



AAUW Portsmouth Branch Newsletter

AAUW Portsmouth
Branch

May 2011



May 23 Meeting & Picnic

End of the Year Picnic and Installation of Officers
6 pm
Home of Joe & Joyce Saveika
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Chesapeake
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Our annual end of the year gathering will be held on **May 23** at the **Saveika's**. Please note that this is one week later than the date in the directory.

Bring a dish to share and a chair and table if you can. There will be fried chicken and wine at a small price. If you want chicken and did not sign up previously, please call **Carole Gregg** at **484-2525**.

Don't forget to pay your dues. Anyone who pays before or at the picnic will be entered into a drawing to have the branch dues refunded.

New Officers to be inducted for 2011-2012:

Co-presidents:
Mary Swain and Jacque Dessino

Program Vice President:
Sue Burton

Recording Secretary:
Barbara Johnson

Officers continuing (1/2 through term):

Membership Vice Presidents:
Dot Hill and Evelyn Thompson

Treasurer: Amy Moore

Corresponding Secretary: Sarah Brown



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Editor's Message

I'm looking forward to serving next year as your co-president with Mary Swain. I'll keep doing the newsletter this year as Mary has agreed to shoulder the majority of the presidential duties, but I'll be looking for a newsletter editor by this time next year. It is easier than you may think, and I promise to provide training and hand-holding. If you are interested, feel free to volunteer now!

Jacque Dessino,
Newsletter Editor



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2012 State Convention

Local Arrangement Chairs

Kathy Batkin and Sherry Warren are the co-chairs for the 2012 convention, responsible for the local arrangements for the Newport News Convention.

Planning Meeting

At the state meeting in Wytheville, we decided that branch reps would meet in June to begin our convention 2012 planning. The date is June 4 at 11:30 a.m., and we will be meeting for lunch at the Marriott Hotel at the Oyster Point Town Center in Newport News. We'd like to have several branch members with us that day, as it's going to take good ideas and many hands to pull off a state convention. Please contact one of us if you'd like to go, as we need to make a reservation for lunch; we'll be ordering from the menu. A hotel rep will be available to talk with us.

Kathy Batkin and Sherry Warren (convention co-chairs)

District Meetings

Mark your calendar now. At the February meeting this year, those in attendance agreed to plan our 2 district meetings on the last Saturday of October and last Saturday of February each year. As you make plans for the 2011-12 Branch year, please save the following dates for Southeast District meetings: Saturday, October 29, and Saturday, February 25. Both will be brunch/lunch meetings.

NCCWSL

"Our" student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders is Monica Harp-Wilson. Monica is a paralegal student at TCC.



Give A Grad a Gift

AAUW members can give a recent grad — a friend, daughter, son, granddaughter, grandson, niece, or nephew — a free AAUW membership within two years of graduation. At no cost to you or them!

Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 100,000 members who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects. They will experience the rewards of working with and learning from successful AAUW mentors.

Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.

Increase their buying power with access to discounts at The Princeton Review, Barnes&Noble.com, health and life insurance, auto insurance, AAUW research reports, credit cards and other members-only benefits such as CareerBuilder.com and TravelSmart.

Best of all, she/he will receive a free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or to them! So send no money!

Remember, only members can take advantage of this offer.

Complete the online membership application at <https://svc.aauw.org/join/gradfit.cfm/#reform> or download the pdf version of the form at http://www.aauw.org/member_center/forms/upload/Give-a-Grad-Application-Form-PDF.pdf.

Your grad will receive a one-year member-at-large [now called national member] membership — a \$49 value. They can join a branch at any time will be responsible for paying branch and state dues [or donate these dues!].

Don't Forget to Vote!!

AAUW voting is going on now! Remember, it is One Member, One Vote, and that one member is YOU!

The current issue of *Outlook* has information about the candidates. Voting instructions will be included with the ballot that should arrive in your mailbox by early May. If you do not receive your ballot by May 15, please contact connect@aauw.org or call 800-326-2289 to arrange a replacement.

Online voting ends June 17, 2011 at 9 p. m. EDT. Paper ballots must be postmarked by 11:59 p. m. EDT on May 31, 2011.



Dues are Due!

It's that time of the year. Dues are due for the 2011-2012 association year. Mail your dues to treasurer Amy Moore before the May picnic, or pay at the picnic, and be eligible for a drawing at the picnic to win free branch dues.

American Association of University Women
 Portsmouth Branch
 2011-2012 Membership Renewal Notice

Please use this form to renew your Membership dues for fiscal year, July 1, 2011 – June 30, 2012. Please mail your updated directory information and your check in the amount of \$70 payable to Portsmouth Branch AAUW to: Amy Moore, 4508 Casey Martin Ct, Chesapeake, VA 23320

You can also hand in your check at the picnic.

Dues Distribution will be as follows: Association, \$49; State, \$8; Branch, \$13. Note: National student affiliate cost is \$17.

Reminder: \$46 of the National membership dues is tax deductible, and \$3 is not tax deductible (because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities). State and Branch dues are not tax deductible.

For accuracy, please print.

Name..... Phone.....

Address.....

City..... Zip.....

Email..... Alt. Phone.....

Renew by July 15 to be in the Directory!!!

Joyce and Joe Saveika will be out of the country at the end of August and beginning of September. The directory will be published with the information they have as of July 15. Make sure you are listed correctly. If you have any changes to your information, in addition to sending in the info when paying your dues, contact Joyce Saveika, at joyce.teachu2read@cox.net or 484-2294.



Book Group Schedule			
Date	Book Title	Author	Hostess
May 9, 2011	<i>The Lacuna</i>	Barbara Kingsolver	Evelyn Ray 398-1657 kevinevelynray@aol.com
June 13, 2011	Wrong Place, Wrong Time	John Rich	Nancy Jones 484-6181 nhjones1@cox.net

Portsmouth Branch AAUW April 18, 2011 Meeting

Call to Order. President Kathy Batkin called the meeting to order at 7:00 in the fourth floor classroom of the Portsmouth Social Services Building.

Program. Program Vice-President Sue Burton introduced the guest speaker, Jessica Mullin, the Certified Health Educator from the Portsmouth Health Department. Jessica described the new grant-funded Community Action Plan for the city and explained its five goals: to improve walkability; to enhance school health and wellness; to decrease tobacco smoke exposure; to promote breastfeeding; and to increase health-message communication and activities. At the end of three years, the city will have a foundation to move forward, apply for larger grants, and focus on extending successful projects.

Reports.

Minutes. The minutes of the March meeting were approved as printed in the April Newsletter.

Membership. Dot Hill and Evelyn Thomson welcomed back Lena Grant.

Hospitality. Carol Gregg reminded members of the May 23, 6:00, picnic meeting to be held at Joyce and Joe Saveika's home and circulated a sign-up sheet for chicken. She thanked the evening's hostesses: Kay Gravatt, Evelyn Thomson, Margie Alberti, and Marie Callo.

Treasurer's Report. Kathy reported that each branch that attended the Wytheville meeting received \$100 to defray expenses. Because our branch had put aside funds for the event, the check was deposited in our treasury.

Corresponding Secretary. Sarah Brown reported sending two health-related cards to members.

AAUW Funds. Mary Swain reported we would be funding another student for NCCWWSL.

Community Service. Barbara Smith thanked those who brought food for Oasis and reminded members to put their change in the jar for the NCCWWSL student's per deim.

New Business

Kathy invited members to a tea to be held on Saturday, April 23, at the YWCA at 5215 Colley Ave. by the Norfolk Branch in honor of the new student affiliate at ODU, which they sponsor. RSVP to sasledge@msn.com.

Regarding the state meeting April 8-9 in Wytheville, Kathy reported that she, Mary, Kay, Sherry and Barbara Desler all attended and found the meetings well planned and worthwhile. Twenty-three of the 29 state branches were represented for a total of 129 participants. She indicated a slideshow of the meeting that could be accessed at <http://www.facebook.com/video/video.php?v+1881162279184&saved> or at aauwofva.org. Delegates enjoyed a fair pay production featuring Batgirl that can be seen at www.aauw.org/pfa/outofthewayoffairplay.html. The Breaking through Barriers fund spearheaded in Virginia by Neola Waller has a million dollars in pledges.

- Next year's state convention will be held April 20-22, 2012, in Newport News. Sherry and Kathy are co-chairs, and our branch is responsible for registration. We will need hands to assist. The new One Member, One Vote process will be used and will transpire after the convention to be implemented by a private voting service. Virginia joins California as the first states to use the new method.

- There will be no May 2 board meeting.

- The new Public Policy Priorities are listed in the newsletter.

Kathy circulated a letter for members' approval to be sent under her signature to members of the Portsmouth City Council calling attention to the failure to restore the library in a timely manner and noting the branch's displeasure.

Old Business

- Marie Callo reminded members of the yard sale fundraiser to be held April 30 at the Salvation Army at 2306 Airline Blvd. in Portsmouth from 7:00 a.m. until noon. We have rented two tables and Marie expects to fill them with merchandise she asked members to have priced to sell.

- Election of Officers. Mary Swain and Jacque Dessino have agreed to serve as co-presidents for the 2011-2012 year, after which Jacque will continue as president for the following year. Sue Burton will continue as program VP and Barb Johnson as recording secretary. The slate was elected by acclamation.

- The NCCWWSL student from the Portsmouth campus has been selected, and Jacque reports that she is an outstanding woman that we will be proud to sponsor.

- National Convention, which will be held in Washington D C June 16-19, will be attended by Mary. All members will be asked to vote.

- Kathy reminded members of the opportunity to sign up for Legacy Circle to include AAUW in our wills. Any amount is sufficient.

- Equal Pay Day at the Portsmouth campus was a success with Sally Daniel coming from Virginia Beach to assist Nancy Jones, Kathy, and Jacque. Full cups of popcorn were distributed to men and ¾ -full cups to women to symbolize the gender pay gap.

The term "member at large" is being retired to be replaced by the term "national member" to signify an individual not affiliated with a specific branch.

Barb Johnson
Recording Secretary

AAUW Portsmouth Branch Calendar

Date	Event	Time	Details
May 9	Book Group	7:00 pm	Home of Evelyn Ray
May 23	Branch Picnic	6:00 pm	Picnic at home of Joyce Saveika
June 4	Convention Planning	11:30	Marriott Hotel, Oyster Point
June 13	Book Group	7:00 pm	Home of Nancy Jones
June 17	Voting		Online Voting Ends



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In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.