**President’s Message**

**ANNUAL FALL LUNCHEON - September 23rd**

Our annual celebration of autumn, a new year, and new member & guest luncheon will be on Sunday, September 23rd, at 1 pm at the home of Joyce Eagles in Woodbridge, near Belmont Bay. Everyone was sent an email invitation, asking for members to RSVP to Joyce for menu planning and to Susan to plan name tags and welcome items.

If you cannot attend, please respond to Susan with news about you to share, as we endeavor to keep up with our members.

We encourage you to invite colleagues and friends. New members are eligible for AAUW’s new member program – “Shape the Future” – which offers ½ price national dues option! Please contact Joyce and/or Susan, by Thursday, September 20th so we can plan. jeagles2@msn.com and susanmbee@juno.com

Our next board meeting of officers to plan programs and branch activities is September 17th. Please contact one of us if you have items and ideas for us to discuss! Email addresses are in this newsletter- Susan, Lee, Karen, Sandy, plus John jstarsiak@gmail.com

**Barbara Ondo**  
President

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**EVENTS**

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Local – Priority Equal Pay Resolution

--- Yes, we are planning 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 met with one of our members who live in Prince William County in the spring of 2018. Thank you to Sandy, Joyce, Eileen, Lee, Barbara, John, Ali- for their tireless efforts. Their plan for 2019 is already in play. Check out the equal pay dates for 2018- the day upon which women’s salaries “catch up” to men’s salaries for the same job in 2017. Two groups haven’t even “arrived” yet!

February 22, 2018
Asian American Women’s Equal Pay Day

April 10, 2018
All women’s Equal Pay Day

April 17, 2018
White women’s Equal Pay Day

May 30, 2018
Moms Equal Pay Day

August 7, 2018
Black Women’s Equal Pay Day

September 27, 2018
Native Women’s Equal Pay Day

November 1, 2018
Latinas’ Equal Pay Day

Whether or not you are presently working in your field, a different one, or retired, in which group(s) are you? AAUW 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.

State

At the Summer Leadership Meeting, July 28, in Harrisonburg, it was announced that the ERA and Equal Pay are the focus issues for AAUW of Virginia this program year. As requested by attendees at that meeting, the article includes talking points. One more state is needed to ratify the ERA. That state could be Virginia!

The numbered talking points have been researched by several board members and found to be common among a large variety of documents and websites. You many use the ones that you feel will resonate with your members. They are not in any particular order of importance or priority. Numbers are simply used to demonstrate there are a lot of reasons to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment in Virginia in 2019. Removal of the numbers is fine. (from our VA AAUW Communications Chair, Patsy Quick pquick@cox.net)

National

This year AAUW-VA Federal Lobby Day is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018, and will be subject to the Congressional calendar. We wanted to give our members a breather between State Lobby Day in February and other Spring AAUW meetings. But we are planning now for this gratifying event. Federal Lobby Day is the opportunity
for our members to accompany AAUW’s Lobby Corps to lobby congressional offices on legislation important to AAUW.

It is a fun way to meet other AAUW members and an important way to make AAUW’s voice heard on the Hill. Members will meet the morning of September 27 at a designated spot on Capitol Hill. At that time we will:
1. Receive a briefing from AAUW National on the legislation that will be the focus of that day’s lobby efforts;
2. Meet our experienced Lobby Corps partner, and then;
3. We’re off to visit congressional offices to advocate for specific bills.
It’s not too early to let your branch members know so they can make plans. We will need to provide the names and email addresses of all participants to our Lobby Corps coordinators so they can plan. **I plan to attend and I can meet anyone who wants to participate at Springfield Franconia metro and get them to the meeting point.** (Sandy, see contact below.)

AAUW San Jose (CA) Branch made the most of the U.S. Senate recess by having in-district meetings with the offices of Sens. Dianne Feinstein (D) and Kamala Harris (D). The branch’s public policy committee invited members of the Evergreen Community College affiliate to join them in advocating against the confirmation of Judge Brett Kavanaugh to the U.S. Supreme Court. They brought AAUW’s statement to both offices, letting staffers know that the issue was so important to them that they were willing to make the trip all the way to San Francisco and asking the senators to provide leadership in opposing his confirmation. Setting up in-district meetings and partnering with local student affiliates are both great advocacy ideas – if you’re interested in doing something similar, let us know! (Us, being AAUW national public policy folks- if you click on the link. 😊)

AAUW launched a collaborative initiative in Kansas and Missouri that aims to close the gender pay gap and empower working women. The partnership with Kansas City Mayor Sly James and the Women’s Foundation plans to train 1 million women by offering **AAUW’s Work Smart** salary negotiation workshops at no cost to women in both states.

We’re asking for your help with a forthcoming AAUW research report on sexual harassment at work, focusing especially on women in the mid-to-late phases of their careers. Share your experience by [taking our survey](#), anonymously if you wish.

**Sandy Lawrence**
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Public Policy Chair

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**AAUW Education Foundation**

**Recipient:** AAUW Scottsboro  
**Project Director:** Laura Pitts  
**Award Year:** 2018-19  
**Award:** Community Action Grant  
**Location:** Scottsboro, Alabama  
**Term:** Two-year

**Project Name:** Fourth Grade STEM Adventure  
The Fourth Grade STEM Adventure will provide fourth grade students in schools in Jackson County with the opportunity to engage in STEM learning activities through a partnership with AAUW of Scottsboro (AL) and the Scottsboro Public Library. The goal is to introduce these students to STEM activities and equipment while educating them on future career pathways they might be interested in as they continue with their education.

**Sponsors:**
1307 - Georgia G. Vallery; 1764 - Dr. Frances Roberts; 1204 - Atlanta (GA) Branch; 1818 - Savannah (GA) Branch; 1214 - Buffalo (NY) Branch; 4176 - Susan Nathanson Fairey (Woodbridge Branch)
Idea for Member “Night Out”

It’s been a while since branch members, friends, and family members have attended a performance while investing in AAUW Foundation efforts. Above is how our cherished member Susan’s grant monies are supporting a community action grant. Member Patty McCoart is an alumna of the Castaways Repertory Theatre. They offer a group rate which in the past, we have supplemented as a fund-raiser toward Foundation efforts. Here is the information for this fall:

The Castaways Repertory Theatre’s 2018-2019 season starts with our fall production of the classic The Madwoman of Chaillot. Written by Jean Giraudoux. English translation by Maurice Valency. Directed by Harry Kantrovich

A beautifully comedic play of stark contrasts in human character. The Madwoman of Chaillot divides the world sharply between the artists and the men of business. The Prospector, the Broker, and the President have discovered oil beneath the streets of Paris and seek to destroy whatever they must in order to get it. Their nefarious plans come to the attention of Countess Aurelia, the benignly eccentric madwoman of the title. She is an aging idealist who sees the world as happy and beautiful.

Performance Dates:
September 21 (e), September 22 (e) September 23 (m) September 28 (e), September 29 (m), September 29 (e) October 5 (e), October 6 (e) October 7 (m) All evening curtains times are 8:00 PM and the matinee curtain times are 2:00 PM. All performances are at the Dr. A.J. Ferlazzo Building! 15941 Donald Curtis Drive, Woodbridge, VA 22191.

I’ve highlighted a few dates in hopes that perhaps we can lock in one where Patty and I can coordinate attending. Contact me with questions and ideas. susanmbee@juno.com

OPPORTUNITY to SUPPORT “TURNING POINT” MEMORIAL

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 picketing outside the White House for the right to vote and the architectural drawings are all completed.

In time for the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial will be built close to the Workhouse near Occoquan where suffragists were imprisoned in 1917 for picketing outside the White House for the right to vote. Their treatment and forced feeding became national news and a turning point in public awareness. AAUW of Virginia became a charter member in 2013 when our Virginia members contributed more than $2,000 in 2013. Now our help is needed again as the deadline to raise $2 million by 2019 is fast approaching. The location of the stone memorial in a lovely park by the river will be a natural for large gatherings for the national celebration.

If you would like to support the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, you can contribute at www.suffragistmemorial.org.
NOTES from OUR FINANCE OFFICER

It is time to renew your National, State, and Branch AAUW memberships. A link emailed to you whereby you can pay on the AAUW website by credit card and it indeed is the best way to renew. 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 and remain at $27 total.

A check mailed to me, made out to AAUW Woodbridge needs to be $86. My address is the same: Karen Wolf, 13104 Rock Ridge Lane, Woodbridge, Virginia 22191-1022.

Karen Wolf
Finance Officer for Branch/Treasurer

Convocation on Sexual Harassment

Together We Can Do Better
A National Convocation for Leaders in Academia on Preventing Sexual Harassment
Friday, November 9, 2018
9:00am - 5:00pm EDT
National Academy of Sciences Building
2101 Constitution Avenue NW
Washington, DC

The persistence of sexual harassment and its adverse impact on women's careers in our nation's colleges and universities is jeopardizing more rapid and sustained progress in closing the gender gap in science, engineering, and medicine. On November 9, 2018, join colleagues, leaders in academia, and other experts in building on the recent report Sexual Harassment of Women: Climate, Culture, and Consequences in Academic Science, Engineering, and Medicine, to develop and strategize plans on how to prevent sexual harassment in academia.

Register In-Person or via Webcast
STEM/STEAM UPDATES

July 18, 2018 -
AAUW headed to Capitol Hill to participate in the annual Women’s Congressional Policy Institute STEAM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). We shared information about all the ways AAUW empowers women in STEM – by funding fellowships and grants, partnering with tech companies, and of course, advocating for policies that improve access to STEM education and careers.

The event was held in cooperation with the Congressional Caucus for Women’s Issues, chaired by Reps. Susan Brooks (R-IN) and Lois Frankel (D-FL), and we were thrilled to be joined by a number of legislators at the event. Rep. Suzanne Bonamici (D-OR) spoke about encouraging creativity and innovation, and Rep. Brenda Lawrence (D-MI) cited AAUW statistics to discuss the underrepresentation of women in computer science and engineering. Rep. Brad Schneider (D-IL) even stopped by our table to test his knowledge of women in STEM, discuss legislative solutions to close the STEM gap, and to chat with our intern Taryn, who’s one of his constituents! We’re looking forward to continuing these relationships and our advocacy for STEM opportunities.

Susana Farmer farmersw@pwcs.edu
Branch Co-STEM Liaison

Discussion Topic?

One of the pieces of our book club discussions includes movies, articles, and programs. When I read the following article, I had several reactions and thoughts. I would be interested in your thoughts, since the theme relates to gender equity, education, and more. http://neatoday.org/2018/07/24/when-school-dress-codes-discriminate/?utm_source=nea_today_express&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=180808neatodayexpress&utm_content=dress_codes

Contact me with your thoughts:
Susan susanmbee@juno.com Newsletter Editor & SUCCESS! Conference Coordinator

WOMEN’S HISTORY

Women Who Changed America Walking Tour- 11.25.2018

They founded organizations, sponsored legislation, blazed trails and suffered trials. For generations, women living and working in Washington, D.C. have defied expectations and surmounted discrimination to increase equality, freedom and prosperity for their fellow citizens. "Angel of the Battlefield" Clara Barton inspired a world-wide humanitarian movement. Dorothy Height devoted 40 years to supporting African-American women and girls. Frances Perkins not only became the first woman to serve as a cabinet secretary, she was the principal architect of President Franklin Roosevelt’s New Deal. See the sites downtown and around the U.S. Capitol where they and others made their marks and follow history along Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, where thousands of suffragists first marched for equality on March 3, 1913. The walk will conclude at the Belmont-Paul Women's Equality National Monument, home to the National Women's Party for nearly 90 years and the epicenter of the struggle for women's rights.

Event Website
https://www.washingtonwalks.com/tours/women-changed-america

Contact Lee if you are interested.
Lee Vannett lmvannett@aol.com Program Vice President
New Virginia Monument Will Pay Tribute to Hundreds of Historic Women  
*Smithsonian.com* Brigit Katz, 8.20.2018

The monument features 12 bronze statues and a wall etched with 400 additional names of women who played an important role in shaping Virginia’s history. In May, a dozen actors gathered at a stark Brooklyn studio dressed in an eclectic range of women’s garb: a traditional Native American dress, a frilly white bonnet, a tattered apron, a luxurious purple gown. Photographers snapped away as the actors struck poses, giving first life to an innovative new monument that will be erected some 350 miles away in Richmond, Virginia.

Images of the actors are being used as models for 12 bronze statues of historic women, which will be arranged in a new plaza in Virginia’s Capitol Square. Some of the women that will be featured in the monument are well-known figures. Others have been largely forgotten. The women were active in different eras, lived in different parts of the state, and hailed from diverse backgrounds. But all of them made significant contributions to Virginia’s rich history.

“Voices from the Garden,” as the monument is titled, has been in the works for a decade. In 2008, a group of women from Richmond met with then-Senator Walter Stosch to express their concerns about gaps in Virginia schools’ history curriculum. “They felt like young women and young men coming up through the school system did not know enough about people who had made a significant contribution to the commonwealth, particularly women,” says Susan Clarke Schaar, clerk of the Virginia Senate.

A monument that would stand tall in Capitol Square, the park that surrounds the State Capitol Building, seemed like a powerful way to pay tribute to the legacies of Virginia’s historic women. And so the Virginia Women’s Monument Commission was founded to put the plan into motion, and its members began soliciting design proposals. The winning design, created by the Brooklyn-based StudioEIS, features 12 bronze statues installed throughout an oval-shaped garden.

A glass panel that surrounds the statues will be etched with the names of 400 additional women.

This link has more information: [https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/new-virginia-monument-will-pay-tribute-hundreds-historic-women-180969812/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=08/06/2018%20Daily%20Newsletter&spMailingID=35491423&spUserID=NzQwNDU1MTE5OTAS1&spJobID=1340648759&spReportId=MTM0MDY0ODc1OQS2](https://www.smithsonianmag.com/smart-news/new-virginia-monument-will-pay-tribute-hundreds-historic-women-180969812/?utm_source=smithsoniandaily&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=08/06/2018%20Daily%20Newsletter&spMailingID=35491423&spUserID=NzQwNDU1MTE5OTAS1&spJobID=1340648759&spReportId=MTM0MDY0ODc1OQS2)

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**Branch Annual Meeting with a SUNDAY BRUNCH – May 20, 2018**

In May, we had our annual spring luncheon at Susan’s home in Manassas. As per our custom, we invited our Science Fair winners and their parents. Our second place winner, Anya, and honorable mention winners, twin sisters Aditi and Anika, attended and presented their projects to the fifteen members and guests. At the annual meeting part of the afternoon, we elected Lee Vannett for her second term as our Program Vice-President and Karen Wolf for her second term as our Finance Officer.
September Highlights in Women’s History

12, 1910 – Alice Stephens Wells, a former social worker, becomes the first woman police officer with arrest powers in the U.S.
14, 1964 – Helen Keller receives the Presidential Medal of Freedom along with 4 other women; Dr. Lena Edwards, Lynn Fontainne, Dr. Helen Taussig, and Leontyne Price and 1975 – Elizabeth Ann Seton is canonized and becomes the first American-born saint
20, 1973 – Billie Jean King defeats Bobby “No-Broad-Can-Beat-Me” Riggs in the battle of the sexes tennis match
25, 1981 – Sandra Day O’Connor is sworn in as the first woman U.S. Supreme Court Justice
29, 1988 – Stacy Allison becomes first American woman to reach the summit of Mt. Everest

September Birthdays

1, 1896 (1987) – Mary Jones, a pioneer in the field of behavior therapy and a celebrated developmental psychologist; 1909 (1999) – Hildegard Peplau, a nurse educator, created the foundation for modern nursing in her 1952 book, Interpersonal Relations in Nursing, enlisted in the Army Nurse Corps in World War II; 1933 (2006) – Ann Richards, second woman elected governor of Texas (1990) and 1939 – Lily Tomlin, actress
2, 1948 (1986) – Christa McAuliffe, New Hampshire teacher, selected in 1985 to be the first teacher in space, died on STS Challenger
3, 1910 (1996) – Dorothy Maynor, operatic soprano of mixed ethnic heritage- German lieder and spirituals, sang at the inaugurations of Presidents Truman and Eisenhower; 1914 (1984) – Dixy Lee Ray, marine biologist whose scientific papers and research on marine invertebrates led to public television programs, appointment to the Atomic Energy Commission (1973-75), and election as Governor of Washington on conservative issues in 1976; 1920 (1966) – Margarette Higgins, first woman to win Pulitzer Prize for International Reporting (1951) for coverage of the Korean War; and 1921 (1985) – Ruth Orkin, denied admission to the Cinematographer’s Union because she was a woman
4, 1906 (1988) – Elaine Yoneda, Communist labor organizer with the International Longshoreman’s Union, argued for free day care for women and equal pay for equal work in 1930s, interned in 1942 with her Japanese-American husband because she felt family should stay together
5, 1914 (1994) – Hannah Warrington, studied and compared American Paleo-Indian artifacts with European anthropological findings
6, 1860 (1955) – Jane Addams, founder of Hull House in Chicago, first major settlement house, first American woman to receive the Nobel Peace Prize (1931), suffragist, helped establish American Civil Liberties Union (1920); 1898 (1998) – Emily Mudd, pioneering marriage counselor and family planning advocate; and 1962 – Alice Sebold, found courage to investigate, find and prosecute the man who raped her in 1981, wrote The Lovely Bones in 1981 and edited The Best American Short Stories in 2009
7, 1892 (1987) – Elizabeth Coit, architect who tackled affordable housing for people of limited means for the Federal Public Housing Authority
8, 1859 (1918) – Mary M. Kimball Kehew, union organizer, co-founder of the Union for Industrial Progress (1892), first president of the National Women’s Trade Union League (1903); 1914 (1985) – Tish Sommers, co-founded the Older Women’s League worked on housing, health, and job training; 1945 (1995) – Esther Rome, with 13 other women, created the Boston Women’s Health Book Collective, the basis for the groundbreaking health manual Our Bodies, Ourselves, which provided accurate information on women’s health
10, 1890 (1980) – Rose Norwood, powerful speaker and labor organizer from Kiev, Russia, organized the Boston Women’s Trade Union (WTUL), led strikes, organized laundry workers, and served on the advisory board of the NAACP
16, 1913 (1985) – Florence Greenberg, founded Sceptor Records, produced successful rock and roll and soul records in 1950s to early 1970s, her Wand Records label promoted Dianne Warwick in the mid-1960s
17, 1892 (1977) – Katherine White, joined the “New Yorker” in 1925 and worked there until 1957, married E.B. White in 1929
19, 1911 (1996) – Jane Oppenheimer, studied embryos of common minnow or killifish and similarities and differences between fish and avian and amphibian species, sent embryos into space on the 1975 Apollo-Soyuz mission to study the effects of zero gravity on embryonic development
20, 1899 (1979) – Anna Strauss, League of Women Voters national president from 1944 to 1950, believed in simplicity, brevity, and consensus building, Truman named her to the Commission on Internal Security and Individual Rights in 1951 and 1946 – Judith Baca, Latina visual artist
21, 1898 (1978) – Frances Albrier, disciple of Marcus Garvey, expanded his vision to include black women, organized waiters in Pullman Company, and 1942 – the culture of the American Baptist minister, becomes the first woman U.S. Air Force chaplain
27, 1895 (1988) – Jennie Matyas, labor organizer and educator who emigrated from Hungarian Transylvania to Manhattan in 1906, supported equal suffrage, worked to enroll black women in the ILGWU, and organized women in San Francisco
29, 1839 (1898) – Frances Willard as president of the Woman’s Christian Temperance Union, the largest organization of women in the U.S. in 19th century, turned the organization into a political force working on social reforms including women’s rights, social justice, and world peace.
30, 1875 (1915) – Anne Martin, helped win equal suffrage in Nevada, western suffrage leader, became 1st woman to run for the U.S. Senate in 1918

Edited from “National Women’s History Project” Calendar www.nwhp.org (Editor is proud that AAUW firsts are included)”
## Advanced Planning Calendar for 2018-2019

- **June 30, 2018**: Membership $ for 2018-2019 Due  
- **October 15**: Voter registration deadline for November elections  
- **November 6**: Election Day - Get out the vote!  
- **November 9**: A National Convocation for Leaders in Academia on Preventing Sexual Harassment (see article in newsletter)  
- **November 17**: Senator Mark Warner’s Conference for Women (Roanoke)  
- **November 25**: Women Who Changed America Walking Tour  
- **December 5**: League of Women Voters of Virginia Pre-Session Roundtable Richmond  
- **February 5**: AAUW VA evening reception for all female Delegates and Senators in the General Assembly  
- **February 6**: AAUW VA Lobby Day  
- **March 16**: PWC Manassas Regional Science Fair- Branch Judging  
- **March 29**: Setting up for SUCCESS! Conference  
- **March 30**: 29th Annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!”  
- **April 6**: AAUW-VA State Conference - (Roanoke/Vinton)  

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