

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

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Annual Open House

Saturday, September 8, 2018
10 to Noon
Patrick Henry Library, Vienna



Members and visitors at a prior Open House

Come join us! Chat with friends and welcome visitors. Help us tell the community about AAUW and the varied activities our branch offers.

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Branch Fundraiser: Comfort Food, Southern Style

Saturday, October 6, 2018
5:30 pm to 8:00 pm



You are invited to experience Southern hospitality at its best while helping to raise funds for AAUW Fund. This is our only fundraiser for 2018. Don't miss this evening of good food and good company!

Details on page 2.

More About Upcoming Branch Programs

Come and kick off our branch's new program year by being part of our annual Open House, where we welcome members back from vacation and greet potential members. Representatives from each of our interest groups will be present to describe their activities and will bring displays about their groups.

Our primary source of new members is friends of current members, so please invite any who might be interested in joining! An associate degree, RN, or higher degree is required. We offer discounted memberships to new members and previous members who have not belonged for at least two years.



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Patrick Henry Library

Interest Group Chairs should attend or send another member to discuss your group as our guests tour the displays. Please update your poster to show your recent activities. We would appreciate your arriving at 9:30 so that we will be set up by the time the event begins.

This is our branch's major new member outreach event. Each year at this event we attract visitors and gain several new members. Please make every effort to participate!

Susan and Donnie
Membership VPs

An eye-catching poster for the Open House appears at the end of this newsletter. Please print and post wherever you can.

Please plan to attend this special evening celebrating Southern food. The dinner will feature a variety of Southern recipes with special emphasis on African American and Creole dishes.

Examples of the traditional favorites you will likely see on the menu are:

- entrees such as fried chicken and jambalaya;
- salads such as watermelon and ambrosia;
- side dishes such as red rice, greens, and hoppin' john;
- desserts such as peach cobbler.

Branch member Dianne, co-author,



Comfort Food,
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cultural anthropologist, and food memoir workshop teacher, will help us share our memories of comfort food.

Family members and friends are welcome to attend. Seating is limited, and we expect this event to be well-attended.

Your \$30 donation per person is tax-deductible and will support AAUW Fund.

RSVP by September 28 to Nadine.

Volunteers needed to help prepare the food. Please contact Nadine to offer your support.



Suzanne and Jean

From the Presidents

Suzanne and I are happy to welcome you back from your summer vacations. We thank the previous Co-Presidents, Kristin and Connie, for their exemplary leadership of the Vienna Area Branch over the past two years.

Our branch began the new fiscal year by achieving AAUW National's goal of renewing 90% of members before September 30. We are looking forward to an exciting year of programs and activities, beginning with our annual Open House on Saturday, September 8, at 10:00.

Our board members and other volunteers, including the Program Committee, the Membership Vice Presidents, and the AAUW Fund Chair, are off to a

running start! They met over the summer and are eager to see each of you at our upcoming events -- please note the dates on your calendars. We hope you will read this entire issue for all the details as well as the updated list of officers and other volunteers.

This will be an important year for AAUW of Virginia as members organize to achieve state ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment and passage of legislation in Richmond on pay equity. Future newsletters will include more about this effort.

If you have comments or questions, or if you need a ride to an event, please email us:

viennaaaauw@gmail.com

*Jean
Co-President*

Northern District Meeting, October 20, 2018



*No. District Reps Kate (Vienna Area)
and Sara (Arlington)*

The Northern District of AAUW of Virginia consists of 11 branches. An annual district meeting occurs each fall so that members of this wider area can gather to hear a speaker relevant to AAUW's mission as well as to exchange ideas and lessons-learned.

This year's program will be Saturday, October 20, 1 – 4:30, at the Burke Centre Library in Burke. Program details will be emailed to our branch in October.

*Kate
Northern District Co-Representative*

Public Policy Matters

AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps Fall Training, Date TBA

Your AAUW National staff worked diligently to develop a meaningful and thorough training session for current and prospective Lobby Corps volunteers. However, the unusually busy fall schedule on Capitol Hill requires that the training occur later than previously announced. Be on the lookout for an email announcing the new date. In the meantime, please contact Mary if you have questions.



Mary
Lobby Corps

Federal Lobby Day, September 27, 2018



Participating AAUW of Virginia members will be matched with experienced Lobby Corps members and assigned Congressional offices to visit that day.

These members will discuss legislation important to AAUW after being briefed earlier by AAUW staff. All necessary training occurs that morning. The schedule is not final, but please anticipate an early start. Once you register, watch for emails with further directions.

To register, please send your name and email to Susan Burk (burksu@aol.com), AAUW of Virginia Public Policy Co-VP. Please inform branch member Mary as well. She will help coordinate plans to travel together via Metro that morning.

Recent Advocacy by AAUW National

- **Women's Congressional Policy Institute STEAM Fair** - July 18, 2018, AAUW staff went to Capitol Hill to participate in the sixth annual Women's Congressional Policy Institute STEAM Fair (Science, Technology, Engineering, Arts, and Mathematics). National staff 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.
- **EMPOWER Act Introduced** - On July 18, 2018, Reps. Lois Frankel (D-FL), Ted Poe (R-TX), Jerrold Nadler (D-NY), Barbara Comstock (R-VA), and Lisa Blunt Rochester (D-DE) introduced the Ending the Monopoly of Power Over Workplace Harassment through Education and Reporting (EMPOWER) Act. A companion bill was introduced in the Senate. AAUW supports the bill, which aims at preventing and addressing workplace harassment, including sexual harassment.

Preparing for the November 6 Election

League of Women Voters Candidate Forums

You are invited to attend the League of Women Voters-Fairfax Area Congressional Candidate Forums.

AAUW of Virginia branches co-sponsor the forums, so LWVFA also seeks our volunteer support. A variety of tasks are available, including bringing snacks, set-up, clean-up, ushering, handling question cards, and time-keeping.



Audience at a previous LWV forum.

For forum locations and to volunteer, go to <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum/>.

11 th District Candidate Forum	Sunday, September 16, 2:00 pm to 4:00 pm
8 th District Candidate Forum	Wednesday, October 17, 7:00 pm to 9:00 pm
10 th District Candidate Forum	Wednesday, October 24, 7:30 pm to 9:00 pm

For other questions contact Kate, branch member and AAUW of Virginia Northern District Co-Representative.

Branch Voter Registration Project



Midterm elections are coming up, and our branch once again will offer voter registration to Vienna area residents.

The Patrick Henry Library has given us permission to hold a voter registration table on their patio, by the walkway, from 10:00 am to noon, for six Saturdays beginning September 8 (the date of our Open House) and ending October 13.

We would like two volunteers per Saturday. Free online training is available, or you can attend a brief training session at my home in the second week of September. In addition to registering voters, we provide general information and serve as a reminder that an important election is coming up! AAUW is non-partisan.

Please contact me for questions. Thank you for your support of this project, part of AAUW's Get Out the Vote effort.

*Kristin
Voter Registration Chair*

Branch Announcements

Do you shop at Amazon?

If your answer is yes, remember to go to our website first (<https://vienna-va.aauw.net>) and then click on the Amazon image.

When you do, your purchases earn 2-10% for our branch, money we donate to AAUW Fund. We make almost \$400 each year this way – and it costs you nothing extra. Tell your friends and family about this, too!



From the Finance Officer

At a Board of Directors meeting July 12, 2018, the board unanimously approved the following budget.

Vienna Area Branch Budget 2018-2019

Operating Income

Total (Branch Dues @\$10) \$580

Operating Expenses

Va. Northern District Dues	\$ 10
Branch Directory	\$100
Liability Insurance	\$190
President	\$ 50
Program VP (speaker gifts)	\$175
Membership VP	\$ 20
Finance Officer	\$ 20
Hospitality	\$ <u>30</u>
Total	\$595

Net Operating Income \$ **15**

*Gail
Finance Officer*



From the Editor

With this issue of The Connection, the branch newsletter changes to a bi-monthly publication. You will receive issues five times a year on odd-numbered months, September – May.

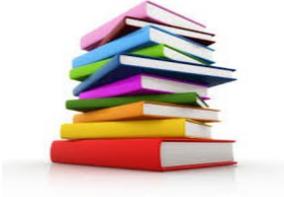
Please email articles, announcements, and photos to the editor.

Deadlines are the 10th of even-numbered months, so **the next deadline is October 10, 2018**. Your understanding and promptness in sending are greatly appreciated.

A tip of the hat to Connie for her guidance.

*Sandra
Editor, The Connection*

Interest Groups



Please let your hostess know whether or not you will attend.

Earn money for AAUW Fund by using our Amazon link for all purchases. Link is here: <https://vienna-va.aauw.net/>

Evening Literature

September 12, 7:00 pm

Chesapeake by James Michener. The classic historical novel of the four-hundred year saga of the Eastern Shore of the Chesapeake River.

October 3, 7:00 pm

Thread of Grace by Mary Doria Russell. The little-known true story of a network of Italian citizens who saved the lives of 43,000 Jews during WWII's final phase.

Chairs

Susan and Betty

Morning Literature

September 18, 9:30 am

Kristin will lead the discussion of *Autumn* by Ali Smith. Beautifully written novel about a dying centenarian and a young woman who used to be his neighbor. It's an elusive, kind-of love story – just not in the way most people are used to.

October 16, 9:30 am

Margaret will lead the discussion of *Varina* by Charles Frazier. Teenager Varina Howell agrees to wed the much older widower who eventually becomes president of the Confederacy.

Chair

[Adrienne](#)

Brown Bag Books

September 26, 1:00 pm

Good Behavior by Molly Keane is set in the 1920's and features a fascinating first-person narrator. The reader will come to know the Anglo-Irish St. Charles family as they sink into a state of decaying grace behind the gates of their home, Temple Alice.

October 31, 1:00 pm

Hostess TBA

In his memoir, *End Of Your Life Book Club*, Will Schwalbe shares how his relationship with his mother deepened as they shared and discussed books while she went through chemotherapy. Will's love and respect for his mother shine through in this story of a remarkable woman's life.

Chair

Kate

Interest Groups (cont.)

Great Decisions

September 16, 2:00 pm

U.S. Global Engagement and the Military

The global power balance is rapidly evolving, leaving the United States at a turning point with respect to its level of engagement and the role of its military. Some argue for an “America First” paradigm, with a large military to ensure security, while others call for a more assertive posture overseas. How does the military function in today’s international order? Jean will lead the discussion and Martha will provide refreshments.

October 21, 2:00 pm

South Africa's Fragile Democracy

The African National Congress (ANC) party has governed South Africa since the end of apartheid in 1994. But the party today suffers from popular frustration over official corruption and economic stagnation. It faces growing threats from both left and right opposition parties, even as intraparty divisions surface. Cornelia will lead the discussion and Margaret will provide refreshments.

Chair

Jean

Nonfiction Book Group

September 11, 7:00 pm

Over the summer we read nonfiction books of our choice. We will discuss them at this meeting and select books for the rest of the year.

Next date: November 13

Chair

Aimee

Movie Meetup

The group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month for a morning movie and lunch afterwards. Movie choice, time, and place will be provided by email a week to ten days in advance. Please email the chair to be included on the distribution list.

**Next dates: September 25
October 23**

Chair

Susan

Branch Program Schedule, 2018-2019



★ September 8	10:00 am	Open House
★ October 6	5:30 pm	Fundraiser: "Comfort Food, Southern Style"
November 10	10:00 am	<i>Cut From Strong Cloth</i> , Linda Harris Sittig, author
December 8	Noon	Holiday Luncheon with speaker Joe Meyer, Shelter House CEO

Future newsletters will include updates to the schedule.
