

EVENTS

April 20-22 Friday – Sunday	Virginia AAUW State Conference Portsmouth <i>(See inside for photos & notes!)</i>	Weekend
May 9 Wednesday	Book Club Uno Panera's at the Glen	2 pm
May 20 Sunday	Sunday Brunch & Annual Meeting Science Fair Winners & Parents Invited Susan's home in Manassas	1 pm
May 24 Thursday	Turning Points Memorial Fundraiser Luncheon Cokie Roberts & Rebecca Roberts Boggs Tower Club, Vienna	6-9 pm



Co-Presidents' Message

We both enjoyed the State Conference and wish to thank our outgoing state-presidents, Sandy & Patsy, as they pass the gavel to the incoming officers. With that in mind, please be sure you use the links provided by both VA AAUW and AAUW to vote. Thank you to all of the branch members who joined us in contributing items to the basket celebrating "Prince William County Products" – Ali, Barbara B., Lee, Sandy, and Susan – our basket was a hot ticket! We look forward to seeing everyone and welcoming our Science Fair winners at the May 20th Sunday Brunch at Susan's home in Manassas.



We are honored to have our newest member, **Toni Hill**, our SUCCESS! Conference honoree's daughter added to our branch roster. While Toni lives in North Carolina, she visits here often and looks forward to adding to our branch's activities.

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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. Through planning and team efforts, each of the eight supervisors received packets and/or meeting with one of our members who live in Prince William County. Thank you to Sandy, Joyce, Eileen, Lee, Barbara, John, Ali- for their tireless efforts. Unfortunately, despite our early attempts to get on the schedule close to equal pay day of April 10th, the earliest we could get on the docket was May 8th. The leaders of the committee decided to not have the resolution proposed after the Equal Pay date. We will begin now to be ready for next year, since, hopefully, it will be earlier than April 10th.....

~~ Interesting article on Smithsonian.com –

During World War I, Many Women Served and Some Got Equal Pay

Remembering the aspirations, struggles and accomplishments of women who served a century ago...

Read more: <https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smithsonian-institution/during-world-war-i-many-women-served-and-some-got-equal-pay-180968310/#qjcl4wQTpdLRQsTl.99>

~~ **AAUW to Train 10 Million Women to Negotiate Their Financial Futures by 2022 — and Unveils Plan to Achieve Pay Equity by 2030** ~~ AAUW marked Equal Pay Day this year with Chief Executive Officer Kimberly Churches authoring a *CNN* article highlighting AAUW's plan to close the pay gap — via passing laws, working with employers to change practices, and training 10 million women to negotiate their salaries by 2022 through AAUW's Work Smart program. We launched a new It's Negotiable: A Salary Skill Builder online preview to build momentum for the creation of a full online version of Work Smart, which will be available later this year!

~~ **AAUW Members Advocate for Fair Pay across the Country** ~~ On Equal Pay Day, April 10, thousands of AAUW members and supporters advocated for equal pay — by calling their state senators and lobbying their state legislatures in person in Hawaii, Pennsylvania, Illinois, Missouri, and Michigan. In Louisiana, Gov. John Bel Edwards (D) addressed rally attendees, and the AAUW Fargo-Moorhead (ND) Branch hosted a pay equity panel discussion with four local mayors. Washington already passed a new pay equity law earlier this year, and Gov. Phil Murphy (D) plans to sign a strong bill into law in New Jersey on April 24. Additionally, other states such as Hawaii, Rhode Island, and Vermont are moving forward with their own bills. Overall 39 states and Washington, D.C., considered equal pay legislation in 2018. Advocates used AAUW resources with state and congressional district breakdowns showing how the pay gap ranges from a low of 70 percent in Louisiana and Utah to a high of 89 percent in New York.

State Conference – A Weekend of AAUW Priorities

American Association of University Women of Virginia, April 20-22, 2018

93rd Annual State Conference, “Changing the Climate for Women and Girls”

Barbara Ondo, John Starsiak, Susan Bardenhagen and Sandy Lawrence represented the branch at the state conference in Portsmouth. This conference had everything; great speakers, engaged members, good food and a perfect host in the Renaissance Portsmouth hotel.

The conference started with **Kendra Davis**, AAUW Senior Vice President for advancement and partnerships presenting AAUW's draft strategic plan and priorities. The Luncheon Speaker was **Edith Mayo**, Curator Emeritus in Political and Women's History at the National Museum of American History, Smithsonian Institution. Edith provided fascinating tales of her 40 years as a curator and historian. AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Speaker, **Dr. Zoe Spencer**, shared her journey as one of four female plaintiffs employed at Virginia State University who filed a lawsuit against the school (2016) alleging gender pay discrimination, sexual harassment and a pattern of retaliation. At the Saturday night dinner, **Dr. Christine Darden**, retired NASA Mathematician, Scientist and Aeronautical Engineer, was named the *AAUW of Virginia 2018 Woman of Achievement* award. Dr. Darden impressed attendees with her experiences as a minority woman of extraordinary talent in a challenging field. The Sunday Keynote speaker was delivered **Paula Coughlin** (former Lieutenant U.S. Navy). Paula presented the moving talk about her role as a whistle-blower in the infamous Tailhook Convention (1991) scandal which ended her aviation career, but also pushed her to work to correct inequities in the military's policies against sexual assault. The conference ended with Heddie Sumner inviting everyone to the 2019 Conference, which will be held in Roanoke.

National

~~ On April 18th, the U.S. Senate unanimously voted to allow senators to bring children under the age of one onto the floor during votes if necessary. The historic change comes after Sen. Tammy Duckworth (D-IL) made history last week as the first senator to give birth while in office. Sen. Duckworth's new daughter, Maile Pearl, accompanied her to the floor on Thursday for a vote.

Providing flexibility for new parents is just one way to increase gender equity in the workplace. AAUW has long supported flexible workplace policies to address the family responsibilities of employees, including earned sick days and paid family and medical leave. Without these policies, balancing the responsibilities of work and family can be difficult for employees, negatively impacting productivity, making recovery from major illnesses or injuries difficult, and in some cases inhibiting the healthy development of children.

In response to the senate's rule change, Sen. Dick Durbin (D-IL) said, "Perhaps the cry of a baby will shock this Senate into speaking up and even crying out on the issues that confront our nation and world." We certainly hope so!

~~ The *New York Times* published an important letter to the editor by AAUW Chief Executive Officer Kim Churches highlighting the disproportionate impact student debt has on women, particularly women of color. Acknowledging gender and racial disparities in conversations about student debt is key to ensuring access to affordable higher education for all students. We're glad this important message is being shared widely!

~~ Analysis from Code.org found that balanced representation in computing jobs won't be achieved until 2145 at the current rate of improvement. Although data shows a slight increase in representation of women and people of color in the industry, it's happening so slowly that it will take over a century to see meaningful change.

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VOTE THRICE!

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. 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: **Lee Vannett** and **Karen Wolf**, respectively, in these positions are willing to continue. Thus, this is our official notice. Nominations can be taken from the floor. We will hold elections at the annual meeting date on May 20th.

OPPORTUNITY to SUPPORT “TURNING POINT” MEMORIAL



The Women 2 Women Committee of The Tower Club is proud to sponsor an exciting fundraiser on May 24, 2018, benefiting the [Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association](http://www.suffragistmemorial.org). The evening will feature a presentation by nationally renowned journalists/authors Cokie Roberts and Rebecca Boggs Roberts. This dynamic

mother-daughter duo will capture our attention with a presentation about:

"Capitol Dames: The Civil War and the Women of Washington, 1848-1868"

"Ladies of Liberty: The Women Who Shaped Our Nation"

"Founding Mothers: The Women Who Raised Our Nation"

By Cokie Roberts

Suffragists in Washington, D.C.:

The 1913 Parade and the Fight for the Vote"

By Rebecca Boggs Roberts

"Putting Women Back Into History"

An Evening with Cokie Roberts and daughter Rebecca Boggs Roberts

Thursday, May 24, 2018 ~ 6-9pm

Tower Club-Tysons Corner; 8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite #1700; Vienna 22182

Putting Women Back Into History

A timely topic as we approach the centennial anniversary of the 19th Amendment. There will also be an opportunity to purchase books by The Roberts and have them signed, and an auction of a variety of items, including Luke Bryan tickets. Each ticket includes two drink tickets and heavy hors d'oeuvres, additional libations are available at a cash bar. A limited number of VIP tickets are available, and will provide an opportunity to join Cokie and Rebecca at a private reception. Sponsorship and Partnership opportunities may also be purchased through EventBrite. For Benefit details for the various sponsorship packages available, [click here](#).

About the Memorial

Turning Point is raising funds to build a national memorial to honor the millions of suffragists who fought more than seven decades to win the vote for women – a campaign of which most Americans know little or nothing including incidents of arrests, jail, death and torture! The memorial will ensure that the unknown suffrage story is elevated to its proper place in history and will educate present and future generations on the need for eternal vigilance for equal rights. The suffragists engineered the greatest expansion of democracy in a single day that the world had ever seen with the stroke of a pen – help us to expose the “best kept secret in American history.”

The Memorial will be the ONLY memorial in the U.S. honoring all the suffragists (the others focus on one or a few suffragists, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony). With the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote coming up, they really want to get the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial under construction. It will be near the site of the Workhouse where the suffragists were imprisoned in 1917 for standing in front of the White House for the right to vote (see photo in the invitation below), and the architectural drawings are all completed. They just need to complete the fundraising, and this event on May 24 is for that purpose.

The ticket (which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and 2 drink tickets) is \$95, but as AAUW of Virginia members, we get a \$10 discount thanks to a generous donation from [Susan Bardenhagen](#), Woodbridge Branch. You may remember that VA AAUW became a charter member of the Turning Point Memorial when branches and members together contributed more than \$2000 for the memorial in 2013. FOR THE \$10 DISCOUNT, THE CODE IS TPSMSTEAM. ONLY AAUW members can use that code for themselves and guests.



AAUW's LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

Equal Pay — Legal and Policy Victory

On April 9 the Ninth Circuit Court of Appeals ruled in favor of AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff Aileen Rizo in *Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education*. The court decided that prior salary history cannot be used to justify unequal pay, thereby upholding the intent of the Equal Pay Act of 1963. Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Research Deborah J. Vagins, J.D., also authored a “Let’s Make Equal Pay Day Obsolete: It’s Common Sense” op-ed in *The Hill* highlighting how strong federal laws and nationwide pay data collection can help close the gap.

NOTES from OUR FINANCE OFFICER

It is officially time to renew your National, State, and Branch AAUW memberships. I have had a link emailed to you whereby you can pay by credit card and it indeed is the best way to renew as you won't have to remember that the new dues for National are now \$59. \$56 of that amount is tax deductible. Neither State dues (\$15) nor Branch dues (\$12) change for 2018-2019.

A check mailed to me, made out to **AAUW Woodbridge** needs to be **\$86**. My address is the same:
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Karen Wolf

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Finance Officer for Branch/Treasurer

STEM UPDATES

Do you have a favorite quote, one that defines you or your life’s journey? Inspirational quotes were just a small part of the compelling presentations from STEM role models, industry leaders, and visionaries, Susan and Susan witnessed during X-STEM, prior to one of the most exciting educational festivals in the world on April 5th. The goal of the biennial USA Science & Engineering Festival, held in D.C., is to stimulate and sustain the interest of our nation’s youth in STEM subjects and careers. Attendees chose between interactive presentations on such diverse STEM related topics as science storytellers on TV, NASA’s search for life beyond Earth, neuroscience, meteorology, promoting STEM education for underserved populations, technology of the 4th Industrial Revolution, and robotics.

Our first presentation was given by Emily Calandrelli, science TV personality (she worked with Bill Nye!) and aeronautics expert. She is the producer and host of FOX’s *Xploration Outer Space*, a weekly educational outer space show that explores everything from asteroid mining to life beyond Earth. She also covers developments in the space industry as a writer for *TechCrunch*. She spoke on the educational path that helped her to win her dream job and on her current outreach to young kids, her chapter book series titled *Ada Lace* (named for the gifted female mathematician who is considered to have written instructions for the first computer program in the mid-1800s).

A favorite presentation was given by Dr. Knatokie Ford, Biomedical Scientist and former Obama White House Senior Policy Advisor. Dr. Ford spoke from the heart about her role as a Senior Policy Advisor in President Obama’s science and tech policy office. She designed and led the national initiative called “Image of STEM”, which used the power of entertainment media to improve the public perception of STEM in order to promote diversity in the workforce. She is Founder and CEO of Fly Science Enterprise, an education and media consulting organization that focuses on leveraging the power of storytelling to promote social change, particularly in STEM fields. “Diversity in STEM is so important not just because it’s the right thing to do, but because it is also a driver of innovation,” Dr. Ford told us.

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Branch Co-STEM Liaison



SUNDAY BRUNCH – May 20th in Manassas



Here's hoping that in the next three weeks, the weather will actually be spring with the May flowers sprouted by the April showers (both snow and rain)! Join us to celebrate both our 45th anniversary and our Science Fair winners with their parents, on Sunday, May 20th at 1 pm, at Susan's home in Manassas. Hmm, the photos above are intended to give a sneak peek into what to expect when you visit.... ☺

Plan to bring your favorite brunch item – which can be a breakfast or lunch item – to share. I will have our anniversary cake and beverages. We will have our LAF fund-raiser – bring a small gift ~ \$10, for the raffle, if you'd like to support our branch's contribution to the Legal Advocacy Fund. If you would prefer to bring your dues check to Karen, see her notes for the amount.

This is also our annual meeting with elections and brief reports, after our Science Fair winners share their projects. Guests are welcome, too. Please RSVP by Thursday, May 17th, so that I can plan. If you cannot join us, please send a wish to share.

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SCIENCE FAIR WINNERS & REPORT

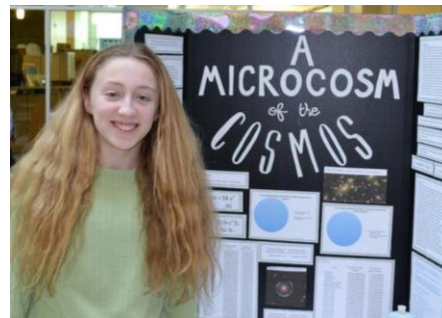
On Saturday, March 10th, our branch's team of judges – **Suzanne Harvey, Susan Bardenhagen, Barbara Ondo, John Starsiak, and Sandy Lawrence** – selected our 2018 winners. **Samantha** earned first place with her project, "The Effect of the Age of a Home on Radon Gas Level". A seventh grader from Gainesville Middle School, she also earned first place in her category of Medicine & Health. **Maria** earned second place with "Fruits? Water You Talking About? The Effect of the Type of Fruit-Based Water Filter on the Purity of Water". She is also in seventh grade at Ronald Reagan Middle School and received second place in the Environmental Sciences category. **Anya** was one of our 2017 winners and earned third place this year with "A Microcosm of the Cosmos." She is now in eighth grade at Reagan Middle. Not only did she win her category of Earth & Planetary Science, but she was the grand prize winner for the Middle School Fair! The judges chose twin sisters **Anika & Aditi** for their project, "Sonic Levitation! The Effect of Voltage on the Number of Objects which Can Be Levitated" for our honorable mention award. In eighth grade at Bull Run Middle School, the pair received second place in the Physics category. Once again, our choices were validated by the results!



First Place: Samantha



Second Place: Maria



Third Place: Anya

Changing the Climate for Women and Girls

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Portsmouth Renaissance
Hotel

Here are quips and photos that
Barbara, John, Sandy, & Susan
would like to share with you!



Luncheon speaker, Edi, who curated
First Ladies Exhibit at Smithsonian,
shared exciting stories!



Delicious Luncheon, New Friends



Sandy & Patsy with Honoree, Dr.
Christine Darden



Paula Coughlin, Sunday's keynote speaker from Protect Our Defenders, with her family.

Meet Kendra Davis, AAUW's New Advancement & Partnerships Senior VP

Davis most recently served as Refugees International's vice president of external relations. She has a demonstrated ability to create diversified revenue and development plans, an accomplished record of increasing revenue for advocacy organizations, and specialized expertise overseeing programs focused on women's empowerment at the U.S. State Department, United Way Worldwide, and the League of Women Voters. She holds a bachelor's degree from Princeton University and a master's degree from the University of Michigan, Ann Arbor.



Our opening keynote speaker, who spent all day Saturday with us.



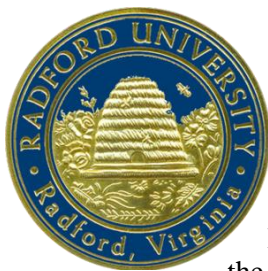
LAF Speaker Zoe, championing pay equity, addressing sexual harassment, & more.



Our branch receives a membership certificate for increasing
our roster from last year!

Our basket helped to raise funds for LAF. Thanks to all who donated items to:
"Celebrating Prince William County's Products".

Our Member Spotlight



One of our new members this year, **Jennie Lawrence**, earned her Bachelor's degree in Fine Arts from Radford University. **Radford**

University is a co-educational public university located in Radford, Virginia. It is one of the state's eight doctorate-granting public universities. Founded in 1910, Radford offers curricula for undergraduates in more than 100 fields, graduate programs, and specialized doctoral programs in health-related professions. The State Normal and Industrial School for Women at Radford was founded in Radford as a women's college in 1910. In 1924, the school was renamed the State Teachers College at Radford, with the primary intent of training teachers in the Appalachian region. In 1943, as part of the state's consolidation movement, the college merged with the Virginia Polytechnic Institute and State University in nearby Blacksburg, serving as the larger university's women's campus. The merger dissolved in 1964, and following a period of sustained and significant growth, Radford College was granted university status in 1979. In 2008, the Virginia General Assembly authorized three doctoral programs at Radford University, and the first doctoral degrees were awarded in 2011.

- Frank Beamer - Former head coach of Virginia Tech's football program and the sixth winningest coach in history at the Division I FBS level.
- Randal J. Kirk - Founder of New River Pharmaceuticals and CEO of Intrexon
- Dave Mattingly - National Public Radio weekday morning news anchor
- Steve Robinson - University of North Carolina at Chapel Hill Assistant Head Coach
- Buddhi Athauda - Ambassador and Permanent Delegation to UNESCO since October 4, 2017, and Ambassador Designate (France, Spain, Portugal, Andorra and Monaco - 2017 April), Ambassador Extra Ordinary and Plenipotentiary of Sri Lanka in the Kingdom of The Netherlands (2011-2015)
- Jayma Mays - American Actress and Singer
- Scott Long - Activist for international human rights, primarily focusing on the rights of lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender (LGBT) people at Human Rights Watch. He later was a Visiting Fellow in the Human Rights Program of Harvard Law School from 2011-2012
- Eddie Butler - Pitcher for the Chicago Cubs organization
- Ryan Meisinger - Pitcher for the Baltimore Orioles organization
- Marty Smith - ESPN Commentator and host of Marty Smith's America
- Eugenio Pineiro - International Commission for the Conservation of Atlantic Tunas
- Stacey Fraser - Founder of fashion company Pink Chicken
- Joseph Yost - Virginia House of Delegates
- Marylynn Magar - Florida House of Representatives
- Emma Violand Sanchez - Founder of the Dream Project
- David Adkins - Coaching Staff for the Washington Wizards
- Steve Govett - President of the National Lacrosse League San Diego Lacrosse Team
- Kiera Cass – Author

VISIT to NATIONAL WOMEN in the MILITARY MUSEUM

On Saturday, April 14th, we had hoped to visit the Women in Military Service for America museum and grounds in Arlington. Here is the link to the site: <https://www.womensmemorial.org/> Unfortunately, we were unable to get a “quorum”, so we cancelled. We would like to reschedule- this summer perhaps? Please, contact Lee lmvannett@aol.com or Sandy sandyaauw@juno.com with ideas for a better day of the week. Thanks! ☺

May Highlights in Women's History

1, 1950 – Gwendolyn Brooks becomes the first African-American woman to receive the Pulitzer Prize for Poetry, named Library of Congress's Consultant in Poetry (later called Poet Laureate) in 1985

5, 1938 – Dr. Dorothy H. Andersen presents results of her medical research identifying the disease cystic fibrosis (5/15/1901 – 1963)

May 6 – 12 ~ Nurses Week *Our alumna branch member, Dana Holifield, asks that we continue to support nurses ~*

“Unfortunately, Virginia legislation to support students and school nurses did not pass. Hopefully, 2019 will be the year for students to have access to a professionally licensed school nurse in Virginia.” ~ schoolnurseadvocate@gmail.com

8, 1914 – President Woodrow Wilson signs a Proclamation designating the second Sunday in May as Mother's Day

10, 1872 – Victoria Woodhull is nominated as the first woman candidate for U.S. president for the Equal Rights Party

12, 1968 – A 12-block Mother's Day march of “welfare mothers” is held in Washington, D.C., led by Coretta Scott King

21, 1932 – Amelia Earhart Putnam becomes the first woman to complete a solo-transatlantic flight by flying 2,026 miles and **1973** – Lynn Genesko, a swimmer, receives the first athletic scholarship awarded to a woman (University of Miami)

29, 1977 – Janet Guthrie becomes the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500 car race and **1943** – “Rosie the Riveter” by Norman Rockwell appears on the cover of the Saturday Evening Post

May Birthdays

1, 1830 (1930) – Mary Harris “Mother” Jones, labor leader and organizer

3, 1898 (1987) – Septima Clark, educator, civil rights activist, called “The Grandmother of the Civil Rights Movement” and **1901 (1981)** – Estelle Massey Osborne, first African-American nurse to earn a master's degree, integrated the American Nurses Association **5, 1864 (1922)** – Elizabeth Seaman, pen name “Nellie Bly,” investigative journalist, wrote expose of mental asylum (1887), set a record for circling the world in 72 days (1890)

8, 1910 (1981) – Mary Lou Williams, jazz composer, became piano chair and writer for Benny Goodman (1931), wrote “The Zodiac Suite” for jazz ensemble, played it at New York's Town Hall (1945)

9, 1906 (1994) – Sarah Boyle, Virginia writer, supported immediate integration in 1962 with *The Desegregated Heart*, was arrested and jailed in St. Augustine (1964), railed against age discrimination in the 1970s and 80s

11, 1875 (1912) – Harriet Quimby, first American woman to become a licensed airplane pilot (1911), first woman to fly across the English Channel (1912); **1894 (1991)** – Martha Graham, modern dance innovator and choreographer; and **1906 (1975)** – Ethel Weed, military officer in the Women's Army Corp., promoted women's rights and suffrage in Japan

12, 1907 (2003) – Katharine Hepburn, performed for more than 60 years, winning four Academy Awards for best actress, named top American screen legend of all time by American Film Institute (1999)

14, 1890 (1983) – Margaret Naumburg, progressive educator, founded the Walden School in New York, early pioneer of art therapy

15, 1937 – Madeline Albright, first woman U.S. Secretary of State (1997-2001)

18, 1970 – Tina Fey, television writer, producer, and actor, first female head writer for *Saturday Night Live* (1999), creator of television series *30 Rock*, youngest winner of the Mark Twain Prize for American Humor (2010)

19, 1930 (1965) – Lorraine Hansberry, first African-American woman to write a Broadway play, *A Raisin in the Sun* (1959)

20, 1894 (1988) – Adela St. Johns, journalist and screen writer, covered the Lindbergh baby trial, abdication of Edward VIII, and the Dempsey-Tunney boxing match; wrote celebrity interviews and **1899 or 1900 (1991)** – Lydia Cabrera, Cuban artist

24, 1898 (1986) – Helen Taussig, pediatric cardiologist, first woman full professor at Johns Hopkins (1959), helped create the Blalock-Taussig shunt, a surgical technique which corrected “blue baby” syndrome, contributed to the ban on thalidomide in the 1960s, first female president of the American Heart Association (1965), awarded the Presidential Medal of Freedom

25, 1905 (1995) – Dorothy Wesley, librarian and historian, one of the first African-American women to earn a master's degree in library science (Howard University, 1932), as curator of the Moorland-Spingarn Collection at Howard University, she helped it become a world renowned resource on the history and culture of African-Americans; **1910 (1997)** – Mary Keyserling, economist, Director of the Women's Bureau of the Labor Department, Executive Director of the National Consumers' League, and personal advisor to Eleanor Roosevelt in the Office of Civilian Defense; **1928** – Mary Wells Lawrence, first woman executive of an advertising firm, first female CEO of a company traded on the New York Stock Exchange, named Advertising Woman of the Year (1971); and **1887 (1943)** – Sue Shelton White, Tennessee suffragist, attorney, and general counsel who participated in National Woman Party's Washington demonstrations, burning an effigy of President Wilson in front of the White House on Feb. 9, 1919. She helped write Tennessee's first married women's property bill, an old age pension act, and a mother's pension act.

26, 1916 (1976) – Helen Kanahele, labor organizer in Hawaii, worked with the Women's Auxiliary of the International Longshoremen's and Warehousemen's Union (1949-51) and the United Public Workers union, subpoenaed before the Territorial Committee on Subversive Activities in the 1950's because of her labor organizing and opposition to the death penalty and **26, 1924 (1977)** – Thelma Hill, dancer, choreographer, educator, co-founder of the New York Negro Ballet Company, one of the founders of the Alvin Ailey American Dance Theater; and **1951 (2012)** – Sally Ride, astrophysicist, first American woman astronaut

27, 1907 (1964) – Rachel Carson, scientist and environmentalist, wrote *Silent Spring* which became a cornerstone of the modern environmental protection movement and **1909 (1997)** – Mary Fieser, organic chemist, co-wrote the textbook *Organic Chemistry*

30 or 31, 1910 (1989) – Maria Teresa Babin, Puerto Rican writer, poet, literary critic, and educator, taught in U.S. schools and universities as well as in Puerto Rico

31, 1912 (1997) – Chien-Shiung Wu, renowned physicist, first Chinese-American elected to National Academy of Science (1958), first woman elected President of American Physical Society (1975), received National Medal of Science (1975); **1924 (1985)** – Patricia Harris, lawyer and ambassador, first African-American woman to hold a Cabinet position- HEW, 1979; serve as an Ambassador (Luxembourg, 1965); and head a law school (Howard University, 1969); and **1928** – Sonia Pressman Fuentes NOW co-founder, first woman attorney in the Office of the General Counsel at the EEOC

Edited from “National Women's History Project” Calendar www.nwhp.org {Editor is proud that AAUW firsts are included@}

Our 45.9 Newsletter will be for June & July.

*We're looking for reflections on this past year's events –
personal to share, local, state, national, and international.*

*We welcome members' ideas for programs and activities for
2018-2019 year.*

*Please begin jotting some notes to send to Susan
susanmbec@juno.com
by June 20th.*

Advanced Planning Calendar for 2018-2019

June 30th Membership for 2018-2019 Due

Summer, 2018 VA AAUW Leadership Meeting

**AAUW is planning the next national convention for 2020 to honor the 100th
anniversary of the 19th amendment in 1920, granted woman's suffrage. Usually the
conventions are in odd numbered years...**

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