gender differences confirmed that Americans place a **high value on attractiveness for women, while valuing leadership and ambition for men**. Only 9 percent of respondents valued ambition and leadership in women; in fact, 28 percent of respondents volunteered that ambition, leadership and assertiveness are traits that women *should not* have.



## Updates from Our Treasurer & Membership VP

Our former member, **Dana Holladay-Hollifield**, advocate for public school nurses, has moved to Alabama after her husband retired from the military. "Thank you for reaching out to me. Peace, Dana". Dana supported the SUCCESS! Conference through her daughter's Girl Scout troop during the years she was a branch member.

Many of you may have met another new member, **Marlo Watson**, at Joyce's spring luncheon and our December dinner. Born and raised in Chattanooga, Tennessee, Marlo earned her Bachelor's degree in Organizational Management from Covenant College in Georgia and soon after was the executive director for Communities in Schools. While working toward her Master's in Administration from Central Michigan University, Marlo was the director of adult and workforce development with Northeast Kingdom Learning Services. She moved on to become the contracts and grants coordinator at the University of Alabama in Huntsville and earning a graduate certificate in human resource management, too. From 2007-2010, Marlo was a Transportation Security Administration Contractor- as a human resource specialist and a senior staffing specialist for the TSA. She established her "The Marlo Company, Inc." delivering a variety of training including: diversity, conflict resolution, team, and facilitation. For Prince William County Schools, Marlo was a substitute teacher in speech and theater arts for two years, applying her skills that have helped her company flourish. Her job with the PWC Service Authority as a community relations and outreach manager connected her with Joyce Eagles and Joyce connected her to us.

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### DECEMBER DINNER @ The Occoquan Inn

On **Tuesday, December 6, 2017**, we had our annual holiday dinner at the Occoquan Inn. The ambiance was exquisite, the conversations delightful, the gifting fun, the meal delectable, making bunny napkins for smiles, and the evening memorable. Going from the head of the table around to our co-presidents- Lee, Joyce, Marlo, Susan, Betty, Eileen, Ali, Suzanne, Barbara, Sandy, Jennie, John, and Barbara- we spent three hours hosted by the restaurant owner, chef, and server. We raised \$80 for AAUW's Education Foundation, too. Check out the photos captured by Lee and Ali.



## **28<sup>th</sup> Annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!” Conference’ Dedications**

Since 1991, Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park has celebrated the championing of gender equity with the SUCCESS! Conference. This year it will be held on Saturday, March 17<sup>th</sup>, again at Marsteller Middle School in Bristow. We plan to include an Irish green theme as what would have been my mom’s 90 birthday year; but also we have a dedication to a friend and supporter of the conference’s goals. Venus Miller also was a champion of ACTS, like our dear Sara Anderson.



Ervinia “**Venus**” **Hart Miller** of Roanoke Rapids passed away on Thursday, Nov. 30, 2017, at the graceful age of 71 surrounded by her family and friends. Venus was born on Aug. 9, 1946, in Portsmouth. She graduated from Norfolk State College in 1968 with a degree in Sociology. She earned her Master’s Degree in Education Counseling from Boston University in Germany. She also attended Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University and received her Certificate of Advance Graduate Studies.

In the summer of 1975, Venus accepted employment at **Northern Virginia Community College** as Counselor/Student Activities Coordinator; she joined a team of all male counselors and became the first female counselor and the first Student Activities Coordinator hired at the **Woodbridge Campus**. Venus was always breaking new ground and raising the bar of excellence in education. Not only did she serve as a counselor for several years, but she also served as Lead Counselor for five years, Financial Aid Counselor for more than 13 years, Acting Director of Continuing Education for 10 months, and Acting Dean of Student Development for a year. She served for more than six years as the Dean of Students. In 2005, she accepted the challenge to serve as Acting Associate Vice President for Student Services and Enrollment Management at NVCC. Venus worked at NOVA in student services in various capacities from 1975-2006, when she retired.

There was no mountain she could not climb when she set her mind and sights on a goal. Highly accomplished in her career, she still managed to have time for her community, church and to help others. Venus was very active and served on numerous boards and committees in both Woodbridge and Roanoke Rapids. Her long-term services were to Mount Olive Baptist Church for more than 40 years, Action in the Community through Service (ACTS) for 24 years, and her sorority, Alpha Kappa Alpha, for more than 35 years. Venus and Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority have been supporters and a sponsor of the SUCCESS! Conference through the 1990s and early 2000s.

## **Legal Advocacy Updates from AAUW**

### **More Than Money, More Than Words**

Emotional and moral support are additional components of the LAF legal case support program. Our LAF committee and AAUW members become like family to LAF plaintiffs as they pursue costly and time-consuming litigation.

On December 12, 2017, AAUW members and LAF Program Manager Ebonee Avery-Washington, J.D., stood with [LAF plaintiff Aileen Rizo](#) at the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Ninth Circuit as her petition concerning the permissibility of using prior salary alone to calculate current wages under the Equal Pay Act was [reheard by the full panel of judges](#). During the hearing, the judges asked questions of both sets of counsel designed to determine what role, if any, prior salary should play in determining current salary.

Hearings like these are guided by civil procedure, which outlines the rules and traditions of American jurisprudence. In keeping with that tradition, AAUW has stood with many LAF plaintiffs throughout the years at critical stages in their cases. As we await a decision in the Rizo case, we will keep standing for the issues that affect these cases and for our brave plaintiffs.

## OUR ISSUES IN PRINT – 21<sup>st</sup> CENTURY STYLE



Late Monday night December 11<sup>th</sup>, Merriam-Webster announced its pick for 2017's word of the year: Feminism. "2017 saw both a sustained rise in 'feminism' lookups and a number of event-driven spikes," the dictionary's official Twitter account shared.

"'Feminism' is our #WordOfTheYear."

According to Merriam-Webster.com, searches for the term spiked at several key moments throughout the year, beginning with the Women's March on Washington, DC in January – as well as

other related marches held concurrently around the globe – and then again with "follow-up discussions regarding whether the march was feminist, and what kind of feminism was represented by organizers and attendees." Our Sandy Lawrence and other northern district AAUW members were part of this march.

Users also searched the term when Kellyanne Conway said during an interview that she didn't consider herself a feminist, and then again with the release of empowering TV series and films, including *The Handmaid's Tale* and *Wonder Woman*. In recent months, "feminism" has also taken the form of the #MeToo movement, with women coming forward with their stories of sexual misconduct and assault, calling out men in power like Harvey Weinstein, Louis CK, Matt Lauer, Charlie Rose and President Trump for their alleged behavior.

"'Feminism' was looked up 70% more in 2017 than in 2016. And it was looked up a ton in 2016," the Merriam-Webster Twitter account tweeted. Peter Sokolowski, Editor at Large for Merriam-Webster, said in a statement that "no one word can encapsulate all the news, events, or stories of a given year. But when we look back at the past twelve months and combine an analysis of words that have been looked up much more frequently than during the previous year along with instances of intense spikes of interest because of news events, we see that one word stands out in both categories." {*Rolling Stone* 12/12/2017}



The faces of five women, including celebrities Taylor Swift and Ashley Judd, appear on **TIME's 2017 Person of the Year cover**, representing the "The Silence Breakers" — the thousands of people across the world who have come forward with their experiences of sexual harassment and assault.

But on the lower right-hand corner of the cover, there's simply an arm, cropped at the shoulder. It belongs to an anonymous young hospital worker from Texas — a sexual harassment victim who fears that disclosing her identity would negatively impact her family. She is faceless on the cover and remains nameless inside TIME's red borders, but her appearance is an act of solidarity, representing all those who are not yet able to come forward and reveal their identities. {*Time*, by Melissa Chan, 12/6/2017}

*{Editor's notes- both of the above excerpted articles' information were also included in AAUW's updates.... }*





## Our Member Spotlight



This month we are highlighting Hunter College in New York, the alma mater of our new branch member, **Lillian Orlich**. The college, located in the heart of Manhattan, is the largest college in the City University of New York (CUNY). Founded in 1870, it is also one of the oldest public colleges in the country. More than 23,000 students currently attend Hunter, pursuing undergraduate and graduate degrees in more than 170 areas of study. Hunter's student body is as diverse as New York City itself. For more than 140 years, Hunter has provided educational opportunities for women and minorities, and today, students from every walk of life and every corner of the world attend Hunter. Hunter offers master's programs in nursing, nutrition, biomedical laboratory management, accounting, education, speech-language pathology and all the liberal arts, plus a number of accelerated and advanced certificate programs. Talented students from around the world apply to Hunter's master's programs in the fine arts, including creative writing, studio art, integrated media arts and playwriting. Hunter became a PhD-granting institution in 2008, when it was authorized to offer, jointly with the CUNY Graduate Center, doctoral degrees in biology, biochemistry, and physics. The alumni roster includes the following:

***Nobel laureates:*** Gertrude B. Elion - 1988, Medicine; Rosalyn Sussman Yalow - 1977, Medicine

***Pulitzer Prize winners:*** Holland Cotter; Emily Grenauer; Ada Louise Huxtable; Liu Heung Sheng; James Wright

***National Medal of Science winners:*** Mildred Cohn; Mildred Dresselhaus

***Presidential Medal of Freedom winner:*** Antonia Pantoja – activist

***Others:*** Patricia Bath – ophthalmologist; Marjorie Clarke - environmental scientist; Mary P. Dolciani – mathematician; Erich Jarvis – neurologist; Esther Lederberg - pioneer of bacterial genetics; Lena Levine - psychiatrist, gynecologist, pioneer of marriage counseling and birth control; Beatrice Mintz - pioneer of mammalian transgenesis; Arlie Petters - pioneer of gravitational lensing; Mina Rees - mathematician, President of the American Association for the Advancement of Science; Gillian Reynolds- third African American woman to earn a Ph.D. in Physics from M.I.T. ; Ruth Teitelbaum -ENIAC programmer; Mollie Orshansky - developer of the Orshansky Poverty Thresholds, the main poverty measure in the US; Sylvia Field Porter - economist and journalist; Bella Abzug; Floria Lasky; Soia Mentschikoff - chief developer of the Uniform Commercial Code and first woman to teach at Harvard Law School; Norma Becker - anti-war activist; Madeleine Cosman - health care and immigration advocate; Theodora Lacey - civil rights activist; Antonia Pantoja - activist, Presidential Medal of Freedom winner; Mamphela Ramphele - Rockefeller Foundation trustee, anti-apartheid activist; Sandra Schnur - pioneer of disability rights; Judith Vladeck - labor lawyer and civil rights advocate; Grace Andreacchi – writer; Helen Gray Cone – poet; Lucy Dawidowicz – author; Colette Inez - poet, academic; Malka Lee – poet; Barbara McMartin - environmental writer; Sylvia Field Porter - economist, journalist; Sonia Sanchez – poet; Joan Wolf - writer of romance novels; Ricky Anne Loew-Beer - Author, Artist & Photographer (married to fashion designer Ralph Lauren); Ellen Barkin – actress; Ed Burns - actor, director; Eva Condon - Broadway actress; Judith Crist - film critic; Ruby Dee – actress; Vin Diesel – actor; Hugh Downs - broadcaster, *20/20* and *The Today Show* anchor; Tina Howe - Tony-nominated playwright; Suzanne Kaaren – actress; Evelyn Lear - opera singer; Natasha Leggero - actress and comic; Julianne Nicholson – actress; Rhea Perlman – actress; Dascha Polanco – actress; Esther Rolle – actress; Regina Resnik - opera singer; Robert Altman - *Rolling Stone* photojournalist; Jacqueline Donachie – artist; Mildred Dresselhaus – engineer; Echo Eggebrecht – painter; Kathleen Kucka – painter; Ashley Choi - lead singer of the band Ladies' Code; Soia Mentschikoff - chief developer of the Uniform Commercial Code and first woman to teach at Harvard; Kay Toliver - mathematics educator



### January Highlights in Women's History

- 3, 1949** – Margaret Chase Smith started her tenure in the Senate, where she stayed in office until 1973, becoming the first woman to serve in both the House and Senate as she previously served in the House (1940-49)
- 5, 1925** – Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history as the governor of Wyoming
- 7, 1896** – Fanny Farmer's first cookbook is published in which she standardized cooking measurements and **1955** – Marian Anderson was the first African American woman to sing at the Metropolitan Opera
- 8, 1977** – Pauli Murray is ordained as the first female African American Episcopal priest
- 11, 1935** – Amelia Earhart makes the first solo flight from Hawaii to North America
- 12, 1932** – Hattie Wyatt Caraway is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate, becomes the first woman to chair a Senate Committee and the first to serve as the Senate's presiding officer
- 25, 1980** – Mary Decker became the first woman to run a mile under 4 1/2 minutes, running it at 4:17.55
- 29, 1926** – Violette Neatly Anderson is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court

### January Birthdays

- 2, 1895 (1989)** – Sadie Alexander, first black woman to edit the University of Pennsylvania Law Review, helped craft state civil rights act, desegregated Washington National Airport in late 1940s, worked with the Urban League and ACLU
- 2, 1895 (1977)** – Edith Jackson, pediatrician and psychoanalyst at St. Elizabeth's Hospital beginning in 1929, worked on prevention and treatment of child abuse and **1919 (1979)** – Beatrice Hicks, engineer, worked on design, production and testing of quartz crystal oscillators during World War II, chaired the First International Conference of Women Engineers and Scientists in New York (1964)
- 3, 1793 (1880)** – Lucretia Mott, women's rights pioneer, Quaker minister, pacifist and **1916 (1994)** – Betty Furness, television reporter for Westinghouse during the 1950s and 60s, consumer affairs advocate in the Johnson
- 4, 1892 (1982)** – Helen Hull, director of Henry Street Settlement House, appointed by FDR to Committee on Economic Security which created Social Security Act of 1935 and Unemployment Compensation and **1943** – Doris Kearns Goodwin, historian
- 5, 1893 (1980)** – Sigrid Schultz, war correspondent for the Chicago Tribune who interviewed Hitler, reported on German-Russian non-aggression pact, wrote articles on German concentration camps and **1895 (1981)** – Rebecca Lancefield, pioneer microbiologist, overcame sexism, published effects of streptococcal infections in army in Texas (1919), president of Society of American Bacteriologist (1943), elected to the National Academy of Sciences (1970) and **1901 (1991)** – Aryness Wickens, statistician
- 8, 1867 (1961)** – Emily Greene Balch, economist and sociologist, co-founder of the Women's International League for Peace and Freedom with Jane Addams and others (1919), awarded the Nobel Peace Prize in 1946, shared with John Mott
- 9, 1859 (1947)** – Carrie Chapman Catt, nationally recognized woman suffrage leader, led suffragists to victory in 1920 as president of the National American Woman Suffrage Association and **1897 (1994)** – Felisa Rincon De Gautier, Mayor of San Juan from 1946 until 1969, encouraged women to participate in the economy and **1941** – Joan Baez, folk singer and songwriter, human/civil rights activist
- 10, 1863 (1934)** – Katharine Gibbs, "Young women have to be trained beyond the technical to act as a personal representative, to display initiative, and to assume larger responsibilities." and **1898 (1979)** – Katharine Blodgett, physicist and inventor, first woman research scientist for General Electric's Schenectady, NY laboratory (1920), first woman awarded a Ph.D. in Physics from the University of Cambridge (1926), received eight U.S. patents, most famously for inventing low-reflectance "invisible" glass
- 11, 1885 (1977)** – Alice Paul, suffrage leader and attorney, founded the National Woman's Party (1916), her innovative nonviolent strategies and political sophistication helped win passage of the 19th Amendment (1920), initiated the campaign for the ERA in 1923
- 12, 1820 (1914)** – Caroline Severance, early suffragist and social reformer, first woman to register to vote in California (1911)
- 15, 1892 (1968)** – Jane Hoey, helped states develop programs of assistance, especially mothers' aid programs
- 16, 1932 (1985)** – Dian Fossey, primatologist and naturalist who studied, lived amongst, and befriended the gorillas of Rwanda
- 17, 1910 (1987)** – Edith Green, served 9 terms in Congress 1954, worked on women's rights, education, and equal pay and **1922** – Betty White, veteran actress and **1939** – Martha Cotera, pioneering Chicana feminist, author of two seminal texts
- 19, 1905 (1995)** – Oveta Culp Hobby, second woman in the U.S. Cabinet (20 years after Frances Perkins), first Secretary of HEW, awarded the Distinguished Medal of Service for her work as Director of the Women's Army Corps (1945) and **1946** – Dolly Parton
- 23, 1902 (1999)** – Lucile Leone, upgraded programs of the U.S. Nurse Corps, which grew to 180,000 by 1948, Assistant Surgeon and **1918 (1999)** – Gertrude Elion, biochemist, one of only 10 women to win the Nobel Prize in Physiology or Medicine (1988)
- 24, 1968** – Mary Lou Retton, first and only American woman to win a gold medal in the All-Around in gymnastics at the Olympics, first woman featured on a Wheaties cereal box
- 26, 1872 (1957)** – Julia Morgan, first licensed female architect in California, innovative architect of Hearst Castle and **1892 (1926)** – Bessie Coleman, first African-American woman in the world to fly a plane and earn an international pilot's license
- 27, 1898 (1995)** – Georgia Clark, first female U.S. Treasurer and **1937 (1997)** – Nancy Dickerson, producer of "Face the Nation" (1960), first woman on NBC to go on assignment worldwide (1986-91) and **1941 (1981)** – Beatrice Tinsley, astronomer, studied how light changes as stars age, found that young galaxies are brighter and bluer
- 28, 1913 (1988)** – Hazel Garland, editor-in-chief, a pioneer in communicating with people of diverse backgrounds and **1941** – Robin Morgan, poet, political theorist, activist, co-founder of the Women's Media Center, edited anthology **Sisterhood is Powerful** in 1970s
- 30, 1890** – Angie Debo, spent lifetime examining historical implications of settlements of Native Americans Indians, wrote **And Still the Waters Run** in 1940 describing the "criminal conspiracy" that defrauded Oklahoma's Five Civilized Tribes of their lands and **1912 (1989)** – Barbara Tuchman, author, historian, awarded the Pulitzer Prize in 1958 for **The Guns of August**

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

### **January 2018**

#### **AAUW Art Contest Opens**

Submit your art to the members-only art contest! The six winning entries will be featured in a collection of note cards mailed to members in the spring.

<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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