

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

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Annual Open House

Saturday, September 7, 2019
10 to Noon
Patrick Henry Library, Vienna



Members and visitors at a prior Open House

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.

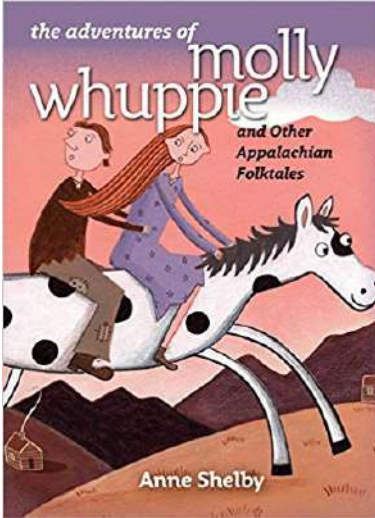
Our primary source of new members is friends of current members, so please invite any who might be interested in joining. An associate degree, RN, or higher degree is required. We offer discounted memberships to new members and previous members who have not belonged for at least two years.

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!

Membership Committee

October Programs



Fearless Girls: An Afternoon of Storytelling

Saturday, October 19, 2019

Gather at 1:30 p.m., Program begins at 2 p.m.

Patrick Henry Library

Although men and boys are usually the heroes in folktales, stories of brave women and fearless girls can be found around the world.

Branch member Kristin will tell the story of one such girl, Molly Whuppie, who traveled from the British Isles to the Colonies with the Scots-Irish immigrants who settled in the Appalachian Mountains.

This program was inspired by the story of Molly and her fiddle from the book, *The Adventures of Molly Whuppie and Other Appalachian Folktales*. Author Anne Shelby combines traditional Appalachian folktale plots with a contemporary sensibility to create these original stories.

Such stories may have inspired Kristin's ancestors and will inspire women today.

AAUW of Virginia Northern District Meeting

Saturday, October 26, 2019

Gather at 1 p.m., Program begins at 1:15 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Library

7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church

Mark your calendars now to attend the Northern District's fall meeting. There will be several interesting and informative presentations you will not want to miss.



No. District Reps Kate and Sara

Tremayne Parquet, Director of Advancement at AAUW National Headquarters, will bring us up-to-date on some of the recent changes at AAUW.

Leslie Tourigny, AAUW of Virginia Co-President, will discuss what's going on in the state, including the state conference which will be held in Northern Virginia in April, 2020.

Cyndi Shanahan, AAUW of Virginia Diversity and

Inclusion Chair, will talk about this new position and how branches can contribute to this initiative.

Representatives from the **Alexandria Branch** will present the program they have been developing over the past year to deal with human trafficking issues, and how local branches can support their efforts.

Please bring announcements to share with all of us on your branch's upcoming programs and events.

From the Presidents



Suzanne and Jean

Suzanne and I hope all of you had a wonderful summer! We also hope to see you at our annual kickoff to the new program year, the Open House on September 7. Drop by the Patrick Henry Library between 10 a.m. and noon to mingle with members and greet visitors.

Your officers, interest group leaders, and other volunteers have been hard at work planning programs and activities for the coming program year. Four of our leaders attended the state Summer Leadership Meeting in Harrisonburg in July to hear what's new at the state and national levels of AAUW. We are pleased to announce that, although the position of

Membership Vice President is currently vacant, several members volunteered to cover membership duties. Many thanks to them for stepping up to organize the Open House and handle other membership tasks.

Be sure to read through this entire issue and mark your calendars. We are asking each of you to bring a friend who might be interested in learning more about AAUW to any of our public events. Dues are discounted for new members at such events.

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

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 a.m. to 2 p.m. for five Saturdays beginning September 7 (the date of our Open House) and continuing September 14, 21, 28, and October 12.

We would like two volunteers per two-hour shift 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. [Use this SignUp Genius link](#) to volunteer. Thank you for your support of this project, part of AAUW's Get Out the Vote effort.

Diversity and Inclusion



Nadine spoke at the AAUW of VA Leadership Meeting, July 27, 2019.

This year's summer leadership meeting on July 27 in Harrisonburg, Virginia, was attended by 52 AAUW of Virginia members. Four were from our branch: Jean Feeney, Nadine James, Kate MacLeod, and Suzanne Rothwell. The program began with a morning session on diversity and inclusion.

Dr. Heather Coltman, Provost and Senior Vice President for Academic Affairs at James Madison University, gave the Keynote Address. She discussed her efforts to provide programs to encourage

leadership and being open about racial inequality at the university. Among her notable statements were that we are “obligated to use our unearned power to help others.... It is up to women to identify ways to support and assist other women.”

Speaking next was **Cyndi Shanahan**, member of the Reston-Herndon Area Branch and AAUW of Virginia Diversity and Inclusion Chair. She emphasized that equity without connection leads to isolation. She urged members to actively work for diversity, equity and inclusion in AAUW membership and activities; to study in order to better understand the minority experience; and to reach out to care about others.

Then **Nadine** spoke to relate the personal experience that led to her joining the Vienna Area Branch. Nadine is our AAUW Funds Chair and recently was appointed as the branch Diversity and Inclusion Chair. She pointed out that the topic of diversity and inclusion is emotional for those who grew up in the Civil Rights Movement era and believed that the issues we are still facing today would be eliminated then. “We are not close to being diverse, inclusive and equitable,” Nadine stated, and urged AAUW members “to be gentle with one another because this issue is emotional for many.”



Diversity is critical to AAUW’s mission. Issues of equity — from fair pay to sexual assault to access to health care — affect all women, and women in marginalized groups often disproportionately experience the effects

of these issues. To succeed in empowering women and girls, we must have diverse voices contributing different perspectives.

From AAUW website

Branch Announcements

Federal Lobby Day

The date for this year's Federal Lobby Day on Capitol Hill is **October 17, 2019**. Look for further information in a branch email around October 1.

From the Editor



Please send articles and photos for the next newsletter by **October 10, 2019**.

Vienna Area Branch Budget, 2019-2020



At a Board of Directors meeting August 5, 2019, the board unanimously approved the following budget.

NOTE: The branch has ample reserve funds to cover the budgeted loss if any loss actually occurs.

Operating Income

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

Operating Expenses

Va. Northern District Dues	\$ 10
Branch Directory Printing	\$100
Branch Liability Insurance	\$190
President	\$ 50
VP Programs (speaker gifts, room rental, honoraria)	\$375
VP Membership	\$ 20
Finance Officer	\$ 20
Hospitality	\$ 30
Branch Brochure Printing	\$ <u>40</u>
Total	\$835
<u>Net Operating Income</u>	\$ 255

Bring your Ideas to the Program Committee



We at the Vienna Area Branch of AAUW work to provide public programs that will interest members and the community in general, while supporting the goals of supporting and empowering women. We especially hope to attract larger audiences and reach a variety of people.

This involves finding speakers, arranging venues, welcoming and introducing speakers, and just having fun with our wonderful branch. Although we have an awesome committee, **we welcome your input and participation.**

Please contact Aimee if you would like to join us—or if you have an idea, a venue, or a suggestion to make.

40th Anniversary Photo Gallery

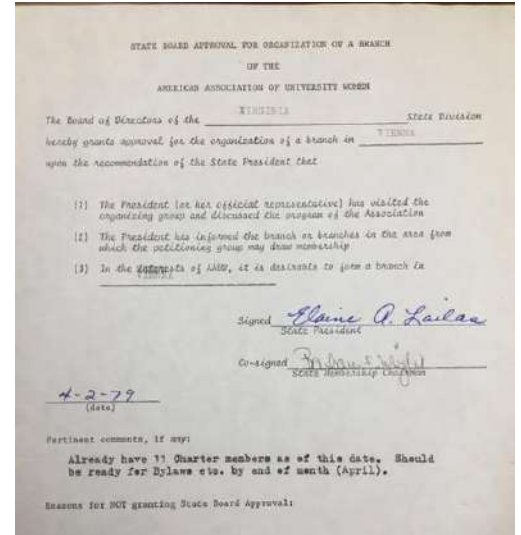
Vienna Area Branch Celebrates 40!

Our branch turned 40 this past summer, so members gathered for an evening's celebration beforehand on May 10.

The certificate to the right shows that the AAUW of Virginia State Board approved the branch on April 2, 1979. Once AAUW National approved the branch bylaws on July 10, 1979, the Vienna Area Branch was established officially.

The photo on the left below shows our longest-time members: Karen, left, who joined December 1, 1979, and Kristin, a charter member of the branch.

We also recognized members who joined AAUW prior to joining the Vienna Area Branch: Beverly, 1974; Carolyn, 1976; Connie, 1976; Gail, 1976.



Thanks to Margaret for these photos.

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: <https://vienna-va.aauw.net/>

Morning Literature

September 17, 9:30 a.m.

Laurie will lead the discussion on *Circe* by Madeline Miller.

Please let Kristin know if you plan to attend.

October 15, 9:30 a.m.

Kristin will lead the discussion on *A Hundred Small Lessons* by Ashley Hay.

Please let Mary Kate know if you plan to attend.

Brown Bag Books

September 25, 1 p.m.

Betty will lead the discussion of *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate. Based upon the infamous Tennessee Children's Home child-trafficking scandal, this is a heartrending tale of two girls and the power of family love. The reader learns early on that Rill Foss and her four siblings were snatched from their shanty home on the Mississippi and taken to the Memphis branch of the Tennessee Children's Home.

October 30, 1 p.m.

Be Frank With Me by Julia Claiborne Johnson introduces us to Frank, an eccentric 9-year-old, and his mother Mimi, a struggling author. When Mimi's assistant – sent to deliver Mimi's latest manuscript – arrives, she is put to work as a companion to Frank. This intrepid woman finds herself irresistibly pulled into their world.

Interest Groups (continued)

Great Decisions

September 15, 2 p.m.

Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

Cyber conflict is a new and continually developing threat, which can include foreign interference in elections, industrial sabotage and attacks on infrastructure. Russia has been accused of interfering in the 2016 presidential elections in the United States. Dealing with cyber conflict will require new ways of looking at 21st century warfare. Is the United States prepared to respond to such threats? Jean will lead the discussion.

October 20, 2019, 2 p.m.

The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested

The United States and Mexico have a long, intertwined history, with both countries prominently featured in each other's politics and agendas. The war on drugs, immigration and trade issues have taxed the relationship over the years. What impact will new leadership in both countries have on this crucial partnership? Margaret will lead the discussion.

Nonfiction Book Group

September 9, 7 p.m.

We will report on the nonfiction books we read over the summer and use this as a basis to vote on the books the group will read this year.

Everyone is welcome, whether you have a "book report" or not.

The nonfiction group meets every other month, usually on the second Monday of the month.

Next date: November TBD

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 24
October 22**

Branch Program Schedule, 2019-2020



★ September 7	10:00 am	Annual Open House
★ October 19	2:00 pm	Fearless Girls: An Afternoon of Storytelling, with Kristin
November 26	7:00 p.m.	Family Friendly Legislation, with Briana Sewell
December 7	Noon	Holiday Luncheon, with Mayor Laurie DiRicco
January 11	2:00 p.m.	Women Entrepreneurs: Creating a Sense of Community, with Jen Morrow
February 25	7:00 p.m.	Civil Rights in Alexandria, with Audrey Davis

Schedule is subject to change; future newsletters will include updates.



Vienna Area Branch Leaders, 2019-2020

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents
Program VP
Membership VP Vacant
Finance Officer
Secretary

Appointed Officers

AAUW Funds
Bylaws
Newsletter Editor
Publicity
Public Policy

Other Volunteers

Directory Editor
Diversity and Inclusion
Membership Cmte

Photographer

Voter Registration
Website

Interest Group Chairs

Brown Bag Books
Great Decisions
Morning Lit Group

Movie Meetup
Nonfiction Group

NOTE: Each person's name is linked to her email address. Click the name to send an email.

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.