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Co- Presidents' Message

Happy New Year!

Many thanks to Mollie Jewell and Sarah John for helping with the preparations for the December 15 holiday party. We had a great turnout and, as usual, we had an enormous buffet of homemade holiday savory dishes and sweets.

BOOK SALE. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already had our first Saturday session, on January 4, at the Willston Multicultural Community Center to acquire and sort books.

The next session is Saturday, January 18, from 9 am - 3:00 pm for members. Book drop off by the public is from 10 am – 2:00 pm. It's your opportunity to assist in the branch's major fundraising activity—the book sale.



Other News. On January 14, 2020 in Richmond, Virginia, AAUW of Virginia members are invited to attend a reception for women state legislators. On January 15, 2020, AAUW of Virginia will be holding its own State Lobby Day in Richmond to speak with our new legislators about pay equity and state again our support for the passage of the ERA.

The deadline to sign up to participate is January 8. Sign up by sending your name and email address to Susan Burk (burksu@aol.com) and Sylvia Rogers (srogers1nm@aol.com).

We look forward to seeing you in the New Year.

Elizabeth Kessel and Sharon Zackula

Co-Presidents

Upcoming Meetings

News about the two winter meetings: There will be a change in plans, due partly to the holidays and partly to the program chair's other concerns.

If we have a January daytime meeting, it will be on the 19th. Watch for an invite with details.

We will move our visit to the Archives fine exhibit of "Rightfully Hers" to February 9th. More details on that: getting there, getting a bite before or after in the next newsletter. Thanks for your forbearance with the change in program plans.



Public Policy News

AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day

There is still time to sign up for the January 14 reception for women legislators and/or the January 15 State Lobby Day (which includes a meeting with Governor Northam) in Richmond. If you wish to participate, you must send your name and email address to Susan Burk (burksu@aol.com) and Sylvia Rogers (srogers1nm@aol.com) **by January 8**. See the article in the December FLASH or email Marilyn Falksen (fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com) if you want more information about Lobby Day and hotel accommodations for those who wish to stay overnight on the 14th.

If you are unable to attend Lobby Day on January 15, there will be a second one on February 12. More information about the February Lobby Day will be sent via email once details are finalized.

AAUW of Virginia Advocacy Activities

When the Virginia General Assembly convenes on January 8, work on AAUW of Virginia's two top priorities – ratification of the ERA and Equal Pay for Equal Work will begin. The Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy have issued the following bulletin which describes options for advocacy on these issues and have asked that it be distributed to all AAUW members in Virginia.



AAUW of Virginia's Initial Advocacy Activities for the 2020 General Session

Virginia's legislative session begins on January 8th. Presentation of legislation that addresses AAUW of Virginia's top 2 priorities – ratification of the ERA and Pay Equity -- will begin immediately. AAUW-VA State Lobby Day visits

(which many of you have signed up for) to the Governor and key legislators on January 15th and February 12th will focus on equal pay for equal work.

Immediate ERA Advocacy Action Needed

However, today is the time to add your voice for the Equal Rights Amendment by contacting your senators and delegates and asking them to vote for the ERA. Write to them or place a phone call.

Not sure who your representatives are? Go to this link and put in your address:

<https://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov/?emci=c18930ee-a621-ea11-a601-2818784d6d68&emdi=48e5a1f4-462b-ea11-a601-2818784d6d68&ceid=2397668>

Three ERA bills have been filed:

HJ 1, Chief Patron: Jennifer Carroll Foy <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+ful+HJ1>

SJ 1, Patrons: Senators Locke, McClellan, Hanger, Howell, Surovell and Deeds; Delegate: Samirah <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+ful+SJ1>

SJ 5, Chief Patron: Richard Saslaw <http://lis.virginia.gov/cgi-bin/legp604.exe?201+ful+SJ5>



To contact all delegates, follow this link:

<https://viriniageneralassembly.gov/house/members/members.php>

To contact all senators, follow this link: <https://apps.senate.virginia.gov>

Other Options for Advocacy (with VA ratify ERA, LWV, and others). Bring friends.

Virginia's 1st Annual Women's Equality Legislative Summit: When? Tues., Jan. 7, 9:30 a.m. – 12:30 p.m.

Where? Lewis Ginter Botanical Gardens at
1800 Lakeside Ave., Richmond., Va.

The goal of the summit is to bring together a variety of organizations to work together on a full slate of women's equality issues. . . . Chief patrons will provide an overview for eight pieces of selected legislation and. . . Discussion. . . will include a brief overview, key talking points and requested action(s). (from VAratifyERA.org website)

Parking is free for this event. Tickets (\$5/\$2.50) are required: <https://squareup.com/store/varatifyera>

Welcome Lawmakers Back to Richmond. When? Wed., Jan. 8, 9:45-10 a.m.

Where? Meet at Sun Trust Bank ground floor café at
919 East Main St., Richmond, VA.

Action: Walk one long block to Bank Street and greet lawmakers as they walk across the street to the Capitol. Later sit in the Galleries to experience the opening session. For more about the event and transportation to Richmond: <https://varatifyera.org/january-8th-welcome-back/>

BOOK SALE 2.0



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APRIL 17 - 18, 2020

Dianne Bodeen and Sarah John have volunteered to lead the branch during our preparations for our book sale. The book sale is April 17 and 18, 2020 at the Falls Church Community Center. We need to pull together, volunteer and make this book sale a success! Our scholarship recipients need our help!

But first, we have to find books and sort them. By the time you receive this newsletter, we will have already had our first Saturday session, on January 4, at the Willston Multicultural Community Center to acquire and sort books.

The next session is Saturday, January 18, from 9 am - 3 pm for members. Members of the public are invited to drop books off from 10 am – 2:00 pm. It's your opportunity to assist in the branch's major fundraising activity—the book sale.

Who's in charge: Dianne Bodeen and Sarah John

The committee: ALL OF US!

Where: Willston Multicultural Community Center, 6131 Willston Drive, Falls Church, VA 22044

When: AAUW Members: 9 am – 3 pm

Members of Public Book Drop Off: 10 am – 2 pm

Bring a light jacket to wear inside. Bring a snack for yourself, or one to share. Maybe lightweight gloves.

Dates to Sort and Receive Books at Willston Multicultural Center

January 4	March 7	April 4
January 18	March 14	April 11
February 1	March 21	
February 15	March 28	

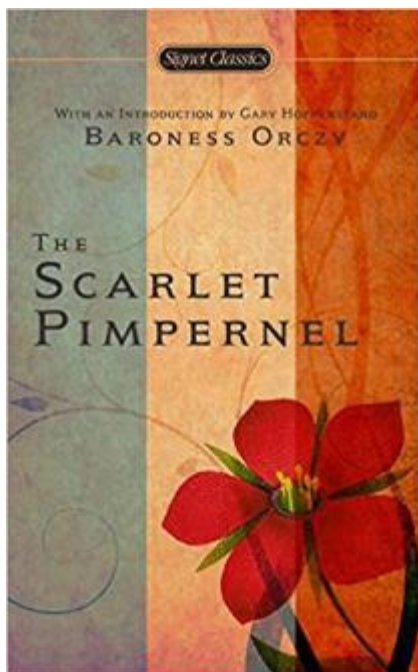
Book Sale Flash! With the help of a terrific crew on Saturday we learned two things: we CAN do it, and people can find us. With a shortage of beer boxes our only limitation, we sorted a very large number of books, boxed and ready for the sale. We have a good many more waiting for us for the next sort on January 18th. NOW: our crew was terrific, and many, many thanks to all of you who helped. But, several of these people will not be available on the 18th, and we are looking for the second team (in order only, not in talent!) to come in and fill their places. Husbands are also very welcome; we had several and they were worth their weight in gold! Please put the date on your calendar if it isn't already there. We start sorting at 10 but have enough to keep us busy setting up from 9 on. We were completely finished by 3, but if you can't stay that long, we understand. The facility is working beautifully, and "neither snow nor rain" will keep us from our sorting. With any questions contact either Dianne Bodeen or Sarah John.

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Book Club News

Book Club Dates- January-May 2020

1/21/20	<u>The Scarlet Pimpernel</u> by Emmuska Orczy
2/18/20	<u>Girls of Riyadh</u> by Rajaa Asanea
3/17/20	<u>Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive</u> by Stephanie Land
5/19/20	<u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens



The year is 1792. The French Revolution, driven to excess by its own triumph, has turned into a reign of terror. Daily, tumbrels bearing new victims to the guillotine roll over the cobbled streets of Paris. Thus the stage is set for one of the most enthralling novels of historical adventure ever written.

The mysterious figure known as the Scarlet Pimpernel, sworn to rescue helpless men, women, and children from their doom; his implacable foe, the French agent Chauvelin, relentlessly hunting him down; and lovely Marguerite Blakeney, a beautiful French exile married to an English lord and caught in a terrible conflict of loyalties—all play their parts in a suspenseful tale that ranges from the squalid slums of Paris to the aristocratic salons of London, from intrigue on a great English country estate to the final denouement on the cliffs of the French coast.

There have been many imitations of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, but none has ever equaled its superb sense of color and drama and its irresistible gift of wonderfully romantic escape.

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Starbucks, 344 W. Broad St., Falls Church

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

January 8		Deadline to notify Susan Burk (burksu@aol.com) and Sylvia Rogers (srogers1nm@aol.com) of Lobby Day participation Welcome Legislators back to Richmond
January 14	6:00pm	Reception for Women Legislators, Commonwealth Strategy Group, 118 N. 8 th Street, Richmond, VA
January 15	Morning	AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day, Richmond, VA
January 18	10:00am	Book sorting at Willston Multicultural Center, 6131 Willston Drive, Falls Church, VA
January 19	TBD	Falls Church AAUW Branch Meeting- Look for Evite!
January 21	7:30pm	Book Club, Starbucks, 344 W Broad Street, Falls Church, VA

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