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STEMtastics 2016



L to r: Keynote speaker Swetha Prabakaran and Mary Lou Melley, AAUW McLean Area

Over 500 middle school girls and parents attended STEMtastics 2016 at NOVA-Annandale on March 12. Students from 36 schools attended the career day event designed to educate and inspire the students to consider careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). The event was sponsored by the Fairfax City, McLean Area, Springfield-Annandale, and Vienna Area branches, in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools and NOVA's Systemic Solutions.

Keynote speaker Swetha

Prabakaran, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology (see her letter on page 3) provided advice and inspiration as she described her nonprofit organization Everybody Code Now! intended to encourage young women to consider computer science and other STEM-related activities. Following opening ceremonies, 40 female presenters from across STEM fields ran interactive breakout workshops for the students. Each student had the opportunity to attend three 45-minute workshops, while parents attended informational workshops on resources, financing options, and supporting their daughters. Feedback obtained from both students and parents was overwhelmingly positive.



L to r: Joan Dimengo and Gale Rogers (Fairfax City), Juanita Cullen (McLean Area), and Martha Nichols (Vienna Area)

Over 80 volunteers, including 60 AAUW members, eight Langley High School students, friends, and spouses, ensured the event ran smoothly. AAUW members on the planning committee consisted of Suzanne Mahoney (co-chair) from Fairfax City; Mary Lou Melley and Judy Page (co-chair) from McLean Area; Susan Burk, Ginger Carress, and Ann Sauberman from Springfield-Annandale Branch; and Nadine James from Vienna Area.



Far right: Student workshop presenter Cassidy Hook, a physical therapist at Physiotherapy Associates

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From Your Co-Presidents

AAUW = Women Leaders

There is only one word to describe the 2016 state conference—WOW! From the Friday night's salon to the hair-raising Sunday business meeting, it was a weekend of fantastic programs, speakers, and women. The workshops, keynote speaker, panel and mini-sessions presented women leading in a wide range of activities.



Though none of us has been shot into space, like Dr. Kathryn Thornton, our Woman of Achievement, and most have not thrown a touchdown pass, like panelist Allyson Hamlin, we are all leaders. We represent women of Virginia when we participate in Lobby Day, attend an AAUW conference, read and report on AAUW's latest research, or plan a branch program. You are leading the way in your community and definitely making a difference! Be proud and celebrate this!

Many of you have already been leaders at the branch level of AAUW. Some of you have been leaders at the state level. A few of you have proudly represented the rest of us on the national level. Regardless of the number of years in AAUW or previous positions you had, we ask all of you to stand up and be AAUW leaders **now**. There is too much work to accomplish without each and every one of us doing what we can to lead. This can mean accepting a branch leadership position, volunteering to bring snacks to a branch program or organizing an AAUW event in the community. Even bringing a prospective member to a meeting is contributing to a stronger branch. If asked to help, say "Yes." Better yet, volunteer. You will never be alone in this endeavor. You will find that leadership feels good!

As we finish our first term, we thank everyone on the state board and all branch leaders for their support, dedication, and energy. We are celebrating an incredible conference that took leaders of all stripes to produce. As we head into 2016–18, we look forward to meeting and working with new leaders who decide to step forward. It will be an exciting time!

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AAUW Has Moved

On June 10, AAUW moved from 1111 16th St. to 1310 L St. NW in Washington, DC, about three blocks from the Capitol. Why did we move?

The 16th Street building was purchased 27 years ago when the expense of repairs and updating the 29-year-old AAUW headquarters at 2401 Virginia Avenue was prohibitive. When the International Monetary Fund made a great offer, it made financial sense to sell, plus the money was more than enough to buy a new building and still have enough to outfit the building. That building has served us well. The IMF subsequently traded the Virginia Avenue property to Western Avenue Presbyterian Church for the church's land.

By 27 years later, AAUW's 16th Street headquarters needed extensive updating, repair, new A/V, and accessible bathrooms. The cost was well into the millions. When a developer made an excellent offer for the combo of AAUW's building and its twin sister next door, it was fiscally responsible to sell and move.

AAUW again will have newly renovated offices and money left over to outfit those and some to invest. With the glut of office space in DC, landlords are begging organizations to rent their space and offering great deals. AAUW will have the top three floors and is taking all its current tenants with them. The newly renovated space will be ADA compliant, have space for archival storage and video creation that it does not currently have, and have updated technology. The closest metro stations are Metro Center and McPherson Square. AAUW will also have a sign with our name on the front of the building.

We will again back up to The Washington Post, whose old building behind AAUW has been torn down for offices for Fannie Mae and whose new offices are on K Street, once again behind AAUW.

AAUW welcomes visitors any time (although it is always nice to know you are coming). There will be a reception for local members soon, and during the June 2017 AAUW Convention there will be tours offered of the building. AAUW continues to use our money wisely, always moving forward.

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Letter to AAUW Members From Swetha Prabakaram

The benefits of learning to think like a computer scientist are enormous, ranging from improved problem-solving abilities to having access to one of the fastest growing (and highest paying) fields in the U.S. More than one million tech-related jobs will be available by 2020! Girls currently make up less than a quarter of computer science (CS) graduates, but it doesn't have to remain this way—girls who receive CS exposure in high school are 10X more likely to major in the subject!

Everybody Code Now! is a nonprofit organization working to improve access to CS education. We provide **FREE** lesson plans and guidance to help you run a CS education event or integrate a CS component to a pre-existing program (e.g. Northern Virginia STEMtastics). Lessons can be taught by volunteers with **zero** computer science experience and can take as little as an hour.

Partnering with Everybody Code Now! through your AAUW branch is simple. Just fill out the form at everybodycodenow.org/aauw—our coordinator will then get in touch and will work with you to help you set up a 100% customizable workshop, conference, or CS camp that fits your branch's needs.

Thank you for the incredible work you do to support and inspire women and girls! We look forward to working together to show the next generation of girls the Power of CS!

Best Wishes,

Swetha Prabakaran

Founder and CEO, Everybody Code Now!

Class of 2017, Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology

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2015 Names Honored

Alexandria	Ruth Bennett, Susan Cash, Helena Coric, Mary Peterson Hartzler, Jan A. Jaynes, Paula A. Massouh, Geraldine Coleman Tucker, Margaret Zebrowski, Francis Argyle Crump and Phoebe Nicholas in memorium
Arlington	Martha Ann Miller, Nancy Morgan, Marcy Leverenz, Sara Anderson
Fairfax City	Alan Wilkinson, Gale Rogers, Joan Dimengo, Sonja Palomaki, Leslie Vandivere, Suzanne Mahoney
Falls Church Area	Leah Porzel, Anne Peabody, Jean Zapple, 65 th Anniversary of AAUW Falls Church Area Branch
Hampton	AAUW Hampton Branch
Harrisonburg	Christina Updike, Sylvia Rogers
Lynchburg	Cary Turner Roberts
McLean Area	Marge Degnon, Betsy Schroeder, Carol Langelier, Nancy Richardson, Peggy Stotz, Nancy Richardson, Donna Dietz, Mary Ellen Weber, Juanita Cullen, AAUW McLean Area Branch members and families
Mt. Vernon	Claudia Creo, Bianca Daugherty, John Durrell, DeJuana Jones, Elizabeth Lonoff, Marvel Luyks, Liz Promen, Shirley Richey, Diane Watts
Newport News	Dana Dunham
Portsmouth	Sherry Warren, Ellen Bovee and Mary Ruth Cloudsley in memorium
Reston-Herndon	Carol Flicker, Fran Lovaas, Judi Ornoff, Judi Skirbunt
Roanoke Valley	Charlotte Seth, Pat Hales, Melody Blankenship, Heddi Sumner, Viennese Greek, Cathy Wright
Springfield-Annandale	AAUW Springfield-Annandale Branch Board, Helen L. Townsend, and Lois Peirce in memorium
Vienna Area	Charlene Carey, Georgia Chirieleison, Aimee Martin
Virginia Beach	AAUW Virginia Beach Branch Members
Winchester	Martha Prusch
Woodbridge	Sara B. Anderson, Susan Bardenhagen, Eileen Thrall, Karen Wolf

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Voting Elections Committee

AAUW of Virginia 2016 OMOV Results

Over 15% of AAUW of Virginia members voted, which was more than double the amount required for a valid election. Congratulations to these branches, which had the highest percentage of members voting: Springfield-Annandale—35%, Winchester—33%, and Newport News—32%.

Total Voting Body: 1,237
Total Voted: 194
Percent Voted: 15.67%

Candidates	Yes	Blank	% Yes
Co-President: Patsy Quick	174	20	89.69%
Co-President: Sandy Lawrence	182	12	93.81%
Co-Vice President for Program: Kathy Batkin	171	23	88.14%
Co-Vice President for Program: Maureen Dwyer	178	16	91.75%
Vice President for Public Policy: Leslie Tourigny	190	4	97.94%
Vice President for Communications: Leslie Vandivere	190	4	97.94%
Bylaws Amendment			
Proposed Amendment to 20016 AAUW of Virginia Bylaws	171	3	98.28%
Public Policy			
Proposed 20016-2018 AAUW of Virginia Public Policy Priorities	185	5	97.37%

Bylaws/Resolutions

Revisions to the State and Branch Bylaws

On April 15, 2016, the AAUW of Virginia Board of Directors adopted revised state bylaws containing the extensive mandatory language changes provided by national in October 2015. These changes were needed because of the 2015 membership vote on bylaws amendments as well as IRS requirements. The revised bylaws do not include any nonmandatory model provision that does not either restate a previous Virginia bylaws provision or reflect current Virginia practices. Those new provisions would create substantive changes to the bylaws and thus require a vote by the whole membership. The state board, at the next bylaws amendment cycle, can consider whether to put those new provisions to members for a vote.

Many thanks to Virginia Co-Presidents Patsy Quick and Sandy Lawrence, former President Caroline Pickens, Suzanne Rothwell of the State Bylaws Committee, and Sandy Camillo of AAUW National, who were all immensely helpful in the review process.

One proposed amendment (from Sandy Lawrence of Woodbridge) was read and discussed at the April 16 annual business meeting. The amendment was to clarify that student affiliates and e-students do not pay state dues. The proposed amendment then went out to all members for electronic voting under one-member-one-vote and was successfully approved.

The branches have also undertaken major revisions to their bylaws. Branches were asked to conform their bylaws to the mandatory changes and potentially adopt the model outline provided by national. Many thanks to everyone involved, it was a big task. All branches have completed their revisions, so kudos to all! Finally, many thanks to the State Bylaws Committee, which included Jane LeRoy of Smith Mountain Lake, Joyce Eagles of Woodbridge, Suzanne Rothwell of Vienna, and Joanna Crane of Mount Vernon. The committee spent many hours clarifying instructions from national, reviewing branches' drafts, and assisting branches in completing final revisions.

State and branch presidents, finance officers, and membership vice presidents can view their existing bylaws and upload bylaws revisions to national through the MSD. Choose the MSD menu option "Branch Status" (similar for state).

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Public Policy

Advocacy Efforts Focused on Washington, DC

Following our successful State Lobby Day in Richmond in February, AAUW of Virginia members headed to DC to participate in our Federal Lobby Day on May 12. Thanks to Pam Yuen of the AAUW Public Policy and Government Relations Department, who manages Lobby Corps, and Marcy Leverenz, Lobby Corps coordinator and AAUW Arlington Branch co-president, we were paired with seasoned Lobby Corps members to lobby for the Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 448). Many of the seasoned Lobby Corps members are also members of our Northern Virginia branches. Special recognition goes to AAUW Roanoke Valley Branch members Angela Gabbard-Benson and Pat Hales who hopped on Amtrak and traveled to participate in Federal Lobby Day.

Our message, as articulated by Lobby Corps, was the following:

The Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 448) takes the necessary actions toward protecting access to safe, legal, essential reproductive health care. These services are a constitutional right of every woman in the U.S. no matter where she lives. We need a federal law that puts woman's health, safety, and rights before politics. The Women's Health Protection Act does exactly that.

Representative Judy Chu (CA-27) introduced the Women's Health Protection Act. As of Lobby Day, 127 other

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representatives had already joined with Representative Chu to co-sponsor the bill, and our lobbying mission was to recruit additional co-sponsors. By the end of the morning, six more House members agreed to sign on the bill as co-sponsors!

Following our lobbying efforts, we met with Representative Don Beyer, one of the members of Virginia's delegation to the U.S. House of Representatives, and a steadfast champion of AAUW public policy priorities. We had a lively conversation on a wide variety of issues.



Rep. Don Beyers with members of AAUW of Virginia on AAUW's Federal Lobby Day.

Yet Again, Another Equal Pay Day. Sigh.

“Now, therefore, I, Terence R. McAuliffe, do hereby recognize April 12, 2016, as Equal Pay Day in our Commonwealth of Virginia, and I call this observance to the attention of all our citizens.”

<https://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/proclamations/proclamation/equal-pay-day-2016>.

Governor McAuliffe's proclamation came about because of AAUW of Virginia's request. It's unfortunate that more than 50 years after President Kennedy signed the Equal Pay Act into law, we still need to ask for a proclamation. However, Virginia women make, on average, only 80 percent of what men make, and the pay gap is even worse for minority women. Virginia State Senator A. Donald McEachin, a champion for gender pay equity, has introduced legislation during the past two sessions of the General Assembly, which, regrettably, has not made it out of committee.

AAUW of Virginia branches made it be known that another year of a gender pay gap is unacceptable. Three branches held Equal Pay Day events in conjunction with colleges and universities: the Virginia Beach Branch partnered with Virginia Wesleyan College; the Portsmouth Branch with Tidewater Community College; and the Fairfax Branch with George Mason University.

As part of our membership in the Women's Equality Coalition, Leslie Vandivere, our incoming VP for Communications, participated in an Equal Pay Tweet Chat with Congressmen Don Beyer (VA-8th) and Gerry Connolly (VA-11th)

The Alexandria Branch was the force behind the Alexandria mayor and city council's action on April 12, 2016, asking the city manager to look into proposing a requirement for Alexandria City contractors and subcontractors to submit pay equity data by sex and race to encourage voluntary compliance with equal pay laws.

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These AAUW of Virginia members attended the media release of AAUW's launch of their research report, Barriers and Bias on March 31 at the Newseum in Washington, D.C.



Angie Benson and Pat Hales from Roanoke Valley Branch came for Federal Lobby Day and joined Leslie Tourigny, Patsy Quick, and Sandy Lawrence for lunch



AAUW of Virginia Vice President for Public Policy Leslie Tourigny with the Equal Pay Day Proclamation signed by Governor Terry McAuliffe



AAUW of Virginia Co-President Sandy Lawrence and Joan of Arc at the Sewall-Belmont House and Museum as part of an AAUW event in conjunction with the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)



Sandy Lawrence, co-state president, and Jocelyn Martinez, George Mason University student, unload donated toiletries, which the Women and Gender Studies department will provide to a local domestic violence shelter.

Membership

Membership Initiative

You have been very clear that you are excited to embrace new and existing members in your branch. We all love the new ideas, energy and experience that each member brings! At the state conference in April, I was thrilled to talk to you and understand what you hope AAUW will bring to your lives, and how you want to be a part of AAUW.

To demonstrate the state's commitment to your identified focus on membership, in 2016–17 the board will be providing your branch with more guidance and possibilities for financial assistance for member retention and recruitment! The first step in this program was created at the membership retention workshops held during the April Conference. You can find the ideas for increasing inclusiveness and engaging new and current members on our website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2015/12/Membership-workshop-2016-Conference.pdf>. Please be sure to check this out! Your incoming branch membership vice president will receive more information on this exciting program over the summer.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments regarding membership by email or by phone at 703-945-9817.

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Branches in Action

In November 2015, AAUW **Falls Church Area Branch** members celebrated our 65th anniversary with a gala brunch. Members reminisced about AAUW activities in Falls Church since 1950 via photos, clippings, and newsletters. Claudia Richards, AAUW Senior Branch Relations Manager, reviewed AAUW's proud history and Dr. Cristina Stanciu of Virginia Commonwealth University, current recipient of the Falls Church AAUW funded American Fellowship, was an honored guest at the gala. Local storyteller Colleen Pelar rounded out the program.

Our annual spring used book sale continues as the major focus of branch activity and philanthropic effort. The 2016 profits of \$16,725 represent thousands of books and hundreds of volunteer hours attesting to our member's commitment and passion for supporting scholarships.

Finally, this year one third of our branch participated in a member survey to identify important branch activities. Responses show that maintaining friendships is the driver of membership. Diversity was rated as important by ninety percent of participants. Education/schools was the highest rated meeting topic, followed by science/technology, and "Other"—with an emphasis on LOCAL. We expect that results of this survey will set us on course for another 65 years of service to women and girls in Falls Church.

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Because the **AAUW Portsmouth Branch** had struggled with recruiting leaders and new members, AAUW of Virginia Co-Presidents Patsy Quick and Sandy Lawrence led a dynamic Visioning session in June 2015. That and a later member questionnaire helped shape the year's activities, which veered away from monthly meetings and toward being more visible in the community.

In September, members told the branch's story at the Portsmouth Public Schools Wellness Day, and a branch meeting outlined the new direction the board was taking in response to the member questionnaire results. Several members helped prepare and serve lunch at a local soup kitchen three times in the fall.

"Women's History Reflected in the Arts" was the subject of a well-attended docent tour at Norfolk's Chrysler Museum in February. Members volunteered at the AAUW of Virginia Beach Branch's STEM4Girls conference and held an Equal Pay Day event at Tidewater Community College's Portsmouth campus in April.

On a sad note, we lost three long-time members this year—Ellen Bovee, Mary Ruth Cloudsley, and Martha Dewing. They will be greatly missed.

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AAUW McLean Area Branch continues its support of women's education by sponsoring a book sale each year and providing scholarships for women at three local universities. In addition, \$17,000 was donated this year to National AAUW for unrestricted use and \$10,000 was targeted for the Anne E. Bryant endowment. The branch supported a STEMtastics event with several Northern Virginia branches and regularly recognizes women students from local high schools for math and science excellence.

Programs have emphasized women's accomplishments in music, law enforcement, writing, and political activism. Our branch partnered with the League of Women Voters to sponsor a candidate forum in the fall. AAUW McLean Area will participate again this year in the McLean Day activities, seeking new members and highlighting the many community activities of the branch.

Plans are underway for the 2016 book sale to be held September 16–18 at the McLean Community Center.

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Branches in Action

This year marks the 60th anniversary of the **AAUW Mount Vernon Branch**. As we commemorate the occasion, we look back at the goals of our branch pioneers to see if we have remained consistent with their ideals and purposes. We can see the continuity of their efforts in our branch work to further the status of women in American society.

Over the last several years, we have placed particular emphasis on making our voices heard in the local political area. We recognize how much the lives of women and their families are affected by decisions made by our elected officials. We have teamed with the League of Women Voters to host public meetings and broadcasts. We have also worked with a non-affiliated Fairfax County civic organization to conduct voter education and registration. In November, we were fortunate to host Lisa Maatz, Vice President for Government Relations at AAUW, as a speaker on public policy.

We have benefitted greatly by partnering with neighboring branches. The AAUW of Mount Vernon Branch teamed with the AAUW of Alexandria Branch to sponsor a theater night as our major fundraiser. This year we also assisted the Alexandria and Arlington branches with their Tech Savvy Day for middle school girls. Along with others, we staff a table at the annual Mount Vernon Town Meeting where we can interact with the public and distribute our literature.

Through these activities, our dedicated branch members continue the AAUW mission of promoting the rights and values of women just as the branch founders envisioned 60 years ago.

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Looking back on the past year, the **AAUW Winchester Branch** theme could have been the 2016 convention theme of Women Leading. Our speakers have included Eden Freeman, Winchester city manager; Brenda Garton, Frederick County administrator; Dr. Cheryl Thompson-Stacy, president of Lord Fairfax Community College; and Murphy Hicks Henry, author and award winning bluegrass musician. The branch had programs featuring the directors from the local domestic violence shelter and adult education programs. Branch members have explored the changing role of women in the U.S. military and have heard how women in India are improving their communities—one toilet at a time. The Woman of the Year is one of the Winchester Branch's signature events. Our 2016 honoree was Dr. Karen Kennedy Schultz, director of the Center for Public Service and Scholarship at Shenandoah University.

Branch fundraising efforts support AAUW Funds, Legal Advocacy Funds and a local scholarship for a Lord Fairfax Community College woman. A new fundraiser is a special showing of the movie *Suffragette* about English women's fight for the right to vote. The branch's plan is to use the proceeds to sponsor a local attendee for National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

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AAUW Harrisonburg Branch enjoyed a dynamic schedule of events and activities in 2015–16. Programs addressed community-based concerns such as literacy, outreach to underprivileged children, women's health and wellness, environmental initiatives, and women business ownership. Special interest groups like our book club and the casual luncheons flourished. Membership rose, with an encouraging number of younger women enrolling. In the media, we expanded our web page, created a Facebook site, and submitted several Letters to the Editor and articles to the *Daily News-Record*.

Visibility on the James Madison University (JMU) campus increased. In addition to supporting the STEM event, *Expanding Your Horizons*, for a fourth year, we again co-sponsored the Women in Leadership Conference and, in fall 2015, co-sponsored *Sex & Money*, a video documentary about human trafficking. In March, Blue Ridge Community College invited the Branch to present a program for Women in History month, for which we organized a panel that addressed The Breakthroughs and Barriers of women in leadership roles.

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Branches in Action

(Harrisonburg Branch, continued)

In 2014, the Branch received a bequest from former branch president and JMU Professor Crystal Theodore. Her generosity enables us to give a \$1,000 scholarship to a college bound senior who demonstrates strong leadership potential. This year's recipient is JMU-bound Jenna Hofstatler from Broadway High School. She will major in nursing and Spanish.

Looking forward to the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment in 2020, our Branch closed its program year with a presentation on the history and significance of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial.

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On several occasions throughout the winter quarter, Marsha Gochenour (AAUW Winchester Branch) and Sylvia Rogers, **Northwest District** representative, conferred about issues affecting the Winchester and Harrisonburg branches. These included the following:

- Biennial branch bylaws revisions. Marsha recommended that we adopt the “model” bylaws for our branches and shared with me the AAUW Vienna Branch Bylaws authored by Suzanne Rothwell, which we both used as a basis for our branch revisions.
- A possible redistricting of the Northwest District now that the AAUW Charlottesville Branch has been closed and will not reconvene in the foreseeable future. The AAUW of Virginia Board voted at its April 17 meeting that Harrisonburg and Winchester will continue to define the Northwest District and will not be incorporated into other AAUW of Virginia districts.
- Election of the Northwest District's Board liaison. Nominations were requested from the Harrisonburg and Winchester branches. By a vote taken at the District meeting during the 2016 AAUW of Virginia conference, I was elected to continue to represent the Northwest District on the AAUW Virginia Board.

The 2016–17 Northwest District annual meeting will be hosted in the fall by AAUW Winchester Branch.

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The **AAUW Woodbridge Branch's** 26th annual “Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!” Conference was the largest ever with over 420 participants. Two hundred plus students chose from over 76 sessions in five workshops. Parents and teachers had 36 sessions in four workshops. We had 50 presenters, with workshops on Math anxiety, STEM and STEAM education, and supporting girls to achieve their aspirations. Lillian Garland reenacted her role as Elizabeth Keckley (Mary Todd Lincoln's personal assistant) and her husband, John Davis, portrayed his great-grandfather—a runaway slave and harness maker from southwestern Virginia. Prof. Alice Reagan talked

about women's suffrage in Virginia to both students and adults. One presenter first presented in 1991 and several presenters have presented in the 1990s through the new millennium.

Branch members checked in participants, stuffed “goodie bags” and handed out tee shirts. Our branch AAUW table was visited by several interested people and we ordered many AAUW items for participants' “goodie bags.”

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Some of the branch members who supported the Success conference: Susan B, Lee Vannett, Dorothy Saleses, Karen Wolf, Sandy Lawrence, Barbara Ondo, John Starsiak, Jeanne Elmore, and Carol Campbell. Not pictured Elaine Cash and Irene Cromer.



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Mini-Grant Program Expanded

At its April 15, 2016, meeting, the AAUW of Virginia Board approved \$1,500 for public policy mini-grants for program year 2016–2017. This is an increase from the \$1,000 approved for the previous year. Although the full details were not available at the time we went to press for this *Vision*, you will soon be receiving additional information by email. We will be considering branch mini-grant applications in two categories: Tried and True programs, and Bold and New programs!! Stay tuned.