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### ***2025 VIENNA AREA BRANCH NAMED HONOREES***

Our final branch gathering this month was held at Glyndon Park on Thursday, May 15th. It was primarily an event to socialize and catch up with others, but we did take a few minutes to announce and thank our Seven Named Honorees for this year.

They are Suzanne Rothwell, Susan Pauly, Candace Strawn, Julia Williams, Jean Thompson, and Sandra Wilson from the branch. Deb Smith-Cohen, the Patrick Henry librarian who worked with us to arrange speakers and rooms for many of our monthly meetings was also chosen.

Each of these ladies has contributed to our branch in a meaningful way and this is just one small way of letting them know we appreciate their efforts. Their names will be added to the list of past honorees in our branch directory.

*Co-president, Vienna Area Branch*

### ***MEMBERSHIP DUES***

**Is it time to renew your membership? It depends.**

Many of you – but not all – will start to receive reminders to renew your AAUW membership for the new fiscal year. Your expiration date depends on when you joined. There is no need to renew until you receive an email reminder from AAUW.

**How much are the dues?**

Dues for most of you are \$99, which covers the following:

- Vienna Area Branch \$10
- Virginia State \$15
- National AAUW \$74

Paid life members pay only branch and state dues. Dual members pay additional dues; if you are unsure of how to renew your dual memberships, contact the Vienna Area Branch Finance Officer. Remember that the national dues are entirely tax-deductible if you itemize your deductions in 2025. State and branch dues are not deductible.

### **To renew online with a credit card**

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click on Log In. After logging in, scroll down and click on the orange “Renew” box. From there, click to renew your National membership, your Vienna Area Branch membership, and your Virginia State membership. After transmitting your credit card information you will receive an email from AAUW acknowledging your renewal.

### **To renew by mailing a check**

Write the check for \$99 payable to AAUW Vienna Area Branch. Because we will have a new Finance Officer as of July 1, 2025, please mail your check as follows:

If sent before July 1, mail check to

If sent on or after July 1, mail check to

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Questions? Finance Officer until June 30, , Finance Officer starting July 1,

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## ***PUBLIC POLICY***

### **"Want to turn your voice into action? Volunteer with AAUW's Lobby Corps!"**

For over 50 years, AAUW's Lobby Corps has brought our mission directly to Congress—advocating for policies that advance equity for women and girls. Volunteers head to Capitol Hill about twice a month on Thursdays, and you can participate as often as your schedule allows.

If you're an AAUW member in the D.C. area and ready to speak up on the issues that matter, join us for our next training on **June 5, 11 a.m.–12 p.m. ET**. You'll learn how Lobby Corps works and what to expect, including issue briefings, talking points, and materials provided by AAUW's national staff to help you make the most of every visit.

Register here: <https://my.aauw.org/event-information?id=a0lQr000001L35ZIAS>

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Questions? Contact Public Policy Chair,

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## ***SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS***

*Note: The newsletter will be on hiatus over the summer. Contact the group coordinators if you have questions. The newsletter will resume with a September issue that will be distributed in the final days of August.*

### **Tuesday Morning Book Group**

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Third Tuesday of each month.

Socializing: 9:30am. Book discussion: 10:00am - 11:30am. No meeting in August.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, June 17, 2025 9:30am – 1:00pm**

**Where:** Home of

Please let know if you will be attending.

This get-together will be our annual Pot Luck Lunch and Book Selections for September 2025 through July 2026. has distributed suggestion sheets for your book recommendations.

Reach out to her if you need one. Return your suggestions before this meeting so we are prepared to vote on the recommendations.

### **July Meeting**

**When: Tuesday, July 15, 2025 9:30 -11:00am**

**Where:** Home of

**Book: *Heaven and Earth Grocery Store* by James McBride**

### **Brown Bag Lit Group**

Group Coordinators:

Normal Schedule: Last Wednesday of each month from 1:00 – 3:00pm. No meeting in the months of July and August.

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, June 25, 2025 1:00 – 3:00pm**

**Where:** Home of

Please let know if you will be attending.

**Book: *Remarkably Bright Creatures* by Shelby Van Pei.**

### **Non-fiction Book Group**

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Second Monday every other month at 7:00pm

**Next Meeting:** September 2025, exact date to be determined.

**Where:** Location to be announced in September newsletter.

### **Great Decisions Program with the Foreign Policy Association**

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Third Sunday of each month from 2:00 – 4:00pm. No meeting in the months of July and August.

**When:** June 29, 2025, 2:00 – 4:00pm (Note change from our regular schedule.)

**Where:** Home of

Please let know if you will be attending.

You will receive a reminder from the hostess about a week before the meeting

Topic Number 6: The Future of NATO and European Security.

If you do not regularly get meeting reminders and would like to, please notify . The group always welcomes new participants!

### **Movie Meet-ups**

Group Coordinator:

Normal Schedule: Fourth Tuesday of the month. No meetings in July or August. Please contact to be included on the distribution

**Next Meet-up:** Tuesday, June 24, 2025 for the early show

**Where:** Cinema Arts Theater

Film is selected when the theater publishes its films and schedules on its website. Those who can stay afterwards have lunch together at First Watch, in the shopping center. Group Coordinator will convey this information in a reminder email.

***FOR STRESSFUL TIMES. . .***

**Be a participant, not an observer.**

**Bloom where you are planted.**

**“Start where you are, Use what you have, Do what you can.”**

**Arthur Ashe**

**“You’re a worker, a consumer, a taxpayer, a voter, a parent, a veteran—a citizen. This book seeks to strengthen your own sense of these different roles, and being aware of them will increase your sense of self-confidence, and improve your quality of life and those around you, and contribute to all of us creating a better society.”**

***Civic Self-Respect* by Ralph Nader**

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***AAUW Diversity Statement***

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