

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

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National Museum of African American History and Culture

Telling the Story of African American Music in a National Museum

Saturday, January 12, 2019
Patrick Henry Library, Vienna
1:30 p.m., Doors open
2:00 p.m., Program

A visit to the Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture (NMAAHC) may be the hottest ticket since *Hamilton*. So in January, our branch will bring the museum to you!

Read more on page 2.



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African-American Historic Presence and Contributions in Vienna and the Surrounding Area

Saturday, February 2, 2019
Patrick Henry Library, Vienna
1:30 p.m., Doors open
2:00 p.m., Program

You may live in the Vienna area, but what do you know about Vienna's African-American history? For example, the log cabin at 307 Cabin Road SE, Vienna, gave the street its name and was built by an African-American.

Our speakers, members of Historic Vienna Inc., will discuss their research into almost three centuries of local African-American history.

Read more on page 2.

More About Branch Programs



*Dwandalyn Reece with
Chuck Berry's Cadillac*

January 12, 2019
Doors open, 1:30 p.m.
Patrick Henry Library, Vienna



*Louis Armstrong's Selmer trumpet, made
for him in Paris after WWII.*

Telling the Story of African American Music in a National Museum

In January we will welcome Dr. Dwandalyn Reece, Curator of Music and Performing Arts at the [Smithsonian's National Museum of African American History and Culture](#).

She curated the museum's award-winning inaugural exhibition, *Musical Crossroads*, and co-curated the grand opening music festival, *Freedom Sounds: A Community Celebration*.

Prior to joining the Smithsonian, Dr. Reece held the positions of Senior Program Officer at the National Endowment for the Humanities, Assistant Director of the Louis Armstrong House and Archives, and Curator at the Motown Historical Museum in Detroit.

Bring a friend and join us to hear Dr. Reece describe her work at the museum and some of the treasures you can see there.

African-American Historic Presence and Contributions in Vienna and the Surrounding Area

Two members of [Historic Vienna Inc.](#) are our guest speakers in February: Sylvia Taylor, currently secretary of the organization, and Gloria Runyon, a lifelong Vienna resident.

Through their links to Vienna schools and churches they have documented some of the fascinating story of Vienna's African-American history.

Join us to hear about the contributions and enduring legacies of individuals, families, and institutions that have enriched our area.

Bring a friend!



*Searching for unmarked graves
near the historic West End
Cemetery in September, 2018*

February 2, 2019
Doors open, 1:30 p.m.
Patrick Henry Library, Vienna



Suzanne and Jean

From the Presidents

Happy 2019 from Suzanne and me! It was wonderful to see so many of you at the Holiday Luncheon on December 8. Thanks to those who attended and brought toiletries and gift cards for Artemis House, the local emergency shelter for victims of domestic violence and human trafficking. We also had a successful year of fundraising for the AAUW Fund in 2018. Our branch donations will exceed \$2,500 for the first time in many years.

We have some great activities coming up in January and February. Aimee and the program committee have put together two terrific programs, which will be

held on Saturdays so you won't have to go out on those cold and dark winter evenings. Please invite your friends to join you.

Looking ahead, the Board has approved a Nominations Committee to find volunteers for the positions of Membership Vice President and Finance Officer for terms beginning July 1. We will have our annual business meeting and election in March.

If you have comments or questions, or if you need a ride to an event, please email us at ViennaAAUW@gmail.com.



At the November meeting, we welcomed two new members. Please look for them at our branch events and introduce yourself.

Why AAUW is Fighting for Title IX

Title IX was the first comprehensive federal law to prohibit sex discrimination in education. It covers women and men, girls and boys, and staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds.

After rescinding critical guidance documents in September, 2017, the Department of Education has announced a plan to make sweeping changes to Title IX's regulations.

Specifically, the proposed rule would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the

abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Simply put, these changes will make schools less safe for students.

From now through January 28, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on their [proposed changes](#). It's crucial that advocates speak up — loudly — and fight back against any attacks on Title IX that attempt to diminish students' protections.



Take Action for Title IX [here](#).

Closing the Gender Pay Gap Through Salary Negotiation



“AAUW is firing on all cylinders to close the wage gap. We are working to get better legislation, we are engaging corporations, and we are teaching women how to negotiate with confidence,” said Abigail Lewis, AAUW Vice President of Leadership Programs and Campus Initiatives.

To this end, AAUW has implemented a free online

Work Smart salary negotiation training program at <https://salary.aauw.org/>. AAUW Work Smart is designed to help women negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion. At the same site, you can find information on AAUW's collaboration with partners across the country to offer free, in-person salary negotiation workshops.

Let your co-workers, friends and family know about this important resource for gaining confidence in salary negotiation. The goal of AAUW is to train 10 million women to negotiate their financial futures by 2022.

AAUW of Virginia News

Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) Lobby Day: January 16, 2019

Virginia's ratification of the ERA is the principle public policy priority this year for AAUW of Virginia. Our booklet, "[Unfinished Business](#)," is featured on the websites of many other advocacy groups working with us in Virginia.

The General Assembly has a short session this year – just six weeks – and will convene on January 9.

AAUW of Virginia members will be in Richmond on Wednesday, January 16, to distribute copies of "[Unfinished Business](#)" to all delegates and senators.

For those wishing to arrive the night before, Greater Richmond Branch members have offered to host people in their homes. We ask those who plan to attend to contact us by January 9.

Susan Burke and Sylvia Roberts
AAUW of Virginia Co-VPs for Public Policy

State Lobby Day: February 7, 2019

[Susan Burke](#) and [Sylvia Roberts](#) also coordinate this annual event in Richmond when the General Assembly is in session. They will provide AAUW participants with materials and background information about the AAUW legislative priorities for 2019.

State Lobby Day is preceded by the AAUW of Virginia Women Legislators' Reception on February 6 in Richmond.

Suzanne plans to participate in both events. Please contact her if you are interested in attending. Further details about the day will come in a January email from our branch.



Gov. Northam meets with State Lobby Day participants in January, 2018.

AAUW of Virginia State Conference: April 6, 2019



***Come to the
Roanoke Valley!***

Plan to attend this year's state conference on April 6 with additional activities on April 5. The location will be the [Vinton War Memorial](#), a premier event venue

in the heart of Virginia's Blue Ridge. Full details, including conference agenda and schedule of activities, will be in the next branch newsletter.

ERA Ratification

What is Happening Around the State



Statewide bus tour to support ERA ratification, November 2018

AAUW of Virginia Public Policy Co-Chairs, Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers, are organizing ERA ratification efforts throughout the state with members of [VA ratify ERA](#), LWV,

statewide bus tour by VA ratify ERA in November. The tour was led by Delegate Jennifer Carroll Foy (D) and Senator Glen Sturtevant (R).

Members of the supporting organizations are submitting letters-to-the-editor to various newspapers, urging ERA ratification. Four letters have been published thus far.

AAUW of Virginia also wrote an ERA booklet, "Unfinished Business," to be sent to all state legislators. The booklet, along with other updates on ERA efforts, can be found on the state website [here](#).

NOW and other groups.

One activity was to provide support to a 10-day

What You Can Do



Vienna Area Branch members should email the local state legislators listed below before mid-January to urge approval of House Joint Resolution 579. This resolution is currently the only legislation with both Senate and House sponsors.

Your email should convey that you urge the legislator "to support ERA ratification by voting 'Yes' for House Joint Resolution 579." You must sign the email with your name, address with zip code, and telephone number for your message to be counted in favor of ERA ratification.

Write today!

Legislators in our area to contact:

34 th Senate District:	J.C. "Chap" Petersen (D)	district34@senate.virginia.gov
32 ND Senate District:	Janet D. Howell (D)	district32@senate.virginia.gov
34 TH House District:	Kathleen J. Murphy (D)	DelKMurphy@house.virginia.gov
35 TH House District:	Mark L. Keam (D)	DelMKeam@house.virginia.gov
36 TH House District:	Kenneth R. Plum (D)	DelKPlum@house.virginia.gov
53 RD House District:	Marcus B. Simon (D)	DelMSimon@house.virginia.gov

Photo Gallery of Branch Activities

November Program: Strong Women and Their Stories



December Program: Branch Holiday Luncheon



New Categories for AAUW Donations

AAUW has revised the AAUW Funds structure. The former "AAUW Fund" that was for unrestricted AAUW contributions has been re-named the Greatest Needs Fund. This general fund uses your contribution when and where it is most needed.

categories to reflect the strategic focus areas of the new [AAUW Strategic Plan](#).

The easiest way to donate is to use the online form at <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>.

The individual programs have been divided into three

As of December, our branch raised \$2504 for the Greatest Needs Fund from these sources:

Fundraising dinner: \$1195

Amazon Associate: \$497

Individual member online donations: \$721

Other Fundraising: \$91

Many thanks to our members for their generosity .



AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.



Education and Training Fund (4450)

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

**STEM
Title IX
Pathways to Jobs**

*Examples of programs include:
Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives
Fellowships and Grants
Public Policy
Research*



Economic Security Fund (4449)

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

**Pay Equity
Title VII
Retirement Security**

*Examples of programs include:
Start Smart
Work Smart
Work Smart Online
Legal Advocacy Fund*



Leadership Fund (4452)

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

**Career
Workplace
Training**

*Examples of programs include:
Campus Action Projects
Empower
NCCWSL*

Interest Groups



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

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

Evening Literature

January 9, 7 p.m.

Manhattan Beach by Jennifer Egan. Egan's first historical novel follows a young New York woman in a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, and bankers, all set against the backdrop of the Great Depression and WWII.

February 6, 7 p.m.

Little Fires Everywhere by Celeste Ng explores the weight of long-held secrets, the ferocious pull of motherhood, and the danger of believing that planning can avert disaster or heartbreak.

Morning Literature

January 15, 9:30 a.m.

Leslie will lead the discussion on *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko. Set in New York and China, *The Leavers* examines borders and belonging. It is a moving story of how a boy comes into his own when everything he loves is taken away, and how a mother learns to live with the mistakes of the past.

February 19, 9:30 a.m.

Candace will lead the discussion on *Lilac Girls* by Martha Hall Kelly. Inspired by the life of a WWII heroine and NY socialite, this novel is a story of love, redemption, and secrets.

Brown Bag Books

January 30, 1 p.m.

The Interestings by Meg Wolitzer follows a group of creative types from teenagers through middle age, as their talents, fortunes, and degrees of satisfaction diverge.

February 27, 1 p.m.

Beartown by Fredrik Bakman, the author of *Ove*, tells a poignant story of a hockey town where jobs are disappearing and the town is slowly dying. If the players can win a championship, the town may recover its dignity. When the team's star player is accused of rape, the town is torn in two.

Interest Groups (continued)

Great Decisions

January 20, 2 p.m.

Global Migration

Today, no countries have open borders. Every state in today's global system has its own laws and policies about who is permitted to cross its borders, and how they will do so. Who determines whether someone is a refugee or a migrant? How have different countries, including the United States, reacted to migration? Kristin will lead the discussion

February 17, 2 p.m.

Middle East

As the presidency of Donald J. Trump passes the halfway point, the Middle East remains a region in turmoil. The Trump administration has aligned itself with strongmen in Saudi Arabia, the United Arab Emirates and Egypt, which along with Israel have a common goal of frustrating Iranian expansion. What will be the fallout from policy reversals such as withdrawing from the Iranian nuclear accord and moving the U.S. embassy in Israel to Jerusalem? Does the United States see a path forward in troubled states such as Syria, Yemen, and Iraq? Jean will lead the discussion.

Nonfiction Book Group

January 14, 7 p.m.

We will be discussing *Educated: A Memoir* by Tara Westover. Susan will lead the discussion of this memoir about a young girl who was kept out of school by her survivalist family but goes on to earn a PhD from Cambridge University. Public education was one of the many things her religious fanatic father was dubious of, believing it a means for the government to brainwash its gullible citizens.

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: January 22
February 26**

Branch Program Schedule, 2018-2019



September 8	10 a.m.	Open House
October 6	5:30 p.m.	Fundraiser: "Comfort Food, Southern Style"
November 10	10 a.m.	"Strong Women and Their Stories," with Linda Harris Sittig, author of <i>Cut From Strong Cloth</i>
December 8	Noon	Holiday Luncheon with speaker Joe Meyer, Shelter House CEO
★ January 12	2 p.m.	Dr. Dwandalyn Reece, National Museum of African American History and Culture
★ February 2	2 p.m.	"African-American Historic Presence and Contributions in Vienna and the Surrounding Area," with members of HistoricVienna Inc.
March 9	2 p.m.	"Getting the Vote: Women's History," with members of Historic Vienna Inc., followed by Vienna Branch Annual Business Meeting
April 9	7 p.m.	"Serving Women for 40 Years: The Women's Center," with Shirley Clark, Executive Director
May TBA	TBA	Branch 40 th Anniversary, Potluck Dinner, Installation of Officers

Future newsletters will include updates to the schedule.
