

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

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*Candace and Susan*

## From the Co-Presidents

**Candace:** Well, Susan, here we are: it's nearly fall and we have lots of AAUW activities to....

**Susan:** Wait! What about the tiaras? The ones they promised us when we agreed to do this? I think our bylaws state that crowns will be issued to us when we "take office" and...

**C:** But there's so much to do! The **September 10 Open House** is just the beginning.

**S:** True. Anyway, this job is fun even without head glitter. You and I have already met with the board, and what a wonderful group of women they are. They're organizing this year's programs and activities with grace and expertise. We're so lucky!

**C:** Yes, and here's something else to be grateful for: how easy AAUW makes it for all of us to contribute to a better world. Just by being members we support the mission of improving the lives of women and girls.

**S:** Exactly. Simply paying annual dues impacts AAUW's national and international projects.

**C:** I'm also grateful for the social aspects of our branch. It's great to gather with friends to enjoy books and films, discuss world events, and attend stimulating programs.

**S:** Connecting with friends cheers me, too, and keeps me from bogging down in negative thinking about the news. That's the magic of AAUW: it nurtures friendships while contributing to improving the lives of others. How special is that?

**C:** Speaking of special, this year will have something for everyone. From virtual events to face-to-face programs to social gatherings, the branch will host activities for every interest. It's exciting.

**S:** Yes! In fact I'm off to the Dollar Store now to shop for tiaras. That way we'll be able to find each other in a crowd.

**C:** Pick up mine while you're there. My head feels cold.

**S:** Sure. In fact, maybe I'll buy them for all our members.

**Candace and Susan:** Together we'll learn from each other, listen to each other, connect, care, and have a wonderful year. Thanks to everyone for being part of Vienna AAUW. See you soon!

## Upcoming Branch Programs

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### Annual Open House

**Saturday, September 10, 2022**

**10 AM to noon**

**Patrick Henry Library, Vienna**

**Welcome** our branch's new program year by being part of our annual open house, when we welcome members back from vacation and greet potential members.

**Members** from each of our interest groups will be present to describe their activities and will bring displays about their group. We will offer discounted membership dues to new members and to those who have not been AAUW members for at least two years.

**Please invite your friends** who may be interested in joining! An associate degree, R.N., or higher degree is

required to join. National AAUW dues are half price during this event, which is a great bargain.

**Interest group leaders** should attend or send another member to discuss your group as our guests tour the displays. Please update your posters to show your recent or upcoming activities. We would appreciate your arriving at 9:30 to help with the setup.

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

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### In Our Own Voice

**Tuesday, October 11, 2022**

**6:30 PM, Doors Open**

**7 PM, Program Starts**

**Patrick Henry Library, Vienna**



What is life like when you live with a mental health condition? The images of mental illness in the media do not tell the whole story.

According to the National Alliance on Mental Illness (**NAMI**), the incidence of mental illness is almost one in five Americans. It can affect anyone.

Fortunately, in our area there is a place nearby to get information and help. We have the resources of **NAMI Northern Virginia**, whose mission is to serve local individuals, family members, and friends affected

by mental health challenges.

Presenting our program on October 11 will be two NAMI-trained volunteers who will share their own personal journeys toward wellness. This will be a chance to hear open and honest perspectives on a highly misunderstood topic.

Watch a two-minute video [here](#) to get an overview of In Our Own Voice.

The public is invited to join us for this free event.

## Branch Picnic, May 16, 2022

A forecast of severe storms did not deter us from gathering for our end-of-year picnic, thanks to Connie.. Connie offered her home and hospitality, enabling us to install the new branch officers and express our appreciation to those whose terms ended. Members then enjoyed having their lunches while catching up with each other.



Serving another year in their term, Membership Co-VPs received recognition from AAUW-VA for the highest member retention in Virginia last year.



## In Case You Missed These

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### Public Policy Matters

#### 1. Same-Day Voter Registration

Legislation passed in 2020 to allow same-day voter-registration in Virginia will be implemented for the first time for the November 8 election. AAUW-VA advocated for the passage of this legislation and welcomes this expanded voting opportunity.

It does not negate the need for voter registration and

other Get Out the Vote efforts that we hope our members will engage in, but now those efforts can continue right up to election day. Early voting begins on September 23, providing plenty of time to encourage our families, friends, and neighbors to vote.



#### 2. Virginia Redistricting

As a result of redistricting in December, 2021, many voters will find themselves in new Congressional and Virginia House and Senate Districts. We encourage you to get acquainted with how and if your districts have changed by typing in your address at <https://www.vpap.org/redistricting/>.

The general election on November 8 will include

various municipal elections as well as for the U.S. House of Representatives. Now is the time to ensure you are properly registered and beginning to get acquainted with both the candidates and their stands on issues important to you.

AAUW-VA will continue to provide updates throughout the election season.

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### Membership Renewal Reminder

Are you just back from vacation? We hope you had a good vacation, but we noticed that a few members forgot to pay their AAUW dues. We would like to close the books on this renewal season, so we ask that you pay online if you are one of the tech types or else write a check and mail it to me.

For most members, dues are \$92. Checks should be payable to AAUW - Vienna Area Branch. If you wish to make a donation to AAUW, please write a separate check payable to AAUW Fund.

If you need more information, please contact me.



## Northern District News

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AAUW-VA Branches by District.

We hope that everyone had a wonderful summer and is ready to start filling in your calendars with the dates of upcoming AAUW of Virginia Northern District events and activities. We are looking forward to working together on a lot of great initiatives this program year.

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### All-District Meeting Saturday, October 22, 10 AM to Noon

One of the skills we learned to do well during the pandemic was to Zoom. As a result, for the first district meeting of the 2022-23 program year, the four AAUW of Virginia districts are collaborating and holding an all-district meeting by Zoom so all members can attend. We are pleased to have AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell as our featured speaker.

Her presentation will be followed by several shorter talks. Then each of the districts will hold its own meeting in a Zoom breakout room. Stay tuned for further information, including how to register for the all-district meeting.



AAUW CEO Gloria Blackwell.

### Northern District Meeting February 25

We have scheduled a Northern District meeting for this date. Stay tuned for further details. In the meantime, please save this date on your calendars.

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### Get Out The Vote Activities with League of Women Voters



In conjunction with National Voter Registration Day on September 20, from 1:00- 4:30 PM, there will be LWV-sponsored voter registration and voter information in-person-events at all branches of the Fairfax County Public Library. Volunteers are asked to commit to at least a 2-hour shift. AAUW members can sign up [here](#). There will be a place to designate AAUW affiliation once a member has signed up. Those volunteering will be notified of a Zoom pre-event orientation.

**IMPORTANT:** Before participating in any voter registration event, members must complete online training [using this link](#). It's quick to complete the training and get added to the Virginia Department of Elections' list of individuals who can participate in third-party voter registration drives.

## AAUW Funds Raffle

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Nestled in my basement during the pandemic has been our branch's raffle basket that was created for the AAUW-VA Conference that was canceled due to Covid.

This time capsule can be yours! All proceeds from the raffle will go to AAUW Funds in the name of the Vienna Area Branch.

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The "**Relaxing in Vienna**" basket is generously packed with over 15 items:

### Wine

- Santiago Station Sauvignon Blanc
- Bravino Rose Sparking Wine
- Rabbit Wine Cork Remover

### Coffee

- Caffè Amouri, Vienna Blue Ridge Blend Coffee
- Caffè Amouri, Coffee Cup

### Tea

- Taylors English Breakfast Tea
- Larkin Tea Company Chai
- Flowered Tea Napkins

### Books

- *Memoir Your Way*, signed by two authors: Nadine James and Dianne King
- *A Man Called Ove*, Fredrick Backman
- *The High Divide*, Lin Enger
- *The RGB Workout Book*, Bryant Johnson

### More!

- Wonderful Pistachios
- Vienna Christmas Ornament with Cardinal
- "Eat, Sleep, Read" Book Bag from Bards Alley Bookshop, Vienna, plus a bookmark

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### Ticket Information:

- Tickets must be bought in advance.
- Order your tickets now.
- Donation collection instructions to follow later.
- \$1.00 = 1 ticket      \$5.00= 7 tickets      \$10.00= 15 tickets

The winning ticket will be drawn on Saturday, September 10, 2022, following the Open House at Patrick Henry. You do not have to be present to win.

## Interest Groups

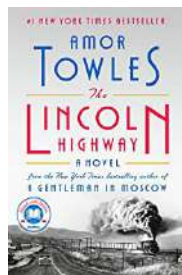
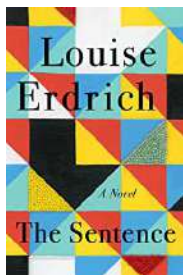


Groups planning to meet in person may need to change to Zoom.  
Watch for an email closer to the meeting time to confirm the plans.  
If you are new to a group, email the chair to receive email notices.

### Brown Bag Books

September 28, 1 PM

*The Sentence* by Louise Erdrich.  
*The Sentence* covers a lot of ground, from ghosts to the joys and trials of bookselling to the lives of Native Americans and inmates doing hard time.



October 26, 1 PM

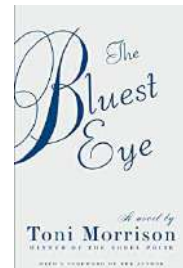
*The Lincoln Highway* by Amor Towles.  
Over ten days in 1954, two young brothers intend to drive their Studebaker from Nebraska to California. But fate, in the form of a sympathetic but volatile character, forces them to travel in the opposite direction.

### Morning Literature

September 20, 9:30 AM

Angela will lead the discussion on *Gilead* by Marilynne Robertson.

Please let Gail know if you plan to attend.



October 18, 9:30 AM

Laurie will lead the discussion on *The Bluest Eye* by Toni Morrison.

Please let Kristin know if you plan to attend.

## Interest Groups (continued)

### Great Decisions

**September 18, 2 PM**

Meeting details will be sent beforehand.

#### Industrial Policy

The current discussion of industrial policy in the United States is not simply about whether or not to support specific companies or industries, but about trust or mistrust of the government and its ability to manage the economy and deal with a rising China. The upheaval in supply chains during the pandemic exposed weaknesses in the international economy. What policies can the United States implement to deal with trade and the economy?

Kristin will lead the discussion.



**October 16, 2 PM**

Meeting details will be sent beforehand.

#### Biden's Agenda

The new administration in Washington promised to reverse many of the policies of the past administration, especially in foreign policy. How will issues such as climate, the pandemic, and alliances be treated under the Biden administration?

Margaret will lead the discussion.

### Nonfiction Book Group

**September 12, 7 PM**

As is traditional for our first meeting each year, please plan to bring books you have appreciated and think might be appropriate for group discussion, as well as reviews or synopses of books the group might be interested in reading together.

After rank-ordered voting, the chair will distribute the names of the chosen books and dates for the year.

**Next Date: November 14 (book TBD)**

### Movie Meetup Group

We meet at Cinema Arts for the early show. Those who can stay afterwards have lunch together at First Watch.

**Next dates: September 27  
October 25**

The group meets the fourth Tuesday of the month.

Please email the chair to be included on the distribution list.





**Branch Program Schedule, 2022-2023**

September 10	10 AM	Annual Open House
October 11	7 PM	In Our Own Voice, with NAMI speakers



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

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**Vienna Area Branch Leaders, 2022-2023**

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**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.