



SPRINGFIELD-  
ANNANDALE (VA)  
BRANCH

## SPRINGFIELD-ANNANDALE BRANCH AAUW of VIRGINIA



MAY 2017 UPDATES

### **Presidents' Notes**

It seems that every other month when I write the Presidents' Notes I brag about our branch – with good reason. Ginny and I are proud to be representatives of an organization with goals that are so important to women and girls. It is with great enthusiasm that I give my “elevator speech” about the mission of AAUW and the programs available to women and girls whenever the opportunity presents itself.

Locally, the Springfield-Annandale branch strives to promote the AAUW mission in many ways, starting with our choice of speakers and programs for the monthly meetings. Members lobby our State and Federal representatives. We have an active partnership with George Mason University that is beneficial to the students and to our branch. I could go on and on, but you can find out about these and all the other activities in the newsletter and in emails.

My favorite monthly program is the April Diversity/Inclusion Awards at the Greenspring Retirement Community. It exemplifies many of ideals of AAUW and always renews my hope for the future. At this meeting the branch honors four outstanding young women, who are juniors from local high schools. They each receive a \$500 check and a certificate for their anti-bullying and inclusion efforts. This year the young women impressed us with short presentations of how they are making a difference in their communities.

Equal Pay Day was marked on April 4 with proclamations, marches, and news coverage, but achieving equal pay is just one issue that affects women. We need to let our representatives know that they represent us and that we vote. In this newsletter each month I include information about how you can become a 2-Minute Activist to quickly and easily let your representatives know what is important to you. Please take time to sign up. We can make a difference!

Please be sure to read in this newsletter about the AAUW National and State elections that are taking place right now and VOTE!

At the May 18 general meeting our own member, Katherine White, will tell us about the Women and Gender Studies Program at George Mason University. Members will also be voting on the Springfield-Annandale slate of officers for the upcoming 2017-2019 term. I hope that you will be there.

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### **The AAUW Mission Statement:**

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

## PROGRAMS

### May General Meeting

Join your friends at the May General Meeting!



Thursday, May 18 at 7:00 pm  
At the  
Braddock District Supervisor's Office  
9002 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA  
(beside the Kings Park Library)

The speaker will be Katherine White, a Springfield-Annandale branch member, who is associated with the Women and Gender Studies Center at George Mason University. She will speak on the topic "The Women and Gender Studies Program at George Mason University". Members will also be voting on the Springfield-Annandale slate of officers for the upcoming 2017-2019 term.

The Nomination Committee: Irene McGhee, Judy Baldwin, Nancy O'Day, Ann Sauberman, Terry Graham is pleased to submit the following nominees:

**Co-Presidents: Judy Baldwin and Nancy Joyner**

**Program Committee Co-Chairs: Ginger Caress and Verna Muckle**

**Treasurer: Mary K. Johnson**

Our congratulations and support to all of these generous members.

### Movies at Midweek



Movies at Midweek continues Wednesday morning May 24 at Cinema Arts. Look for an email the Friday preceding with the name of the selected film and the time. Lunch and discussion will follow at First Watch Restaurant, in the same shopping center (Fair City Mall) as Cinema Arts. No need to sign up; just meet near the ticket booth shortly before the scheduled showing.

See you at the movies!

Ginny Wells  
Movie Maven

### Program Planning Meeting for the 2017-2018 Year

It doesn't seem possible but it is that time again!

The Program Planning Meeting for the 2017-2018 year will take place on Monday, June 19 at 1:00 pm at the home of Ginger Caress. Any member who has ideas for programs is welcome to join members of the program committee at this meeting. Please let Ginger know if you plan to attend or if you have any questions – [evcaress@gmail.com](mailto:evcaress@gmail.com) or 703 256-3665.

Ginger Caress  
Program Co-VP

## MEMBERSHIP

### New Members Tea

The Springfield-Annandale branch of AAUW wishes to welcome its 10 new members at a tea and dessert on Saturday, May 20 from 2:00 until 4:00 pm at Milano's Family Restaurant located at 6230 Rolling Road Springfield, VA in the West Springfield Shopping Center. Patsy Quick, AAUW of VA Co-President, will be there to speak to us. All members are invited to attend.



Please let Terry Graham ([Terry123@gmail.com](mailto:Terry123@gmail.com) / 703 494-9656) or Irene McGhee ([carmiegos@gmail.com](mailto:carmiegos@gmail.com) / 703 569-3090) know if you plan to attend.

Irene McGhee & Terry Graham  
Membership Co-VPs

### Time To Renew Your AAUW Membership For 2017-2018

It is time to renew your AAUW membership for the coming 2017-2018 year. The dues remain \$76. The membership renewal form is **attached for you to copy**.

### Membership Ideas

I want to remind the membership that undergraduates can become AAUW members for free AND anyone can give a membership to a new college graduate. That would make a great graduation present! Contact Irene McGhee for details -- ([carmiegos@gmail.com](mailto:carmiegos@gmail.com) / 703 569-3090).

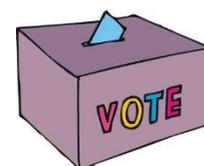
Also *Shape the Future* program is just \$50.51 for new members for 1 year. Let's tell our friends.

Irene McGhee  
Membership Co-VP

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **Attention!!**

### **Time To Vote For National & State Candidates and Issue**



Voting is in process for AAUW and for AAUW of VA. 2 times you must VOTE! Do not ignore emails and mailings in April and May! The instructions provided to you include the deadlines for voting.

### **2017 AAUW National Election — One Member, One Vote**

AAUW members received their voter information in early April by email and mail with the spring issue of AAUW Outlook magazine! The candidate slate, bylaws proposals,

Public Policy Program proposals, and resolutions are published in the spring issue. Study the AAUW Outlook Magazine and decide for whom you want to vote and how you want to vote on the Public Policy Issues. Then use the email you were sent with the ballot password to vote.

## **Online Voting ends on June 16**

### **2017 AAUW of VA Election**

This is the sixth year for AAUW of Virginia's One Member/One Vote initiative. We hope that all of you will be casting your online vote in April and May. **It is very important that members participate as we need a quorum of seven per cent of the membership for the election. Without seven percent of the membership voting, the new state officers cannot take office.** Please take the time to vote as a responsible AAUW of Virginia member. All votes will be tallied by AAUW so they will not be seen by AAUW of Virginia members.

### **Candidates for State Office**

The Nominations Committee is pleased to announce the slate for 2017-2019:

**Vice President for Membership — Cyndi Shanahan**  
**Vice President for Finance — Tammie Mullins-Rice**  
**Recording Secretary — Carol Stephens**

### **Schedule Of 2017 Voting**

**April 13: Online voting opens**  
**May 5: Online voting closes at midnight**  
❖ Mary K. Johnson [johnsons7703@verizon.net](mailto:johnsons7703@verizon.net)

## **COLLEGE/UNIVERSITY PARTNERSHIP -- GMU**

### **Seeking Volunteers**

#### **Women's E-Learning in Leadership**

WELL Organization

**NEW MENTORSHIP PROGRAM FOR STUDENTS!**

**INFORMATION/DISCUSSION SESSION**

**WEDNESDAY, MAY 10TH 11:00AM-12:30PM**

**GMU MERTEN HALL, ROOM 3001**

We are a not for profit organization located at GMU-Fairfax Campus's Women and Gender Studies. Our mission is to empower university women to lead through mentorship, educational opportunities, and global networking. At this session, you will have the chance to meet our board members and executive team members, also to get involved with the mentorship program.

Visit our website: [www.wellforpeace.org](http://www.wellforpeace.org)

Email: [wellforpeace@gmail.com](mailto:wellforpeace@gmail.com)

**Note --** I am hoping that some AAUW members will volunteer to be a Leadership Mentor at GMU as part of the Women's E-Learning in Leadership, (WELL) organization at GMU. This meeting will enable attendees to learn more about WELL and discuss ways to implement the mentor program.

Sandy Lawrence  
AAUW of VA Co-President

## ETCETERA

### Diversity/Inclusion Awards Program

On Thursday, April 20 the annual Diversity/Inclusion Awards Program was held at the Greenspring Retirement Community. Each year the Springfield-Annandale branch recognizes four high school juniors from our area for their efforts in promoting multicultural understanding. This year the Diversity/Inclusion Committee decided to take a slightly different approach and focus on anti-bullying and social inclusion efforts. Once again the Diversity/Inclusion committee reviewed the many entries they received and from those chose four young women to each receive a check for \$500 and a certificate. A large audience of members and friends enjoyed hearing their individual stories of how they combat bullying and promote inclusion in their schools and communities.

Zahra Alisa and Madeline McAvoy from Lake Braddock Secondary School, Lauren Joyner from Lee High School, and Tiara Luna from West Springfield High School were the winners.

It is a special treat to have this program at Greenspring each year because it is where several of the members who were the original founders of this awards program now reside.



*Left to Right - Zahra Alisa, Tiara Luna, Lauren Joyner and Madeline McAvoy*



*Left to Right – Ginny Wells, Evelyn Jones and Deborah Dodd*

We were also able to honor a new Legacy Circle member, Evelyn Jones, who is a resident of Greenspring. Nancy Joyner, a Springfield-Annandale member and a Legacy Circle member, presented Ms. Jones with her beautiful Legacy Circle pin.

We were pleased to have a special guest. Mussaret Sheikh, who is visiting our area from Pakistan, joined us for the evening. She is a life-member of the Pakistan Federation of University Women an organization that was at one time affiliated with AAUW here in the U.S. She is retired from the Fatima Jinnah University where she was Associate Professor and chair of the Education Department. Until February 2017 she served as an advisor at the Early Childhood Center of the University.



*Left to Right – Deborah Dodd, Mussaret Sheikh and Ginny Wells*

The evening concluded with a reception that included a delicious cake and punch.

Members of the Diversity/Inclusion Committee are Committee Chair, Judy Baldwin, Debbie Bullock, Susan Burk, Helen Cassidy, Betty Marie Fields, Ann Sauberman, and Joanna Shows. They bring us this memorable program year after year.

## **AAUW National Convention – Washington, D.C. – June 14-17**

What major AAUW event happens every six years in Washington, D.C.?

### **The National AAUW Convention!**

And that time is now! The AAUW National Convention will be in our backyard, in Washington, D.C., June 14-17, 2017. The nearly 1,000 attendees will hear inspiring speakers, attend informative workshops, network with other members and staff, and

eat delicious food. Along with all that, there are opportunities to lobby Congress, tour AAUW national headquarters, and visit historical sites in the area.

It has just been announced that Judy Woodruff, co-anchor and managing editor of the PBS NewsHour will be one of the speakers.

For complete details go to: [convention.aauw.org/tag/convention-2017](http://convention.aauw.org/tag/convention-2017)

## **IMPORTANT DATES TO REMEMBER**

- Thursday May 18 General Meeting  
Braddock District Supervisor's Office 7:00 pm
- Saturday May 20 New Members Welcome Tea  
Milano's Family Restaurant 2:00 – 4:00 pm
- Wednesday May 24 Movies at Midweek – Cinema Arts Theatre
- Wed. – Sat. June 14 - 17 AAUW National Convention Washington, D.C.
- Monday June 19 Program Planning Meeting  
Home of Ginger Caress 1:00 pm