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Votes Are In: Convention Terrific

Co-Chairs **Ercell Binns** and **Bea Malone** and the **Northern Virginia Branches** put together a spectacular convention at the Hyatt-Fairlakes in Fairfax April 23-25, 2010. We celebrated Women's Suffrage and voted on some important AAUW issues. At Friday's reception, attendees sang a 1894 song, "When the Dear Girls Get the Vote," and women dressed in period outfits assumed the names of suffragists who had been



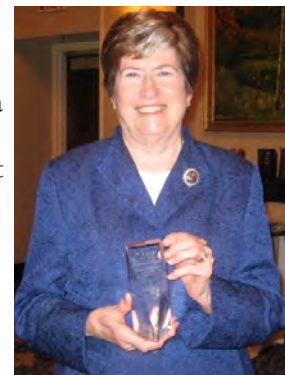
Co-chairs for convention, **Bea Malone**, left, and **Ercell Binns**.



"Suffragists"

Strategic Advancement, discussed recent AAUW changes and efforts.

After Saturday morning workshops presented by AAUW staff, Virginia State Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple**, a member of the Arlington Branch, spoke at the luncheon,



Senator Whipple

where she was presented AAUW of Virginia's first Woman of Achievement award, which recognizes a woman who has had a significant positive impact and provided leadership in Virginia. The award is in the shape of a "city spire" and was etched with her name and the inscription: "Woman of Achievement First Award April 2010."

At the banquet Saturday evening, Martha Kanter, Undersecretary of Education, spoke about needs and hopes for improving education in the United

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"President and Mrs. Wilson"

imprisoned at the Occoquan Work House on November 15, 1917 - known as the "Night of Terror". Jane Barker, wife of state Senator George Barker, noted that AAUW is a partner of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. After the Saturday workshops, a bus took some of the attendees to the Workhouse Art Center.

At Saturday's business session, **Caroline Pickens** was elected President; **Anita Aymer**, Vice President for Program; **Dianne Blais** and **Laura Wimmer**, Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy, and **Patricia Quick**, Vice President for Communications. Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW Chief of

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From Your Co-Presidents

The Northern Virginia branches hosted a terrific convention in April. Co-Chairs Ercell Binns and Bea Malone infused the entire convention with their energy.

We appreciate everyone who helped with and attended the events, and we welcome Caroline Pickens as the new state president.

Finally we are happy to report that all branches have updated their bylaws bringing them into compliance with AAUW's reorganization.



Dianne Blais and Laura Wimmer
Co-presidents 2008-2010

Dianne and Laura

Convention Highlights

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Jill Birdwhistell presents Neola Waller with her emerald pin.

States. (See Page 12) Baskets were raffled as a benefit for AAUW Funds (See Page 13 for an explanation of the new Funds structure.)

Jill Birdwhistell presented past president **Neola Waller** with an emerald level pin for her support of the Breaking Through Barriers \$1 million Major Gift Campaign, which supports AAUW programs not funded by AAUW's endowment.

At Sunday's business session district representatives were announced: Northern – **Nancy D. Joyner** and **Sandra Lawrence**; Northwest – **Suzan Herskowitz**, and South-east – **Deanne Lineberry**. **Toni Seidelmann** continues to represent the Southwest District. Representatives of the Wytheville Branch invited everyone to attend the conference which they will host in 2011.

Dianne Blais and Kathryn Braeman contributed to this report

Important Bylaws Changes

Delegates voted to change from the current delegate system to one member/one vote for future business meetings, to be implemented no later than the 2012 business meeting. This means that by 2012 all Virginia AAUW members will be able to vote on candidates for the state board, proposed bylaws amendments, the biennial public policy priorities, and noticed resolutions. The details of logistics and finance will be worked out by the state board.

Additionally, the delegates adopted bylaws amendments to have an annual business meeting in even-years at the statewide meeting we now call "convention" and in odd-years during the leadership conference or similar meeting. The revised AAUW of Virginia Bylaws are posted on the state website.

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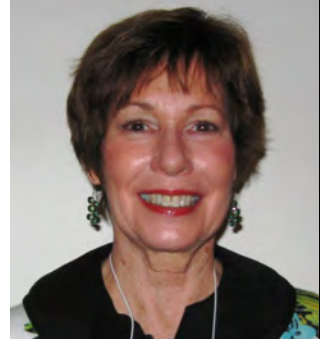
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New Faces For A New Biennium



New officers elected at the April convention, to serve 2010-2012, are from left, Caroline Pickens, McLean Area Branch, President; Anita Aymer, Wytheville Branch, Vice President for Program; and Patricia Quick, Mt. Vernon Branch, Vice President for Communications. Outgoing Co-Presidents Dianne Blais, Fairfax City Branch, and Laura Wimmer, Greater Richmond Branch, were named Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy. Mary Kate Black continues as Vice President for Membership and Branch Development, Mary K. Johnson will serve another year as Vice President for Finance, and Ann Sauberman continues as Recording Secretary. The new officers will assume their duties on July 1, 2010.

News From National

In March, AAUW released its latest research report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*. The authors of the report are Catherine Hill, Ph. D., Christina Corbett, and Andresse St. Rose, Ed. D. all of the AAUW Research Department. AAUW received a \$250,000 grant from the National Science Foundation (NSF) for the project.

The report has been reviewed by several newspapers and organizations. *The New York Times* was one of the first to review the report with an article in the Sunday paper the day before its release. The American Association for the Advancement of Science (AAAS) as well as *Inside Higher Education* also covered the report. *The Chronicle of Higher Education* in its report quoted President Obama as saying "We want to make it cool again for women to pursue careers in Finance, Science, technology, engineering and math." Then it hit the blogs which were generally positive.

Many of the report's chapters end with a list of good recommendations. The three recommendations at the end of Chapter 3, Stereotypes, are:

- ◆ "Encourage students to have a more flexible or growth mindset about intelligence."
- ◆ "Expose girls to successful female role models in math and science."
- ◆ "Teach students and teachers about stereotype threat."

AAUW is trying to raise \$52,042 to get the report to AAUW branches,

- ◆ high school math and science teachers
- ◆ colleges and higher education associations

- ◆ Girl Scout troops, Parent Teacher Associations
- ◆ Congress

Contributions are tax-deductible and should be designated for **AAUW Why So Few**. Send your contributions to:

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Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090-8045.

Members who attended the April Convention were given copies of the report. To request a free copy of the 108-page *Why So Few Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics*, go to <http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/ProductInfo.asp?Category=1584&itm=56791>. You pay only shipping. The maximum number of copies you can order is ten. You can also access a PDF file at <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/whysofew.cfm>

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Membership Matters

Because We Care About Women and Girls

As we enter the summer months, we realize that there is still a lot of membership work to do. We cannot lose the momentum we gained from our convention and the inspiration of the speakers and workshops. When you have your branch board and committee meetings during the next few

Mary Kate Black weeks, please remember these talking points for recruiting new members and retaining those members who have not renewed.

Why Would You Want to Join Our Branch or Renew Your Membership?

- because you want to belong to a Powerful Network of Educated Women
- because *I* belong, and I would like to have *you* in my branch
- because we offer in depth discussions about women's and girl's issues, and program suggestions such as the new *Program in a Box* on making campuses safer – it's not just for students –because we discuss new AAUW research reports such as *Why So Few Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics*
- because we offer great interest groups - Book Groups, Gourmet groups, Great Decisions, Great Courses

- because we have fundraisers for AAUW Funds and local scholarships
- because we give you the opportunity to lobby Congress about AAUW issues
- because we push for Equal Pay for women
- because we meet at different times and places making it convenient for many
- because we try to get every member of our branch involved so that everyone has a small job
- because we will show you how to navigate our cool new AAUW website, and how to renew online
- because we keep a genuine interest in our longtime members – we make new and old members alike feel needed in our branch
- because we are so very interested in the future of AAUW, we will appoint a branch College/University Relations Chair. Would you be interested?

As an AAUW member, you can give that graduate you know a gift of one year of membership in AAUW - free to her and to you. Please go to this website - <https://svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfml>. You may submit the information online or download the form and mail it in. Why not extend the gift and make her a member of AAUW of Virginia and also your branch.

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Online Dues Payment Pilot Program

Virginia has opted to participate in the Membership Pilot Program (MPP), and, if your branch has, you can now go online and renew your own AAUW membership with your personal credit card. Reminder: You will be paying all of your dues — branch, state, and national — at once

1. Go to www.aauw.org.
2. Click on the Member Center tab. The AAUW Member Login page will display.
3. Enter your member number. If it is unknown, click on the Member ID Lookup link located on this same page and then enter the information requested to view your member number, (Note: If this is unsuccessful, please e-mail online-help@aauw.org and provide your full name, your state, and the name of your branch or call 800/326-2289.)
4. Click on Enter Member Center to load your member number into the log in window. Click on Log In. Welcome to the Member Center!

Access the Member Services Database (MSD)

1. Click on the Member Services Database link located in the left column of the page. If you are already an existing user, sign in to the MSD using your MSD login and password. If not, you will need to register first.

The MSD page displays with Login Member ID and password fields. Above those fields,

- A. Click on Register Here and enter the requested contact details to verify your membership and create a password. (Note: If this is unsuccessful, please e-mail online-help@aauw.org and provide your full name, your state, and the name of your branch or call 800/326-2289.)
- B. Upon completion, an e-mail will be sent from AAUW (e-online support) to your e-mail address, containing a secure link to complete your registration. Welcome to the MSD!
- C. Select Personal Membership MPP and follow the remaining steps to renew your membership in AAUW.

Branch Membership as of 2/1/2010

BRANCH	RENEW	NEW	LIFE	HONOR	DUAL	STUDENT	TRANSFER	TOTAL
ALEXANDRIA	32	7	1		0	0	1	41
ARLINGTON	134	10	5	9	2	0	5	165
ASHBURN-LEESBURG	15	1	0	0	2	1		19
BEDFORD COUNTY	29	2	0	1	1	0	0	33
BON AIR AREA	22	1	1	0		0	0	24
FAIRFAX CITY	51	5	2	0	0	0	1	59
FALLS CHURCH AREA	17	4	4	4	0	0	1	30
GREATER MANASSAS	6	1	3	0	1	0	0	11
HAMPTON	12		2	1	1	0	0	16
HARRISONBURG	38		2	2	0	0		42
LYNCHBURG	69	7	7	5	0	0		88
McLEAN AREA	92	18	9	3	4	0	2	128
MT VERNON	53	3	1	0	0	0	1	58
NEWPORT NEWS	13	1	3		0	0	1	18
NORFOLK	46	4	1	7	1	0	0	59
NORTON-WISE	20		0	0	0	0	0	20
PORTSMOUTH	41	2	2	3	0			48
RESTON-HERNDON	65	13	4	2	1	0	0	85
RICHMOND	15	1	3	1		0	0	20
ROANOKE VALLEY	61	6	6	1	0		0	74
SMITH MT	38		0	0	0	1		39
SPRINGFLD- ANNDLE	56	5	7	2	1		0	71
SUFFOLK	25	8	0	0	0	0	0	33
VIENNA AREA	40	8	4	0		0	0	52
VIRGINIA BEACH	39		0	1	3	2	0	45
WINCHESTER	36	1	6	2	0	0		45
WOODBIDGE	39	9	2	0		0	1	51
WYTHEVILLE	21	6	1	0	0	0	0	28
MEMBERS AT LARGE	2		0	4	0	0		6
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Table reprinted from Convention Program

Branches in Action



At Convention 2010



Hospitality Suite



Reception



Arlington Branch and "Princeton"

Branches in Action



Vienna Area members at the Convention luncheon: Front row, Karen Neville, Marie Ordeman, Kate MacLeod, Nadine James, Kristin Moyer, and Sandra Wilson. Back row, Jean Feeney and Gail Rosner.

Vienna Area Branch has enjoyed a mix of programs, tours, discussion groups, hospitality, and fundraisers this year. We opened the program year with an Open House at the local library; sponsored a behind-the-scenes tour of the Kennedy Center in Washington to raise money for AAUW Funds, and held an Oktoberfest dinner.

Our first program featured a talk by Diane E. Kelly, State Department senior policy advisor on the Near East and North Africa for the Office of Global Women's Issues, who discussed U.S. policy and foreign assistance efforts to address violence against women, empowerment through education and microenterprise, and maternal and child health. We also welcomed our six new members at a New Member Tea, and raised funds for Artemis House, formerly the Fairfax Women's Shelter at our holiday luncheon.

We began a second year of monthly Great Decisions discussions in January, covering current foreign policy topics. Other continuing interest groups include day and evening literature groups, a non-fiction book group, and a gardening group. In March, branch member and reading specialist Nadine James led a discussion on "Her Stories...Sharing our Stories," to teach us how to collect and preserve the memories of a woman in our lives.

In the spring, a professor from George Mason University led us on a walking tour of historic Fairfax City. In April, we offered a talk on Human Trafficking and Contemporary Slavery by Jackie Bong-Wright, whose autobiography is entitled, *Autumn Cloud: From Vietnam War Widow to American Activist*. We held another AAUW Funds event at Let's Dish in Fairfax. Nine Vienna Area members attended the State Convention in Fairfax, including several first-timers. We are proud of our branch members Mary Kate Black, State Membership

Vice President, and Sandra Wilson, who served as the Convention Treasurer and was elected Northern District Treasurer at the convention.

At our last program of the year, 25 members enjoyed a salad potluck and installation of our new officers for next year.

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Fairfax City Branch continues to be committed to the advancement of women and girls in the community through our scholarships funded by the Book and Author Luncheon and by our Science and Technology Career Day in which seventh and eighth grade girls are introduced to various career choices in the STEM fields. Unfortunately, a variety of events forced us to cancel the program this spring after 17 highly successful years under Olga Burns' leadership, but we are planning to resume this very important program.

This year, the branch became involved on a global level by joining the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, which sponsors women's projects in third world countries. One of our members, Renee Prasad, visited the site in Ranchi District, Jharkland, India and saw the VGIF in action. The Gene Campaign is reviving indigenous plants raised for healing and nutritional uses. By enabling women, VGIF benefits the whole community.

At one of our branch meetings, Gail Prenskey gave a fascinating and moving presentation on the Judische Kulturbund, which was a group of Jewish men and women who, when no longer able to perform in regular theaters and opera houses in Germany, formed their own companies of Jews performing for Jews. Ms. Prenskey, who is the producer of the project, has kept us informed of her progress. When completed, the project will be used for educational purposes.

At another meeting, Jewell Mikula of Shelter House informed our branch of the possibilities for service to children and adults at the new Katherine K. Handley Family Shelter. Some of our group are interested in reading to and tutoring the children.

New members of the branch are encouraged to join in our outreach projects and in Salon, which meets monthly and features a discussion of an issue of interest to the members, as well as our bridge, book, and music groups. We hope to start an ethnic lunch and/or dinner group in the fall.

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Mount Vernon Branch had a good 54th year! September gave us an opportunity to visit with one another as we began with our annual kick-off dinner, reminding members of plans for the year and of the sub-groups: Book Group, Dining Out, Gourmet, Reading Connection, and Theater.

We heard talks from two excellent authors: Solveig Eggerson, told us about her book "Seal Woman," an Icelandic tale, and, along with the Alexandria Branch, we heard Catherine Gourley discuss some of her books on women's issues. We also had a meeting devoted to a talk by a local female surgeon on women's breast health. Marga Fripp, a local social entrepreneur who helps immigrant women get started in businesses using their own artistic talent, told us of her program and had examples of her clients' work (jewelry making, painting, weaving, etc) for us to see and buy at our April meeting. This was valuable to us as we explore means for outreach to women in developing countries.

Our annual fundraiser, for which we join together with the Alexandria Branch, featured a play at Little Theater of Alexandria. This year's play was *Scapino* and was a great success.

Other gatherings included our Annual Meeting brunch in March, at which we reviewed the year and asked members for suggestions for the coming year. The annual potluck dinner in May is a social time for all, and in June we gather suggestions given by members and plan for the next program year at a potluck breakfast.

Our members continue to do community outreach with a reading program at a nearby homeless shelter, teaching computer literacy and English as a Second Language to adults at two of our local service agencies. We also sponsor one of the participants from Mt. Vernon High School in the Girls State leadership program and provide a small grant to a low income housing organization to assist clients who are attempting to improve their employment opportunities by attending classes.

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Roanoke Valley Branch has had a busy spring. At the Annual Meeting in April we recognized our local scholarship winners—four young women graduating from high school and going on to college and two women who are returning to college to complete their college degrees, who received scholarships funded by branch projects. In addition, one woman returning to college received the Lorraine and Hal Jones, Jr. Scholarship provided by one of our members in memory of her parents.

Our new member tea was a great success, increasing our branch membership by four—Susan Atlee, Betsy Biesenbach, Katherine Delorraine, and Marguerite Jones.



Part of the Roanoke Valley delegation at Convention: Marcia Shelton, Mary Tousman, Co-President Pam Jones and Peggy Shifflett.

Our annual book sale is scheduled for September 10-13, 2010 at Tanglewood Mall in Roanoke. We will begin sorting books in June to get ready for the sale which provides the money for our branch service projects, donations to AAUW Funds and local scholarships.

We were honored to have Chaitra Shenoy, Georgetown University Law School Women's Law and Public Policy Fellow, as our speaker on June 3. She is on the board for the Asian/Pacific Islander Domestic Resource Project in the DC metropolitan area. She discussed *Issues Affecting Women Who Migrate from Asia* including the types of circumstances many find themselves in when they migrate and the socioeconomic and cultural aspects that create barriers in their lives.

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Woodbridge Branch has seen its activities evolve over the years. We have many programs, projects, and social events for our members that advance the mission of AAUW.

The 19th "Math+Science=SUCCESS Conference" was the highlight of March. Several hundred girls in grades 5-12 and their parents attended seminars presented by women in careers which utilize math, science, and technology skills. We judged projects and awarded prizes to three middle school girls at the County Science Fair. Members participated in a reading and science program at a local elementary school as we partnered with an organization which mentors at-risk and disadvantaged youth. For Women's History Month, a branch member created a display at the library with photographs and biographies of outstanding women in the fields of mathematics and science.

The branch gave a named gift to AAUW educational funds and supported the Legal Advocacy Fund

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More Branches in Action

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Festive events of the year provided opportunities for raffles of donated goods and members attended plays held by a local theater troupe and "added value" to the ticket price as a donation to benefit a scholarship fund. Fundraising skills were in evidence at the Virginia State Convention in April. Woodbridge Branch was responsible for the raffle of 19 donated baskets, earning funds for LAF.

We sponsored programs on our county's Neighborhood Services office, the history of the League of Women Voters, constituent services provided by our congressman, Virginia history of the poll tax, and genealogical resources. We have a book group, and "Gourmet Out" group. We donated food and professional clothing to ACTS.

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Norfolk Branch started the year with a successful September kick-off dinner meeting at Old Dominion University featuring Chris Hanna, Director of Virginia Stage Company.

In October, Doris Jordan, Art Educator, spoke on "Creativity: Where is Your Muse?" Our pansy sale added to our scholarship fund. In November, Dr. John A. Adam, mathematician professor at ODU enlightened us with his presentation on "Noticing Nature's Wonderful Patterns." Our Annual Fellowship Tea highlighted the holiday season with noted storyteller, Joseph Filipowski, reciting the famous "A Child's Christmas in Wales" by Dylan Thomas. Shirley Sellers helped us distribute our Pollyannas with a fun story. Our Game Day and Lunch fund raiser in January provided a winter's respite with lots of fun and wonderful pot luck meals while raising money for scholarships.

Sonia Yaco, Special Collections and Archivist, Perry Library, at ODU, spoke on "Preserving Norfolk's Memories and Special Collections" at the February meeting giving us valuable information. The March program featured our annual meeting and election of officers and a spirited discussion on "Green Ways and Our Community." In April Ellin B. Gordon spoke on "Self-Taught Art Creating and Collecting." In May our Book Group presented its annual program.

Membership Vice President Sally Sledge secured a \$100 grant from AAUW of Virginia, and we have been able to start an E-Satellite Branch at ODU complete with a president and fac-

ulty advisor. We were also pleased to be able to give \$1,750 in scholarships to our three local colleges.

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Smith Mountain Branch highlights from 2009-2010 include: Programs featuring women in academia, education, and politics, and a successful fund raiser - our annual fashion show and silent auction that funds our scholarship. Last year's scholarship was awarded to a photography student at Hollins University whose works centers around the trains in Roanoke. We provided volunteers at the Staunton High School Reality Store which enables students to connect the relationship between levels of education and future life styles; attended the Leadership Conference and Southwest District Meeting, participated in the Ferrum College Women's Leadership Conference by serving on the committee and co-sponsored a tea for students, as well as attending sessions.

The International Study Group completed its study of China and began a new study of Turkey and the Balkans. For another year members engaged in the classic book discussion group. Our branch formed a partnership with the local group called Good Neighbors, which helps children with reading and healthy eating.

We are looking forward to reaching out to neighboring branches by assisting Roanoke Valley in its book sale and attending the Lynchburg Branch's Great Decisions lectures.

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Harrisonburg Branch began the year with a social gathering at Betty Salisbury's home. In October we attended the Northwest District Meeting in Winchester. In November Ben Sandel discussed the Harrisonburg Friendly City Food Co-Op.

In December we met at Jan Leach's home for a presentation by member Cathy Strickler on "Climate Action Alliance of the Valley," and enjoyed holiday treats and a silent auction of gift baskets to raise funds for the Legal Advocacy Fund. Paula Caldwell, director of the Virginia Quilt Museum, presented our January program. In February Dr. Randall Young of Bridgewater College discussed the psychology of gossip. In March Judith Trumbo, director of Transition Planning for Rockingham Memorial Hospital, updated us on the opening of their new campus.

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Our Newest Branch in Action



Lauren Germain was named president of the new Charlottesville-UVA Branch.



Other charter members of the Charlottesville-UVA Branch are, clockwise from the bottom right: Hilary Rice, Amy Swan (vice president for program), Dr. Christian Steinmetz, Lisa Laurie, Angela Heneberger, Dr. Nancy Deutsch, Dr. Melissa Levy, Dr. Diane Whaley, Dr. Ellen Markowitz (treasurer) and Robin Shroyer.

Branches in Action

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In April we had a day trip to Veritas Vineyards in Afton, and we wrapped up our year with a potluck featuring Dr. George Sparks, dean, and Dr. Marilou Johnson, associate dean, of James Madison University's College of Visual and Performing Arts, as speakers

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Northern District has had an exciting year. Our 12 branches met together, visited back and forth and supported each other, learning of the important accomplishments of each branch.

For me personally, as the District Representative, as co-chair of our State Convention 2010, it has been a wonderful experience to visit the other Districts to encourage participation in Convention and to see you "in your own setting," observing the diverse activities you are involved in.

VIRGINIA STATE CONVENTION 2010 HAS COME AND GONE! It was a happy and successful and meaningful weekend together! Thanks to each and every one of you, from all over Virginia, who joined us here in Northern Virginia for this exciting and informative weekend. Even the weather cooperated. The beautiful gardens seen through the big windows of the Hyatt were inviting, the meals were bragged on, the tours to the Suffragists Museum, the movie nights, complete with popcorn and conversation were memorable, and the eight workshop presenters available were excep-

tionally well received. Our speakers, State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple and Dr. Martha Kanter, U.S. Under Secretary of Education, brought inspiring and challenging messages to us.

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AAUW of Virginia State Board Calendar 2010

JUNE 2010

- 15 *Oision* mailed
Morgan, Koehler
- 30 Year-end Financial Statement
Johnson

JULY 2010

- 1 Branch dues reports due to
Association/State Treasurer
Branch Treasurer
- 15 President's mailing to branch presidents
State President

AUGUST 2010

- 7-8 State Board Meeting in Ashland, VA.
State Board Members

SEPTEMBER 2010

- 1 Articles to Morgan. Emphasis: Kick off program year. Branch reports from Falls Church Area, Hampton, Lynchburg, McLean Area, Newport News, Portsmouth, Springfield-Annandale, Winchester and Wytheville; Southeast and Southwest Districts.

Kanter's Keynote Strikes Familiar Chords

Under Secretary of Education Martha J. Kanter keynoted the Virginia AAUW Convention. She oversees policies and programs related to higher education, vocational and adult education, and federal student aid. Kanter is the first community college leader to serve in the under secretary position and has a long and distinguished career in higher education. She dedicated her speech to Dorothy Height, a pioneer, who "helped blaze the path for women all across America" as she understood that every girl, every woman, and every person – "no matter what their circumstances, no matter what their zip code, gender or skin color, deserved the opportunity of a quality education. She fought hard to achieve that opportunity and she made a significant difference as a civil rights advocate. . . ."

She launched her talk by sharing her values from her experience as a teacher, a professor, a dean, a college president, and now as Under Secretary of Education: "the more I expected of others, the more they accomplished. This applied to my students, to my dedicated and caring faculty, to my staff and to my community. I always had a vision for what I wanted to accomplish."

In addressing critical issues and barriers that still prevent women from succeeding fully, she reviewed the recent AAUW study, *Why So FEW?* She suggested several strategies: "Women often don't see leadership as a career path, just as they don't see a career path in the STEM professions. It takes mentorship and coaching and the recognition of goals that we, as leaders must provide and achieve, to change that."

"Secretary Duncan wants to transform the Education Department from a compliance driven bureaucracy to an engine of innovation." To achieve that end Kantor advised, "We cannot let our traditional roles or doubts stop us. Gender diversity in any organization brings more innovation and more success because women bring a different dimension to the job." We can serve as role models, which girls desperately need if they are going to succeed, especially in male-dominated fields.

Finally, she focused on Title IX and reported that in April, "Vice President Biden and Secretary Duncan spoke out on Title IX, issuing new policy guidelines that will strengthen procedures for testing compliance with the policy of nondiscrimination. Title IX has ensured equal opportunities for women in athletics and has helped student athletes get ahead in life. It's one of the great civil rights success stories in education. AAUW has long fought for Title IX change and now we can move forward."

In conclusion, she observed that "Secretary Duncan often calls education the civil rights issue of our time. Indeed, it will take all of us working as partners to achieve it, and I know with AAUW's leadership we can."

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Kanter

Tech Talk

Check Out AAUW's Website Goodies

Want to play online? Take a look at The AAUW Experience, where you can take a virtual tour of AAUW's Town Square, learning about the organization as you virtually explore many aspects of AAUW. In the Town Hall, check out the magazine rack outside the auditorium. There's a copy of *Virginia Oision* with some familiar faces on it!

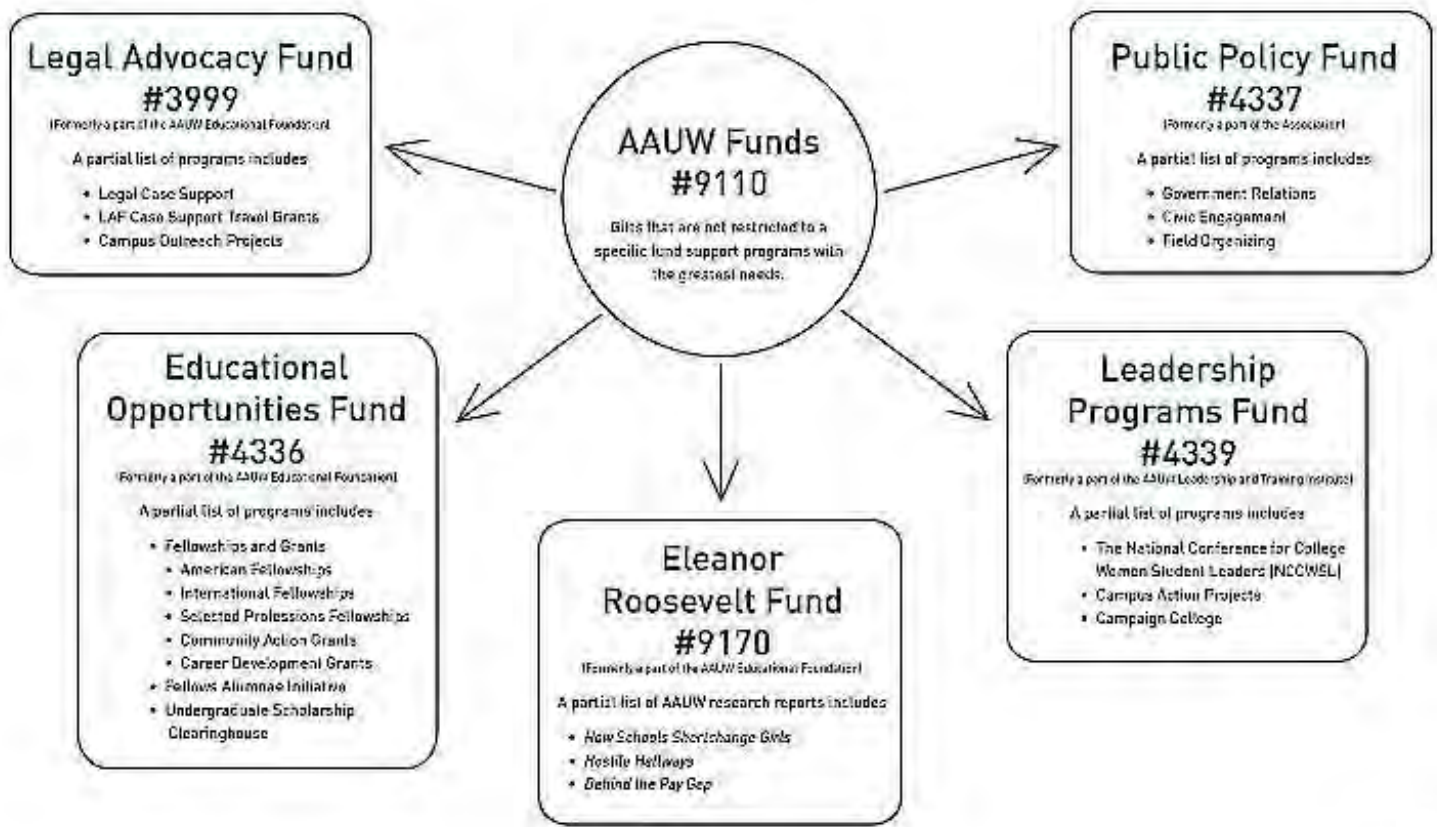
Elsewhere on the AAUW website at www.aauw.org is a survey you need to complete before July 30. It's your chance to have input into AAUW's policies and priorities. Go to <http://www.aauw.org/membersurvey2010/> and log in to the Member Center. It should take you to the online survey.

The national AAUW website may be accessed from <http://www.aauwofva.org> by clicking on the logo at the top of the page.

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New Structure for AAUW Funds



Giving unrestricted gifts to AAUW Funds (#9110) is the best way to provide general support to AAUW, where it is most needed for charitable programs. It is possible for you to restrict your tax-deductible gifts to specific funds or programs.

The Legal Advocacy Fund (#3999) supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination. Some of LAF's programs include Legal Case Support, which protects LAF plaintiffs by supporting workplace sex discrimination cases; LAF Case Support Travel Grants, which protect AAUW members through educational programs about legal rights delivered by LAF plaintiffs and lawyers.

Campus Outreach Projects, which protect college students from discrimination, harassment, and assault through on-campus program grants.

The Educational Opportunities Fund (#4336) supports educational and life-

long learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Some of our programs include Fellowships and Grants; Fellows Alumnae Initiative, which inspires women by providing access to the network of past and current AAUW fellows and grantees.; Undergraduate Scholarship Clearinghouse, which educates women by allowing students to find and apply for much-needed scholarships from AAUW branches across the country.

The Public Policy Fund (#4337) supports advocacy for public policies and laws that are fair to women. Public policy programs include

Government Relations: AAUW advocates on Capitol Hill and in the White House, ensuring that our voices are heard in the halls of Congress and at the tables of power when decisions that affect women and girls are made.

Civic Engagement, which helps women act as their own advocates by providing

members with the information and tools to build robust woman-to-woman voter registration and turnout drives in their communities.

Field Organizing, which engages individuals and branches in public policy advocacy through Impact Grants, Action Network, the Two-Minute Activist program, and Washington Update.

The Eleanor Roosevelt Fund (#9170) supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls. Past reports include *Behind the Pay Gap* (2007), *Where the Girls Are* (2008), and *Why So Few?* (2010). Look for upcoming research on women and girls in science, technology, engineering, and math and a report on sexual harassment in the workplace.

The Leadership Programs Fund (#4339) supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their

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AAUW Fund Honorees

Branches are allowed to make a named gift for each \$500 donation to AAUW Funds. These may be in honor or in memory of members or people who have contributed to the AAUW mission. At the banquet on April 24, the following AAUW Funds honor-

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Kathryn Braeman
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Margaret Burchaw
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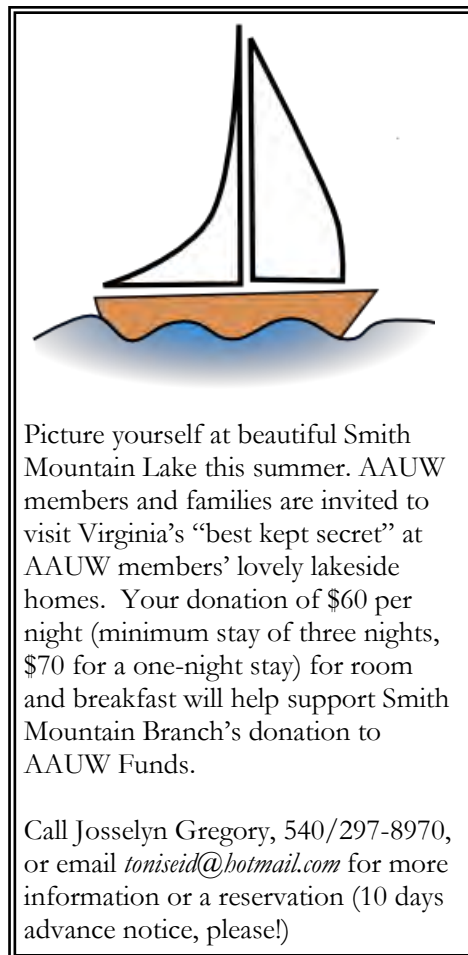
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schools, communities, and country. Leadership programs include:

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders: Attendees develop their leadership skills, networks, and ambition at this acclaimed, intensive three-day conference held annually in Washington, D.C. ; Campus Action Projects: AAUW awards grants to campus leaders for programs to address a gender-based issue in their community.: Elect Her, which teaches leaders the skills they need to run for student government. This program successfully increases the number of women who are involved in making decisions that affect all students on campus. These student leaders are also introduced to a national network of women who are running for and holding public offices.

Contributions to all of these programs are fully tax deductible.



Fundraisers Support AAUW Funds and Local Projects
Among the fundraisers that support AAUW funds as well as branches' local projects are book sales, many of which are held in the fall.

Roanoke Valley Branch
Book Sale
September 10-13, 2010
Tanglewood Mall
4420 Electric Road
Roanoke, VA



McLean Area Branch
Book Sale
September 10-12, 2010
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue
McLean, VA

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January 1, 2009-December 31, 2009
As Reported by AAUW: Corrected from Convention Program

BRANCH	Educational Programs	LAF
ALEXANDRIA	\$ 2600.00	\$ 10.00
ARLINGTON	\$ 9120.00	\$ 410.00
ASHBURN-LEESBURG		
BEDFORD COUNTY	\$ 100.00	
BON AIR	\$ 2200.00	\$ 125.00
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GREATER MANASSAS		
HAMPTON	\$ 1625.00	
HARRISONBURG	\$ 1500.00	\$ 250.00
LYNCHBURG	\$ 1000.00	\$ 60.00
MCLEAN AREA	\$22565.00	\$ 2250.00
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NEWPORT NEWS	\$ 390.00	\$ 40.00
NORFOLK	\$ 500.00	
NORTON-WISE		
PORTSMOUTH	\$ 1137.00	\$ 175.00
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SUFFOLK		
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VIRGINIA BEACH	\$ 8045.00	\$ 180.00
WINCHESTER	\$ 1010.00	\$ 245.00
WOODBIDGE	\$ 515.00	\$ 70.00
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