

EVENTS

March 3	Northern District Meeting (see update inside)	
March 8	International Women’s Day!	
March 10	Prince William County/Manassas Regional Science Fair Judging	
March 17	28th Annual “SUCCESS!” Conference	
April 10	Equal Pay Day ~ The Day Women’s Salaries “Catch Up” from 2017	
April 11 <i>Wednesday</i>	Book Club Uno Panera’s at The Glen, Lake Ridge	2 pm
April 14 <i>Saturday</i>	National Women in the Military Museum Arlington- Let’s carpool!	1 pm
April 20-22 Friday – Sunday	Virginia AAUW State Conference Portsmouth	Weekend

Co-Presidents’ Message

For our letter, we are sharing words from National: In a recent conversation, AAUW Board Chair Julia Brown, J.D., emphasized the need for AAUW to pursue three new Rs: recruit, retain, and reclaim. What a wonderful set of goals for AAUW branches and states. You have been busy recruiting new members, but let’s not forget we must constantly engage and retain our current members. Let’s reclaim our place as a community leader and reach out to any members who have drifted. *{Check out all of our activities over these two months to see how involved our Woodbridge Branch is and will be!}*

We joined AAUW to be part of a community that creates impact by identifying and solving problems. AAUW is on the edge of achieving some phenomenal new goals that will move our mission forward by leaps and bounds. Now more than ever the world needs AAUW — and women and girls need you and your fellow members to take the lead, take action, and make an impact!

We are putting together a basket for the LAF raffle at the State Conference April 20-22. Ali, Barbara Blindauer, and Lee have been working on the theme: “The Best of Prince William County”. If you have items contact us!

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Public Policy

Local

Yes, we are continuing to plan for us to earn the Equal Pay Resolution's support by our Prince William County Board of Supervisors soon. Through planning and team efforts, each of the eight supervisors will receive packets and/or meeting with one of our members who live in Prince William County. Please contact Joyce Eagles jeagles2@msn.com and Sandy Lawrence if you would like to join our efforts to encourage our BOCS to support the resolution. At the spring luncheon, members signed up to meet with the supervisor for their district or with one they chose. Joyce and Sandy are updating our resolution, the supervisor that put forth the resolution is on board, and packets of information are being prepared. If you haven't already volunteered to meet with a supervisor, more visits/contacts are even better!

From AAUW's report 3/23: A survey of more than 65,000 full-time physicians by Doximity **found** a 27.7 percent gap between men's and women's earnings in the field. This represents a *growing* pay gap for physicians, as the field's pay gap was 26.5 percent in 2016.

A new **analysis** from Bloomberg reveals that, despite pursuing the same college majors, men and women tend to enter the workforce in different types of jobs. Female graduates are more likely to hold careers that deviate from their field of undergraduate study and that offer lower earning potential. The report offers interactive graphs that examine the differences in occupational paths and wage earnings between men and women from the same academic backgrounds.

Regional and State STATE LOBBY DAY

Branch member Sandy Lawrence was one of the many AAUW of Virginia members who participated in our state lobby Day, February 7 2018. This was our biggest group ever!! Our small army of accomplished advocates descended on the Pocahontas Building, visiting many offices, where we held discussions and left information about the issues important to AAUW and Virginia citizens.



With Lt. Governor Fairfax with Governor Northam
with VA Delegate Hala S. Ayala, 51st District

"In Virginia, nearly 370,000 family households are headed by women.¹² About 24 percent of those families, or 90,206 family households, have incomes that fall below the poverty level.¹³ Eliminating the wage gap would provide much-needed income to women whose wages sustain their households."

National

THE UNIVERSAL DECLARATION OF HUMAN RIGHTS TURNS 70: WHY WE SHOULD ALL #STANDUP4HUMANRIGHTS

Gloria Blackwell, AAUW's senior vice president of fellowships and programs, attended the launch of #StandUp4HumanRights at the United Nations in New York on December 10, 2017. The year 2018 marks 70 years since the Universal Declaration of Human Rights (UDHR) was adopted by the United Nations, and today the global rights of women and girls are being proclaimed in marches, social media campaigns, and legislatures. While the world will

never be free from conflict or violations of human rights, the UDHR set forth a foundation for a more just world “a world in which people are inherently born with dignity and fundamental rights; never had that idea been internationally recognized. Never had a single document been so effective at laying the groundwork for national and international protections against human rights abuses.

The document has stood the test of time and remains relevant in our world today. On December 10, 2017, International Human Rights Day, the United Nations launched a yearlong campaign, #StandUp4HumanRights, to celebrate the declaration’s anniversary and pledge to continue upholding human rights in our everyday lives.

AAUW at the United Nations, Then and Now

AAUW was involved in the crafting of the UDHR and the creation of the United Nations itself from the beginning. Less than two months after the end of World War II in September 1945, 50 nations and 40 organizations, including AAUW under the intrepid leadership of Virginia Gildersleeve, Ph.D., came together to establish the United Nations. This new organization would succeed the League of Nations, an earlier, ineffective version of the UN that failed to prevent the onset of World War II. The drafting committee of the declaration, chaired by Eleanor Roosevelt, worked with the UN Commission on the Status of Women (CSW) and AAUW CSW representatives like Dorothy Kenyon, J.D., to ensure that the rights of women and girls were represented in the document. AAUW is still present at the UN today working to advance the rights of women and girls.

The declaration’s 70th anniversary is an opportunity for us to celebrate the impact of the document and help reaffirm the principles and standards that it set forth. This year, AAUW reaffirms our commitment to upholding human rights by taking the pledge:

- AAUW will respect your rights regardless of who you are. AAUW will uphold your rights even when we disagree with you.
- When anyone’s human rights are denied, everyone’s rights are undermined, so AAUW will STAND UP.
- AAUW will raise our voice. AAUW will take action. AAUW will use our rights to stand up for your rights.



Supreme Court hears arguments in key case for working families - Thousands of working people rallied on the steps of the Supreme Court and around the country on Feb. 26 as the justices heard oral arguments in *Janus v. AFSCME Council 31*, a case with far-reaching implications for working families and the entire labor movement. "The corporate special interests behind this case are dead set on eliminating the rights and freedoms of working people to organize, to negotiate collectively and to have any voice in working to better their lives," said **NEA President Lily Eskelsen García**. "This is a blatant slap in the face of servants who make our communities strong and safe." The Supreme Court is expected to issue a ruling by late June or early July. *{from National Education Association Insider, 3/2018}*

Virginia AAUW had a strong presence at the 2018 March for Women on January 21st, just as we did in 2017!

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VOTE TWICE!

Yes, it's legal—you will be voting twice this spring in AAUW elections, once for Virginia and once for national. So you won't get them mixed up, here's the info you need.

AAUW National Bylaws Amendments

- Watch for *Outlook* in April with the proposed amendments (and your voting number). There are only three, but they are important ones. #1 changes the national board structure to staggered 3-year terms. #2 allows up to 5 non-AAUW members on the 15-member AAUW Board (non-members could serve as officers of the board, including chair). #3 provides opening membership to all who support AAUW's mission. You may see members' comments to these amendments at www.aauw.org; click on bylaws.
- Online voting starts **April 25** and closes **June 9** at 9:00 p.m. ET.
- If you need a paper ballot, request by **May 7** at connect@aauw.org or 202/785-7700.

AAUW of Virginia Voting

- The Spring Virginia *Vision* has the slate of state officers to elect and the proposed 2018-2020 Public Policy Priorities. Any changes to the latter as a result of discussion at the April 20-22 state conference will be emailed to members on April 23.
- Online voting begins **April 24** and concludes on **May 14** at 9:00 p.m.
- Note that there are no paper ballots for Virginia AAUW. Branches are encouraged to provide assistance to members who have no internet access.

And, the Third Time is the Charm:

For our branch, we elect our Program Vice-Chair and our Treasurer, in even years. Our two incumbents in these positions are willing to continue; but, if you are interested, please contact Nominations Committee Chair: Susan-susanmbee@juno.com. We will hold elections at the annual meeting date on May 20th.

VISIT to NATIONAL WOMEN in the MILITARY MUSEUM

On Saturday, April 14th, we are booked at the Women in Military Service for America museum and grounds in Arlington. Here is the link to the site: <https://www.womensmemorial.org/>

Sandy has arranged for a visit including a tour, to the *Women In Military Service For America Memorial* in. The tour and program will begin at 1:00 p.m. Members will be encouraged to leave time to find parking, walking to the visitor's center, and passing through security. A gift shop is on site.

Did you know that March 18-24 was "Women Veterans Week"? It was acknowledged by the Prince William Board of County Supervisors on their March 13th agenda. Here's hoping we can get on their agenda for the Equal Pay Resolution....

Lee is coordinating RSVPs for us; if we have 12 people (which can include family and guests), we may be able to get a limo or car service..... lmvannett@aol.com Please contact Lee by April 11th.

SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS & REPORT:

***in MAY NEWSLETTER in PREPARATION for
MAY LUNCHEON, WHEN THEY JOIN US ☺***

These 17 Inspiring Women Are Getting Their Own Barbie
From Global citizen newsletter, By Chris Gelardi MARCH 6, 2018

Mattel is honoring living legends and historical heroes. Barbie is rolling out two brand-new doll lines to honor real-life inspiring women and celebrate the recent cultural push for women's representation, just in time for International Women's Day on Thursday.

The two series of dolls, the "Shero" line and the "Inspiring Women" line, will honor 17 women and their groundbreaking contributions to science, culture, sports, and history.

The "Shero" line celebrates 14 present-day female role models from around the world, including women like Patty Jenkins, the director of the recent "Wonder Woman" movie and H  l  ne Darroze, a world-renowned French chef. The Shero dolls represent women of a variety of races, ages, and nationalities, many of whom have defied the odds in male-dominated industries.

"Through its Shero program, Barbie honors women who have broken boundaries in their fields and have been an inspiration to the next generation of girls with a one-of-a-kind doll made in their likeness," read a [statement from Mattel](#), the maker of Barbie.

Martyna Wojciechowska, a Polish journalist who has also successfully climbed the seven tallest mountains on earth; Yuan Yan, a ballerina from China; and Lorena Ochoa, a professional golfer from Mexico, are also among the Sheroes.

Some of the women worked in close consultation with Mattel to make their dolls and stories as true-to-life as possible. "My hope is that everything I do helps more people realize they can do anything they put their mind to," Nicola Adams, a British boxing champion and another of the 14 Sheros, told the BBC. "Without my own role models, I wouldn't be where I am today." With its "Inspiring Women" line, Barbie will also be introducing dolls in the likeness of three historical women — Mexican painter Frida Kahlo, Amelia Earhart, who was the first woman to fly across the Atlantic Ocean, and Katherine Johnson, the former African-American NASA mathematician and subject of the movie "Hidden Figures." Each doll will be accompanied by information about its inspiration's life and accomplishments.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING - Saturday, March 3

Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke - Gather at 1:30; Program at 2:00

Four Woodbridge Branch members joined other branches' members for two presentations:

- AAUW staff has reorganized under our new CEO, Kim Churches, with four senior vice presidents: Research & Programs, Communications & Outreach, Public Policy & Research, and Advancement & Partnerships. As the new Senior VP for the latter, Kendra Davis heads up the team for member dues and contributions, major donors, corporate donors, and planned giving. Kendra had some very interesting statistics for us.
- What's the difference between Start Smart and Work Smart? What does it take for a branch to sponsor one of those? How could we work together on these workshops, which facilitate AAUW's major focus on pay equity? Sue Christie started the discussion because the McLean Area Branch has done Work Smart and will soon do Start Smart. Can you imagine the impact of training thousands of women at our local colleges?

We all brought announcements to share.



PLEASE CONSIDER JOINING US IN PORTSMOUTH FOR THE STATE CONFERENCE APRIL 20-22nd.
CHECK OUT THE FLYER AND LINK AT THE END OF THE NEWSLETTER!!

28th Annual "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference – MARCH 17th

Since 1991, Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park has celebrated the championing of gender equity with the SUCCESS! Conference. On Saturday, March 17th, again at Marsteller Middle School in Bristow, 140 girls and 90 of their parents and teachers, joined 22 presenters and volunteers. **Volunteers included: Karen, Lee, Dorothy, Eileen, Sandy, John, Suzanne, and Elaine.** Friday night for set-up, the conference couldn't have gone on without the invaluable help of Karen, John, and Barbara.



Registration with Branch Members & AKA volunteers On to Workshops Toni (Venus' daughter) & AKA Sisters



Adult Workshop on Systems Engineering Chemistry is Fun! Math Origami



Students Encouraged to Shine! Becoming a Doctor! Computer Science Bits



Rocket Launching! Save the Sharks! What a Team We Are!



Beazley is Cool!

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 Conference Coordinator, VP- Membership

WOMEN'S HISTORY Anecdotes

The *National Women's History Project* has as this year's theme, *Nevertheless She Persisted: Honoring Women Who Fight All Forms of Discrimination Against Women* embodies every woman whose tenacity and courage has given them the strength to overcome obstacles and achieve joyful accomplishments. In addition to national and community honorees we recognize the ongoing persistence of our mothers, grandmothers, aunts, sisters and friends. We hope you join us and celebrating all women this month.

Wartime Propaganda Helped Recruit the 'Hidden Army' of Women to Defeat Hitler

BY ALLISON MCNEARNEY // MARCH 23, 2018

... Women increasingly became the target of the government's publicity campaigns. As more men were shipped overseas in an effort to secure a military victory towards the end of the war, more **women were needed on factory floors** to fill the open jobs that fed the industrial war machine supplying the U.S. army. Over **six million women** accepted jobs during World War II, raising their total percentage of the workforce by a **full 10 points**. In the air-force industry alone, women made up 85% of the labor force by 1943. Their impact on the war industry was significant. **According to the Gale Group's** *U.S. History in Context*, It is estimated that women were responsible for the production of "296,429 airplanes, 102,351 tanks and guns, 87,620 warships, 47 tons of artillery ammunition, and 44 billion rounds of small arms ammunition." ... *{Interesting article found by Lee; here's the link:*

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Ladda Tammy Duckworth (born March 12, 1968) is an American politician and retired U.S. Army Lieutenant Colonel, serving as the junior United States Senator for Illinois since 2017. A member of the Democratic Party, she earlier represented Illinois' 8th district for two terms (2013–2017) in the United States House of Representatives. Before election to office, she served as Assistant Secretary for Public and Intergovernmental Affairs in the United States Department of Veterans Affairs (2009-2011), and she was the Director of the Illinois Department of Veterans Affairs (2006-2009). In the 2016 election, Duckworth defeated incumbent Republican Senator Mark Kirk for the seat in the United States Senate. Duckworth was the first Asian American woman elected to Congress in Illinois, the first disabled woman to be elected to Congress, and the first member of Congress born in Thailand. Her father, an American, and her Thai mother were working and living there at the time. Duckworth is the second Asian-American woman serving in the U.S. Senate after Mazie Hirono and next to Kamala Harris.



Women's History month celebrations included the Department of Transportation.

<https://www.fhwa.dot.gov/ohim/wmtrans2.pdf>

Sponsored by the Workhouse Museum and History Committee: "Equal Means Equal: A Women's History Month Special"



March 21st! Not only is it Women's History Month, but today is National Rosie the Riveter Day. What a perfect way to honor the women who entered the workforce during World War II to help build ships and airplanes for the war effort. Acknowledging the important role women played on the home front during World War II, the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives designated the March 21 date as National Rosie the Riveter Day for 2018. You can read more in this excellent article from the *East Bay Times*, "[Richmond: Real-life 'Rosies' honored on National Rosie the Riveter Day](#)".

March 8th: It's tough to pin down exactly when International Women's Day was born, but a key date is 1908. That's when 15,000 women took to the streets of New York City demanding suffrage and better employment rights. After that fateful march, the Socialist Party of America embraced their cause and a year later, a congress of women from 17 countries agreed to a proposal by German social democrat Clara Zetkin to make IWD official. IWD is an official holiday from Afghanistan to Cambodia, and Vietnam to Zambia, but not in the United States.

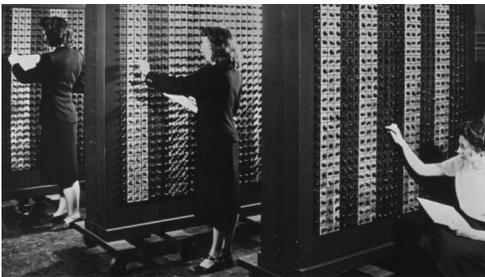
STEM UPDATES

To promote and honor Women in STEM, Rep. Jerry McNerney introduced H.R. 5136, the Getting into Researching, Learning & Studying of STEM (GIRLS-STEM) Act of 2018, that would establish a program at the Department of Education to increase female students' participation through access to STEM education and vocational counseling.

Washington, D.C. – To celebrate Women's History Month and to honor the contributions women have historically made in the fields of science, technology, engineering and mathematics (STEM), Congressman Jerry McNerney (CA-09) introduced a bill to expand opportunities for young women to pursue careers in STEM, and ensure the nation can continue to compete in the global economy. "What better way to commemorate the lives of influential American women, such as Barbara McClintock and Diane Fossey, than putting forth legislation to give other young women and girls the chance to explore the endless opportunities within STEM fields," said Congressman McNerney. "Women make up almost half of the American workforce, but only 24 percent of jobs in STEM fields. It's simple math. When women succeed, we all succeed."

H.R. 5136, the Getting into Researching, Learning & Studying of STEM (GIRLS-STEM) Act of 2018, would establish a program at the Department of Education to increase female students' participation through access to STEM education and vocational counseling. The GIRLS-STEM program would provide grants to local educational agencies to develop plans that would encourage young women to study STEM, educate students' parents about STEM opportunities for their children, provide training and mentoring opportunities for students, and prepare secondary students for college STEM programs.

According to the [U.S. Department of Commerce Economics and Statistics Administration Office of the Chief Economist \(OCE\)](#), overall recipients of undergraduate degrees are roughly the same when it comes to women and men. However, women only account for about 30 percent of all STEM degree holders. Additionally, OCE notes that women with STEM degrees are less likely than their male counterparts to work in a STEM occupation. "In addition to encouraging girls to directly study STEM, the legislation addresses issues in the educational ecosystem which impact the choices they make, such as providing professional development for teachers and counselors that includes eliminating gender bias in the classroom," said Janet Koster, Executive Director and CEO of the Association for Women in Science (AWIS). "Studies repeatedly show that biases in teachers and educational personnel make them less likely to encourage young girls to pursue STEM subjects."



The First 1940s Coders Were Women—So How Did Tech Bros Take Over?
by Becky Little, 9/17/2017 *from The History Channel.com*

Computer operators program ENIAC, the first electronic digital computer. (Credit: Corbis via Getty Images)

The black and white photos showed smartly dressed women deftly configuring wires on an enormous machine—the first general-purpose all-electronic digital computer. When Kathy Kleiman, a computer programmer and historian, came across these pictures, it was clear to her that these young women knew what they were doing. "I had been told they were models," she says. "And of course, they're not." Those women, Kleiman discovered, were the *first* modern computer coders in the U.S. The two men who had designed the computer, called the ENIAC, had been well-known since 1946. Yet for decades, computer historians had no idea who the women in those photos were, and simply assumed that they had nothing to do with the groundbreaking machine. By the time the six female programmers finally received public recognition, most were in their 70s.

LOOKING toward SPRING LUNCHEON



Thirteen branch members and guests enjoyed a wonderful lunch on Saturday, February 10th, at noon! We have been having a social luncheon there for many years now. It's a beautiful setting and the food was delicious! Who would have thought we'd have spring weather and then more winter?!

**Sandy, John, Barbara, Elaine,
Rebecca, Susan, Eileen, Lee & Joyce**



THE OHIO STATE
UNIVERSITY

Our Member Spotlight



Our newest member, **Dr. Rebecca Ann Zurava**, earned her BSEd in English/French Education from The Ohio State University. Founded in 1870 as a land-grant university and ninth university in Ohio with the Morrill Act of 1862, the university was originally known as the Ohio Agricultural and Mechanical College. The college began with a focus on training students in various agricultural and mechanical disciplines but was developed into a comprehensive university under the direction of then Governor (later, President) Rutherford B. Hayes, and in 1878 the Ohio General Assembly passed a law changing the name to "The Ohio State University". It has since grown into the third-largest university campus in the United States.

The university has an extensive student life program, with over 1,000 student organizations; intercollegiate, club and recreational sports programs; student media organizations and publications, fraternities and sororities; and three student governments. Ohio State athletic teams compete in Division I for football of the NCAA and are known as the Ohio State Buckeyes. Athletes from Ohio State have won 100 Olympic medals (44 gold, 35 silver, and 21 bronze). The university is a member of the Big Ten Conference for the majority of sports. The Ohio State men's ice hockey program competes in the Big Ten Conference, while its women's hockey program competes in the Western Collegiate Hockey Association. In addition, the OSU men's volleyball team is a member of the Midwestern Intercollegiate Volleyball Association (MIVA). OSU is one of only 14 universities that plays Division I FBS football and Division I ice hockey.

As of August 2017, the university had awarded a total of 747,216 degrees. Alumni and former students have gone on to prominent careers in government, business, science, medicine, education, sports, and entertainment. They include:

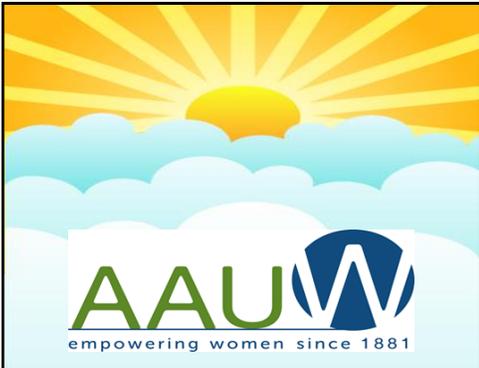
Nobel Laureates: Paul Flory, 1974 in Chemistry; William A. Fowler, 1983 Nobel laureate in Physics and Kenneth G. Wilson, 1982 Nobel laureate in Physics, Leon Cooper, 1972 Nobel laureate in Physics.

Pulitzer Prize Winners: Nick Anderson, Editorial Cartooning 2005; Walt Bogdanich, Specialized Reporting 1988; National Reporting 2005; Investigative Reporting 2008; Julia Keller, Feature Writing 2005; Judith Miller, Explanatory Reporting 2002; Mary Oliver, Poetry 1984.

Academia: Carol Anderson, professor of African American Studies at Emory University; Steve Ballard, Chancellor East Carolina University; Mahzarin Banaji, Richard Clarke Cabot Professor of Social Ethics at Harvard University; Molly Corbett Broad, President of the University of North Carolina System; Neil W. Chamberlain, economist and industrial relations scholar at Yale and Columbia Universities; Helen G. Edmonds, professor of history at North Carolina Central University, first black woman to earn a Ph.D. at Ohio State in 1946;

Judy Hample, President of the University of Mary Washington (B.A.; M.A.; Ph.D.); Arthur M. Schlesinger, Sr., Historian namesake of Schlesinger Library at Harvard University; Gene Sharp, political scientist; founder of the Albert Einstein Institution; his writings on nonviolent revolution have been credited with providing the intellectual underpinnings for democratic movements around the world; Nancy L. Zimpher, Chancellor, State University of New York system.

Arts & Literature: Berenice Abbott, photographer; Lois McMaster Bujold, science fiction; Charles Csuri, artist and scholar; father of digital art and computer animation; Dorothy Canfield Fisher, novelist and education activist (B.A. 1899); Brian Gage, author of satire, fairy tales, and fiction; Jan Groover, photographer noted for her use of emerging color technologies; Chester Himes, writer of hard-boiled detective novels including *Cotton Comes to Harlem*; Adrienne Kennedy, playwright, multiple Obie Award recipient, Guggenheim Fellow; Samella Lewis, artist, printmaker, art historian and scholar of African-American art, first African-American woman to receive a doctorate in fine arts and art history (M.A. 1948 Ph.D. 1951); Roy Lichtenstein, artist; Phil Ochs, 1960s and 70s folk singer, anti-war activist; majored in journalism; R. L. Stine, children's author of *Goosebumps* series; Julia Suits, cartoonist for *The New Yorker* (M.F.A., Sculpture, 1982); James Thurber, author and humorist.



It is time to register the 2018 AAUW of Virginia Conference!
Changing the Climate for Women and Girls
April 20-22, 2018
Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel

HERE IS THE LINK:
<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2018-aauw-of-va-state-conference/>

Location, Location, Location! The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth River flowing between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Two easy blocks away is the downtown area with shops, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride gets you to Norfolk.



What a perfectly perfect location!!

Hotel Reservations 855-214-4563
Group Rate \$129 \$5 per night parking 100% Water view rooms
Indoor pool, whirlpool, sundeck, and complimentary exercise facilities

March-April Highlights in Women's History

March 1, 1978 – Women's History Week is first observed in Sonoma County, California *and* **1987** – Congress passes a resolution designating March as Women's History Month

3, 1913 – Women's Suffrage Parade in Washington, DC, where over 8000 women gathered to demand a constitutional amendment

4, 1917 – Jeannette Rankin (R-MT) took her seat as the first female member of Congress *and* **1933** – Frances Perkins becomes United States Secretary of Labor, the first female member of the United States Cabinet

8 – International Women's Day, whose origins trace to protests in the U.S. and Europe to honor and fight for the political rights for working women

11, 1993 – Janet Reno is confirmed as the first woman U.S. Attorney General

12, 1912 – Juliette Gordon Low assembled 18 girls together in Savannah, Georgia, for the first-ever Girl Scout meeting

13, 1986 – Susan Butcher won the first of 3 straight and 4 total Iditarod Trail Sled Dog Races in Alaska

17, 1910 – Camp Fire Girls is established as the first interracial, non-sectarian American organization for girls

20, 1852 – Harriet Beecher Stowe's novel, "Uncle Tom's Cabin," is published and becomes the best-selling book of the 19th century

31, 1888 – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in the U.S. *and* **1776** – Abigail Adams writes to her husband John who is helping to frame the Declaration of Independence and cautions, "Remember the ladies..."

April 2, 1931 – Jackie Mitchell, the 2nd woman to play baseball in the all-male minor leagues, pitches an exhibition game against the N.Y. Yankees & strikes out both Babe Ruth & Lou Gehrig; the Commissioner voids her contract- baseball was too strenuous for women, ban in effect until 1992!!

7, 1805 – Sacagawea begins helping the Lewis and Clark Expedition as an interpreter *and* **1987** – Opening of the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, D.C., the first museum devoted to women artists

26, 1777 – American Revolution heroine Sybil Ludington, 16 year-old, rides 40 miles to warn the American militia that the British were invading

28, 1993 – 1st Take Our Daughters to Work Day, sponsored by the Ms. Foundation, in 2003 it became "Take Our Daughters and Sons to Work" Day

March-April Birthdays

March 1, 1945 (1997) Nancy Woodhull, editor of USA Today, promoted women for leadership positions in public and private sectors with motto, "Do something to help another woman every day," founded "Women, Men and Media," a research and outreach project with Betty Friedan in 1988

3, 1943 (1995) – Myra Sadker, studied and researched sex roles in children's literature, wrote texts to challenge sexism in education of girls because it short-changed their ambitions, co-authored "Sexism in School and Society" (1973) with husband, David; they both worked with AAUW for "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America"; David was a speaker at SUCCESS! Conference in 2003 *and* **1962** – Jackie Joyner-Kersey, one of the world's greatest female athletes, holds the record in the long jump and the heptathlon; won 3 gold, a silver, 2 bronze in 4 Olympics

5, 1931 (1997) – Geraldyn (Jerrie) Cobb, record-setting aviator, first woman to pass qualifying exams for astronaut training (1959) but not allowed to train because of her gender

7, 1938 – Janet Guthrie, pioneering woman auto racer, first woman to compete in Indianapolis 500 and Daytona 500, both in 1977

9, 1910 (1996) – Sue Lee was a labor organizer in San Francisco and led the 15-week strike against National Dollar Stores garment factory for better wages and working conditions *and* **1928 (1987)** – Graciela Olivarez, Chicana activist, first woman & Latina graduate from Notre Dame Law School

10, 1903 (1987) – Clare Booth Luce, playwright and politician, wrote "The Women" (1936), a scathing portrayal of rich society women, member of Congress (R-CT) (1942-46), ambassador to Italy (1953-56), the highest diplomatic post held by a woman

11, 1903 (1989) – Dorothy Schiff, first female newspaper publisher in New York (tabloid New York Post)

13, 1944 – Susan Gerbi, biochemist, helped devise a method to map the start site of DNA replication, researching the role of hormones in cancers

15, 1896 (1989) – Marion Cuthbert, helped found the National Association of College Women to fight discrimination in higher education

(1932), wrote path-breaking dissertation, "Education and Marginality: A Study of the Negro Woman College Graduate" (1942), secretary of the National Board of YWCA and member of NAACP and numerous peace and human rights boards

15, 1933 – Ruth Bader Ginsburg, second female U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1993)

24, 1826 (1998) – Matilda Joslyn Gage, suffragist, women's rights and Native American rights activist, historian, founding member of the National Woman Suffrage Association *{editor passes her historic home on each visit to family in Fayetteville, New York ☺}* *and* **1912 (2012)** – Dorothy Height, served over 40 years as President of the National Council of Negro Women

25, 1934 – Gloria Steinem, women's rights activist and journalist, founding editor of Ms. Magazine, co-founded National Women's Political Caucus,

26, 1930 – Sandra Day O'Connor, first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice (1981) *and* **1940** – Nancy Pelosi, first woman Speaker of the U.S. House

31, 1889 (1975) – Muriel Wright, Choctaw Indian, teacher, historian, author, and editor

April 1, 1911 (1998) – Augusta Baker, renowned storyteller in New York public libraries, created bibliography in 1939 of suitable children's books to represent African-American history and culture

2, 1915 (1984) – Soia Mentschikoff, attorney, one of the first women partners in a large Wall Street law firm (1945), worked on Uniform Commercial Code (1941), University of Chicago Law School professor (1951), candidate for Supreme Court; Susan and Dorothy ☺

3, 1898 (1997) – Katherine Esau, botanist, emigrated from Germany in 1918, settled in California in 1922, studied viruses in celery, pears and carrots with use of electron microscope, wrote classic 735-page "Plant Anatomy" (1953) *and* **1934** – Jane Goodall, primatologist and conservationist

4, 1928 (2014) – Maya Angelou, author, poet, civil rights activist, actress, read poem she composed at President Clinton's inauguration (1993)

5, 1901 (1968) – Hattie Alexander, pediatrician and microbiologist, identified and studied antibiotic resistance caused by random genetic mutations in DNA, first woman elected president of the American Pediatric Society (1964) *and* **1949 (1986)** – Judith Resnik, engineer, astronaut, one of six qualified women chosen as mission specialists in 1984, second American woman in space, perished in the Challenger explosion

7, 1890 (1998) – Marjory Douglas, writer, suffragist, women's rights advocate, environmentalist, championed culture of first Americans, created "Friends of the Everglades" with a million acres established in 1978 as the Marjory Stoneman Douglas Wilderness Area *{the high school named after her is the site of the school shooting a month ago....}*; **1891 (1978)** – Martha Eliot, pediatrician, researched and proved the beneficial effects of cod liver oil and sunbaths to prevent rickets while working with the Children's Bureau, only woman to sign the constitution of the new World Health Organization in 1947; **1915 (1959)** – Billie Holiday, jazz singer, began her career in Harlem in 1931, toured with Count Basie and Artie Shaw, the most influential female jazz singer in America; *and* **1944 (2002)** – Julia Miller Phillips, film producer, first woman to win an Academy Award for Best Picture for "The Sting"

9, 1917 (2007) – Irene Morgan Kirkaldy, defied bus driver in 1944 who ordered her to give up her seat and move to the segregated back, kicked the sheriff when arrested, Thurgood Marshall won her case (6-1) on grounds of promoting and protecting national travel, awarded Freedom Medal by President Clinton who said she “took the first step on a journey that would change America forever” and **1887 (1953)** – Florence Price, first African-American woman symphony composer

10, 1880 (1965) – Frances Perkins, first woman cabinet member, Secretary of Labor (1933), key contributor to the Social Security Act and the Fair Labor Standards Act; **1926 (1995)** – Johnnie Tillmon, director of the National Welfare Rights Organization, worked with Gloria Steinem and Aileen Hernandez on “Women, Welfare and Poverty” at the National Women’s Conference in Houston; and **1930** – Dolores Huerta, Chicana activist, labor organizer

13, 1909 (2001) – Eudora Welty, writer, photographer, won Pulitzer Prize for Fiction (1973), awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom, the National Medal of Literature, and the French Legion d’Honneur and **1892 (1990)** – Clara Beyer, labor lawyer, worked with Frances Perkins and Molly Dewson on the Social Security Act of 1935, campaigned to abolish child labor and to secure minimum wage and maximum hour scales

14, 1866 (1936) – Anne Sullivan Macy, famous teacher of Helen Keller who was blind, deaf, and mute, the two worked and traveled together

April 15, 1894 (1937) – Bessie Smith, began career about 1902, learned country blues from Gertrude “Ma” Rainey, made 160 recordings, billed as the “Empress of the Blues,” career declined by 1931 amidst economic depression and the advent of radio

April 15, 1896 (1980) – May Edward Chinn, first black woman doctor in Harlem (1936-80), worked with George Papanicolaou on the Pap smear to identify cervical cancer

20, 1890 (1983) – Carmelita Hinton, secretary to Jane Addams for two years, committed to John Dewey’s education philosophy, environmentalism, internationalism and arts and crafts, founded Putney co-ed boarding school in Vermont (1935)

23, 1928 – Shirley Temple Black, cheerful and curly-haired child actor, singer and dancer whose career as a movie star spanned the Depression and World War II eras (1932-50), appointed U.S. Ambassador to Ghana (1974) and Czechoslovakia (1988)

24, 1934 – Shirley MacLaine, veteran film and theater actress, dancer, author and spiritual seeker – latest appearance in British television on “Downton Abbey” and **1942** – Barbra Streisand, singer, actress, director and producer, won two Academy Awards for “Funny Girl” (1968) and one for lyrics (to “Evergreen”) in “A Star is Born,” produced 51 gold albums, 30 platinum records, and 13 multi-platinum albums

25, 1917 (1996) – Ella Fitzgerald, “First Lady of Song,” internationally renowned jazz singer, winner of 13 Grammy Awards

26, 1933 – Carol Burnett, popular actress, comedian, singer, writer with a 50-year career in television, presented classic sketches and legendary guests

27, 1906 (1993) – Alice Dunnigan, first African-American journalist accredited to cover Congress (1947) and the White House, Supreme Court and State Department, documented Klan actions when no “white” newspaper covered them, first journalist of color to travel with President Truman on his train (1948) but had to pay her own way, appointed to the staff of the President’s Committee on Equal Employment Opportunity (1961) and **1927 (2006)** – Coretta Scott King, civil rights, human rights, and peace activist

30, 1939 – Ellen Zwilich, first woman to win a Pulitzer Prize for Music (1983)

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