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

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.

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Spring Into Action at State Conference

Wytheville, your meeting destination for the AAUW State Conference, April 8 - 9, boasts no major league sports team, no sprawling shopping mecca, and no grand amusement park with rides that dare and thrill. We offer only a color palette that shows nature at its best, the quaintness of a region rich in history, and clean fresh air that flows through our valleys.



The state board approved a rebate for each branch of up to \$100 for attending the State Conference in Wytheville. The funds have been made available through the proceeds of the 2010 convention. The checks will be distributed at the Saturday night buffet and can be used for lodging, meals or reimbursement for registration fees.

With beautiful scenery providing the backdrop, the host committee has planned a perfect balance of learning with a local flavor. It begins when we welcome you in your college t-shirt or

sweatshirt on Friday evening at the Country Inn & Suites. You will greet old friends and make new ones at the dessert reception from 7:30 to 8 p.m. when OUR version of a Country Fair begins. Early arrivals may register before the reception, from 4 to 7:30 p.m.

Saturday morning, wake up ready to Spring Into Action. Registration opens at 8:30 a.m. at the Snyder Auditorium on the Wytheville Community College campus. The annual meeting convenes at 9:30 a.m. and features keynote speaker, Dr. Pat Hyer, retired Virginia Tech Provost.

Concurrent workshops will be presented at 11:15 a.m. and repeated at 2 p.m. Our luncheon

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speaker will be David Kirkwood, AAUW Board of Directors. In the afternoon, choose between a tour and reception at the Edith Bolling Wilson Museum, an afternoon tea at the Trinkle Mansion Bed and Breakfast, or a bus tour of Old Town. The bus tour includes a stop at the Thomas J. Boyd Museum to view the exhibit, "The Summer Without Children," a poignant reminder of the summer of 1950 when Wytheville experienced the most severe polio epidemic in the United States per capita of the population.

Dress casually for "A Country Buffet," at 6:30 p.m. where you will enjoy southern cuisine. hear music depicting Appalachian culture, and meet Wytheville Community College president, Dr. Charlie White.

If this is your first AAUW state meeting, you will be entered into a "first timer's" raffle. Don't despair if you aren't a first timer, you may win a door prize or the 50-50 raffle.

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Nominees for State Offices

The Nominating Committee has announced the following candidates for state offices to be voted on at the state conference.

Vice President for Membership and Branch Development: Sally Sledge

Sally has been a member of the Norfolk Branch since 1996. She has held the positions of President, Vice President for Programs and for Membership at the branch level and College/University Chair and Legal Advocacy Fund Chair at the state level. She is currently a management faculty member at Norfolk State University. Sally holds a Bachelor's degree from the

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From Your President

Quick! What does that state board of directors do? Did you know the state formed two new branches in 2010? (Thank you, especially, State Membership VP Mary Kate Black) They are UVA-Charlottesville and Blacksburg-Virginia Tech. Both of them are a mix of graduate students, faculty, and former town members—pretty cool. We now have 29 branches in Virginia, with the heaviest concentration in Northern Virginia and the Tidewater area. Richmond, now Greater Richmond, is our oldest branch (1909) and Blacksburg-Virginia Tech the newest (11/10). We also have acquired three new College/University Partners this year: University of Virginia, Northern Virginia Community College, and Mary Washington, for a total of 15 C/U partners. We hope to welcome George Mason soon.

Your state board of directors numbers 18, including four elected district representatives (Northern, Northwest, Southeast and Southwest). Our priorities: Be a resource to branches and a conduit between national and branches; educate and inspire members; increase C/U partners and e-students; and help members learn about and participate in state public policy issues. When asked, we help branch leaders do their jobs, give advice, and organize a statewide meeting each year to inspire us to spring into action. We send you *Virginia Vision* three times a year to keep you up to date. We maintain a website where you can find resources and contacts. We even have a Facebook page.

All of this—and we haven't changed the state dues of \$8 in almost 20 years. We've been able to do that because we have cut back one issue of the *Vision*, the board has one meeting by free conference call and online instead of in person, and we keep our expenses low.

We have a lot to be proud of in Virginia. We are one of the leaders in AAUW contributions. For the 2009 year Virginia ranked in the Top Ten in the country for five of the eight funds, either in total giving or per capita or both. Of the 11 universities awarded Campus Action Project grants, two were in Virginia. Tidewater Community College's project aims to increase the success rate of female engineering students through a spatial skills program, and Virginia Tech's project (*see Page 3*) is Connecting Women in Construction. And we're going to have one of the most fun statewide meetings ever in April in Wytheville!

Yes, Virginia, AAUW is alive and well, thanks to the dedicated work of our members and branches—and state board.

Caroline



Caroline Pickens

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University of Virginia, and received her doctorate from Old Dominion University.

Vice President for Finance: Nancy Thompson
Nancy has been a member of the Reston-Herndon Branch for eight years. She served as treasurer of the branch for four years and secretary for one year. She is again treasurer for the branch. Nancy, who has a Bachelor of Science from the University of Michigan, studied biochemistry at Massachusetts Institute of Technology.

Recording Secretary: Ann Johnson

Ann is a member of the Smith Mountain Branch and a new member to AAUW. She is retired after working 33 years as the Director for Administration for the Office of the National Counterintelligence Executive. She received a BS in English from Radford University.

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Membership Matters

Where Do We Stand, Where Are We Headed?

In my very first article for *Vision* (Fall 2007) I wrote about my positive outlook for AAUW of Virginia membership. While I thought our branch members were committed to AAUW and its Mission, I heard murmurs of “we are aging,” and “we’re not technology literate.” I received emails from our branches asking me what they could do to bring in younger members, and how to keep them. They seemed to visit and then go away. The problem was certainly not unique to Virginia.

The good news in Virginia is that we are making great strides in getting younger, technology minded members while keeping our long time experienced branch members. With our membership at 1340 we have only 85 members with no email addresses AND AAUW of Virginia and a few branches are also on Facebook.

Two new branches were started in 2010 at universities. The Charlottesville-UVA Branch launched in May, and Blacksburg-Virginia Tech Branch in October. The Charlottesville-UVA Branch combines two great AAUW efforts, that of adding another university to our roster of fifteen colleges and universities as C/U Partner members – and the initiative of forming a new branch at a university. The branch, under the leadership of Lauren Germain, a PhD student at UVA, has a blog to keep members up to date on branch events and to attract students and professors from around the campus.

The Blacksburg-Virginia Tech Branch brings a new dimension to our branches in Virginia. Vera Novak, president of the branch and a PhD student in the Myers-Lawson School of Construction at Tech, was the driving force behind a Campus Action Project Grant awarded to Virginia Tech for *Connecting Women in Construction Outreach Program*. Developed in response to the severe under-representation of women in

building construction and engineering majors, the project fits in perfectly with AAUW’s STEM initiative. They will focus, in part, on helping middle school girls gain confidence in their ability to develop skills needed to be successful in construction engineering fields.



I am even more optimistic about the future of AAUW of Virginia than I was in 2007. And I still think, “The one thing that matters is the effort.”

Novak

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News from AAUW

Convention Host Committee Seeking Virginia Volunteers

The AAUW National Convention is coming to Washington, DC, June 16-19, 2011. This is a great opportunity for those of us who live in Virginia to attend a national convention. Washington is as close as the convention will get to us—the two most recent conventions were in Phoenix, AZ, and St. Louis, MO

Theresa Merkel, AAUW of Virginia past president, is the Host Committee Chair. She is looking for volunteers to work at the convention. She has a long list of jobs for which you can volunteer. A list of the volunteer jobs available is in Theresa’s letter on the AAUW of Virginia website at <http://www.aauwofva.org/DCconven2011.htm>.

Members who volunteer for eight hours or more will be eligible for the following:

- ◆ A \$125 discount on convention registration (volunteers must register)
- ◆ Parking reimbursement
- ◆ A \$50 hotel reimbursement
- ◆ Access to a volunteer hospitality suite with lunch, snacks, and beverages

You can find the volunteer form at the following website:
<http://www.aauwofva.org/Volunteer.pdf>

Do sign up to volunteer and work with AAUW members from Maryland, West Virginia, Delaware, Washington, DC, and Virginia. I hope to see you there!

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Stay Current With AAUW

To insure that you receive your *Virginia Vision* as well as other materials from AAUW, your mailing and email addresses need to be kept current. **To check the status of your membership go to the AAUW Member Center and log in with your membership number, which can be found on the mailing label of your *Virginia Vision*.** Click on Member Services Data Base. Create a password if you do not have one. Log in and click "My Profile." You can check your membership status and make changes in your information if necessary. Members without computers may call the helpline: 800/326-AAUW, or write AAUW Records Office.

Empowering Girls and Women in Bhutan

Former Fellow Implements AAUW Mission at Home

All of us have heard that we are just three people away from anyone in the world. I had that wonderful experience in November when Tim and I traveled in Bhutan.

Last summer I was telling a friend from Massachusetts that we were going to Bhutan in November. Ruth was very excited



because she knows an exceptional woman in Bhutan she wanted us to meet. She met Tashi Zangmo in 2009 when Tashi was studying for an Ed.D. at the University of Massachusetts. I contacted Tashi by email and we planned to meet in Paro, the city where we would enter Bhutan, which has Bhutan's only airport.

Tashi and I met at the beginning and at the end of our travels. Our discussions focused on her work on behalf of girls

and women in a developing country through the founding of the Bhutan's Nuns Foundation, (BNF). I was amazed at what Tashi has accomplished in a very short time. Quoting from the BNF's website: ***"The vision of BNF is to enhance Bhutanese society by empowering girls and women through education and economic self-sufficiency."***

In my mind, I noted that Tashi's mission statement for the BNF is very similar to AAUW's. On our final evening together, Tashi shifted the conversation to what I would be doing when I returned home. Of course, I mentioned the work I had to do as chair of the Host Committee for the AAUW convention next June. "AAUW!" she said. "Do you belong to AAUW? Were it not for an International Fellowship from AAUW, I would not have my advanced degrees." Tashi pursued her M.Ed. in International Education from University of Massachusetts-Amherst on an AAUW International Fellowship, 2001-02. . This is her short bio from AAUW:

"Tashi Zangmo taught young Buddhist nuns in her village, Nangshing, in Bhutan. She then earned degrees in Buddhist philosophy and developmental studies in India and the United States. Returning to the village, she began an educational project for women and girls. She plans to expand the program after graduation."

So, here I was, half way around the world, in a country of which many people have never heard, discussing AAUW and its mission with an exceptional woman who is implementing AAUW's mission on a large scale in her home country.

Please visit the BNF's website and, under resources, read the BNF's first newsletter to really understand what is being accomplished as a result of AAUW's active support of one woman's graduate education. You will get to know Tashi as well and that will be delightful. www.bhutannuns.org

Please note in the photo, I am not grinning, I am merely trying to breathe. Tim and I had a **very arduous** five-hour trek to the Taktsang Monastery and I was absolutely exhausted.

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Named Honorees Will Continue

With the shift from Educational Foundation to AAUW Funds, the question has been asked if the state will continue recognize named honorees from the branches based on total amounts contributed from each branch. The answer is YES. The state will continue to ask each branch to designate a named honoree based each \$500.00 of total giving to tax deductible AAUW Funds in the preceding calendar year. These include the Legal Advocacy Fund, The Educational Opportunities Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, the Leadership Fund and the Public Policy Fund. For example, if your branch's total giving for the calendar year 2010 was \$1200, the branch may name two honorees. If the total giving was \$999, the branch may name 1 honoree. The amounts contributed by a branch will be based on AAUW records.

The total giving for each branch will be listed in the program for the state conference in April. The program will also include a list of the named honorees. The certificates of award will be given to the branch to hand out to the honorees.

These names are due to me by February 15, 2011. You may confirm the actual amounts through AAUW by contacting Tremayne Parquet (parquett@aauw.org). The final figures should be ready by January 31, 2011. Remember, members often make direct contributions without going through the branch so your internal figures may not match those of AAUW.

Thank you for continuing support of AAUW Funds.

Mary Swain, AAUW Funds Chair

CONGRATULATIONS

... to the McLean Branch for the completion of the McLean Area 40th Anniversary endowment of a \$75,000.00 Research and Projects Grant.

Communications

Social Media: An Investment in the Future

Social Media has become one of the hottest topics in the nonprofit sector for organizations of all sizes. What started out as a way to connect with friends and family has grown into a means for nonprofit organizations to spread awareness about key issues, mobilize supporters, raise funds and create online advocacy movements. AAUW has plugged into social media wholeheartedly; however, selling branches on the benefits of engaging in social media is a particular challenge.

Just what is social media? It is a broad umbrella for a relatively inexpensive means of widely distributing or accessing information electronically...with a twist. Think of regular media as a one-way street where you can read a newspaper or listen to a report on television, but have limited ability to reciprocate your thoughts on the matter. Social media, on the other hand, is a two-way street that gives you the ability to communicate your thoughts -- instantly. You are able to interact by commenting, having discussions, voting, joining groups, and sharing photos and videos. When most of us think of social media we are probably thinking of social networking websites such as Facebook, Twitter, YouTube, My Space or even LinkedIn. I will focus on Facebook.

Why bother with



Think of social networking as an investment in the future. **Nancy Shoemaker**, AAUW of North Carolina, said in a recent email, "If you're like many of us, you're finding that the newspaper is less and less 'the place to advertise,' and adding in one or more social media accounts can make you visible to prospects; ...the members who'll sustain AAUW through the next 50 years are looking for us in different places."

NEED HELP?

Need more members? Dealing with negative people? Those issues are two of the subjects of upcoming Chapter Leaders Playground webinars, which are aimed at member organizations like AAUW and free by joining on the AAUW website. These are 30-minute talks with great tips, held on weekdays but archived for 45 days so you can listen whenever you wish. Look for "Attract More Potential Members to Your Chapter" (Feb. 3), "How to Turn Around Your Struggling Chapter" (Feb. 24), "Dealing with Negative People Who Pull Your Chapter Down" (March 1), and "Make Being Involved More Fun" (March 16).

—*Caroline Pickens*

Facebook may be the best place to start because, according to research, it seems to be the most effective of the major social networking sites at boosting visibility and driving traffic to websites. The **Laguna Beach, California AAUW Branch** ran Facebook ads for the month prior to their membership event this fall. They targeted recent college graduates within a 25 mile radius. "The ads were presented 1.7 million times over a four-week period and drew about 500 clicks, each of which directed the responder to our website," said **Elaine Lawson** in an email. "We had over 1,100 page-loads on the website...which is 3 or 4 times the normal rate. We did get a number of new members in the fall. Many of the new members had downloaded applications from our website and mailed them in." Elaine isn't sure how many of the applications were in response to the ads, but states that they now have more members than they have ever had. The AAUW of Virginia Facebook Page, which requires joining Facebook, is online at <http://tinyurl.com/4vxbmpj>

The primary goal of AAUW on Facebook is to get our name in front of nonmembers. **Roanoke Valley, Charlottesville-UVA and Blacksburg-VA Tech Branches** are also on Facebook. Connect to these Facebook pages by visiting www.aauwofva.org. Come to **Wytheville** in April and attend a social media workshop. Reach out and learn. More than most technologies, social media success depends on your sense of adventure! The more you use it the more comfortable you are with it and the more it will benefit you.

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AAUW Public Service Announcements Can Bring Added Community Visibility

During the summer of 2010, AAUW initiated a Public Service Announcement (PSA) Campaign with radio stations around the country. The PSAs are titled *In That Moment I Knew*. This campaign (excellent for membership recruitment and visibility) has been jump-started again for the winter months.

AAUW branches in Virginia can call their local radio stations and ask them to air the 30-second or 60-second announcements during times that they have available. Everything you need in order to make the phone calls: background information, phone-call script and even radio contacts, are posted for you at <http://www.aauwofva.org/pubservice.htm>

You may listen to the announcements yourself by logging onto www.aauw.org and clicking on "media."

—*Patsy Quick*

Public Policy

Priorities, Lobby Day Top AAUW of Virginia Agenda

Our two major topics are our seven Public Policy Priorities and Federal Lobby Day. By the time you read this article, the State Lobby Day on February 2, and perhaps even the entire session of the Virginia General Assembly will be over. Vir-

ginia General Assembly will have had six short weeks to consider over three thousand bills and our severe budget situation. At the April Conference in Wytheville there will be a session on our General Assembly where you can find out about some of this session's challenges.



Please feel free to contact either **Dianne** (regarding federal public policy issues) or **Laura** (regarding state public policy issues). If we don't have the answer to your question at our fingertips, we will endeavor to find out quickly.

Welcome to the 21st Century - Virginia's One Member One Vote

The intent of One Member, One Vote as implemented at the AAUW national level was to allow "all AAUW members – not just those who can attend the convention – the right to select our leaders and vote on important issues" (AAUW Current Topics Briefing #23). In this day of Internet, e-mail, and social media; communication is rapid, frequent and easy. Providing for members to directly participate in electing the leadership and determining the direction of the organization without investing the time or money to attend a Convention opens the organization to the busy members of today. National AAUW is preparing for member voting via an online electronic ballot, a mail-in paper ballot, or in person at the 2011 Convention in Washington, D. C.

The Fall 2010 Vision introduced the Virginia Task Force that will be guiding AAUW of Virginia toward new member voting processes that align with AAUW National's intention of One Member One Vote. Virginia's task force is chartered to develop the processes for Virginia member's voting on state leadership and issues in time for Spring 2012. At the 2010 AAUW of Virginia Convention, bylaws changes were introduced and accepted that eliminated the traditional delegate system of voting for state leaders and policy. Our state convention will become the state's annual meeting, still an important gathering to exchange ideas and information. By 2012 we intend to be offering one member one vote opportunities online. We recognize that not all AAUW of Virginia members have e-mail and access to web-sites; approximately 75% of AAUW of Virginia members

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Public Policy Priorities:

A reminder to all Virginia members of our Public Policy Priorities adopted at the AAUW of Virginia Convention April 25, 2009 has been extended to 2012. You can refer persons interested to our AAUW Virginia web site or the AAUW web site for further legislative information.

AAUW of Virginia Public Policy Priorities 2009-2012:
Gender equity in education, employment, pay, retirement benefits, and public appointments.

Public funds for elementary and secondary education to be used for public schools only.

Access to quality health care and equity in women's health research and treatment.

Freedom from violence, bullying and sexual harassment in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.

Individual choice in reproductive decisions, including access to appropriate services, procedures, and medication.

Access to quality dependent care.

Programs that provide women with education, training, and support for success in the work force and in society.

Federal Lobby Day – May 5, 2011

On the first Thursday in May, May 5, 2011, AAUW members will meet on Capitol Hill around 9:30 a.m.. Depending on the issue we'll meet in either the House or Senate with Lobby Corps members from Virginia, Maryland, and the District of Columbia.

We will need a very good count of attendees on Monday that week.

Contact **Dianne** if you are even considering attending. It would be so great to have a significant number of Virginia members attend this year. **Dianne** will arrange accommodations for members who would like to stay in the D.C. area Wednesday night.



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International Relations Update

With an increase in globalization, AAUW will continue in the 21st Century to remain a leading advocate for women's rights world-wide. AAUW has built numerous successful partnerships and coalitions with organizations that promote human rights legislation and treaties. As your International Relations Chair, I would like to address the following issues:

United Nations – Commission on the Status of Women (CSW 55)

Established in 1946, the Commission on the Status of Women, a functional commission of the United Nations Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC), has focused on shaping global policies on gender equality and empowerment of women by bringing together governments, U.N. entities, and non-governmental organizations that promote women's rights and advance gender equality. Because of AAUW's steadfast commitment toward promoting women's rights, particularly in conducting research in the area of gender and science with the most recent report *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*, AAUW is the first nonprofit to participate as an observer during the preparation phase for fifty-fifth session. Focusing on women and girls in science and technologies, AAUW has prepared a background paper available by visiting www.aauw.org. This session will take place in New York February 22 –March 4, 2011. Attendees include representatives of member states, UN entities, and ECOSOC-accredited NGOs from various regions of the world. (Editor's Note: UN_CSJ maintains a presence on Facebook: <http://tinyurl.com/4cm47xv>)

Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination against Women (CEDAW)

Following the 1975 World Conference of the International Women's Year held in Mexico City, the UN declared 1976–1985 the United Nations Decade of Women: Equality, Development and Peace. During this decade that CEDAW was adopted in 1979 by a vote of 130 member states. Throughout the 1980s and early 1990s, CEDAW committee, along with CSW and the Commission on Human Rights, was instrumental in bringing the issue of violence against women to the forefront of the international agenda by drafting the Declaration for the Elimination of Violence against Women. Through this adoption in 1993, CEDAW introduced an Optional Protocol, the right of petition for women victims of discrimination that took effect in the new millennium, December 22, 2000. To learn more about what CEDAW has accomplished, and the 30th anniversary, please visit the AAUW Web site: www.aauw.org/about/international. To support the ongoing international efforts of AAUW, why

not plan a program in 2011 that highlights international women's issues? Celebrate the 30th anniversary of CEDAW. The AAUW Web site features Treaty for the Rights of Women (CEDAW) programming ideas. For members to learn more about AAUW's partnership with CARE, contact Helen Robinson

at groups@care.org for assistance in locating a speaker. Finally, to bring an international flair to your *Adelante! Book of the Month Club*, the AAUW Web site has posted *Women in the World*, a bibliography suggesting books to introduce members to stories and experiences of women around the globe.

During our 2011 state conference, I look forward to meeting with you to share your passion for international issues. In the meantime, I am interested in hearing from you. Please share with me any programming ideas and international issues that you'd like to discuss with members throughout the state.

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Breaking Through Barriers Project Needs Supporters

AAUW accomplishes the important mission of breaking through barriers for women and girls in many ways—such programs as the Legal Advocacy Fund, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Start Smart, Elect Her—Campus Women Win, and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, which supports research. Few know that these vital programs are not funded by our endowment. In 2008, we started the Breaking Through Barriers Major Gifts Campaign to raise one million dollars to support these important AAUW programs.

AAUW's development staff works closely with the **Breaking Through Barriers Committee**, a group of major donors who share with fellow AAUW members, donors, and interested individuals this meaningful opportunity to promote equity for women and girls by making a gift in support of critical programs not funded by our endowment.

Women and men from around the country have been contributing what they can to ensure that these programs thrive. The goal is within reach. With a gift now, YOU can be the one to help ensure its success. A donor at the Silver-Level

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Branches in Action

Roanoke Valley Has STEM Seminar

"Opening Doors, Opening Minds - to STEM: A Seminar for Girls" was organized by the Roanoke Valley Branch and co-sponsored by Roanoke City Schools at William Fleming High School. Twenty-eight ninth grade girls from six different high schools participated in workshops, teleconferences and video conferences with experts in STEM fields. Our STEM committee -- Marcia Shelton, chair, Melody Blankenship, Paula Prince and Catina Webb – planned the seminar for the girls.

The participants had the opportunity to see what a day in the life of a medical researcher was like and then talk to Katherine Grichnik, MD at Duke University via teleconference. They learned about NASA through a video conference. In small groups the participants learned about marine science from Stephanie Salisbury from the Virginia Institute of Marine Science, forensic archaeology, anthropology and forensic science from Drs. Cliff and Donna Boyd from Radford University, oceanographic and costal geology careers from Dr. Shelley Whitmeyer from James Madison University and Raindrops to Water Faucets from Sarah Baumgardner from Western Virginia Water Authority. At lunch the girls had a chance to speak with career coach J. Scruggs.

The evaluations from the girls indicated that they learned from their STEM experience. Here are some of their responses to what they liked about the seminar and why:



Dr. Donna Boyd explains forensic science to Michaela LaBrie, Ashley Frango, Sarah Sizer, Anna Hakkenberg, Emily Dodd; below, Carlee Anderson and Charisse Thompson get hands on experience with bones .

... "The marine science – I learned and it was my interest."
... "Forensic science because I am interested in the field."
... "The hands-on in Marine Science was fun and challenging"
... "Learning more about science careers and what you can do in them."

Roanoke Valley Branch is proud to have organized an event for girls in our community that meets a need for girls and enables the branch to further AAUW's mission.

HelenRuth Burch
Co-president, Roanoke Valley Branch

Harrisonburg Honors "Unsung Heroines"

Last spring, the Harrisonburg Branch awarded its second annual \$500 "Unsung Heroine Scholarship" to Daisy Villeda, a graduate of Turner Ashby High School in Rockingham County. Nominated by her math teacher, Ms. Pam Lehman, Ms. Villeda is a single mother with a three-year old daughter. In addition to school and parenting, she was working part-time and contributing both financial and emotional support to her siblings. She planned to pursue a nursing degree at Blue Ridge Community College.

Branch award coordinator Margee Greenfield asks teachers, counselors and principals at the area's five public high schools "to nominate graduating senior women who best exemplify academic excellence, commitment to higher education and service to family and community." She requests that nomi-

nees, in turn, submit applications describing their higher-education plans and ways they have served. Dr. Greenfield notes, "The selection committee was humbled by the commitment of our nominees, and we were hard-pressed to select just one." She adds, "Our goal is to stay in touch with our winners, to provide on-going encouragement and to follow their progress

The branch funds the awards through a raffle of donated items, and accompanies each with a book given to the recipient's high school. Cokie Roberts' *Ladies of Liberty* was the 2010 selection.

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Still More Branches in Action

Fairfax City Luncheon Has Grown Since 1992

The reputation of the Fairfax City Branch Book and Author Luncheon has grown. In 1992, the first records showed an attendance of around 100, tickets were \$18.00, 87 books were sold, and there was no Silent Auction. This year, on November 6, we sold 148 books, received over \$200 in donations, and took in nearly \$2,000 with our Silent Auction. We grossed \$9,000 after all the expenses were tallied. The AAUW Fairfax City Branch has made this once-a-year scholarship fund-raiser a tremendous success.

On Sunday, December 12, the Branch held a holiday brunch at the home of Dianne and Gerard Blais. Everyone brought something to eat or participated in some other way. There was a musical contribution from two members, and another assailed us with a history quiz that proved to some how much women's history they *didn't* know. Contributions from members to the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund added \$470 to the stocking of VGIF through checks from 13 of our members.

Last year our annual Career Day, Technology: Futures Unlimited had to be cancelled. The many snowstorms last winter and rescheduled school activities made it tough for students to attend. The Branch is determined to hold the event again this year, and planning is under way. The date is March 19, at Woodson High School in Fairfax. For information, contact Suzanne Mahoney (suzanne070946@mac.com) or see the Branch website (<http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/fairfaxcity.htm>).

Naomi Kassabian, Editor, Fairfax City Focus
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Norfolk Branch Opens With Dinner Meeting

September opening meetings become annual dinner meetings at Old Dominion University. In the past several years, we have had English professors who were also best-selling book authors (one of which was selected by Oprah), women basketball coaches, and a women's studies professor from ODU plus the artistic director and playwright from The Virginia Stage Company as our guest speakers.

On September 14, Dr. Jennifer Fish, Chairman of Women's Studies at ODU was our speaker and showed slides of her

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Mount Vernon, Alexandria Share Fundraising Event

For a number of years the Mt. Vernon Branch, in conjunction with the Alexandria Branch, has held its major fundraiser at our local community theater, The Little Theater of Alexandria. The theater sets aside some performances of each production for local non-profit groups, selling the group the entire house of 217 seats at less than half the normal ticket price. The group then sets its own price for tickets, usually about three times the price charged to the group.

We begin selling tickets about four months prior to the performance date. The event chair mails two tickets to each of our 58 members with the request that they purchase and use them, sell them, or return them with a donation. Many members buy more to give as gifts, etc. Some members donate the price of the tickets and return them for re-sale. We usually completely sell out all of our tickets.

On the day of the performance we decorate the large reception area off of the theater lobby in a theme coordinating with the production. (See picture, above) Members donate wine, soft drinks, and either savorys or sweets. One hour before the performance and during intermission we convene in the reception room. Usually Mt. Vernon does the decorating and set-up, and Alexandria Branch cleans up after the event.

On average, Mt. Vernon Branch clears at least \$2,000, which commonly forms our donation to AAUW Funds. Besides raising the funds, the project provides an opportunity for camaraderie among the members of both branches, as well as increasing our visibility in the community.

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Co-Presidents, Mt. Vernon Branch

More Branches in Action

Northern District Learns How to Handle "Fussies"

Need advice on retaining fussy members in your branch? At the Northern District fall meeting, Dr. Lori Ann Roth from George Mason University gave a great presentation on "Dealing with Difficult People." She provided practical ideas, and the interaction between her and the audience provided helpful advice, information, and humor to make dealing with those difficult people in your life less difficult. Other presenters



Dr. Roth

included Caroline Pickens, Virginia State President, who provided details of "One Member, One Vote," Anita Aymer, who invited everyone to the "Spring into Action" statewide conference, and Theresa Merkel, Local Arrangements Chair for the AAUW national convention, who spoke about opportunities to volunteer at the convention. Of course, the district members were the stars of the event. From branch representatives presenting updates on their activities, to the exchange of information between participants to the food, it was a fun and informative event.

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Northern District Co-Representatives



Smith Mountain Supports Scholarship With Style

Smith Mountain Branch is proud of our fashion show luncheon scholarship fundraiser. This is the fourth year we have presented this event, and this fall we raised nearly \$2000, thus far the most we have raised.

We hold our fashion show at a local country club which holds a maximum of 100 people. We only charge \$20 per ticket, and this year they sold out very quickly. We had a waiting list and could possibly have sold an additional 30 tickets had we the space. Of course, women in our area know that this special event is not only for a very good cause, but has a limited number of seats, and that helps to sell tickets early.

Our branch is enhanced many ways because of this event. It involves 90 per cent of our members who are engaged in a variety of activities from creating baskets and items for the silent auction (which raises almost half the money) to modeling clothes during the event. The publicity we receive highlights our mission and we all enjoy the camaraderie that results in our endeavors. Moreover people from the business community donate auction items and purchase ad space in our program. Their participation makes them aware of the work we do to promote education for women.

Each year we are amazed by the creativity of our members as they put this event together and their enthusiasm to make it spectacular. We are now brainstorming ways to improve it next year and would love to hear from any branches that have advice for us.

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Vienna Meeting Highlighted By Suffragist Reenactment

For Vienna Area Branch's November program, historic reenactor Lynne Garvey-Hodge performed in period costume as "Mrs. Robert Walker," a suffragist from Baltimore. She related events leading up to the passage of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution, which gave women the right to vote. "Mrs. Walker" described the indignities women endured to help achieve this right, her arrest at the White House and her brutal incarceration at the Occoquan Workhouse in 1917. What happened at the Workhouse is considered a turning point in the fight for women's suffrage.

According to her brochure, Ms. Garvey-Hodge is available to speak to women's clubs and other interested organizations. She has presented to the Virginia League of Women Voters State Convention, George Mason University, and the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial dedication. She has appeared on the "Virginia Time Travel" Cox Cable program.

The branch presented Ms. Garvey-Hodge with a donation to the Northern Virginia Regional Park Authority, which is working with the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial and the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area to raise funds. Lynne Garvey-Hodge can be reached at 703/322-1811; lghasoc@erols.com

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Bylaws Revision To Facilitate 1-Member 1-Vote

The Bylaws Committee is submitting a proposed amendment to Article XV of the state bylaws, to be voted on at the spring conference and requiring a two-thirds majority of the attendees for adoption:

Amendment 1.

Current Wording

Section 3. Representation

Quorum. A quorum shall be a majority of the voting body, provided that a majority of the branches are represented.

Proposed Amendment

Strike the current wording and insert:

A quorum shall be seven percent of all members of AAUW of Virginia in good standing.

Rationale: The current bylaw on the quorum, the number of votes cast that is necessary for the vote to count, addresses voting only by attendees at the statewide meeting. The proposed amendment would allow a smooth transition to one member/one vote, which means that all members in the state will be voting on AAUW of Virginia business in 2012. A quorum must also be set low enough that it ensures that enough members will vote and the recommended percentage is five to ten percent. The Bylaws Committee proposes seven percent as a reasonable number.

The committee consists of Enid P. Housty, Hampton Branch, and Marcia Shelton, Roanoke Valley Branch, co-chairs; Jennie Sue Murdock, Roanoke Valley, and Peggy Stotz and Caroline Pickens, McLean Area.

Comments or questions about the proposed amendment should be sent to Enid P. Housty, Co-Chair of the Committee, either by mail or by e-mail before March 10.

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One Vote

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currently have e-mail addresses registered with AAUW National. AAUW of Virginia will definitely offer alternatives to online voting such as paper, mail-in ballots.

It is more important than ever that AAUW national has your contact information so keep your profile current! On the AAUW website at aauw.org, enter the Membership Center using your AAUW member number. Select the Membership Services Database (you will have to establish a password if you have not already done so) and select My Profile/My Membership Card. Review your contact information and update if not current. If you are not online, make sure that branch and state officers as well as AAUW national are informed of any changes to your mailing address. When AAUW of Virginia initiates state-level one member one vote, it will be using this contact information from your national AAUW profile.

Second, watch future editions of Virginia Vision for details as AAUW of Virginia prepares for the future.

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Norfolk Branch

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work. Dr. Fish holds a Ph.D. from American University and annually leads a group of ODU students in global studies to South Africa. She has published a book about the rights of domestic workers in South Africa, and last summer met with Desmond Tutu and spoke at the United Nations meeting in Switzerland about this topic. She is a dynamic young woman and has done a great deal of work with AAUW in South Africa. The program ended with a question-and-answer period.

Sister Mary Agatha Munyanyi from Zimbabwe, an AAUW Fellowship recipient working on her doctorate at the Old Dominion University Chemistry Department researching Parkinson's disease, was able to attend the dinner as our guest, as were the new President Sherleen Espinosa and Vice President Victoria Green of our newly formed Old Dominion University Satellite.

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Breaking Through Barriers

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of \$500 or at the Gold-Level of \$1,500 will receive a silver or gold colored *Breaking Through Barriers* pin. Those who support the campaign from \$5,000 to \$100,000 or more will receive a beautifully custom designed AAUW pin with a stone that designates the level of support, an invitation to the End of Campaign Celebration at the National Convention in Washington, DC in June, recognition in the 2011 Annual Report, recognition throughout Convention, and recognition in AAUW publications.

For more information on supporting the Campaign, contact Virginia State "Breaking through Barriers" committee member Neola Waller or Carol Rognrud, Director, Transformational Giving, rognrudc@aauw.org or 202/728-7627.

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Meet the Wytheville Speakers

Dr. Patricia Hyer, keynote speaker at the opening session, has just retired after serving more than two decades as Associate Provost at Virginia Tech, overseeing faculty personnel and policy issues and being deeply engaged in diversity efforts at the university. She received her bachelor's degree summa cum laude from Hillsdale College in Michigan, two master's degrees in French and in Adult and Continuing Education from the University of Michigan, and her Ph.D. in educational policy studies from Virginia Tech.



Hyer

Dr. Hyer has worked with others at Virginia Tech to move the institution from a historical legacy of exclusion of women and minorities to a point where there are wide-ranging policies and programs to support the university's commitment to diversity. From 2003 to retirement, she was co-principal investigator of a \$3.5 million National Science Foundation "ADVANCE" grant to promote institutional transformation for women faculty members in science and engineering at Virginia Tech. The first recipient of the Vir-

Opportunity to Help Others And Do "Spring Cleaning"

Do you have more tote bags, cloth grocery bags, and other type bags than you can use in a lifetime? Here's your chance to do your spring cleaning and help others.

Just bring all of your no longer needed bags to Wytheville. Last year the Springfield-Annandale Branch did a project for the Offender Aid and Restoration (OAR) which involved no money, only collection of reusable bags. OAR helps persons who have been incarcerated. When they get out, they usually have nothing. OAR gives them personal items like soap, shampoo, toothbrushes, tooth paste, etc. During a visit, I noticed that there were no bags to put them in, only those white plastic trash bags. My branch chipped in dozens of old convention goodie bags, small luggage bags and other types of bags. OAR used 42 of our bags the first week! Our members said they had no idea just how many bags they had until they started spring cleaning for the project.

So start cleaning and remember to bring your no longer used bags to convention. Be sure to collect them from other members who might not be able to attend. I will have a large box there in which to collect them.

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ginia Tech Woman of the Year Award in Spring 1995 and the Academy of Leadership Excellence's 2002 Outstanding Leader of the Year, she was selected in 2004 as Woman of the Decade for her contributions to women at Virginia Tech. More recently she was appointed a Fellow of the Association for Women in Science (2007) and University Change Agent by Women in Engineering Program Advocates Network (2009).

Luncheon and dinner speaker David Kirkwood served two terms on the AAUW Membership Committee before being elected to the AAUW Board of Directors in 2009, where he is chair of the Audit Committee. He also chairs the Board's Communications Working Group, which developed the One Member/One Vote process. A senior manager and engineer at Unisys in Minnesota, Kirkwood is also on a community college advisory council working to encourage women in STEM careers.



Kirkwood



White

Dr. Charlie White, who will welcome our membership to Wytheville, has been president of Wytheville Community College since 2006. He holds a doctorate in biology, and has been in the community college system for 39 years, serving as teacher, division dean, vice president for academic and student services, and president. His wife, Peggy, is a member of the Wytheville Branch. He will discuss the impact of the college he heads on the community, which currently has over 600 fulltime women students, more than half the student body.

State Conference Rebates

The state board approved a rebate for each branch of **up to \$100** for attending the State Conference in Wytheville.

The funds have been made available through the proceeds of the 2010 convention. The checks will be distributed at the Saturday night buffet and can be used for lodging, meals or reimbursement for registration fees.

Branches at Work And Play Displays

What did your branch do this past year? Each branch is asked to create a display of their events and activities from the past year and bring it to Wytheville. It can be something like a "science board" that could stand on a table. Pictures, newspaper clippings, whatever you want to show what your branch has done to support the AAUW mission (*Work*) as well as fun activities (*Play*).

Workshops

Presenters Will Offer Variety to Inform, Inspire

General Assembly 101:

Anne B. Crockett-Stark and Laura Wimmer



Stark

Join **Anne B. Crockett-Stark**, who represents the Sixth District in the Virginia House of Delegates, and **Laura Wimmer**, AAUW of Virginia Co-Vice President for Public Policy, to learn how the Virginia General Assembly works in 2011.

They will explain the organizational structure, the bill filing process, the voting and veto process and election process. The current session will be over so we will learn the outcome of bills passed and defeated for this year. We will receive current information on the state budget and redistricting.



Wimmer

Wimmer has worked as a health educator for the past 24 years and is the immediate past co-president of AAUW of Virginia. Crockett-Stark was first elected to the Virginia House of Delegate in November of 2005 from the Sixth District, which includes Bland, Giles, Pulaski, Tazewell and Wythe counties.

Is Technology Passing You By?

Alan Callander and Peggy Woods-Clark



Callander

Computer technology and social networking are changing the face of communication across the world. Discover how AAUW is developing technology to grow our membership and share our mission. Learn how to navigate the AAUW website to your advantage. Find out how to use Facebook and Twitter to enhance your outreach.



Woods-Clark

Alan Callander is the social media manager at AAUW, where he uses social media tools and channels to engage stakeholders in accelerating AAUW's mission-driven activities. Peggy Woods-Clark is AAUW's website manager and is responsible for the oversight of the association's websites.

Inspiring Your Membership – New & Old Dr. Denise Decker and Kitty Richardson

Are you wondering how to revitalize your membership and become the 21st century magnet for energetic leadership and dynamic programming? Participate in an interactive workshop with Dr. Denise Decker (Arlington Branch) and Kitty Richardson (Falls Church Branch). Explore ideas with your

fellow members and bring back a new enthusiasm to your membership that will promote growth and leadership to **“Spring Into Action.”** Decker, a senior program analyst for the U.S. Department of Agriculture Natural Resources Conservation Service, has held AAUW leadership positions on the national, state and branch levels. She credits AAUW with having changed her life in 1974 when, while attending graduate school at the University of Wisconsin - Madison, she was awarded a Domestic Fellowship to complete her doctorate at the Sorbonne in Paris.

Richardson spent 45 years working in Intensive Care and Hemodialysis nursing. She has been part of the national AAUW Lobby Corps for 10 years.



Decker



Richardson

Your Gifts at Work: Meet a Fellowship Recipient Dr. Enid Housty and Guadalupe Bravo-Vinaja

Find out exactly how your national dues are shared with branches across the country and how AAUW accomplishes its mission. Meet with Dr. Enid Housty, a member of Hampton Branch, and Guadalupe Bravo-Vinaja, an International Fellowship recipient, and see firsthand how YOUR gifts have made a difference.

Housty was Professor of Music and English and Director of the Humanities Program at Hampton University until her retirement in 2002. She has been active in AAUW both at the state and branch level, and has served as Foundation (now Funds) chair. Bravo-Vinaja is a 2010-2011 AAUW International Fellow at Virginia Tech, specializing in wildlife management focusing on the golden eagle distribution and population size.



Housty



Bravo-Vinaja

Conference Leisure Activities

Before joining us for dinner buffet at the Wytheville Meeting Center at 6:30 p.m. Saturday, your guests might enjoy golfing at the Wytheville Golf Club, touring the Boyd Museum, Marquee Cinemas, swimming or exercising at the Wytheville Recreation Center or enjoying the view from the top of Big Walker Mountain (elevation 3100 ft.) and the crafts at their General Store.

State Conference Schedule

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| <p>Friday, April 8th
4:00 – 7:30 p.m.
Registration (Country Inn & Suites)</p> <p>7:30 – 8:00 p.m.
Dessert Reception/Cash Bar (Country Inn & Suites)</p> <p>8:00 – 9:30 p.m.
Country Fair</p> <p>Saturday, April 9th – Wytheville Community College campus
9:30 – 11:00 am
Conference Opens/Annual Meeting
Keynote Speaker (Dr. Pat Hyer
Snyder Auditorium)
11:15 am – 12:30 p.m.</p> <p>Workshops (Galax Hall & Grayson Hall)</p> <p>Lunch with AAUW Board Member, David Kirkwood
(Galax Hall 12:30 – 1:45 p.m.)</p> | <p>Workshops (Galax Hall & Grayson Hall)
2:00 – 3:15 p.m.</p> <p>Leisure Activities:
Send your registration early to reserve your activities.
Trinkle Mansion B&B –
Afternoon Tea (\$12 – 40 reservations available)
Edith B. Wilson Birthplace Museum – Reception/Tour
(\$10– 40 reservations)
Old Town Bus Tour/Museum (\$12 – 12 reservations)
Shopping on Main Street (on your own)
Big Walker Mountain/Country Store (on your own)</p> <p>5:30 – 6:15 p.m.
Wytheville Meeting Center
District Meetings (Main Ballroom)
6:30 – 8:30 p.m.
Country Buffet: Dr. Charlie White, David Kirkwood
Raffle Winners (Main Ballroom)</p> |
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AAUW of Virginia 2011 Calendar

FEBRUARY 2011

- 1 **Vision** mailed
Morgan/Koehler
- 2 State Lobby Day in Richmond
*Vice Presidents for Public
Policy and all Members*

MARCH 2011

- 1 Slate of State Board nominees
to branches
Nominating Committee
- List of Named Honorees to
State AAUW Funds Chair
Branch Leaders
- 5 **Deadline for Conference
registration/refunds.**
- 15 Half Dues ends for new
members

APRIL 2011

- 8 State Board Meeting in
Wytheville *State Board*
- 8-9 **State Conference in
Wytheville** *All Members*

APRIL 2011

- 15 National AAUW paper ballots
mailed to members

MAY 2011

- 1 National AAUW electronic
voting period begins
- 5 Federal Lobby Day,
Washington DC
*Vice Presidents for Public
Policy, all Members*
- 15 **Vision** articles due to Morgan
with articles from **Northwest
District** and these branches:
**Alexandria, Arlington,
Ashburn-Leesburg, Bedford
County, Charlottesville-
UVA, Greater Manassas,
Reston-Herndon Area,
Greater Richmond,
Virginia Beach, Woodbridge**

- 31 Postmark deadline for mailed
National AAUW ballots

JUNE 2011

- 1 Roster of Branch Officers due
to AAUW, State President
Branch Presidents
- Roster of State Officers due to
AAUW, *State President*
- Vision** mailed *Morgan/Koehler*

16-19 AAUW Convention Washington, DC



- 17 National electronic voting ends
- 30 Year-end Financial Statement
Vice President for Finance

JULY 2011

- 1 Branch dues reports due to
AAUW/State Treasurer
Branch Treasurers

State Conference Registration Form

April 8-9, 2011 Wytheville Community College

Name _____ Branch _____

Street Address _____

City _____ State _____ Zip _____

Phone _____ Email _____

Past State President _____ State Officer/Position _____

Special Designation: Branch President First Timer Student Affiliate University Representative

Registration Fee before March 5 - \$50; postmarked after March 5 - \$75 \$ _____

Guest Meal package Fee - \$25 (2 meals & reception) \$ _____

Saturday afternoon leisure events: 3:30 – 5:00 p.m. (optional - choose one)

Edith Bolling Wilson Museum – Tour/Reception \$10 (40 reservations max.) \$ _____

Trinkle Mansion Bed & Breakfast – Afternoon Tea \$12 (40 reservations max.) \$ _____

Historical Bus Tour of Wytheville/Boyd Museum \$12 (12 seats) \$ _____

Make checks payable to: AAUW Wytheville TOTAL check amount \$ _____

(no refunds after March 5)

Mail registration to: Kelly Sisti, 835 North 20th St., Wytheville, VA 24382

Meals Included in Registration Fee- Indicate if you plan to attend

Friday Evening – Desserts/Cash Bar

Saturday Boxed Lunch – Choices: Chicken Salad Egg Salad Roast Beef & Cheese Sandwich

Saturday - Dinner Buffet/Cash Bar

Special dietary needs _____

Saturday Workshops

11:15 – 12:30

Choose one for each session:

2:00 – 3:15

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Special Needs _____

For more information: Anita Aymer alaymer2010@gmail.com (H)-276/625-0404 or (C)-276/620-4547

Hotel Information

A block of rooms has been set aside for AAUW. DEADLINE for reservations at these rates is MARCH 1, 2011. All accommodations are conveniently located near Wytheville Community College and Wytheville Meeting Center.

Quality Inn & Suites - \$50 per double/king- Exit 73 off I-81. Address: 2015 East Main Street, Wytheville, a three minute drive to the Wytheville Community College and Wytheville Meeting Center. Reservation desk contact number: (276) 228-4241. qualityinnwytheville@yahoo.com or www.choicehotels.com/hotel/va034

Comfort Inn - \$70 per double/king - Exit 70 off I-81. Address: 315 Holston Rd, Wytheville, a six minute drive to the Wytheville Community College and Wytheville Meeting Center. Reservation desk contact number: (276) 228-4488. www.choicehotels.com/hotelVA422

Country Inn & Suites – \$80 per double/king - Exit 72 off I-81. Address: 697 Peppers Ferry Road, Wytheville, adjacent to the Wytheville Community College and Wytheville Meeting Center. Reservation desk contact number: (276) 223-1058. Cx_wyva@countryinns.com or www.countryinns.com/wythevilleva

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800/889-0229



Optional Tours At Wytheville Conference

Bus Tour of Wytheville's Historic Area *\$12 per person/12 seats available*

A tour showcasing both homes and churches that are listed on the National Registry of Historic Places and highlighting the area's events including the Battle of Wytheville during the Civil War.

Shopping at some local shops and a tour of Main Street as well as a stop at the E. Lee Trinkle Regional Visitors Center is included, featuring a display honoring the former Virginia Governor. The last stop will be the Thomas J. Boyd Museum featuring the "Summer Without Children" exhibit...the polio epidemic.

Afternoon Tea at the Trinkle Mansion Bed & Breakfast *\$12 per person/40 reservations available*

Inkeeper Patti Pizinger will share some history and provide a sumptuous afternoon tea followed by a tour of the Mansion which she and her husband recently restored to its original elegance.

Edith Bolling Wilson Birthplace Museum Tour *And Wine Tasting Reception \$10 per person/40 reservations*

The second wife of President Woodrow Wilson was Wytheville native, Edith Bolling. Serving as his confidant and caregiver after his stroke, some say Edith was the "secret president." Learn about her life and enjoy a tour of her birthplace home while enjoying a wine tasting reception.