

EVENTS

November 6, 2018 <i>Tuesday</i>	Election Day – Please vote.	
November 20, 2018 <i>Tuesday</i>	P W Board of County Supervisors' Meeting ERA Resolution from Supv. Principi on Agenda McCoart Building, County Complex, Prince William Parkway	(meet at 7:10 pm) 7:30 pm
December 4, 2018 <i>Tuesday</i>	Annual Holiday Dinner Occoquan Inn	6:30 pm reception 7:30 dinner

President's Message

- 1. Please vote! This Election Day 2018 is so important; it's not just a mid-term election cycle anymore! To create real change, we all must be part of the conversation- the most powerful way for us to chime in is at the polls. Make your voice heard on November 6 — VOTE!**
- 2. Please consider your board's request to have as many branch members, friends, and colleagues join us at the November 20th, Prince William Board of County Supervisors Meeting, for the 7:30 meeting.** Virginia could become the 38th, and final state needed, to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) with support of the resolution proposed by Woodbridge Supervisor, Frank Principi, forwarded to the Virginia General Assembly. When this happens, the amendment will become part of the US Constitution and will guarantee equal rights for both men and women. **See the announcement in Sandy's public policy section of the newsletter.**
- 3. Please plan to join us for our annual holiday dinner to celebrate our accomplishments this year, meet new members and guests, and enjoy delicious food prepared just for us. We have much for which to be thankful. See Lee's program announcement in the newsletter.**



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Public Policy

Local – Priority Equal Pay Resolution for PWC and BOCS Resolution

Virginia could become the 38th, and final state needed, to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA). When this happens, the amendment will become part of the US Constitution and will guarantee equal rights for both men and women.

On November 20th, the Prince William Board of County Supervisors will be voting on a resolution in support of Virginia taking this historic action.

Why is this important?

The US Constitution does not protect against discrimination based on sex.

The United States is ranked 49th in gender inequality based on economics, health, education and politics.

94% of Americans believe the US Constitution should protect gender equality.

A constitutional amendment is the strongest means of promoting equality for men and women.

Do you agree?

Then attend the meeting and speak up!

Date: November 20th

Time: 7:30pm

Location: McCoart Building

1 County Complex

Woodbridge VA, 22192

Come early if you want to sign up to speak at Citizen's Time. If you cannot attend, make your voice heard by emailing BOCS@pwcgov.org

For more information visit NewWoodbridge.org

~~ 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.

State – Priority ERA and more



Bragging on Branches — AAUW National to Facilitate Two Work Smart Sessions at Virginia's Women's Conference

AAUW National is thrilled to be facilitating two Work Smart sessions at the Virginia Women's Conference sponsored by U.S. Senator Mark Warner (D-Va.) on Saturday, November 17 at the Hotel Roanoke & Conference Center. The conference hosts about 800 women annually, and this year AAUW will hold two Work Smart workshops that will reach about 200 – 400 women! The organizers were inspired to offer the sessions after learning about them through AAUW of Virginia conference participants and recent press on the Work Smart initiatives in AAUW Boston and AAUW Massachusetts. AAUW National appreciates AAUW of Virginia's strong support and is engaged in ongoing conversations with the offices of both Senator Warner and Governor Ralph Northam (D) about building a state-wide initiative in Virginia. National efforts continue to engage partners to advance the reach of Work Smart.

VA AAUW Leaders have created an ERA

informational brochure. Check it out: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2018/10/ERA-BOOK-FINAL-H6GA-compressed.pdf>

State Communications Chair, Patsy Quick, suggests this TED Talk, also. <https://ideas.ted.com/why-the-us-needs-to-pass-the-equal-rights-amendment-finally/>

National – GET OUT THE VOTE! ... and more

A record number of women are running for office across the country. Our efforts to encourage and empower women to be part of the process from local to national offices is working! We so look forward to Jeanette Rishell's report for the 2019 SUCCESS! Conference's program insert showing gains to a better representation of women who hold public office.

AAUW of Virginia Federal Lobby Day - On September 27th, 27 members of AAUW of VA along with members of the AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corp, went to the Senate to lobby against Judge Kavanaugh's nomination to the U.S. Supreme Court. We were divided into 16 teams of 2 or 3 persons, each with at least one experienced regular Lobby Corp member. Each group went to six senators' offices, for a total of 96 offices, to try to meet with a staffer and provide a letter from AAUW stating why AAUW opposed Judge Kavanaugh's nomination. This was also turned out to be the day that Dr. Christine Blasey Ford and Judge Kavanaugh testified separately to the Senate Judicial committee and the senate office buildings were electric! People gathered anywhere there was a TV to watch Dr. Ford's testimony.

After advocacy from AAUW members and supporters throughout the bill's progress, on Sunday 9/30, California Governor Jerry Brown (D) [signed](#) S.B. 1300 into law. The law provides guidance to the courts on how to apply the existing legal standard for sexual harassment, ensures that employers are not able to use legal tactics or offer raises or bonuses to silence victims, and prohibits non-disparagement agreements that deny employees the right to disclose information about harassment. AAUW of California sent Action Network emails to supporters across the state, generating 138 calls to assembly members prior to the bill's passage and 445 messages to the governor urging his signature. We applaud their grassroots advocacy success!

AAUW is 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.

One group has just reached their equal pay day in the United States..... November 1, 2018 - Latinas' Equal Pay Day - This is almost a whole year before their salaries caught up to males' in 2017! AAUW's [analysis](#) of recently released U.S. Census Bureau data shows that the gender pay gap remains stagnant — women still make just 80 cents on the dollar compared to men. This is an important opportunity to advocate for stronger pay equity protections to lawmakers and voters alike.

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Public Policy Chair (with input from AAUW, members, and other news)

Annual Fall Luncheon on September 23rd



On a beautiful, newly fall afternoon, members and a guest, enjoyed a buffet of appetizers, entries, and desserts at Joyce's home in Woodbridge. Susan's symphony stand partner and SUCCESS! Conference presenter, Andrea, became our newest branch member. Lee's friend, Julie, who lives in Fairfax County, enjoyed meeting us and learning about AAUW- she will be joining a branch closer to her home and work!



President Barbara and other officers presented the board's plans for the visit to the county's water plant, the holiday December dinner, and the SUCCESS! Conference dates. We got to meet our new member, Nancy Savage, who shares her recipe (as requested) here:

"Vegetable Tian"

Preheat oven to 375 degrees. Cook in a 2 ½ quart glass or earthenware casserole.

1 red onion, cut vertically into sixths, sections separated	1 red bell pepper, cut into 1" chunks
6 ounces of large mushrooms quartered	1 plum tomato, cored and cut into pieces
3 medium sweet potatoes, peeled, quartered lengthwise, and sliced ½ inch thick	3 garlic cloves, chopped
2 teaspoons chopped fresh rosemary, or ¾ teaspoon crumbled dried rosemary	1 Honeycrisp apple, peeled and chopped
½ teaspoon salt	Black pepper to taste
	1/3 cup olive oil

Combine all vegetables, apple, garlic, and rosemary in a large mixing bowl. Sprinkle on salt, pepper, olive oil, and toss to coat thoroughly. Put all ingredients into casserole and press down evenly. Bake for 45 minutes.

The Topping: ½ cup panko bread crumbs 1 Tablespoon olive oil and 2 Tablespoons balsamic vinegar

While the other ingredients are in the oven- In a small bowl, place bread crumbs. Drizzle oil and vinegar. Mix thoroughly with a fork. Remove the tian from the oven. Sprinkle the bread crumb topping mix over the top. Return the dish to the oven and bake another 15 minutes or until all vegetables are very tender. Make sure crumb topping does not burn. Remove from oven, cover, and let sit 30 minutes before serving.

History of the Dish - A tian is a Provencal specialty of vegetables and seasonings cloaked in olive oil and cooked slowly in a hot oven until succulent and tender. "Tian" refers to the method of cooking as well as the heavy baking dish that contains the mélange of ingredients. In the past, French village bakers would allow home cooks to place their heavy vegetable tians into still hot ovens once the last breads were removed. The remaining heat became trapped in the earthenware casseroles and gently cooked the vegetables until they were suffused with the surrounding flavors of a fruity olive oil and aromatic herbs.

Members' "Matinee Out" September 29th



Member Patty McCoart is an alumna of the Castaways Repertory Theatre troupe. Seven members with two friends joined Patty at the 9.29 matinee of *The Madwoman of Chaillot*, written by Jean Giraudoux, English translation by Maurice Valency, and directed by Harry Kantrovich. We found the production to be relevant- strong female lead characters- some with nurturing parts, others with greedy, political gain as their impetus.

Castaways offered a special group rate which we supplemented as a fund-raiser toward Foundation efforts – raising \$87 for the AAUW Fund. This fund is a general fund for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed. This prevents overfunded and underfunded areas that keep AAUW from reaching full mission potential. Mission-driven, community-based programs, such as Tech Trek and Tech Savvy, Start Smart and Work Smart, the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, research and other initiatives are among the supported programs. AAUW's page for AAUW Funds states that "national membership dues cover only 30 percent of the funds needed to support the mission-based programs and advocacy efforts that are fundamental to AAUW's ongoing effectiveness."

The next performance is **Shakespeare's *Much Ado About Nothing*** from January 18th – February 3rd (weekends). We'll plan in our next newsletter, but check your calendars to see which date(s) will work for you.



December Dinner at the Occoquan Inn

Mark your calendar and eat a light lunch on **Tuesday, December 4th**, for our annual December holiday dinner at the Occoquan Inn. It is a circa 1810 eatery dishing American fare in old-timey surrounds with wood beams, a fireplace, and will open for **just us** at **6:30 pm**. It is located at 301 Mill Street, in historic Occoquan, 22125. Our plan is arrive to mingle, order beverages and our dinner choices, and **to eat at 7:30 pm**. Traditionally, we invite guests and prospective new members *and* bring a wrapped gift of about \$10 for our Legal Advocacy Fund fundraiser. (Tickets are 1 for \$1 and 6 for \$5.) The warm atmosphere has been a treasured way to begin the holiday season.

Since the owner and his chefs will be hosting **just us**, he needs to plan a bit differently than they do for the regular lunch and weekend dinner menu. **Our program chair, Lee, has coordinated with the Inn and must have your RSVP by Thursday, November 29th so a head count and food can be noted.** (** In the past, the Inn was open to the public on the night we chose; in order to have the private room, we had to give a count the day before.)

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 standing in front of 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.

Applications for Election to the AAUW Board of Directors Are Now Open -

Do you share a passion for AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy? Apply to be considered for election to the AAUW Board of Directors! Applications close Friday, November 30, 2018 and elections will be held in Spring '19.

NOTES from OUR FINANCE OFFICER

Our board of directors has approved the following budget for the Woodbridge Branch of AAUW. In order to go forth, we need YOUR vote to approve or to revise. Please review the budget as outlined below and **reply to me, Karen Wolf, with your vote, by Friday, November 17th.**

Woodbridge Branch, AAUW, Proposed 2018-2019 Budget

	Proposed	Actual		Proposed
Income	2017-2018	2017-2018		2018-2019
Dues '17-'18 5/17-9/17	\$180.00	\$306.00	Dues'18-19 9/30/2018	\$204.00
Membership Initiative			Membership Initiative	
AAUW of VA rec'd '16	38.80	38.80	AAUW of VA rec'd '16	38.80
Dues Overpayments		2.50		
Gift from AAUW Virginia		30.00		
United Cash on Hand			United Cash on Hand	
to carry over 6/30/2017	595.28	347.48	09/30/18	638.78
Total Income	\$814.08	\$724.78		\$881.58

Expense Budget

Officers	\$70.00		Officers	\$70.00
Conference	115.00		Conference	115.00
STEAM Programs	50.00		Programs	100.00
Non-STEAM Programs	100.00		Insurance	185.00
Insurance	185.00	185.00	Newsletter	50.00
Newsletter	50.00		Membership	50.00
Membership	50.00		Membership Initiative	38.80
Membership Initiative	38.80		Directory	50.00
Directory	50.00	50.00	NOVA District Dues	10.00
NOVA District Dues	10.00	10.00	Success Conference	100.00
Success Conference	50.00	\$50.00	Contingency	112.78
Contingency	45.28			
Total Expense	\$814.08	\$295.00	Total Expense	\$881.58

Karen Wolf

Finance Officer for Branch/Treasurer

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Tour of Water Treatment Plant on 10/22



Our Prince William County Water Resources Plant, part of the PWC Service Authority, has many women leaders! Audrey, the Education and Outreach Coordinator, with another female education specialist provided a private tour for our members on Monday, October 22nd, from 1:30 until about 3 pm. At the Grubbs Environment Center, 1851 Rippon Blvd., Woodbridge 22191 we wore comfortable attire/shoes and walked to view the whole grounds, amazed by the facility's importance to our community and beyond. This was a chance for us to witness both STEM and women's leadership. Thank you to Joyce and Barbara for coordinating!

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

News from Members

Former branch member and new NC branch member, **Jeanne**, replied to board members' worries about the weather concerns with this note: Roger and I are fine. We really lucked out with Florence. It went north of here, and all we got was a little rain and wind last weekend. We are also fortunate that our rivers are tidal, so the ocean feeds them and not the water from upstate, where the flooding is. We were ready to evacuate, but didn't once we found that the storm's track was mostly in N.C. and north of us. Say 'hi' to everyone for me!

Member, **Toni**, to whose mom we dedicated our 2018 SUCCESS! Conference, is delighting in being a new grandmother. She hopes to visit "home" (up here where she grew up) and come up from North Carolina. Musician member, **Katherine**, missed us but proudly attended her grandson's graduation in NYC.

Marlo, has been in recuperation mode since a car accident, but sends her love and good wishes. We hope to see her soon.

Suzanne is enjoying the challenging work of her new career as a realtor; she had an open house to hostess the day of our luncheon. She's already planning the awards for our Science Fair winners in March!

Pam and Paige are both working on graduate degrees at GMU, while also being caregivers at home to Pam's mom. We're sure they'd enjoy some notes saying hi, too.



STEM/STEAM Updates from Susan & Susan

The American Institute of Aeronautics and Astronautics Endorses "Hidden Figures" Bill

Legislation awarding Congressional Gold Medals to Katherine Johnson, Dorothy Vaughan, Mary Jackson, and Dr. Christine Darden for their work at NASA was recently introduced in both the House and Senate. The Hidden Figures Congressional Gold Medal Act ([H.R. 6795/S. 3321](#)) serves to commend the three women for their contributions to NASA's success during the Space Race and highlight their broader impact on society; paving the way for women, especially women of color, in STEM. AIAA Executive Director Dan Dumbacher advocated that "these women should be recognized so future generations may be inspired to follow in their footsteps." Both bills await committee consideration. AIAA calls on its members and others to contact their representatives and senators to voice their support of the legislation.

Three Evolutionary Scientists Share This Year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry - This year's Nobel Prize in Chemistry was awarded to three researchers whose pioneering work with proteins has, in the words of one committee member, "applied the principles of Darwin in the test tube." **Frances H. Arnold** of the California Institute of Technology—only the fifth female Nobel Laureate in the chemistry prize's 117-year history—was recognized for conducting the first directed evolution of enzymes, or catalysts that enable the production of chemical substances, such as environmentally-friendly pharmaceuticals and biofuels. George P. Smith of the University of Missouri and Sir Gregory P. Winter of the MRC Laboratory of Molecular Biology in Cambridge were jointly honored for their contributions to the phage display method, which can be used to evolve new proteins and produce powerful pharmaceuticals. Arnold will take home half of the roughly \$1.01 million prize money, while Smith and Winter will split the remaining funds.

The Guardian's Nicola Davis reports that Arnold's directed evolution of enzymes (proteins that catalyze, or accelerate, chemical reactions) essentially boils down to the introduction of genetic mutations that allow enzymes to perform more efficiently or in ways that they normally wouldn't. This process is inspired by evolution: As Charles Darwin theorized, organisms with advantageous traits tend to have more offspring and eventually trigger natural selection, which favors those equipped for survival and reproduction over those less suited to their environment. In Arnold's experiments, these advantageous traits equate to mutated enzymes that exhibit high levels of efficiency and can replace strong solvents, heavy metals and corrosive acids in the production of pharmaceuticals, plastics and other chemicals. Arnold's work has placed her at the forefront of enzyme research. The Royal Swedish Academy notes that the catalysts produced in her lab can produce materials that don't yet exist in nature, speed up chemical reactions, produce fewer by-products and, in certain cases, replace the heavy metals typically used in traditional chemistry. Currently, her main area of focus is the production of renewable energy, with a long-term goal of creating environmentally-friendly fuel that will revolutionize the transportation sector.

"Twenty-five years ago, [this technology] was considered the lunatic fringe," Arnold explained in a 2014 interview marking her induction to the National Inventors Hall of Fame. "Scientists didn't do that. Gentlemen didn't do that. But since I'm an engineer and not a gentleman, I had no problem with that." As only the fifth woman out of more than 178 honorees to receive the chemistry prize, Arnold's win is significant. Only 3 percent of science prizes have been awarded to women in science, Erin Ross reported for *Axios* last year. Women scientists have historically been snubbed by the Nobel committee. The third woman to ever to receive the physics prize was awarded yesterday. {from Meilan Solly's article, 10.03.2018, Smithsonian.com}

The 2018 National Academies of Science, Engineering, and Medicine "Communication Awards" held in DC on 10/11 honored significant research in four categories: newspaper/magazine, film/radio/TV, online, and book. Four women from *ProPublica* and *NPR*, were honored for "*Lost Mothers*," with this abstract: "The U.S. has the worst rate of maternal deaths (26%) in the developed world, and 60% are preventable. The death of a neonatal nurse in the hospital where she worked illustrates a profound disparity- the health care system focuses on babies, but often ignores their mothers." Black mothers in the U.S., no matter the demographics, are 3x more likely to die. Refer to article for more insight - <https://www.propublica.org/article/die-in-childbirth-maternal-death-rate-health-care-system>

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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, by 11.17.2018, so she can check on reservations.

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From the National Women's History Project - Support the Votes for Women Trail's GoFundMe Campaign

The National Votes for Women Trail, part of the National Collaborative for Women's History Sites (ncwhs.org), has just launched a Go Fund Me campaign, <https://www.gofundme.com/empowering-all-women-to-vote>. Please support their work identifying sites all over our country that tell the story of suffrage for all women. Your contribution will help design a website before the 2020 Centennial that makes the 800+ sites on their database easy to search for educators, researchers and heritage tourists. The Trails project, which now includes 36 State Coordinators, is also recognizing 250 sites with historic roadside markers.

Dear Friends of the U.S. Congressional Commission for an American Museum of Women's History.

In November of 2016, the U.S. Congressional Commission on the study of a potential American Women's History Museum in Washington, D.C. presented its final report to the President of the United States and the U.S. Congress. The full report is available online on the Commission's website at www.amwh.us. In the report, the Commission concluded that women's history is integral to the American story and the Smithsonian Institution, in our nation's capital, is a natural place to honor women's contributions to this country. The Commission also recommended that the first step should be to create an American Women's History Initiative at the Smithsonian.

We have good news to report - the Smithsonian has taken this critical step, launching the American Women's History Initiative. Things are moving quickly. Already, the Smithsonian is hiring six new curators with expertise in women's history, developing major exhibitions and public programs, publishing a landmark book and surveying its vast collection. Here are a few details:

- ***Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence*** opens at the National Portrait Gallery March 2019. This groundbreaking exhibition will celebrate the 100th anniversary of American women's suffrage.
- ***Smithsonian American Women's History 100*** will showcase the institution's rich collection of art and artifacts that tell the story of women's contributions to art, history, science, culture and education in a beautifully produced book to be published in Fall 2019.
- ***Girlhood (It's Complicated)*** opens at the National Museum of American History June 2020 for an 18-month run before a 10-city tour across the country. This exhibition will explore that crucial time when young women become politically minded and realize the power of their own ideas.

With so much to celebrate, including the 100th anniversary of American women's right to vote, we want to keep you involved and informed. To ensure you're hearing the latest announcements and updates on the Smithsonian Women's History Initiative, please sign up at: <https://womenshistory.si.edu/join-the-community>.

October & Other Notables in Women's History

Alene Duerk (1920 – 2018), was the first female rear admiral in the Navy. Beginning her career in the Navy Nurse Corps during World War II, she rose to the rank of rear admiral in 1972. As director of the Navy Nurse Corps, she expanded their areas of nursing into pediatrics, obstetrics, and gynecology. **Died:** Saturday, July 21, 2018 in Lake Mary, Florida, at the age of 98.

Notable quote: "I didn't go into the Navy for a lifetime, I went in for six months," she told Bowling Green University's news service in 2016. "But I had an amazing career."

What people said about her: "Alene Duerk was a strong and dedicated trail blazer who embodied the very principles that continue to guide Navy Medicine today," Vice Adm. Forrest Faison, Navy surgeon general, said in a statement. "She will forever be remembered as a servant leader who provided the best care to those who defended our nation, honoring the uniform we wear and the privilege of leadership."

On October 2nd, Donna Strickland became the first woman since 1963 and the third woman in history to be awarded the Nobel Prize in physics. Her research focused on the amplification and use of powerful lasers.

On October 10, 1903, Emmeline Pankhurst founded the Women's Social and Political Union to demand women's suffrage. Frustrated by the limited progress of decades of peaceful protests, the WSPU's motto was "Deeds, not words," and it sought to embarrass the **British** government by defacing property and enacting hunger strikes. [Read the true history of the suffragette.](#)

On October 16th, 690, Wu Zetian became empress of China. Wu, who was born into a wealthy family, ascended from court concubine to become the only official female emperor in the nation's history.

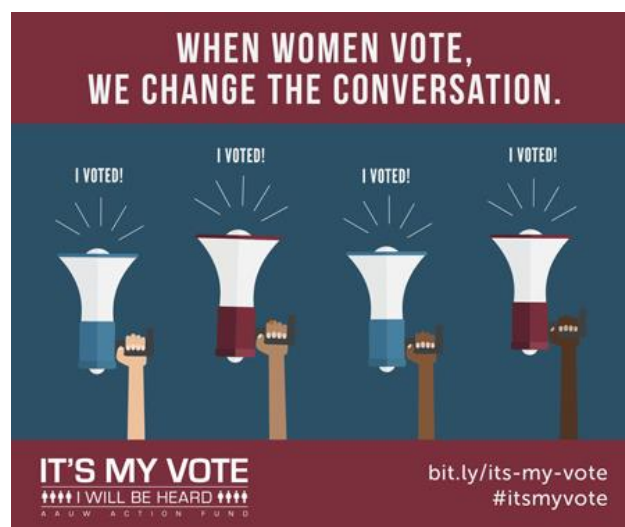
On October 17, 1956, Mae Jemison, the 1st African-American woman in space and the first astronaut to appear on Star Trek was born.

Retired **Justice Sandra Day O'Connor** revealed in a letter on October 23rd, that she has been diagnosed with the "beginning stages of dementia, probably Alzheimer's disease." "I will continue living in Phoenix, Arizona surrounded by dear friends and family," she wrote and added, "While the final chapter of my life with dementia may be trying, nothing has diminished my gratitude and deep appreciation for the countless blessings of my life." O'Connor, 88, was nominated to the bench by President Ronald Reagan as the **first female Supreme Court justice of the United States in 1981**. She retired from the bench in 2006, in part to care for her husband, who was ailing from Alzheimer's.

AAUW Chicago (IL) Branch recently celebrated the success of an initiative they joined to rename a downtown Chicago street after Ida B. Wells-Barnett, a Chicagoan who exposed lynching through investigative journalism, cofounded the NAACP, and integrated the 1913 Suffragette March. Branch members lobbied in support of the change, attending press conferences, committee hearings, and City Hall meetings to make their voices heard.

November Notables

On November 2nd's episode of Jeopardy, there was a category of "gender-fair" phrases- including *first journey* to replace *maiden voyage*; *lackeys* to replace *henchmen*; *first year* to replace *freshman*; and *parking enforcement officer* for *meter maid*. Other terms for this language updating include: "gender-neutral" and "non-gender specific". {One replacement that this editor wish were in place is the use of "*staffing*" instead of "*manning*" the events...}



Some edited from "National Women's History Project" Calendar www.nwhp.org {Editor is proud that AAUW firsts are included ☺}
Other notes from Smithsonian's E-Daily News; other sources as cited.

Advanced Planning Calendar for 2018-2019

June 30, 2018

Membership \$ for 2018-2019 Were Due

AAUW National Dates

November 1: Comment period opens for [AAUW National Election](#)

November 15: Deadline for [International Fellowships](#) and [Career Development Grants](#)

November 27: Giving Tuesday

November 30: Last day to [submit an application](#) to serve on the AAUW board of directors

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
(see information in newsletter)**

December 4

Holiday Dinner – Let Lee know that you will be attending. ☺

December 5

**League of Women Voters of Virginia Pre-Session Roundtable
Richmond**

January 13

(snow date 1/20)

Movie Afternoon @ Ali's Home Theater ☺

**“Iron-Jawed Angels” – about the Suffragists who were
imprisoned at the Lorton Workhouse (see Turning
Points Memorial article above)**

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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