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What's Inside?

Find out what's on for our October meeting program topic. In her monthly letter, Bunny Explains All about the various AAUW funds. Brief bits from the September Board meeting (read these to get the date and place for the annual Holiday Party among other news). And read Caroline Pickens's article on the joys of discovery amidst papers from the past.

Understanding Affordable Care

The Affordable Care Act will be fully implemented on January 1, 2014. Do you have questions about how The Affordable Care Act will affect you and your family, your uninsured children, your small businesses? Bob Becker, our speaker for our October 14 meeting and program on the Affordable Care Act, will discuss these issues, and how the law is being implemented in Virginia.

Becker joined the staff of Virginia Organizing in January 2011, and works on issues affecting the small business community in Virginia, including healthcare. Prior to Virginia Organizing, Becker had a 20 year organizing career, which included eleven years with the Tennessee Industrial Renewal Network on trade and living wage issues. Most recently Becker served seven years on Knoxville City Council and two years as the Vice-Mayor. He now resides in Richmond.

October 14, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Falls Church Community Center



From the President

Did you come to hear about the Donut Dollies at our September Branch meeting? What a great way to start the year. We had 29 members and guests at the meeting. **Thanks to Susan** Conklin for an interesting and informative presentation.

Board members will be forming committees in the coming weeks to address the work in their portfolios. They will use the Volunteer Interest Surveys that many of you completed to match member interests to tasks. If you have not completed a survey, send me an email telling me your area of interest. **Working together** is a way to learn about fellow members and to contribute to the direction of branch activities.

I want to take this opportunity to introduce you to **AAUW Funds**. These funds enable you to make an individual tax-deductible contribution to an AAUW program that reflects your passion about equity for women and girls in a specific area. More information can be found at www.aauw.org/contribute/.

The Legal Advocacy Fund supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Some of LAF's targets are workplace sex discrimination; legal rights in educational settings; and discrimination, harassment, and assault on college campuses.

The Educational Opportunities Fund supports educational and lifelong learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. This fund supports hundreds of fellowships, career development grants, and AAUW Tech Trek camps for eighth grade girls across the country.

The Public Policy Fund supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Public policy programs include advocating in Capitol Hill and in the White House, voter registration drives, and field organizing through Impact Grants and the Two-Minute Activist program. Many of our members participate in the Lobby Corps with weekly visits to Capitol Hill.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund supports AAUW research about issues that are important to women and girls. Past reports include *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics* (2010), *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* (2011), *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* (2012), and *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Gradation* (2012). Community colleges Copies of these excellent reports are available from AAUW.

The Leadership Programs Fund supports women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country. Leadership programs include The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; our branch sponsors an area student each year. Another leadership project is Elect Her, which teaches student leaders the skills they need to run for student government.

I urge each of you to review the work of the various funds and consider contributing whatever amount you can. You can restrict your tax-deductible gifts to specific funds or programs. Additionally, giving an unrestricted gift to AAUW Funds makes it possible for AAUW to respond to the most urgent needs and greatest opportunities to break through educational and economic barriers to women and girls.

Bunny Jarrett

Missed the Movie Group?

Read a review at Susan's blog <http://suzismovies.blogspot.com/>

WOW! Look What I Found!

You're going through a box of loose papers from the 1950's and come across a beautifully handwritten letter, 5 pages long. You look at the signature, and it's from Rachel Carsen. She is thanking AAUW for giving her the Achievement Award in 1956 and stating she will use the money to do research for her next book. That book turned out to be *Silent Spring*.

This **actually happened** to me as a member of the AAUW Archives Corps, which meets at AAUW headquarters downtown once a month to work on boxes from our archives that need to be culled and put into archival condition. The letter proved what we have always thought: that **the money from AAUW directly helped Rachel Carson write *Silent Spring***.

There are 17 local AAUW members in the Archives Corps, but most are from Maryland branches. **We can use more members—and we need more from Virginia to find these incredible pieces of AAUW history** (can't let Marylanders get all the good stuff). Work is done the first Monday and Tuesday of each month. The hours are flexible but generally people come in about 9:30 or 10 and work until 2 or 2:30. It goes all year, but we have fewer attendees in July and August because of vacation times. But that's part of the beauty of it--you don't have to come every month. New members receive training from the AAUW archivist, plus you are also with members who have been doing this for almost 2 years now who can help you. And it's fun to meet members from other branches. There is a lot of "Oh my gosh—listen to this!"

If you are interested in joining us, please contact me at carolineaauw@gmail.com or Suzanne Gould (AAUW's archivist) at goulds@aauw.org. (Headquarters is close to Farragut West and Farragut North stations.)

Caroline Pickens

AAUWFC Special Project Awards – What Can You Do?

Have you considered submitting a Special Project application? **Any FCAAUW member can** submit a request for a project for a person or organization local to the Falls Church area that **benefits women and/or girls**. Applications are rolling and open each July 1st. Deadline for final submission is March 31st. More information and applications are available from Bunny Jarrett at mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu.

Save the Date!

The Northern District program and meeting will be **October 26** from 12:30 to 4:30 pm at the Oakton Public Library, 10304 Lynnhaven Place Oakton, VA 22124.

The topic is “Community Colleges: Affordable, Available, So What's The Barrier?” The guest speaker is Dr. Catherine Hill, **Director of Research, AAUW** and co-author of the AAUW report *AAUW report Women in Community College: Access to Success*. After the program and a short break, the business meeting will be conducted. Hope to see everyone there!

Be Informed

AAUW Washington Update is a public policy e-publication that is free to AAUW members, but you do have to subscribe. To sign up:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=7067

Member Notes

Pam Martinov will be having eye surgery later this month. It's an outpatient visit, but she will have to rest, face down, for four weeks. She welcomes your phone call or other communication as she recuperates.

Kitty Richardson is recovering from cardiac issues that arose as she was travelling. She has returned home but will be out of pocket for two weeks or so.

Member Updates

Susan Hesser - Email Correction: seffness@usa.net

Renee Klish – Email Correction: museumcurator40@gmail.com

Leah Porzel – New address: 500 Franklin Ave., Box 234, Alexandria, VA 22311.

New Phone: [703 797-3946](tel:7037973946).

Sharon Strand – Change of address: 7002 Chestnut Avenue. Change of College: College of St. Scholastica.

Board Bits (A Goldmine of Information here!)

The AAUW of the Falls Church Area Board met Monday, September 23, 2013. In attendance were Bunny Jarrett, Sharon Zackula, Elizabeth Kessel, Martha Trunk, and Becky Gaul.

Program VP: Sharon Zackula is in the process of scheduling a speaker for the October meeting. The meeting will be October 14th and the topic will be health care. The Annual Holiday Party will be held on Sunday afternoon, December 8th. Becky and Jim Gaul will host the party. Members will be asked to give suggestions for a performance to attend before the party as we have done in past years.

Membership VP: Kitty Richardson was absent. The Board decided that Kitty would be the keeper of the master membership list. Changes in the list will be communicated to Martha as Treasurer, Becky as Webmaster, and Sally Brett as Newsletter Editor. Kitty will create a Membership Committee upon her return from out of town.

Treasurer: Martha Trunk reported that we have \$23,900.39 in the Book Sale account. \$22,394.45 is committed to the Career Development Grant, Scholarships, and Special Projects. Martha will explain the workings of this account in detail at the October Branch meeting. We began the year with \$1085 in the Branch Account. Martha will report on budget categories and expenses for this account at the October meeting.

Newsletter: As requested by Editor Sally Brett, the Board discussed their preference for regular features in the monthly newsletter. They indicated that

articles by Board members, plus directory updates, profiles of new members, district and state news, and special announcements should be included. There was a general feeling that we did not want the newsletter to become so long that members did not read it nor want to print it.

Book Sale: The book sorting on recent Saturdays has been successful. Several new and continuing members attended. Many books have already been collected. The next book sort is Saturday, October 19th at Mary Youman's.

Communications: Becky Gaul indicated that after one more review of the Directory information, she would send out the password for accessing the online directory to the membership. She will regularly post the newsletter and ask Sally to send it to AAUW-VA for posting. Becky will establish a Communications Committee in the coming weeks to address communications in all media.

Scholarship Committee: Mellen Tanamly, previous Chair, is developing a system for tracking our scholarship awardees. Bunny will ask her for a report for the October Board Meeting.

Special Projects: A Special Projects Grant Application submitted by Bunny Jarrett for an LCD Projector and cord was approved by the Board. The total cost was \$222.60. In October, the Board will discuss the establishment of a committee to review the criteria for Special Projects Grants and make recommendations to the Board. **Members will be asked to volunteer for this committee.** Kitty plans to submit a grant application related to STEM to AAUW-VA for \$100 to cover part of the expense of the Rails Girls Special Project approved in August.

Announcements: Lobby Corps Training is being offered on November 7th at National Headquarters. Any member who would like to know more about what the Lobby Corps does or who would like to become a member of Lobby Corps is invited to attend.

Bunny submitted an article to the *Virginia Vision* about our Scholarship Awards meeting. Look for it in the next issue of the *Vision*.

Fall Book Sorting Part 2

We will hold our second fall books sorting session on **Saturday October 19** to sort/consolidate books. Sorting is a great way to meet people, spend some quality time outdoors, and get a huge sense of accomplishment. We'll start at 10 a.m. and end at 3 p.m. but you can come any time. (Lunch is served. The Youmans are at 4419 N. 18th Street in Arlington, just two blocks off Glebe Road near Ballston. If you have questions, call Mary Youman at 703-528-8993.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Mon., Oct. 14	Branch Meeting, 7:30 p.m., FC Community Center
Sat. Oct. 19	Book Sorting, 10– 3, 4419 N. 18 th Street, Arlington
Sat. Oct. 26	NoVA AAUW Regional Meeting and Public Program 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Oakton Public Library
Thurs., Nov. 7	AAUW Lobby Corps Training, AAUW Headquarters
Mon., Nov. 11	Branch Meeting, 7:30p.m., FC Community Center



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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.