

BULLETIN

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April–May 2012



Presidents' Message

Many thanks to Kay Olvera and her committee for organizing a superb Great Decisions Lecture Series for 2012! The talks were on the *State of the Oceans*, *Drug Wars in Mexico*, *Indonesia*, and *Cybersecurity*. All were first-rate! In January the Branch very much enjoyed Kathleen Grissom's discussion of her book, *The Kitchen House*, and how she came to write it. At our last meeting Carolyn Meeks, Director of the Lynchburg Literacy Council, gave us information on literacy problems in Lynchburg and the valuable services volunteers are providing to address the problems.

Our Program Vice-Presidents, Leah Harness and Norma Jean Rist, have two more interesting programs scheduled for this spring. Please read about them below and come to the meetings!

At our March meeting we elected three new officers for next year: Program Vice President, Becky Cloud; Membership Vice President, Kathy Quale; and Treasurer, Carol Hannah. Congratulations to all three, and thanks in advance for your service!

Elizabeth Lipscomb reminded us that AAUW of Virginia elections now follow *One Member, One Vote*. You will be receiving election information later in the spring. Please cast a vote so that a quorum will be achieved. One issue is a possible state dues increase from \$8 to \$15.

The AAUW of Virginia Conference will be held from Friday, April 20 to Sunday, April 22 at the Marriott Hotel at Oyster Point in Newport News. Information is given at the website, www.aauwofva.org. At this point the hotel is sold out. If you plan to attend, Sue Piepho can forward you a list of recommended hotels nearby.

Norma Jean Rist and Becky Cloud are busy working on the programs for next year. They would like to know if anyone would like to host the Holiday Tea next December.

Enjoy the beautiful spring!

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PROGRAMS

April Branch Meeting and Annual Spring Dinner

Thursday, April 19, 2012 at 6:30 p.m.

Charley's Restaurant Banquet Room,

707 Graves Mill Road, Lynchburg

Please plan to come for good food and a well-known local Retired Judge who has great stories to tell (stories that will tickle your funny bone). **Judge Samuel Johnston**, author of *Why Judges Wear Robes*, will speak to us on the topic: *The Vicissitudes of a Circuit Court Judge*. His book, *Why Judges Wear Robes*, is available locally in paperback. You are welcome to bring your spouse and/or a friend.

The Dinner Menu will include the following three choices: 1. Prime Rib Au Jus, served with a Baked Potato. 2. Grilled Salmon with lemon basil butter and served with rice and vegetables. 3. Chicken Mornay, Boneless chicken breast baked with white wine sauce, mozzarella and parmesan cheeses. Served with rice and vegetables.

All meals include green salad, roll & butter, and coffee, tea or fountain drinks. Total cost per person: \$24.00 (This includes tax and tip)

Reservations need to be given to the Program Vice Presidents no later than April 11, 2012. Please call Norma Jean Rist (384-0862) email: njkr@msn.com OR Leah Harness (385-8749) email: lcharness@verizon.net with your number of people attending the dinner.

May Branch Meeting and Luncheon

Saturday, May 19, 2012 at 11:30 a.m.

The Summit, 1400 Enterprise Drive, Lynchburg

(In the Village of Wyndhurst)

Caroline Pickens, Virginia AAUW President, will present *AAUW: Looking Back, Looking Forward*. President Pickens will focus not just on the History of the State Organization, but will also look at AAUW as it has evolved since the founding of our Branch in 1921.

Special Guests will be our Local Scholarship winners, who will be introduced at the Luncheon. Guests are welcome to join us for the meal and an interesting program.

The Menu for this event requires that you pick a meal from the Menus below:

1. Spinach & Fresh Fruit Salad with Poppy Seed Dressing and Warm Ham Biscuits.
2. Tarragon & Pecan Chicken Salad with Fresh Fruit.

Coffee and iced tea will be served and dessert is Fruit Pie a la Mode.

Cost: \$11.00 per person. Please contact Norma Jean Rist (384-0862), email: njkr@msn.com OR Leah Harness (385-8749) email: lcharness@verizon.net with your menu choice no later than Saturday, May 12, 2012.



Book Discussion Group

The Book Discussion Group will have its annual dinner meeting on Tuesday, April 17 at 6:00 p.m. at the Boonsboro Country Club. Please bring a list with the titles and authors of books you are recommending for next year to leave with our organizer. This simplifies the task of preparing next year’s list for group members.

On Tuesday, May 15 at 3:30 p.m. in the Hume Room at Westminster-Canterbury, Carol Hannah and Carolyn Meeks will lead a discussion of the book, *Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption* by Laura Hillenbrand.

For further information, contact Kathy Quale (384-6308).



Book Review Group

The Book Review Group will meet Thursday, April 19 at 10:30 a.m. at the home of Shirley Simcik. Ruth Withers will review a book of her choice. Ruth is an avid reader and her reviews are most interesting.

Guests are always welcome. Call Shirley Simcik at 384-9283 for directions and to RSVP.



Honored Woman for 2012

We congratulate Martha Wilson, our Honored Woman for 2012! Martha has written us:

Dear Friends,

What a complete surprise it was to be named Lynchburg Branch’s Honored Woman this year! You have made me feel quite honored indeed.

It has been my pleasure to be an active member of AAUW, and I am proud of our emphasis at both local and national levels on educational opportunities for women and girls. I especially treasure the friendships I have found with members of our branch over the years.

Thank you for letting me represent you as this year’s honored woman.

Sincerely,
Martha Wilson





Annual Dues

It's that time of the year when dues notices for the upcoming year go out. We will be happy to receive your payment at the April or May meeting or by mail before June 30th. The National dues remain at \$49, of which \$46 is tax deductible on your 2012 tax return. The State dues may go up, depending on a motion at the State convention and subsequent vote. However, all dues received by July 1st will remain at \$8. This gives us all incentive to pay before July 1st! Our Branch thanks you.

Thanks!
Sarah Guise



Member Recognition: Carolyn Meeks Receives Leadership Award

The following is from the March 13, 2012 *News & Advance*. Congratulations, Carolyn!

Carolyn Meeks of the Lynchburg Literacy Council recently received The Nancy Jiranek Award during the 2012 Conference of the Virginia Literacy Leadership Council. The award was presented by Jeannie Baliles, former First Lady of Virginia and a founding member of the Virginia Literacy Foundation. The award recognizes the accomplishments of an executive director of a community-based literacy organization in Virginia. Award recipients are chosen by Mrs. Jiranek's family and members of the Virginia Literacy Foundation Board of Directors and staff. Meeks has been with the Lynchburg Literacy Council since September 2007.



AAUW Mission Statement

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



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