



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Promoting education and equity for women and girls

Smith Mountain AAUW Newsletter – Sue Dixon

March 2008

March 15, 2008 – Saturday – Panel Discussion - Appalachian Issues and Concerns

Susan Mead (Hollins) – Appalachian Woman’s Alliance & Pam Ervin (SWVA Food Bank) - Women’s Issues
10:30 AM @ Westlake Country Club

Please let Frankie (297-3481 or flpdare@aol.com) or Josselyn (297-8970 or jsva03@aol.com)

know if you will be attending by Monday, March 10

Cost \$11.00- make check payable to SMAAUW – Send to: Donna Meyerhoeffer
115 Minton Circle
Moneta, VA 24121

May 17, 2008 – Saturday – Speaker To Be Announced

2007-2008 in Review

Welcome to our seven new members: Betsy Ashton, Rosemary Drennen, Kathy Gentry, Diane Goff, Carol Hendrix, Conni St. John, and Nancy Umberger

Our branch has several methods of raising money, and our most unusual fund raiser is an invitation to all AAUW branch members to spend several nights at Smith Mountain Lake at an AAUW member's home. A donation of \$60 per night is requested and the proceeds directly support the AAUW Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. (Contact Gay Carpenter at 540-721-6038 for information.)

Fund raising also includes book sales and the sale of diversity pins. Our first Holiday Fashion Show held at the Pointe in Huddleston, VA, in November was a huge community hit. Over 110 members and guests attended the beautifully executed presentation by Magnolia Port. This activity was a boost to our Scholarship Fund.

Members assisted the faculty of Staunton River High School with the annual Reality Store held in October. The guest speaker for our general meeting in November was Whitney Brock a local artist, and former muralist, who shared her story and displayed some of her latest works. Twenty-one members and guests attended our January 26 meeting that featured Pidge Morgan who shared what she has experienced on her trips to Tanzania and suggested ways that members could help.

The Study Groups continue to meet on every other month. The Classic Book group recently selected their yearly books to discuss. The Classics will meet on Wednesday, April 9th at 1:00 pm to discuss “Uncle Tom’s Cabin” by Harriet Beecher Stowe at the home of Merle Segal. The International Study Group has selected the topic of China for an in depth study. (See page 4 for details and contact information about the Study Group.)

Branch Dues Note

Dues for the SMAAUW Branch will be \$65 (\$49 national/\$8 state and \$8 branch) and will be due by May 17 in order for our Treasurer and Membership VP to complete the required information and forms that are due to AAUW. It will be much appreciated if all dues have been turned in by that time. When paying, the checks should be made payable to *Smith Mountain AAUW* or *SMAAUW*.

Nominating Committee for 2008-2009 Officer Selection

The nominating committee, Donna Meyerhoeffer, Betsy Ashton, and Frankie Puckett, will seek candidates for the officers that are to be elected in **even** numbered years according to the by-laws. This would include the following officers for 2008-2009: president, vice president for programs, and secretary. A corresponding secretary and a newsletter/communications editor will be appointed. The committee will report at the March meeting and the election will take place in May.



In Memoriam

We were saddened to hear of the death of Carol Berthel on February 3, 2008.

Angela M. Cooper, Member Relations Manager/Helpline AAUW, wrote, “On behalf of AAUW, I would like to express our deepest sympathy. We are honored to have been able to include Carol Berthel as a member of AAUW and we appreciate her support of education and equity for women and girls.”



FROM VIRGINIA AAUW - MEMBERSHIP DUES RATES FOR FISCAL YEAR 2008-09 FOR BRANCHES

Effective March 16, the new national dues for fiscal year 2008-09 for branch members will be \$49. Please remind branch finance officer's to incorporate this amount in their membership collection process. For those to send in new members early, your new member receives 15 months of membership for the cost of 12. Watch for the updated ADR (Additional Dues Remittance) form to use to remit dues for FY09 in mid March! The annual BDR (Branch Dues Report) mailing will be sent out May 1st.

After the half cost association and state dues offer for new members ends on March 15, the new membership dues rates for next year will be in effect. They will increase by \$2.00 to \$49.00. Any new member who joins your branch March 16 or after will receive 15 months of membership (March 16, 2008 - June 30, 2009) for the price of 12 months.

****Also, Judy Wright, State Vice President for Programs has heard from only a few branches concerning Points of Pride reports and Pioneer Woman nominations. Would you encourage your fellow officers to reply to Judy: msjwright42@comcast.net. We all have to work together to accomplish our mission.



Virginia AAUW Convention

April is a busy month for our branch. Just prior to the Women's Leadership Conference at Ferrum, the state meeting will be held in Roanoke. Our branch has agreed to help with registration – Sue Dixon will be handling the registrations and many of us will man the registration desk. Please let Toni Seidemann know which days you would be willing to participate – Friday through Sunday, April 11 – 13.

State Convention Information - By-law Changes/Issues for State Convention Vote

Based on our membership size, we have three votes on issues at the state convention. However, we will have two delegates at the convention. We will be voting on the issues which will be presented to the membership at the March and May general meetings

AAUW of Virginia Convention - April 11-13, 2008

Holiday Inn Roanoke-Valley View - Roanoke, VA

FOR DETAILS CONTACT - <http://www.aauwofva.org/>

Speakers/Leaders

Carol Newnam, South Atlantic Regional Director

Dr. Jennifer Braaten, President of Ferrum College in Ferrum, Virginia

Dr. Susan Thomas, Associate Professor of Political Science and Women's Studies at Hollins University and the Interim Director of the Women's Studies program

Panel Discussion Participants

Susan Anderson, Vice Mayor of the Blacksburg Town Council and a member of Roanoke Valley Branch; **Gwendolyn Mason**, Roanoke City Councilwoman; and **Melinda Payne**, Director of Planning and Economic Development for the City of Salem.

Virginia Vision Spring 2008 - AAUW of Virginia State Convention

Leadership -- A Delicate Balance

Hosted by the Southwest District branches

April 11 – 13, 2008

Convention Registration (April 1 registration deadline)

Registration Fees Listed Below - FOR DETAILS GO TO - <http://www.aauwofva.org/>

Full Convention **By** April 1 \$65.00

Full Convention **After** April 1 \$70.00

Meals (pick one choice for each meal)

Saturday Luncheon **\$14.00**

Chicken Caesar Wrap or Chef Salad

Saturday Evening Banquet **\$28.00**

Salmon Rosemary or Stuffed Pork Loin or Vegetarian

Display Space \$15.00

Checks will be payable to AAUW of VA Convention - No refund available after April 1

Return by April 1 to: Sue Dixon

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Roanoke, VA 24018

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Convention Activities (Cost included in registration)

Friday Evening Reception

Sunday Continental Breakfast

Saturday Afternoon Workshops (select one)

1. Leadership Development Series

2. Get Out The Vote

Sunday Morning Workshops (select two)

A. Women, Welfare Reform, and the Preservation of Myth

B. CEDAW – The Women’s Treaty

C. High School Girls Making a Difference in Culturally Diverse Communities

D. Role Models



****NOTE: Members of the Smith Mountain AAUW will be asked to help with registration at this event.**

Convention Agenda

LEADERSHIP – A DELICATE BALANCE

AAUW of Virginia 2008 Convention - April 11-13, 2008

Friday Afternoon - State Board Meeting 1:00 –4:30 - Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View

Board Dinner: 5:00—6:30 - Holiday Inn Roanoke

Convention Registration

Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View Lobby - Friday, April 11 3:00 – 8:00

Saturday, April 12 7:30 – 12 noon and 6:30 – 7:30 - Sunday, April 13 8:00 – 9:00

Friday Evening 7:00 – 9:00 - Ballroom C&D Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View

7:00 Welcome - 7:15 Panel Discussion

Reception: 7:00 – 9:00

Saturday Morning - Breakfast on your own

Coffee 7:30 – 8:30: location to be announced

AAUW of Virginia Business Session I 8:30 – 11:15 - Ballrooms C&D Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View

Girl Scouts Flag Presentation

Welcome – City Manager: Darlene Burcham

Business Meeting

Saturday Luncheon – 11:30 am - 1:00 pm - Alleghany Center – Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View

Dr. Jennifer Braaten: President, Ferrum College

Educator and Education Advocate of the Year Awards

Saturday Afternoon

1:15 – 5:15 Workshops (locations to be announced)

Workshop 1: Leadership Development Series (4 hours) - Workshop 2: Get Out the Vote (4 hours)

Saturday Evening - Ballroom C&D Holiday Inn - Valley View

Cocktail Hour 6:15 – 7:00

Celebration Dinner 7:00 – 9:00

Educational Foundation Awards - Pioneer Women Awards - Points of Pride Awards

Sunday Morning

8:00 – 8:55 Continental Breakfast and District Meetings (locations to be announced)

Concurrent Workshops

9:00 – 10:10 and repeating at 10:15 – 11:25 - Conference Rooms Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View

A. Dr. Susan Thomas, Associate Professor of Political Science and Women’s Studies at Hollins University: “Women, Welfare Reform and the Preservation of Myth”

B. Esther Mabry, Chair, International Relations AAUW of Virginia, and Staunton/Waynesboro branch members “C.E.D.A.W. – The Women’s Treaty”

C. Ercell Binns and Members of Springfield/Annandale Branch, AAUW of Virginia members, “High School Girls Making a Difference in Culturally Diverse Communities”

D. Lisa Schaefer, Co-Vice President, Public Policy AAUW of Virginia: “AAUW: role models to the next generation of women leaders”

Business Session II 11:30 – 12:30 - Ballrooms C&D Holiday Inn Roanoke -Valley View

Adjournment

Women's Leadership Conference – Ferrum College - April 14-15, 2008

This is a lovely event that many SMAAUW members attend. Let someone know if you would like to participate.

Contact Information – Go To - <http://www.ferrum.edu/wlc/>

Abbreviated Schedule – See Website for Details

April 14 - Monday – 4:00-5:00 PM – Tea – Co-sponsored by Smith Mountain AAUW Branch

Campus Organizer – Leslie Holden

SMAAUW Members treated to Dinner

7:00 Wright Lecture – Sister Helen Prejean author of *Dead Man Walking & The Death of Innocents*

April 15 – Tuesday – 8:00 – 9:30 AM -Registration – Coffee & Continental Breakfast

9:30 – Opening Session “How to Save the World” ☞ 11:00 – Alumna Address 12:30 ☞ Conference Lunch

2:00-3:15 – Concurrent Sessions-Access to Economic Opportunities: Gender Influences/”Killing Me Softly”

3:45 – “1000 Kites 3” ☞ 5:15 – Student Poster Presentations ☞ 5:30 Dinner Break

7:00 - Performance by Mountain Women Rising – Featuring performers from Appalachian Women’s Alliance



Ways to Continue to Support Abuse Centers

Items Needed for Bedford and Franklin County Domestic Abuse Shelters

Bedford Domestic Violence Services always needs:

Dish detergent, dishwasher detergent, dish cloths

Trash bags (heavy duty and kitchen bags)

Laundry detergent, fabric softener, dryer sheets, bleach

Household cleaners/wipes (Clorox, Windex, Glass Plus, Ajax, Pledge)

Paper towels, toilet paper **

Toiletry items** **feminine hygiene products**

Food

Gift cards (Wal-mart, CVS, Cato’s, Food Lion, Kroger, gas cards)

Items needed to provide for families leaving shelter:

Sheets, bed pillows, blankets

Towels, washcloths

Dishes, glasses, silverware

Pots, pans, cooking utensils

Cleaning supply kits: (glass cleaner, paper towels, toilet cleaner, sponges, etc.)

Food boxes: (canned tuna and chicken, pasta & sauce, cereal, snack food, peanut butter & jelly, canned fruit and vegetables)

****These items are currently being donated by community service organizations or groups**

Volunteer your group to sponsor a monthly donation of needed items.



Clothing donations can be made at the Walk-in Center (580 Grove Street, Bedford City), or can be dropped in the clothing recycle bins located at any Bedford County Landfill.

Over one ton of textiles were diverted from our county landfill through use of the clothing recycle bins.

Cell phone donations are used to provide emergency use phones for domestic violence victims. Cell phones that are not in working order are recycled. Phones may be donated at many Bedford County schools and the City Municipal Building.

Monetary contributions are accepted and are essential to providing crisis intervention services to victims of domestic violence in Bedford.

Request a speaker for your organization. Be informed about resources/services. Most survivors turn to friends and family for help before they call a hotline.



The International Study Group is studying China this year. Eight members of the group attended the very informative presentation at Lynchburg College on the “Economics of China”, a lecture which was a part of the Great Discussions Lecture Series held at the Lynchburg Public Library on February 28, 2008. A future group outing is being organized for a trip to Roanoke to hear a presentation by the Director of Local Colors, Pearl Fu and Roanoke College’s Director of Asian Studies, Stella XU. The topic will be, “History and Ethnic Minorities of China”. Victoria Malick is organizing this event. The date and the location of the visit to a Chinese restaurant are yet to be announced. All members and friends are welcome to attend.

The International Study Group meets the third Wednesday of the odd numbered months. The next meeting will be March 19 at 1:30. If you wish to join the group, contact Victoria Malick gordonvic@jetbroadband.com or Pat Bratcher mbratch2@embarqmail.com.