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DATES TO REMEMBER

Monthly	Second Wednesday	Book Club Uno	Borders	7:30 pm
September 15	Pot Luck dinner	Penny Thompson home		7:00 pm
September 30	Articles for newsletter due			
October 23	October fundraiser	Castaways theater		



PRESIDENTS' LETTER

I hope everyone had a wonderful, exciting summer. Our AAUW year is beginning and your officers have an informative and interesting year for you. Thanks to all those members who have rejoined and to those who have not rejoined, please don't let your membership lapse. I am sure you want to continue to be part of AAUW and all we do to advance equity for women and girls. The United States has yet to elect a female head of state. Worldwide, there are currently 26 women leaders in 24 countries; women currently hold just 16.8% of the seats in Congress; women in the United States today make approximately 80 cents for every dollar a man makes doing the same job, so we still have work to do. In addition, your dues support our local Math + Science + Girls equals success conference, our judging at the regional science fair and now our local scholarship + the Susan Fairy Grant. In addition, your dues support AAUW National's Educational Foundation that supports scholarships for graduate study and research among other projects. We also support the Legal Advocacy Fund used to support women suing due to sex discrimination.

We sent out a survey to all our members so you, our members, could have an input into our programs and planning for the year. For those who responded the consensus was to meet on Wednesday evenings at 7:00. We will try to keep to a schedule of the third Wednesday of the month. If you didn't respond to the survey, please do so now. Let us know if you need another survey.

We are looking forward to seeing you at our September potluck!

Sara Anderson and Tania Iwanowski, co presidents



UP COMING EVENTS

September 15 meeting - will be a potluck at Penny Thompson's home (Directions below) starting at 7:00 pm. If you have potential members, please let Penny know or bring them to our potluck. Please let Penny know if you plan to attend by Sept 12. As you know potluck donations to the menu selection is in order. Penny will provide dinnerware, punch, salad and 1 -dinner meat. Please feel free to add accordingly. I look forward to seeing you.

Best Wishes

Penny Thompson (catlettpl@aol.com)
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DIRECTIONS: From Prince William Parkway (from I95)

Travel west on Prince William Parkway.
At the intersection of Prince William Pkwy and Hoadly Road, turn left.
Continue on Hoadly to the 2nd stop light. (Bloom's Food Store should be on your right)
Turn Right onto Purcell and make the first immediate right from Purcell onto Token Forest.
Continue on Token Forrest, turn left on to Allistair (You have entered the Barrington Oaks Complex)
Continue on Allistair to the first stop sign.
Turn right from Allistair onto Etheridge Ln.
Continue on Etheridge Lane to Curling Rd.
Make a right on to Curling Road,
I'm middle way the block on the right hand-side of the street.

DIRECTIONS: From I95 South

Exit Dale Blvd continue west on Dale Blve to the intersection of Hoadly Road.
Continue and cross Hoadly Rd to the first immediate street.
Make a right from Dale Blvd/Purcell onto Token Forest Rd.
Continue on Token Forrest, turn left on to Allistair (You have entered the Barrington Oaks Complex)
Continue on Allistair to the first stop sign.
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FUNDRAISERS

I have agreed to do some fundraising for the Woodbridge Branch. We are looking for suggestions of fund raising events that are not labor intensive, such as the Castaway Productions. If you know of any type of fundraising that fits that category, please let me know. Some things I have thought of are Silent Auctions, Wine and Cheese tasting, and of course our raffles. We would like to continue to fund a scholarship and send money to National AAUW for LAF. Please contact me at barbblindauer@comcast.net or 703/490-0517

Barbara Blindauer

OCTOBER FUNDRAISER--CASTAWAYS THEATER

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BOOK CLUB

Book Club Uno meets every second Wednesday of the month at 7:30 at Borders. We have been meeting for about 16 Years (we think). Members have come and gone, I think that Karen Wolf and I are the only original members. At this point, we usually have about 6 members who consistently attend, with some members attending when possible. Ours is a non-traditional book club, we bring one or two books we have read. We discuss the plot (for fiction), what we liked or disliked about the book, whether we would recommend it, and any other items we would like to comment on. We all enjoy our evening together and it is a wonderful to get involved in AAUW.

Tania Iwanowski

2011 IS THE 20TH ANNIVERSARY OF THE SUCCESS! CONFERENCE

This past March, the "Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!" Conference was the 20th annual; the way the anniversaries are celebrated, next year 1991-2011 marks the 20th anniversary. It's hard to believe that we've had the conference at four middle schools- Grace Metz in Manassas from 1991-1998, Fred Lynn from 1997-2000, Louise Benton in 2001-2002, Godwin in 2002, and Marsteller since 2003.

We've been including **Science, Technology, Engineering, & Mathematics** in our program since its onset. As we saw the integral part **STEM** plays in the Arts, we began adding musicians, artists, and architects; now Wolf Trap's education program is launching **STEAM**, with the arts in the middle. We're current and the conference is still necessary.

Most of the conferences have been during March for Women's History Month, to reinforce "HERstory". When there aren't enough Saturdays, we move it to April. In 2011, we have to move it- to April 2nd. Our co-presenter and its STEM Coordinator, the PWC Education Foundation, now known as SPARK, is working with the middle schools' Robotics Competition on March 26th (our original date). Plus, many of our targeted students will be involved in the competition.

It's been quite effective inviting 7-12th graders at the regional Science Fair, which we support as organizational judges- so we can't have the conference before the Fair. I realize that some members may have already marked their calendars and I hope it's not an inconvenience.

So, please do mark your calendars for April 2nd, 2011. With the economy the way it is, I have to start working with our major corporate sponsors this fall; their budgets are tight and contacting in January is now too late. I expect with everyone's continued support, it will be another awesome SUCCESS!

Susan Bardenhagen

From the Northern District Co-Representatives

As your new Northern District Co-Representatives, we are looking forward to a great AAUW year. We are looking forward to meeting with you and other branch members.

Northern District Fall meeting October 16 - The meeting will feature speakers, workshops and presentation to help you in your own personal growth through AAUW. They include Dr. Lori Roth, "Dealing with Difficult People," special workshops on the national AAUW convention in DC next year and how you can be a part of it, our own state president, Carolyn Pickens speaking on AAUW's exciting new one-member-one vote, and hearing branch presidents in their "15 minutes of fame" giving us ideas on successful branch programs.

There is no registration fee, but you should respond by e-mail to Sandra Wilson, Treasurer, at wilsonvienna@yahoo.com to let her know you are coming.

Looking forward to seeing you on October 16th,

Your Co-Northern District Representatives

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Guests are welcome

Location: Richard Byrd Library

7250 Commerce Street

Springfield, VA 22150

Time: 10:30 a.m. - 1:30 p.m. Doors open at 10:00 a.m. Please be prompt

Parking: Plenty and free

Cost: FREE

Refreshments will be served.

"Dealing with Difficult People"

Ever have a problem dealing with someone? At home, at work, in your neighborhood, in your branch or other organization? Learn how to deal with those difficult people at the Northern District meeting. Our featured presenter is Dr. Lori Ann Roth, Director of Learning and Professional Development, at George Mason University. Her helpful hints will guide you in dealing with the difficult people who complicate your life. You will enjoy her presentation.

Did you know? The AAUW Experience Virtual Tour

Learn about AAUW in this fun and informative virtual tour. Enter buildings, press blue buttons, roll over images to see and hear about all the activities AAUW is doing. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/about/aauwExperience/fusion/index.html>



FROM THE EDITOR'S LAPTOP

My summer was not a vacation. In April, my dad found out he had bladder cancer. I also found out the task I was on would run out of money the end of April. I took Federal Family Medical leave starting May 1 and spent most of the summer with my dad. He had radiation and chemotherapy during the summer. He is suppose to go to the hospital early September for potential surgery. My company had no jobs for me, but another company offered me a job and I am now doing Certification and Accreditation for the Secretary of Defense Communication Office.

Woodbridge Wisdom is published monthly, September through June, except for a bimonthly issues for November/December and January/February. Articles are due the 30th of the month preceding each issue. Articles should be in final form and identified as being for the newsletter. Your articles and suggestions for the newsletter are always welcome. Please send your **articles for the October newsletter by September 30** via e-mail or postal mail.

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QUOTE OF THE MONTH

Always serve too much hot fudge sauce on hot fudge sundaes.
It makes people overjoyed, and puts them in your debt.

Judith Olney
20th-century American chef

In principle and 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, or disability. AAUW promotes equality for women, education and self development over the life span, and positive societal change.

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