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# Vision

## Leadership Workshops to Highlight Convention

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Virginia is excited to be one of the first states to offer the Leadership Development Conference as a part of our convention program. The workshops will be held on Saturday afternoon and Sunday morning, April 12 and 13. They are open to all AAUW members, but are especially important for branch officers and all state board members (incoming and outgoing). Anyone considering a branch or state office is encouraged to attend. These workshops are inspired by the Conference of State Leaders that Laura and I attended last year in D.C. We found them very valuable, not just for AAUW but for our professional lives as well. Task force director, Patricia Ho, explains the new format:

“In the spirit of AAUW’s strategic plan, Association and Educational Foundation Boards have been considering alternative, cost-effective ways to offer leadership development opportunities to a greater number of AAUW members. Throughout the strategic process, your input has played a crucial role in shaping new directions for the organization. You have indicated a need to attract new leaders as well as to strengthen and revitalize those currently in these roles.

“With members as our grassroots strength and valued partners in moving AAUW forward, the

Leadership Development Design Task Force has sought to expand accessibility to leadership training for current and potential leaders at all levels through the pilot Leadership Development Conferences (LDC).

“These workshops will contain modules that  
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### Call For Nominations

The following leaders will be elected at the AAUW of Virginia convention in April, to serve in 2008-2010:

- ◆ President
- ◆ Vice President for Program
- ◆ Vice President for Communications and Public Information
- ◆ Vice President for State and Federal Public Policy (traditionally 2 people)

These officers guide and direct the Board of Directors of AAUW of Virginia. There are many qualified AAUW members throughout the commonwealth who could serve in these positions. If you have served in any of these positions in your branch, you could fulfill the responsibilities of the state positions. Even if you have not, if you are looking for the chance to learn more about AAUW, meet members from other parts of Virginia, and improve your leadership skills, this is a wonderful opportunity. Please consider volunteering for an office, or talk to fellow branch members about serving. Nominations must be received by **December 1**; send to: Sherry Warren, Nominating Committee chair, (757) 399-5716 or varrtl@aol.com. Feel free to talk to any of the Nominating Committee members about these offices:

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# From Your Co-Presidents

*Greetings* to all AAUW members across the Commonwealth! It's hard to believe that our AAUW new year is in full swing. We hope that all of you have an exciting line-up of branch meetings with a focus on mission-based programs.

Your state board will meet in the Richmond metro area on November 17-18. Please stay in contact with your District Representative to the state board for updates and information and have them convey to us any questions or concerns that you may have.

We have state board positions open that would utilize your skills and allow you to

*The AAUW of Virginia State Board* voted to establish mini-grants to provide financial assistance to branches in the areas of membership promotion, new member recruitment or mission-based programming.

Up to twelve projects will be funded. Only one proposal per branch will be considered for funding. Proposed activities should be those which can be successfully developed, organized, and implemented by May 31, 2008. All applications must have the approval of the branch board and the signature of the branch president or branch treasurer.

To apply for a mini-grant, fill out the two page application form included with the President's Mailing or online at [www.aauwofva.org](http://www.aauwofva.org). An evaluation form must be submitted 30 days after the event is completed. Branches will receive a response to their application within 30 days.

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participate in the governing process of AAUW of Virginia. Contact one of us and we'll be glad to give you details on the open LAF position or co-recording secretary position. The General Assembly starts in January, and we hope you already have our February 14 State Lobby Day on your calendar. More than ever, we need a strong voice in the legislative process.

Our state convention is scheduled for April 11-13 at the Holiday Inn in Roanoke – please mark your calendars now to attend this critical once-a-year event.

The holidays can get hectic and make life even fuller than usual with family, friends and events – all the way from Thanksgiving through New Year's. We hope you and yours have a wonderful and warm New Year. Hard to believe - 2008 is nearly here.

Looking forward to working with you in 2008.

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## From the Regional Director

# *Support for College Women, Mission Based Programming*

When last I wrote for your state newsletters, I mentioned that we need to become more focused on AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research. At their joint board meeting in July, the Association and Educational Foundation set three Association – State – Branch partnering goals.

The first is to support the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). I know many of our branches have local scholarship programs. I hope you are always giving your scholarship winners a student affiliate membership in AAUW. It only costs \$17 each to do that and it exposes them to the value of being an AAUW member. And, why not use a little of the money you raise for scholarships to assist one or more of your scholarship winners to attend NCCWSL. If you don't have a local scholarship program in your branch, you could opt to support NCCWSL by funding a scholarship for a student to attend. You can also support NCCWSL by encouraging colleges and universities in your area to publicize the conference.

The second partnering goal is to engage in mission-related programming. There is a new brochure on mission-based programming, called AAUW Working Together. If you haven't already received this brochure, it is available by contacting the Helpline through the AAUW website. The website also has a myriad of "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security" theme information. I'm sure many of our branches are already engaging in mission-related programming, but we can all benefit if we come up with even more ways to do so.

The third partnering goal is to support the National Girls Collaborative Project (see Page 5). There are many projects devoted to increasing the number of girls interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). The premise of the NGCP is that these programs could be more

read more and view the program directory. You can reach NGCP through the AAUW website. Just click on Education and then on NGCP. We have a regional liaison, Elizabeth Vandenburg - Middle Atlantic 1 Region, who has provided more information in this issue of *Vision*. If we all support these partnering goals, we will become a more vital and focused organization.



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## ***Points of Pride, Pioneer Women Submissions Being Solicited***

AAUW of Virginia uses the POINTS OF PRIDE PROGRAM to recognize the outstanding accomplishments of the branches in Virginia. All branches are encouraged to submit information for the *Points of Pride Branch Recognition Program* in one or more of the following categories: *Outstanding and Innovative Programming*, *Influencing Public Policy*, *Community Outreach and Involvement*, and *Breaking Barriers and Initiating Change*.

Branches are asked to send a summary of 50 words or less about a program or ongoing project between April 2007 and March 2008 and are encouraged to send program summaries for as many nomination categories as possible. Please specify your branch name and the category at the top of your summary.

Branches are also encouraged to nominate one branch member, current or former, under the category of *Pioneer Women – Breaking Barriers and Initiating Change*. To nominate a branch member simply send a short summary detailing the individual's accomplishments and why the branch considers her to be a pioneer woman.

Awards in both categories will be presented to branches at the 2008 AAUW State Convention to be held in Roanoke April 11-13.

The deadline for the *Points of Pride Branch Recognition Program* and *Pioneer Women* submissions is March 1, 2008. They should be sent to

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## ***Leadership***

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address different aspects of AAUW's work and action plans, such as membership/development/marketing strategies, mission-based programs, organizational structure and governance, public policy advocacy, effective leadership skills and tools, among others."

Plan now to attend convention April 11-13, 2008, in Roanoke. Encourage all of your branch members, especially branch leaders to put this event on their calendars.



During September events, almost all branches gained a few new members, and the early results show the clear winner to be the McLean Branch - Peggy Stotz and Nancy Richardson Co-Membership Vice Presidents - with 32 recruited new members. How did they do it?

They took the opportunity to turn participants in an AAUW community project to members using the *Shape the Future Membership Campaign*. At the annual McLean Branch used book sale for the benefit of EF/LAF and local scholarships for women, Peggy and Nancy set up a membership table with AAUW mission literature highly visible. They actively staffed the table offering half-price Association dues to those who joined on the spot.

Like the McLean Branch, your branch can gain members by integrating the *Shape the Future Membership Campaign* into every aspect of AAUW work, offering discounts, for the remainder of the year. We still need to focus on raising our membership numbers while realizing that everyone is concerned about the cost-of-living today.

To be successful, however, we should keep in mind that there are some basic steps to follow for new member discounts, incentives, and eligibility requirements.

- **The AAUW fiscal year is July 1 through June 30**, when memberships are renewable. This year, branch member dues are \$47 for Association and \$8 for State, plus your branch dues.
- **Shape the Future Campaign:** You may offer half off Association dues (\$23.50 this year) to new or lapsed members at all AAUW branch activities in which the community is invited. Set up a membership table and have a poster that says "Join Today." Be sure to use the Guest/Referral list, not guest sign-in sheets (ask them to fill out the form whether or not they join), and submit the original list with new member forms and the discounted dues within two weeks of the event to the Association.
- **Half-Year Dues:** This incentive runs from January 1 – March 15. New members may join at half the Association dues at any event during this time, but keep in mind that membership will have to be renewed before July 1.

- **Combine Half-Year Dues with Shape the Future Campaign:** If your branch has an event between January 1 and March 15 in which the community is invited, new or lapsed members can join for one-fourth the Association dues - \$11.75 in the *Shape the Future Half-Year Dues Mania!* This campaign is a great incentive for prospective new members to try us out.
- **Eligibility for Membership in AAUW:** A graduate holding an associate or the equivalent or higher degree from a qualified educational institution is eligible for membership. **Student Affiliates**, undergraduates, enrolled in a two or four-year institution are eligible for Student Affiliate membership at the branch level or Student Affiliate Members-At-Large. The association fee is \$17, plus branch dues. They are exempt from Virginia State dues. Those returning to school and holding AAs or higher degrees are eligible to become branch members or members-at-large, not student affiliates. Student Affiliates are entitled to attend branch and state meetings, but not vote or hold office.
- **State Members-At-Large:** We are now recruiting and placing a new emphasis on State Members-At-Large. Virginia has a vast number of Association MALs – about 1,100. I sent out to your branches the list of MALs in your areas, but we have hundreds who do not live near branches, or perhaps they do not want to be involved with a branch. We are offering them State Membership in addition to Association for which they will receive the *Virginia Vision* in addition to the *AAUW Outlook*, and are invited to all conventions and conferences. The National Association dues for **Members-At-Large** are higher than the Association dues for branch members - \$49.00. The dues for Virginia State MALs are the same as branch member - \$8.00.

Don't forget – the very important *Member-Get-A-Member Campaign* continues. The recruiter's member ID on the Additional Dues Report is key.

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## State Public Policy Issues

(Editor's Note: This was written prior to the November 6 election)

Here's a riddle for you: What do transportation woes in Northern Virginia have to do with AAUW core issues? The not-so-short answer: Frustration with General Assembly leadership over how that issue was handled during last year's session has helped create an opening for Democrats in Virginia to claim seats in both houses in November's General Assembly election, according to a *Washington Post* poll published October 12. A leadership shift likely will create a more welcoming environment for several of AAUW's issues, including public education funding and choice.

The larger political landscape in Virginia is shifting too, partly as a result of an unpopular foreign policy and partly as a result of issues closer to home, such as the transportation brouhaha and the need to cope with sprawl. In Loudoun, Democrat Mark Herring's successful 2006 bid for the State Senate seat formerly held by Republican Bill Mimms was accomplished largely on Herring's reputation for protecting open space and coping with sprawl. His win and the thumping Republicans faced on the fundraising front weeks before the November election portends a shift in state politics from red-state solidarity to something else. Veins of purple have spread west- and southward into the staunch red-state sensibility of Loudoun and Fauquier and threaten to invade the Northern Shenandoah Valley should pharmacy school professor Karen Schultz prevail in the race for the Senate seat held by Republican maverick Russ Potts.

Around the state longtime GOP strongholds were vulnerable. John Chichester of Fredericksburg, a senator since 1978, retired to see his district strongly in play in favor of Democratic candidate Albert Pollard as of late October. Another longtime senator, Ken Cuccinelli of Fairfax, faced strong opposition from Janet Oleszek.

This groundswell of support has materialized thanks in part to the political action committee, Moving Virginia Forward. Chaired by Gov. Tim Kaine. Moving Virginia Forward raised nearly \$1.2 million in 2007 and focused its giving on Democratic candidates for the General Assembly in a bid to shift the majorities in both houses. Although headlined by Kaine, Moving Virginia Forward's major contributors include novelist John Grisham and Dave Matthews Band violinist Boyd Tinsley, each of whom has contributed \$25,000. Of the PAC's 450 total contributors, over half of those have given \$1000 or less, according to the Virginia Public Access Project.

Where does this leave AAUW? While nothing is certain, we hope for an increasingly supportive reception for issues such as K-12 and higher education funding. There were several bills that faced heavy sledding the last several sessions that could have an easier go this time around. Among these were Delegate Jennifer McClellan's bill to expand kindergarten

## Partnership With NGCP

AAUW is partnering with the National Girls Collaborative Project, which is aimed at strengthening the capacity, impact, and sustainability of existing girl-serving science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) projects. The goal of the project is to facilitate collaboration among organizations, institutions, and businesses committed to expanding participation of girls and women in STEM.

Organizations working on programs aimed at increasing the number of girls interested in STEM sign up with the NGCP by going to <http://www.pugetsoundcenter.org/ngcp/>, and clicking on the Directory tab and then following the instructions to register. Once organizations are registered, they connect to other girl-serving STEM organizations through the program directory, conferences, forums, and listservs.

How can branches/members get involved? AAUW members can identify organizations doing work on girls in STEM, tell them about the National Girls Collaborative Project, and encourage them to register their programs with the NGCP at the above website. Members can also encourage these organizations to apply for mini-grants through the same website. AAUW branches can start a girl-serving STEM program, register with the National Girls Collaborative Project, and partner with another girl-serving STEM organization to apply for a mini-grant to fund their joint event or project.

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eligibility to students whose fifth birthday occurs in October rather than December.

Delegate McClellan also offered a bill to repeal the Payday Loan Act, which had over a dozen co-sponsors, yet was tabled in the House. She and others hope to reintroduce similar legislation this year.

For the last three sessions, Senator Yvonne Miller has introduced a measure to allow school districts to offer after school programs for at-risk students that has failed to pass the House of Delegates for the last two sessions. Senator Miller is committed to this legislation and plans to offer it again, hopefully to a more receptive chamber.

Another measure that could gain more than a toehold this year is Delegate David Poisson's bill to explore the possibility of offering an online university as part of Virginia's higher education offerings. Support for a feasibility study failed in the House, but Poisson, should he be re-elected, promises a reintroduction.

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# Branches in Action



Co-Representatives for the Southwest District, Jennie Sue Murdock and Marcia Shelton, with Virginia Co-President Rosemary Plum and Membership Vice President Mary Kate Black at the District Meeting in Bedford.

**Southwest District** met at Central Virginia Community College in Bedford October 13, with Jennie Sue Murdock and Marcia Shelton, District Co-Representatives, presiding. Members attended from Bedford County, Lynchburg, Roanoke Valley and Wytheville Branches.

AAUW of Virginia Co-President Rosemary Plum gave a presentation on "Grassroots Lobbying." The state Membership Vice President, Mary Kate Black, talked about ways of increasing membership.

Jennie Sue Murdock reminded those present that the 2008 State Convention will be held at the Holiday Inn-Valley View in Roanoke April 11, 12 and 13.

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**Fairfax City Branch** began its rich 35 year history of progressive growth in 1972, incorporating the surrounding community in its fundraising activities, bestowing education grants on well-deserving women returning to college, and providing forums for women to meet and exchange ideas with other women. Members of the branch's Education Fund Committee award college grants to young women returning to George Mason University after experiencing an interrupted college career. Several of these enterprising women have gone on to careers helping other women achieve their dreams.

Another community activity sponsored by the Branch is the annual Young Women in Technology Day. This event, held

at a local high school, involves both junior high school women and their parents. The program invites successful women leaders to present 45-minute discussions with young women as they prepare to enter high school and embark on life long careers. The professional women offer career advice, highlight the excitement of careers in technology, and dismiss rumors perpetuated about women in technology. While the young women are engaged in discussion, their parents are introduced to methods and strategies to pay for their daughter's college education. More than 150 young women each year participate in this annual event.

The branch frequently hosts an international figure sharing her experiences and presenting opportunities for the Branch to extend its reach beyond the immediate community. A recent presentation addressed the problem of abuse of females in South American countries.

Fairfax City Branch fundraising activities include the Book and Author's Luncheon held each fall. Proceeds from the sale of books benefit the Education Fund.

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**Harrisonburg Branch** stayed busy over the summer with a successful yard sale to raise money for local scholarships. We launched our program year with a good turnout for our customary social gathering at member Betty Salisbury's home. In November we will hear an update on our historic downtown's continued revitalization from *Harrisonburg Downtown Renaissance*.

In December our topic is *Holiday Celebrations in Latin America*. We return to member Jan Leach's home for holiday goodies and a silent auction of gift baskets to raise funds for LAF. In January, we will have a *Sleep Tight* presentation by a speaker from the Center for Sleep Medicine at Rockingham Memorial Hospital, where we will hear about common sleep ailments and treatments.

*Global Warming: Fact or Fiction?* will be our February program. Dr Kenneth Overway of Bridgewater College will discuss what it is, what it means for our planet, and what is hype and what really is *An Inconvenient Truth*.

Our annual breakfast and business meeting will be held in March. Dr. Lynn Fichter, JMU Professor of Geology, will present William Perry's research on how we learn, how teachers can be more effective and human nature.

In April we'll head out of town for a day trip to Montpelier to take in its historic renovation as well as the archeological digs.

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In October Woodbridge Branch held an Author Brunch at Montclair Country Club. Authors (from left) Donna Andrews, Sandra Parshall, Elizabeth McIntosh, Margaret Weitekamp, Virginia Morton, and Josef Wilson discussed their work and signed books.

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We will also hold a math, science and technology Girls' Career Fair, *Expanding Your Horizons*, co-sponsored with Dr. Carla Martin of the Biology Department at James Madison University.

Our year wraps up in May with the annual potluck. We will also learn about what we can do to keep our hearts healthy from a speaker from Women's Health Focus at Rockingham Memorial Hospital.

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**Norfolk Branch** had a successful September kick-off dinner meeting at Old Dominion University featuring Dr. Janet Peery author of *What the Thunder Said*.

In October, Darrell Crittendon, director, Recreation and Urban Forestry, Norfolk, spoke on "How Risky Is After School Time?" Paul Sellers' sale of pansies added to our scholarship fund. October was busy, also, with our Girls Can Too conference for Norfolk middle school girls, introducing them to successful women in non-traditional careers. In November the director of the 12<sup>th</sup> Annual Virginia Arts Festival will preview the 2008 Festival.

Our Annual Fellowship Tea will highlight the holiday season. The Saturday potluck salad luncheon in January will feature a program on "Women Who Make a Difference" by Shirley Sellers. In February we plan to attend the Hampton Roads District meeting. The March program will include William Stiles, Executive Director of Wetlands Watch, who will speak on "The Impact of Sea Level Rise on Virginia." In April Nan

Hall will chair a program on "The Working Woman—Trying to Make Ends Meet."

Sunday, May 4, we will have our annual fund raiser at The Little Theatre of Norfolk with the play, "Broadway Bound" and a reception before the play. In May we will be "Enjoying Poetry" with chair June Etheridge. The traditional joint board meeting of old and new officers will complete the year.

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**Woodbridge Branch** celebrated its 35th year with the 29th annual Spring Membership Salad Luncheon in May. Several members served as independent judges representing AAUW at the Prince William County Regional Science Fair. Judging middle-school girls. Our three 2007 winners were invited and their others were invited to describe their projects. Prospective members ere also invited. We held a raffle to raise money for our educational goals.

In October 2006 Woodbridge AAUW and Prince William County's Committee of 100, a non-partisan group of citizens, co-sponsored three political forums for candidates in advance of the 2006 elections. As several bond referendums were being voted on a branch program featured a discussion of the bonds. Woodbridge branch members have always been strong participants in the shaping of this developing county, through their involvement with boards, commissions committees, and focus groups.

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# AAUW Supports Leadership for Girls, SMART

The Girl Scout Research Institute recently released Exploring Girls' Leadership, their latest research review of the current literature from the youth development and youth leadership fields. The report found that the majority of girls view themselves as leaders today—at home, at school, and in after-school activities. But only 36 percent are interested in being a leader when they get older. The report notes that girls also need help in overcoming barriers to their development as leaders, both at their current stages in life as well as in their visions for their future.

AAUW is in an excellent position to serve as leadership role models to girls and young women. We need to show them what women can do as leaders, to help them better imagine themselves as leaders as they grow older.

## SMART Grants

The U.S. Department of Education published its final regulations to carry out the Academic Competitiveness Grant and the National Science and Mathematics Access to Retain Talent (SMART) Grant programs. According to Inside Higher Ed, the final rules adopted few of the many changes that have been requested by college officials over the first year of the programs. Designed to encourage more students from low-income families to enter science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) fields, these grant programs have not been as effective as many had hoped. Nearly \$430 million in funds from the two programs were awarded to roughly 360,000 students in FY07, which is short of the \$790 million that Congress appropriated for the programs. The department hopes to double the number of recipients of the two grant programs by FY10.

## No Child Left Behind

AAUW supports the inclusion of science as a required area of assessment under the No Child Left Behind (NCLB) Act's

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measurement of adequate yearly progress (AYP). AAUW believes that this change will provide valuable data about student aptitude in science and will help identify opportunities to improve student achievement in this critical area. This will also ensure that student achievement in science is measured in a way that allows the data to be disaggregated and analyzed by sex. Adding science to AYP ensures that it will be an integral part of the curriculum, alongside math and reading, and that children will be exposed to a subject that is likely to influence their future academic and career aspirations. If you haven't yet done so, use AAUW's Two-Minute Activist on AAUW's web site to urge your representative to support the inclusion of science in NCLB assessments.

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## State Needs LAF Chair

**The state board needs your leadership skills.** Due to the unforeseen departure of our state LAF chair, we are now seeking a Virginia AAUW member to serve on the board in that position. If you are interested in working with a dynamic group of women, please let Laura or Rosemary know.

In the meantime, branch LAF chairs should send a copy of their LAF reports to Rosemary Plum at [rplum@cox.net](mailto:rplum@cox.net) or by mail to 4201 Wakefield Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23455.

## "Tea Cups" and Pennies

One of the highlights of the AAUW Convention in Phoenix was Greg Mortensen, whose project to build schools for girls in Pakistan and Afghanistan is the subject of the best-selling book, *Three Cups of Tea*. Several Virginia branches have held programs about the book.

Anyone interested in supporting Mortensen's project may do so by visiting <http://www.threecupsoftea.com/>. When you click "Enter Site" you will be taken to a page where you may order the book in paperback through Amazon.com, with a small percentage going to support the project.

There is also a link to the Central Asia Institute (CAI) website, where you may make direct donations. And there is a link to **Pennies for Peace**, which educates American children about the world beyond their experience and shows them that they can make a positive impact on a global scale, one penny at a time.

If you are a fan of The Hunger Site (a partner of the Breast Cancer Site), their store has a "Gifts that give more" category that includes a donation to CAI.



In August Fairfax County Board of Supervisors passed a resolution recognizing AAUW's 125 years of achievement. Members of branches in Fairfax County attending the presentation included, front row from left, **John Lovaas**, Reston-Herndon Area Branch; **Sandy Sieber**, McLean Area Branch; **Fran Lovaas**, Reston-Herndon Area Branch; **Judy Wright**, AAUW of Virginia Vice President for Program; Fairfax County Supervisor Catherine Hudgins; **Carol Hurlburt**, Reston-Herndon Area Branch; Fairfax County Chairman Gerald Connolly; **Suzanne Bottoms**, **Ruth Thorpe**, **Martha Boone**, **Nancy O'Day** and **Gwyn Peterson**, Springfield-Annandale Branch, and **Suzanne Rothwell**, Vienna Area Branch. Other members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors are in the second row.

### **Educational Foundation**

## **Help Falls Church Complete Fellowship; Nominate Virginia Honorees**

Thanks to many Virginia Branches, the McLean Area Educational Foundation Fellowship has been completed. In Virginia there have been 14 fellowships and grants initiated over the years. Currently there is one fellowship that needs to be completed - Falls Church 50th Anniversary Fellowship with a balance of only \$12,494.91. Your support of the Falls Church 50th Anniversary Fellowship will assist them in reaching its \$100,000 Fellowship level. By working together to complete this fellowship, we can hope to celebrate AAUW of Virginia and its branches' successes with this new fellowship completion at the next AAUW of Virginia State Convention.

To do this, make certain that the Falls Church 50th Anniversary Fellowship is designated on every member and/or branch check to the Educational Foundation by using the #4209 Fellowship number for the Falls Church 50th Anniversary Fellowship on all EF donations and checks. Branches can still designate a named honoree for every \$500 that donated.

The Virginia Branch Contribution Form needs to be completed and sent to the AAUW Development Office by December 15, 2007. Please remember that each contribution must be on a separate form, and that a copy should be sent by e-mail or by regular mail to Enid Housty, 1210 Old Buckrope Road, Hampton, VA 23663.

Once again the State Board invites local branches of AAUW of Virginia to nominate candidates for Educator of the Year

and Education Advocate of the Year, 2008. For the Educator award, nominees should be a teacher, counselor or administrator employed in the public schools, male or female; should have developed projects or programs to enrich girls' self-confidence and intellectual curiosity, and should have gone beyond the recommended curriculum to support girls and to expand their horizons. This award, formerly known as the AAUW of Virginia Teacher of the Year, was renamed Educator of the Year in 1997 when research confirmed the differences in girls' and boys' participation academically and vocationally in the fields of science, mathematics and technology. For the Education Advocate award, nominees should be volunteers who have demonstrated an active interest in expanding girls' knowledge of careers or skills in mathematics, science or technology, and have encouraged academic excellence. This award was added in 1999 in recognition of the contributions made by volunteers and community members. The Educator of the Year and the Education Advocate of the Year will be recognized at the 82nd State Convention of AAUW of Virginia in Roanoke.

Applications are available at [aauwofva.org](http://aauwofva.org). Application deadline is January 31, 2008. Completed applications should be sent to Enid P. Housty.

**Enid P. Housty, Educational Foundation Chair**  
757/723-5314, [enph@aol.com](mailto:enph@aol.com)

# AAUW of Virginia Budget 2007-2008

## REVENUES

Cash on Hand	5,388.85
Dues (based on 1500 paying members)	12,000.00
Interest - Checking Account	20.00
Interest - Kemper Savings	792.00
Leadership Conference Registrations	530.00
2007 State Convention Advance Return	400.00
Other Income-investments	6,944.15
<b>TOTAL REVENUES</b>	<b>\$26,075.00</b>

## DISBURSEMENTS BOARD FUNCTIONS

President	300.00
Recording Secretary	50.00
Bylaws	25.00
Resolutions	25.00
Historian	10.00
Parliamentarian	10.00
VP/Program	150.00
Educational Foundation	150.00
International Relations Chair	100.00
Convention Chair(s)	50.00
Legal Advocacy Fund	75.00
Hampton Roads District Representative	125.00
Northern District Representative	125.00
Northwest District Representative	125.00
Southwest District Representative	125.00
VP/Membership and Branch Development	400.00
Branch Grants of \$100	1,200.00
VP/Public Policy	500.00
Memberships	200.00
VA Lobbyist	250.00
VP/Finance	100.00
VP/Communication	100.00
Technology/Website	200.00
Virginia Vision	9,500.00
Verizon Grant (restricted funds)	230.00
President's Mailings	200.00
<b>TOTAL BOARD FUNCTIONS</b>	<b>\$14,325.00</b>

## BOARD TRAVEL

President	500.00
VP/Program	200.00
VP/Public Policy	400.00
VP/Membership & Branch Development	400.00
<b>TOTAL BOARD TRAVEL</b>	<b>\$1,500.00</b>

## MEETINGS

State Board	5,000.00
Assn/Regional/President's Conference (Reserve \$500)	1,600.00
National Convention	0.00
President's Conference	300.00
Leadership conference	600.00
<b>TOTAL MEETINGS</b>	<b>\$7,500.00</b>

## STATE CONVENTIONS

Convention Reserve	2,000.00
2008 Convention Site Advance	400.00
<b>TOTAL STATE CONVENTION</b>	<b>\$2,400.00</b>

## MISCELLANEOUS

Insurance/Bonding	300.00
Stationery	50.00
Dues Overpayment Refund	0.00
Other Disbursements	0.00
<b>TOTAL MISCELLANEOUS</b>	<b>\$350.00</b>

<b>TOTAL DISBURSEMENTS</b>	<b>\$26,075.00</b>
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## INVESTMENTS

Scudder (Kemper) Saving Account	
US GOVIA	15730.67
SMALL CAP	17668.31
<b>Total Investments: June 30, 2007</b>	<b>\$33,398.98</b>
<b>Checking Account Balance</b>	<b>\$5,388.85</b>

**Mary Johnson**  
**AAUW of Virginia Vice President of Finance**  
**703/913-9490; johnsons7703@verizon.net**

# AAUW of Virginia 2007-2008 Calendar

## DECEMBER 2007

- 1 **Nominations** to committee chair (Warren)  
*Branch Leaders/ All Members*
- 15 **EF funds and reports** due to EF Chair (Housty)  
*Branch EF chairs*
- 15 **LAF funds, reports to acting LAF Chair** (Plum)  
*Branch LAF chairs*

## JANUARY 2008

- 1 **Bylaws amendments, and resolutions**  
to Bylaws Chair (Desler)  
*Branch Leaders/ Members*
- 15 **Vision** articles to Morgan. Emphasis: State Convention. Branches: *Arlington, Alexandria, Bedford County, Greater Manassas, Reston-Herndon Area, Richmond, Roanoke College Affiliate, Virginia Beach, Northwest District.*
- 31 **Educator of the Year/Education Advocate**  
Nominations to EF Chair (Housty)  
*Branch Leaders*

## FEBRUARY 2008

- 1 **Dues/membership verification forms** sent to Branch Treasurers (with copies to Membership VPs)  
*Johnson/Black*
- TBA Interim Board/Officers' reports to state co-presidents  
*Board/Committee members*
- TBA **Online Board meeting:** *State Board*
- 9 Hampton Roads District Meeting in Newport News  
*Hampton Roads District Members*
- 14 **State Lobby Day in Richmond**  
**ALL MEMBERS**
- 15 **Vision** mailed  
*Editors (Morgan/Koehler)*
- 15 Call for branch reports and state board reports for Convention book.  
*Branch Presidents/Board Members*
- 18 Dues/membership confirmation to Treasurer (Johnson)  
*Branch Presidents*
- 18 Branch voting strength mailing to Branch Presidents  
*Johnson*

## MARCH 2008

- 1 Slate of nominees to branches *Warren*
- 1 **POINTS of PRIDE, PIONEER WOMEN**  
nominations to VP for Program *Branch Presidents*
- 15 **Board Reports and Branch Reports** for Convention Program Book to Plum  
*Board Members and Branch Presidents*
- 15 **Delegate list** to Convention Credentials Chair  
*Branch Presidents*
- 31 **Convention Registration Deadline**  
(cost goes up after 4/1)  
**All Members**

## APRIL 2008

- 11 State Board Meeting in Roanoke  
*State Board*
- 11-13 **State Convention in Roanoke**  
**All Members**

## MAY 2008

- 1 **Vision** articles due to Morgan. Emphasis: Convention Wrap-Up and program planning.  
Branches: *Bon Air Area, Lynchburg, McLean Area, Newport News, Springfield-Annandale, Staunton-Waynesboro, Winchester, Wytheville, and Hampton Roads District*
- 15 Email reminder about summer board meeting  
*State President*
- 16 **Federal Lobby Day in Washington DC (Schaefer)**  
**All Members**

## JUNE 2008

- 1 **Roster of Branch Officers due to Association and State President**  
**Branch Presidents**
- 1 **Roster of State Officers due to Association Incoming State President**
- 1 **Vision** mailed  
*Editors (Morgan/Koehler)*
- 30 Year-end Financial Statement  
*Johnson*

## JULY 2008

- 1 Branch dues reports due to Association/State Treasurer  
*Branch Treasurer*
- TBA **State Board Meeting:** *State President*
- TBA **State Leadership Conference:** *VP Program*
- 15 **Vision** Articles to Morgan. Emphasis: Kick off program year. Branches: *Fairfax City, Harrisonburg, Mt. Vernon, Norfolk, Smith Mountain, Suffolk, and Southwest District*

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