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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

RE-LIVE THE SUFFRAGE MOVEMENT

Sun. Feb. 10, 2013, 2:00 pm.

Falls Church Community Center

Historic re-enactor Lynne Garvey-Hodge will present a one-woman monologue about the fight to obtain the vote for women, through the story of a wealthy Baltimore woman, Mrs. Robert Walker, who became a suffragist. Mrs. Robert Walker (aka Amelia Himes), joined the suffragist movement and in 1917 was one of over 100 women who were arrested in front of the White House and incarcerated at the Occoquan Workhouse. Mrs. Robert Walker, born into a world of privilege in Baltimore, graduated from Swarthmore College at a time when few women were educated. The monologue tells the story of how she was transformed into a suffragist, her arrest in front of the White House in the summer of 1917, her incarceration at the Occoquan Workhouse for 60 days, and the Prison Parades in 1918-19. After the vote for women was obtained, Walker continued to lobby for women's rights; later in life she participated in presentations to Congress for the Equal Rights Amendment. Lynne Garvey-Hodge is a member of the Fairfax County Historical Society.

SUFFRAGE MARCH CENTENNIAL MARKED

The weekend of March 1 – 3 marks the centennial of the suffrage march held in Washington, DC on March 3, 1913. A variety of events going on in DC are listed at suffrage-centennial.org. On Sat. March 2, AAUW headquarters will be open during the day with tours of the building and material from the AAUW Archives regarding suffrage movement. Programs at headquarters that day include

- 10 – 12 AM Panel on Modern Day Activism and the Role of Social Media
- 2 – 4 pm Robert Cooney speaks about his book *Winning the Vote*

MEMBER NEWS

Leah Porzel recently moved to the Hermitage; her new address is 500 Fairbanks Avenue Mailbox # 234 Alexandria, VA 22311 Her phone is 703-797-3946

Sarah John has again been to Haiti to work in the relief program there. We look forward to more news from her.

FROM THE PRESIDENT

Dear Members,
Once again, thank you to all members who attended the January 13th branch meeting and gave your valuable input into the discussion of the three reports presented. You can see a summary of the actions taken at that meeting elsewhere in this newsletter.

I look forward to seeing our members at the February meeting on Feb. 10th at 2:00. Many of you have been traveling or hosting guests, so you will have stories to share about your activities this winter. Sharon Zackula has scheduled an interesting and informative program for our meeting, so plan to come on the 10th. With the beautiful weather we have been having, we should have no trouble getting ourselves to the Community Center that afternoon. (I am ignoring the ice we had this week!)

Remember that AAUW Lobby Day is Feb. 6th in Richmond. You have received an email about the event and are urged to attend to represent the branch and to learn about current legislation. Also, look for our Falls Church Area Branch article in the February VA Vision which you should receive soon.

I want to take this opportunity to thank members of the Board of Directors and members of committees who spend time and energy working behind the scenes to make our branch function smoothly and efficiently. A recent example is the Bylaws Committee of Martha Trunk and Pam Martinov who will present bylaw revisions to the group at the Feb. 10th meeting. Many of you are involved with branch committees and interest groups, and you deserve our thanks.

Bunny Jarrett, President
Falls Church Area Branch

SPECIAL NOTE

Kitty Richardson plans to go to the AAUW Lobby Day in Richmond on Feb. 6. Contact her if you would like to attend.

MEMBER NEWS

If you were on a trip recently, or welcomed a new family member, or earned a degree or other honor, etc. we'd like to share in your news. Send your information to the Newsletter Editor at sharonstrand@aol.com

BOOK CLUB

The book club meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month and starts at 7:30 p.m. At the next meeting on Feb. 19 we will be reading *The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao* by Junot Diaz at Becky Gaul's home, 6119 18th Road North, Arlington.

In March we will meet on the 19th at the home of Martha Trunk, 6571 Snowbell Lane, FC. To fit into our Women's History Month theme, we will be reading *Notorious Victoria: The Life of Victoria Woodhull* by Mary Gabriel.

We will skip April because we know we'll be tired from all our work at the book sale.

Our meeting on May 21 will be at Becky Gaul's home. We will be reading *Prague Winter: A Personal Story of Remembrance and War, 1937-1948* by Madeleine Albright.

This year we will not meet in June, July and August.

FROM THE BOARD

The Board met for its regular meeting on January 28th. The main focus of the meeting was a review of recommended bylaws changes from the Bylaws Committee, Martha Trunk and Pam Martinov. With the input from the Board, the bylaws are ready for presentation and distribution to the membership at the Feb. 10th meeting. We will vote on the amendments to the bylaws at the Annual Meeting on Monday, March 11th.

VP for Programs reviewed the plans for the remaining branch meeting for the year. It was suggested that we have a former scholarship recipient speak at the May Scholarship Meeting. Sharon asked for suggestions of inexpensive restaurants where we can seat a big crowd for the End-of-the-Book-Sale dinner. Last year the dinner was at Panshir in Falls Church.

Membership Co-Chair Dianne Bodeen reported that she would like to make an attractive, informative permanent tri-fold poster about AAUW that could be used by members at the Book Sale and a variety of other settings. She and Becky Gaul will develop this poster and bring it to the Board for review.

Treasurer Stasia Gifford indicated that she will have a report of expenditures to date and a proposed 2013-2014 budget for review by the board at their February meeting. The membership will vote on the budget at the March meeting.

There was consensus among the Board members that the required Annual Reports will be submitted in June during the last month of the fiscal year rather than at the Annual Meeting in March.

This will enable officers and committee chairs to include all activities of the year in their reports.

Mollie Jewell announced the Book Sale Organizational Lunch for February 16th at Mary Youman's house. Detailed information about the Book Sale is published in this newsletter. Mollie will pursue contacts with George Mason High School and Northern Virginia Community College to involve students in the Book Sale with the possibility of getting an intern to serve with the Book Sale chairs for the entire year next year.

Becky Gaul reported that she has had conversations with staff at the national AAUW office, and was assured that we can get our scholarship application online using their system. Becky will continue to pursue revision of our website with the new AAUW logo to be released in February and additional tools from the national office.

The branch must elect the Vice President for Membership and the Treasurer at the Annual Meeting in March. These two officers are elected in odd years with the remaining officers elected in even years. Dianne Bodeen was appointed chair of the Nominating Committee. Bunny will appoint two other members of the committee with the consent of the Board.



SUMMARY OF JANUARY BRANCH MEETING

Below is a summary of the actions taken by the membership at the January 13th Branch Meeting. Remember that the book sale and scholarship reports were emailed to members before the meeting. If you need a copy, please contact Bunny, and she will resend it.

Book Sale Operations Task Force:

The report of the Task Force was unanimously approved.

Local Scholarship Committee Report: 2012 Process, Concerns and Recommendations.

The Purpose Statement of the Falls Church AAUW Educational Equity Scholarships was unanimously approved. The recommendation that at least one scholarship be awarded to a qualified girl from each of the high schools submitting applications was unanimously approved. Consensus was reached that, given the adoption of the Dream Act and AAUW's commitment to equity, there should be no requirement for citizenship of the scholarship applicants.

Report of Board Recommendations for Unreimbursed Expenses: A motion to increase our Branch Budget by \$500 a year to cover Administrative Costs of the Branch in the following categories: General Administration, Membership, Programs, and Outreach was unanimously approved. A motion to require that members receive authorization from the Board prior to incurring expenses over \$20.00 was unanimously approved. A motion to move \$500 from the Book Sale Account to the Branch Account at the beginning of the fiscal year July 1, 2013 was unanimously approved. It was understood that reimbursed and unreimbursed expenses would be

monitored closely during 2013-2014 to determine if the \$500 meets our needs. A detailed budget report for the 6 months ending December 31, 2013 will be used in creating the budget for the following year to be voted on by the membership in March 2014.

WE HAVE MONEY TO AWARD TO COMMUNITY ORGANIZATIONS!

The Board recently approved two Special Projects grants, each for \$500. One was to support a Teenstretch after-school program; the other was tuition support for a Homestretch nursing student in her last semester at NOVA.

The deadline for Special Projects applications is March 31st. We currently have approximately \$1600 in the Special Projects budget to be awarded this year. If you know of a community group that has a focus on education and equity for women and girls and could use support for an ongoing activity or a one-time event, please submit an application to Bunny as soon as possible. Bunny can email you the application form or you can submit the following information to her via email at mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu.

- Awardee (Person/Organization)
- Street Address
- Phone number for contact at Awardee organization
- Requestor Name
- Requestor Email or Phone Number
- Dates of proposed project
- Purpose of award
- Amount requested
- How award will benefit women and/or girls

BOOK SALE

Sale dates April 12 and 13

Book sale time is fast approaching. We're busy planning the sale and collecting books for the sale (Fri and Sat. April 12 and 13, 2013) in the Falls Church Community Center. Profits help us break barriers for women and girls by funding AAUW fellowships, scholarships for Falls Church area high school girls, and special projects in Falls Church area.

Books...are already coming in. We've been book donations and already have several shelves full of good books – so we are asking donors to wait until March to give us more books, if possible. To reduce the amount of trash that we have to haul, we are selective about the books we accept. So, please remind your donors about the guidelines.

Guidelines for book donations. Our customers don't buy magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, or books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition – no matter how meaningful they are to the donor. So please explain to people that we accept only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can't take. The other books, unfortunately, should be put in the trash (paperbacks can be recycled).

You can help. Sign up to help at the February meeting or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer.



Book Sale Organizing Brunch

Learn more about book sale jobs

This informal brunch is a great opportunity to learn more about the jobs available (and to sign-up for one). Come to Mary Youman's (4419 N. 18th Street) on Saturday, Feb. 16 at 12:30. We'll iron out some of the details of the sale, including recommendations of the recent book sale task force. Please come; bring a dish to share, or just come; everyone is welcome. Below is a sample of the jobs that are available:

- Sorting reminder – emails/calls volunteers to remind them about sorting
- “Specials” researcher – looks up book prices on Internet and helps price “special” books
- “Current and choice” pricier – 1pm to 4pm on sorting days, price new books.
- Sorting lunch hostess – 11am to 1pm sorting days, purchase (we provide the \$)/setup lunch.
- Mailing list researcher – verifies addresses on publicity mailing list
- Setup coordinator – coordinates setup in the Rec Center on April 10 (Thursday)
- Publicity coordinator – help with book sale publicity
- Label making and postcard mailing.
- Box collection



For more information, call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643 or Mary Youman at 703-528-8993.

Book Sale Volunteers Needed

We need your help with the book sale!
We're enlisting:

- Cashiers and sorters at sale (April 12 and 13)
- Sorters (Saturdays in March and April)
- Collectors (now to April)
- Publicizers

If you want to help, pick one (or more) jobs and sign up at the February meeting or brunch, or call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643.

Sorting

We'll start sort books again in March (earlier if we have a mild day). We sort books, storing them in boxes by subject. Even if you have just a little time, you can accomplish a lot. Come to Mary Youman's (near Ballston) any time between 10am and 3pm on Saturdays in March. Sign up and we'll give you a reminder call or email. Call Mollie Jewell at 703/941-5643 or Mary Youman at 703/528-8993 to find out more about sorting. (We have a 2-page flyer that "tells all").

Cashier

Selling books at the book sale is the culmination of our effort! If you like money, books, or people, it's lots of fun. Sign up is by 2-hour shifts (no need to limit yourself to just one shift, either).

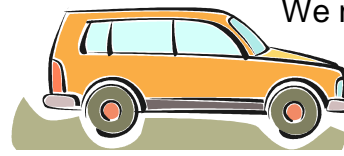


Volunteer for many jobs!

Remember, you don't need to limit yourself to just one job. Sign up at meetings. If you have any questions or

suggestions, or wish to volunteer, call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643.

Collection.



We need members to be "on call" to pickup books and take them to

storage at Mary Youman's garage in near Ballston. We will give you the name and number of the donor, then you arrange with the donor for book pick up. No denying it, this job does require some heavy lifting!

Book Sale Posters

Publicity draws paying customers. In addition to our announcements and ads in papers and on radio and TV stations, the posters play an important role. That's where you come in. Pick up your posters at the March meeting and sign-up for a convenient location. Starting in April, hang the posters. Then each time you return, make sure the sign is still up. Many stores change their policies each year or regularly remove signs - so we have to keep at it!

MEMBER NEWS

Becky Gaul is looking for the owner of a Royal Norfolk Christmas plate which was left at her home after the Holiday Party. If it is your plate, please contact Becky.

AAUW Educational Foundation
How our book sale helps...

In addition to the local scholarships for girls graduating from local high schools and local projects, our branch book sale benefits the programs of AAUW's Educational Foundation. The AAUW Educational Foundation, which is the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women in the world, supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented.

Our branch has already endowed an American Fellowship to the tune of \$100,000 which has been generating fellowships since 2008. This year, our recipient is Joanna Dearolf who is working on her MS in Math at Georgetown. And, what's more, we are currently building funds to endow a career development grant. When completed, that will fund an annual grant. These grants support women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the work force..

Through your support, our book sale makes a difference here in Falls Church and nationally. .

Receipts for books you collect...

If you are accepting book donations from your friends, you can cut out and give them the following receipt:



Educational Equity Book sale
Falls Church Community Center
April 12 and 13, 2013

Promoting education and equity for women and girls

Thank you for your donation of:

_____ Soft cover books

_____ Hard cover books

_____ Other:

Value to be established by donor.

Proceeds to: AAUW Educational Foundation.

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MEMBER NEWS

Lillian Peterson, a sales associate with the Long & Foster Real Estate Falls Church office, earned the prestigious Realtor Emeritus status from the National Association of Realtors in recognition of 45 years of service to the real estate community. She is also the first ever member of the Northern Virginia Association of Realtors to earn membership in the organization's Multi-Million Dollar Sales Club each year for more than four consecutive decades, the only member to hold that title. She is also a lifetime member of NVAR's Top Producers Club.

NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

George Mason College/University Partner got a big boost when Kitty Richardson and I met with the directors, associate director and graduate students at the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Multicultural Education and the Office of Women and Gender Studies in December. We discussed activities within AAUW at all levels and the many resources in the DC metro area that could be tapped. For the spring semester, we are looking at activities such as involvement with Lobby Corp, having a presentation from Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, sponsoring students to attend NCCWSL, and publicizing e-student membership.

Sexual Assaults in the Military. The Academy Award nominated **Invisible War** and the high profile lawsuits LAF has supported have influenced the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA has 19 amendments that reform sexual assault/harassment policies, including:

- Prohibit the military from recruiting anyone convicted of a sex offense
- Mandatory separation of convicted sex offenders
- Create a "Special Victims Units" to improve investigation, prosecution and victim support
- Create an independent review panel to closely examine the way that the DoD investigates, prosecutes, and adjudicates sexual assaults

However a recommendation to change how rapes are reported and prosecuted was not acted on. Currently reports must go through the service member's chain of command. The Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act, which AAUW supports, calls for rape cases be tried in civilian rather than military courts. DoD opposes this change as it would disrupt "good order and discipline."

HAVE YOU? Gassed up to car for Lobby Day in Richmond

February 6, VA AAUW is teaming up with the League of Women Voters to lobby in Richmond. This effort is especially critical this year as all elected offices are up for election. It starts at 8:30 am with a Women's Round table. For more information, contact Angela Booker, Co-VP Public Policy at angeladbooker@gmail.com.

Sandy Lawrence
Northern District Representative
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FOLLOW THE VA LEGISLATURE

A website has been set up by the Virginia Public Access Project where to follow the actions of the VA Legislature. It can be found at vpap.org.

NEW AAUW WEBSITE AND LOGO COMING SOON

Over the past few years, AAUW has undergone many changes to ensure our continued strength, growth, and nationwide leadership on behalf of women and girls. The new logo, to be launched Feb. 20, introduces a bold, bright look that complements our reinvigorated branch activities and expanding international efforts, and it works well with our lively publications, robust social media presence, and soon to be updated website. Customized logos are also being created for states and branches.

AAUW ACTION NETWORK NEWS

VIOLENCE AGAINST WOMEN ACT

A bipartisan group of senators have reintroduced the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA). This is essentially the same bipartisan bill that the Senate passed in April 2012 to improve VAWA programs and ensure all victims get the services they need. Because the House didn't pass this version before the end of 2021, we must renew our efforts to day to protect victims of domestic violence. Since its enactment in 1994, VAWA has saved both lives and money. The programs continue to run even though the current authorization expired almost two years ago. Senate bill 47 is a well-crafted bill with strong bipartisan support which includes campus safety provisions which will ensure that institutions of higher education have comprehensive procedures in place to address domestic violence, dating violence, sexual assault, and stalking. Contact your senator today to cosponsor this bill and move it forward.

PAYCHECK FAIRNESS ACT

One of AAUW's top priorities for the 113th Congress is the Paycheck Fairness Act which would deter wage discrimination by closing loopholes in the Equal Pay Act and bar retaliation against workers who disclose their own wages to co workers, Without this bill, employers can penalize and even fire employees for talking about their salaries. This practice leaves workers in the dark, preventing them from ever finding out about pay discrimination in the workplace. We can't make real progress in closing the wage gap until we strengthen enforcement of existing anti-discrimination laws and give women the tools they need to get the pay they deserve. Contact your Senators and Representatives to urge them to cosponsor this important legislation.

WANT TO RECEIVE ACTION ALERTS?

If you would like to sign up to receive the Action Alerts from AAUW, go to capwiz.com/aauw/home to be included in timely information.

AAUW QUIZ

Do you know these famous AAUW members?

- The woman AAUW members helped raise \$100,000 for to purchase one gram of radium; the excess \$56,000 raised is the basis for an AAUW fellowships in chemistry, physics, or radiology, given annually;
- The co-founder of IFUW (International Federation of University Women); dean of Barnard College; only woman in the U.S. delegation that wrote the Charter of the United Nations.

Go to the AAUW Archives at <https://svc.aauw.org/museum/history/index.cfm> to find the answer to these questions.

CONNECT WITH AAUW

This isn't your mother's AAUW; it may not even be the group we originally joined all those years ago. Then we kept in contact through the phone, a national magazine, and a newsletter typed on an old typewriter then mimeographed!!! Today we can connect with AAUW through the following means:

- Visit the website at www.aauw.org
- Follow the group on Twitter at @AAUW
- Join the Facebook group at www.facebook.com/aauw.national
- Watch videos on our YouTube channel at www.youtube.com/aauwinfo
- Send a message to Congress at capwiz.com/aauw/home
- Read the blog at blog.aauw.org
- Send an email at connect@aaup.org
- Of course the phone still works at 800-326-2289



DO WE STILL NEED A NATIONAL CONVENTION??

This question was asked at our January meeting – and National is now stating some reasons to attend convention --

- The focus of the convention is now on growing our members as leaders;
- Many workshops in which to learn leadership skills are offered;
- Those workshops also provide information on all the resources and programs available through AAUW;
- Many networking opportunities are sponsored;
- Inspiring and motivating keynote speakers such as Lilly Ledbetter and Melissa Harris- Perry are included.

AAUW Biennial Action Priorities

The Public Policy Program underscores AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research as well as speaking to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. The work of AAUW builds upon more than 130 years of responsible public participation, and provides a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels. Implicit in our principles is support for government agencies administering programs, including adequate appropriations, effective and accountable administration, and provision for citizen participation. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on these principles. We work to increase the number of underrepresented populations, including women, in policy- and other decision-making positions. AAUW is committed to working in partnership with diverse allies and coalitions to break through educational and economic barriers for women and girls.

Upcoming Important Dates

Sat. Feb. 9	State Lobby Day in Richmond
Sun. Feb.10 2 pm	Branch Meeting, Falls Church Community Center
Sat. Feb. 16 12:30	Book Sale Organizing Brunch
Tues. Feb 19, 7:30 pm	Book Club Meeting, Becky Gaul's home, <i>The Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao</i>
Mon. Feb. 25, 7:30 pm	AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30,
Tues. Feb. 26	Deadline for Newsletter submissions
Mon. March 11, 7:30 pm	AAUW Branch Meeting, FC Community Center
Tues. March 19, 7:30 pm	Book Club Meeting, Martha Trunk's home, <i>Notorious Victoria: The Life of Victoria Woodhull</i>
Thurs. April 11	Book sale setup at FC Community Center
April 12 and 13	Book sale



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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

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