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SUMMER LEADERSHIP MEETING

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Salem, Virginia

In a departure from what has become our traditional Charlottesville location for the **Summer Leadership Meeting**, we have accepted Roanoke Valley Branch's hospitable suggestion for this year's meeting. Our Southwest branches have been doing amazing work so this is an excellent opportunity for more interaction for all the state's branches. With a full day on Saturday, the weekend will start Friday evening at 7pm with a welcome reception at the Hampton Inn followed by a movie (1 hour) with snacks provided by Roanoke Valley. There will still be time for conversation after, even for late arrivals.



Photo by Cameron Davidson - Roanoke Valley Dusk / [Visit Virginia's Blue Ridge](#)

AAUW had a presence at the Women's March on Washington. Those of you who participated know the tremendous energy that was unleashed. We have the opportunity this July to streamline our branch operations and realign branch priorities to capture this new interest. It's not important that those attending have titles/positions. It is important that every branch try to have at least one member attending but there is no quota on numbers. **This is an excellent opportunity for potential leaders, those with institutional knowledge or those needing practical information to do the job to come away with a refresher course or an ah-ha moment.** We'll start Saturday with a private guided tour of the Salem Museum. <http://salemuseum.org/brief-history/>. A self-guided tour can also be taken during the on-site lunch hour. The morning sessions are all-inclusive and will cover the nuts-and-bolts of branch management.

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From Your Co-Presidents

A ROUND OF APPLAUSE

With spring in full bloom and summer on the way, many branches are wrapping up the year and planning for next year. So now is a great time to congratulate ourselves for the great things we have accomplished in 2016-17.

AAUW VA members truly support AAUW Funds. Donations for 2016 increased by \$14,505.82 for a grand total of \$113,986.06! Wow! We presented 193 Named-Honoree-Certificates to branch presidents for their honored branch members!

Branches were recognized at the annual business meeting for the great things they did. Certificates were given to:

- **Alexandria, McLean Area, Roanoke Valley, Smith Mountain, and Wytheville Branches** for increasing branch membership
- **Newport News and Virginia Beach Branches** for registering hundreds of new voters.
- **Lynchburg and Virginia Beach Branches** for being the first to submit and have their revised bylaws posted
- **Springfield-Annandale Branch** for consistently sending the largest contingent of branch members to State Lobby Day

State board members worked diligently throughout the year. Three were recognized for their exceptional achievements:

- **Caroline Pickens** identified a potential change to National's bylaws that removed voting on Public Policy Program from members. Virginia branches and members loudly voiced their opposition and soon other states responded as well. This change was removed.
- **Leslie Tourigny**, Vice President for Public Policy, successfully led the increasingly large numbers of participants to State Lobby Day in Richmond, for the past three years.
- **Suzanne Rothwell's** exceptional work as Bylaws and Resolutions Chair efficiently led all Virginia branches to the completion of yet another bylaws revision.

Visibility was evident this year! **Portsmouth, Roanoke Valley, and Wytheville** reached out to other community organizations in greater numbers. **Mt. Vernon** and

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From Your Co-Presidents (Continued from page 2)

other branches had tables at community events. Members reached out to their communities by writing letters-to-the-editor on issues such as human trafficking and equal pay. Encouraged by AAUW **Alexandria Branch**, the Alexandria City Council proclaimed Equal Pay Day in the city. Governor McAuliffe proclaimed Equal Pay Day in Virginia, thanks to the prodding of AAUW of Virginia. **Greater Richmond, Portsmouth, Alexandria, Virginia Beach and Falls Church Area Branches** held tabling or some other event to proclaim Equal Pay Day. Check out branch newsletters or web sites to learn more. United, we accomplished so much!

But There's This: On April 4, 2017, the Prince William County Board of Supervisors voted against an Equal Pay Day resolution submitted by the **Woodbridge Branch**. The chairman said it was a "political" issue and another supervisor said that only "feminists, politicians, and celebrities" care about equal pay. THERE IS STILL MUCH TO DO!

To the branch officers who are stepping down, thank you for all your hard work and dedication to AAUW. You have made a difference in your branch and community.

To returning and incoming officers, thank you for stepping up. We know that you too, will make a difference in furthering women issues. Please know that the state board is here to listen, assist, clarify, and to do whatever else is needed.

Congratulations for so many jobs well done! Give yourselves a hand!



Patsy and Sandy

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Membership

Job well done!



Wow! You have been busy with great programming and wonderful membership retention and recruitment.

In the last two months, 30 individuals joined as branch members. It is wonderful to see your outreach contributing to this outstanding growth. Keep up the splendid work!

The largest increases of members are in branches, which have recently added either four or five new members

- **Falls Church Area**
- **McLean Area**
- **Springfield/Annandale**
- **Virginia Beach**

Please remember that within the **Shape the Future** program, when new members join during a branch event, they get half off national membership dues. Plus, your branch receives one free national membership to give for every two newly recruited members, with a maximum of five free memberships annually. You can give them to first-time officers in your branch to thank them for the work that they will do, give them to second-year members to encourage them to continue their membership, provide them to new members who would like to join for the first time, or any other purpose that helps you meet the needs and goals of your branch.

The biggest drivers of membership recruitment and retention are the following:

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- Great programming that meets the needs of your community
- Enthusiastic members who want to share AAUW with their friends
- Consistent presence in your community, raising awareness of AAUW, who we are and what we stand for.

Keep up the magnificent work on your membership engagement, retention and recruiting.

Please feel free to contact me with any questions or comments regarding membership by email at cyndi0915@aol.com or by phone at 703/945-9817.

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Public Policy Update



AAUW of Virginia members lit a veritable “advocacy barn fire” this year. We have let lawmakers hear our voices on countless public policy issues through emails, calls and visits to their offices. Many of us joined thousands of others on January 21 to participate in the **Women’s March on Washington**. We have written op-eds and letters to the editor on a variety of pressing issues. On February 1, 2017, 25 of us, including one family member, from 10 branches participated in our annual **State Lobby Day**. In meetings with **Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam, Speaker William J. Howell, Senator Adam Ebbin**, and Senator Jennifer McClellan’s staff, we discussed our priorities and strategies on how to get us there. We reminded lawmakers and the public on April 4 why we recognize an annual **Equal Pay Day**.

By the time you receive this *Vision*, most of the AAUW of Virginia members attending the **AAUW National Convention in DC** will be participating in the **Capitol Hill Lobby Day** portion of the agenda. They will be visiting our Virginia U.S. senators and representatives to discuss our

legislative priorities.

At the District meetings in February and March, and in follow-up emails, members responded to a public policy survey. They indicated their public policy priorities and whether they wanted to take a more active role in our advocacy efforts. In total, 123 members responded; 27 of whom indicated they wanted to be more active. Stay tuned, because beginning at the **Summer Leadership Meeting**, we will roll out some additional public policy advocacy opportunities.

Meanwhile, mark the following dates on your calendars:

- **June 30, 2017**-Virginia Department of Elections certifications to conduct third-party voter registration drives expire. If you will be conducting voter registration, you will need to recertify. Keep on checking on the Department’s website to see when the new **[voter registration drives training](#)** is posted so you can re-certify.
- **October 1, 2017**-Deadline for branches to apply online for public policy mini-grants for 2017-2018: **<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/mini-grants/>**.
- **October 5, 2017**-Our AAUW of Virginia Federal Lobby Day will be held in conjunction with AAUW Lobby Corps.
- **October 16, 2017**- Voter registration deadline for November 7 election

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Applications Are Now Being Accepted for Public Policy Mini-Grants for 2017-2018



Great news!!! The AAUW of VA Board has approved \$1,500 for branch public policy mini-grants for program year 2017-2018.

These mini-grants will provide monetary support to outstanding branch public policy activities for another year. To be considered for a mini-grant, a branch **must submit an on-line application by October 1, 2017**.

Just click **<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/mini-grants/>** to find out about this year’s process and to complete and submit an application.

Mini-Grant Committee:
Kathy Batkin, Co-VP for Program
Maureen Dwyer, Co-VP for Program
Tammie Mullins-Rice, VP for Finance
Leslie Tourigny, VP for Public Policy



AAUW OF VIRGINIA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Join in Unity



AAUW of Virginia 92th Annual Business Meeting was held in Charlottesville on April 1, 2017. The theme was “**Join in Unity**” and 51 members from 20 branches attended. The meeting’s keynote speaker was **Dr. Sidney R. Bland**, Professor Emeritus, American History, James Madison University, and board member of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial. He presented a short video on the suffrage movement in America and compared the woman suffrage parade of 1913 with the Women’s March in January 2017. He also updated us on the Turning Point Memorial. It was a very enlightening talk, with a great question and answer session afterwards. We had updates from the Finance Officer and the AAUW Funds and Nominating Committee Chairs. Three new Legacy Circle members, **Sylvia Rodgers**, **Suzanne Rothwell** and **Tammie Mullins Rice**, were introduced and presented with their pins.

Caroline Pickens, Northern Virginia District Co-Representative, gave us an update on AAUW activities and also talked about 13 Ways to Take Action. Read about the update on page 6 in this *Vision*.

At the end of the meeting, the Southeast District Representative, **Marilyn Riddle**, invited us to the 2018 State Conference in the Tidewater area next April.

After the meeting, there was a boxed lunch, branch awards from board members, and door prizes.

Thank you to all branch members who attended and joined in unity to show support for AAUW of Virginia.

In unity there is power!

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Results are in!

Thank you to the 218 AAUW of Virginia members who voted in the recent **One Member One Vote Election** of state officers; that is 18.43% of our membership, and definitely meets the quorum we needed.

Each candidate was elected with 96% or more of the vote. (A number of ballots were left blank.)

AAUW of Virginia 2017-19 officers for the following positions are:

- **Vice President for Membership:**
Cyndi Shanahan, Reston Herndon Branch
- **Vice President for Finance:**
Tammie Rice-Mullins, Virginia Beach Branch
- **Recording Secretary:**
Carol Stephens, Greater Richmond Branch

Congratulations and thank you to these members!! We look forward to working with you in 2017-18.

Congratulations and thank you also goes to these branches

with the highest percentage of members voting:

- **Newport News Branch 50%**
- **Woodbridge Branch 31%**
- **Winchester Branch 30%**

ELECTION RESULTS ✓

College/University Representative

In April, **Lane Stone**, Alexandria Branch, was selected to complete Pramila Rao’s term. We appreciate her enthusiasm and experience working with Northern Virginia Community College in the recent years, and we welcome her to the board. See more about her in her *Vision* article on page 7.

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IN MEMORIAM: On February 24, 2017, **Pramila Rao**, AAUW of Virginia College/University Representative, passed away. She had been suffering from cancer since November. She was a wife, mother, daughter, and educator at Marymount University. Our sympathies go out to her family and friends.

AAUW Funds



AAUW Virginia— Celebrate your contributions!

2016 was a banner year for AAUW donations – **Virginia branches contributed a total of \$113,986.06**, an increase of \$14,505.82 over 2015. The top five branches were: **McLean Area** (\$23,054); **Virginia Beach** (\$19,887.32); **Falls Church Area** (\$11,607.50); **Reston-Herndon** (\$8178); and **Mt. Vernon** (\$7216.16). Virginia ranked 11th in overall giving across AAUW and 6th in per capita giving for 2016! On top of that, two Virginia branches ranked in the top 50 branches for overall giving: **McLean Area** at 23 and **Virginia Beach** at 33rd. Additionally, 193 members were identified as “Named

Honorees,” celebrating their service to AAUW’s mission through work in their branches throughout the year. 2016 also marked the final year of the “**Charting the Course**” campaign, which successfully raised over \$1 million for the AAUW fund. Our very own **Neola Waller** was instrumental in ensuring that campaign was a success. For 2017, let’s continue to support the AAUW Fund. The easiest way to donate is to set up a recurring monthly donation online at www.aauw.org – that way if you miss a monthly meeting or life gets in the way, you know your donation will still be received. You can still send a check to AAUW, donate at your branch meeting, or call Connect at 800-326-2289 to donate by phone. Thank you for your continued generosity!

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AAUW NATIONAL NEWS

Two-Year Review

A task force of current and past National board members reported at the February 2017 Board meeting on their two-year review assessing what AAUW does and how it does it, what AAUW provides in programs and services, what AAUW does well, and what other organizations do better with more resources.

Result of the Review:

- 1) AAUW’s program priorities are four: **pay equity, research, women and girls in STEM, and campus leadership programs** (NCCWSL, College/University Partners, student organizations)

- 2) Looking at these priorities, which specific programs should AAUW keep because they do them well and have little competition and which programs could be dropped because other organizations have more support and resources and do the same program?

AAUW will continue **Start Smart** and **Work Smart**



because we have that niche and it supports our goal of pay equity. We will drop **Elect Her** because other organizations are doing the same with more resources, although branches can continue their own **Elect Her**.

- 3) The cost of printing and mailing has become a huge item in the budget, so **Outlook** will go digital beginning with the Summer issue. However, members who prefer a print edition can opt in for that. The digital version will have links for videos, slideshows, and websites mentioned in articles.

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- 4) The task force analyzed the long-term sustainability of AAUW; i.e., money and budget. The cost of virtually everything has gone up in the past nine years, including supplies, maintenance, salaries, and utilities. Dues used to cover operating expenses, but this hasn't been the case since the last dues increase in 2008. **A proposed dues increase of \$10 will go into effect with the 2018-2019 year.**

\$10 sounds like a lot, but it will have been 10 years so we could think of it as \$1 per year. Before 2008, there was a period with automatic dues increases of \$2 each year. Had that been continued, we would now be paying \$69 a year instead of the \$59 that is proposed. It equates to 83 cents a month more than we are paying now. We can think of the dues increase as something that is overdue.

AAUW is a healthy organization with a vital mission and a role to play for women and girls that no other organization fills. We do incredible work at the branch level because of the resources, ideas, and focus provided to us from national. Because of national guidance, we do STEM events, hold voter registrations, raise money for the world's largest source of funding for women's educations, have the Two-Minute Activist for quick emails to our Congress people to make our voices heard, and use AAUW research materials to underpin work on Title IX, pay equity, and sexual harassment. AAUW is worth our time and money.

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Newly Appointed C/U Rep



I was honored to be asked to be the new College/University Chair for AAUW of VA. Supporting women students, our future leaders, is fundamental to what AAUW stands for. I joined the Alexandria Branch in 2013. The mystery book group was what got me interested and the rest is history. I've been the branch's Campus Outreach Chair since 2014.

I can't wait to find out what you all are currently doing and want to do. The campus initiatives segment of AAUW has seen some changes lately, and I want to discuss all that with you. Did you know we have 25 College/University partner members in Virginia all over the state? I have a list of branch C/U chairs and I'll be reaching out to them and to the presidents for those branches without a designated chair.

I'm always available by phone, 703-307-2431 or email, info@LaneStoneBooks.com.

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STEMtastics 2017

On March 11, over 500 middle schoolers from 50 schools and their parents attended **STEMtastics 2017**. **Fairfax City, McLean Area, Springfield-Annandale, and Vienna Area branches** organized the event, in partnership with **NOVA Systemic Solutions** and **Fairfax County Public Schools**, to inspire young women to pursue STEM careers.

Students participated in hands-on workshops run by 40 women professionals, while parents attended informational workshops on choices in high school, college financing options, and supporting their daughters. The keynote speaker from **Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology** provided advice and inspiration, encouraging the young women to avoid female stereotyping.



Science



Technology



Engineering



Mathematics

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Branches in Action

From September 2016 to April 2017, **Fairfax City Branch** partnered with the **Fairfax County Public Library** as a co-sponsor of our program meetings. This has allowed us to reach a much wider audience and we have attracted at least three new members to the branch because they saw it on the library calendar, decided to come listen to the program, and joined AAUW as a result. We recommend this strategy to you!

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Greater Richmond Area Branch

(GRAAUW) welcomed spring with VA Museum of Fine Arts speaker, **Jeffrey Allison**, who showed slides and spoke in detail about Cassatt, Morissot, Degas, and Manet. This topic coincided nicely with our book group's April discussion of *I Always Loved You: A Story of Mary Cassatt and Edgar Degas*. Our Public Policy Chair, **Kathy Kelley** and President, **Carol Stephens**, met with **Mayor Stoney** to discuss ways Richmond could narrow the pay gap in our efforts to follow up on Equal Pay Day. They introduced the possibility of the city using **Work Smart** to train their female employees in negotiation strategies as well as talked about "implicit bias" and the quick test that is on the AAUW website. Community Outreach Chair **Laura Wimmer**, Scholarship Chair **Lesin Dippold**, and President **Carol Stephens** have been preparing for the second branch STEAM conference for middle school girls in the four school districts covered by GRAAUW. It will be held in partnership with the MathScience Innovation Center(MSIC) on the MSIC campus June 21. Check out the awesome workshops being offered at steamongraauw.org

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The **Mount Vernon Branch** enjoyed an outstanding Annual Meeting where we elected new officers and were energized by a panel of speakers on "**Women in Advocacy**." Members were inspired to learn more about advocacy and the branch hopes to soon organize an advocacy training. In an innovative response to the challenge of finding new branch officers, the branch

voted in a "Quartet" of co-presidents who will take a team approach to leading the branch. The branch continues to support women and girls in our community by engaging with two non-profit organizations that assist women in their efforts to continue their education and seek employment.

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In April 2017, the **Reston-Herndon Branch** teamed up with the Reston chapter of the **National Council of Negro Women (NCNW)** to host a **Mother-Daughter-Granddaughter luncheon** at Mon Ami Gabi Restaurant. The luncheon's intent was to encourage a legacy of women's advocacy. Over 50 people attended and the highlight of the event was our guest speaker, educator and author, **Paula Shelton Young**. As the daughter of civil rights activist **Andrew Young**, **Ms. Young** brought a child's unique perspective to an important chapter in America's history.

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In November, the **Roanoke Valley Branch** was treated to lunch and a presentation on the major tenets of Islam by **Dr. Saleem Ahmed** from Virginia Tech Carillion School of Medicine and the local Muslim community. We were able to chat with the Muslim women about their experiences in the community and in the workplace. As a token of our appreciation, the branch



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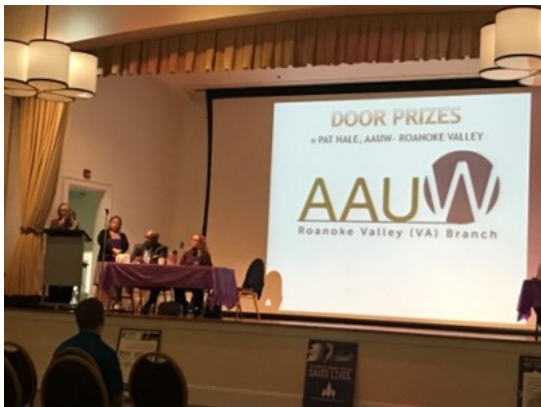
Branches in Action

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made a contribution to Hollins University on behalf of a young woman from Pakistan who needed funds to help pay for room and board.



In March, our branch and area domestic violence service providers collaborated to present a community forum entitled **“Love Shouldn’t Hurt!”** that featured the



mayor of Roanoke, as well as experts with backgrounds in police work, the legal profession, forensic nursing, psychology, trauma work, domestic violence and sexual assault.

During the year, **Jennie Sue Murdock** and **Gail Burruss** led a series of four study sessions on the **Barriers and Bias** report. At the April meeting as a culmination of that study, **Jennie Sue** gave a working definition of Leadership and led the branch in discussion about what characteristics make a good leader. She also shared some history of AAUW’s efforts on behalf of the ERA and how our branch member, **Esther Mabry**, chaired the National AAUW work on CEDAW. Our discussion came full circle as we discussed various

societal biases and how awareness of them helps us become better leaders and strengthens our branch.

In May, we participated in the **“Paint the Park Purple”**, a domestic violence awareness event, at the Salem Red Socks game.



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The **Vienna Area Branch** was pleased to host two of the **“Memoir Your Way”** authors in April. Six Northern Virginia women recently published a book about creative ways people and families can tell their stories. Quilts, recipes, and graphic novels are among the many ways suggested by this talented team of authors. We are proud that two of them are branch members. Contact **Dianne Hennessy King** (TUCKING@aol.com) or **Nadine James** (nmjames1972@aol.com) for more information. This well-received book is available through Amazon, Skyhorse Publishing, and Target.

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On March 18, 2017, the **Woodbridge Branch** supported the **“Girls + Math + Science = SUCCESS!”** Conference in its 27th year. Attending the conference were 170 students; 110 parents and teachers; all of our 33 + 1 K9 presenters + their daughters and students; Marsteller’s National Junior Honor Society volunteers, assistant principal, and head custodian; and branch members and friends as volunteers. The annual conference began with dedications to four people who have a

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Branches in Action

special place in the conference's history. The theme included "Generations," as we celebrated four generations now - with more to come; we already have attendees in the 90s as presenters now!



HS Math Teacher Donna & Student Stella, "Origami Math"



Industrial Engineer Vanessa's Marshmallow Challenge!

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The **Wytheville Branch** held its third annual **STEM Train** event at Wytheville Community College (WCC) on March 25.



Branch President, Sarah Asbury with the Virginia Tech team of computer science majors

The branch reached its goal of 50 middle school girls with five STEM workshops:

- Robotics - Virginia Tech (VT) computer science majors
- Warming Crib – presented by two VT mechanical engineers (girls created an incubator for newborns)
- Virtual Reality - WCC instructor
- Electricity - VT team
- Owl Pellets Dissection - WCC instructor



Virtual Reality workshop, which was a big hit.



Students examining owl pellets

For the first time, we collaborated with WCC. The results were amazing! Not only did they help fund the event, their promotions added a much broader scope for our advertising efforts.

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Creativity is intelligence having fun...*Albert Einstein*

On April 1, after the Annual Business Meeting in Charlottesville, 24 AAUW members gathered at **The Glass Palette** to have some fun creating items out of glass. As soon as we entered the studio, the possibilities came alive. A variety of examples of other folks' work was on display everywhere. As we found seats and listened to Maria give instructions, you could sense an excitement building. We played, experimented, and created. Soon unique and beautiful pieces came to life. Many are pictured here. We agreed that it was an excellent idea to spend a couple of hours here, and many said they would return. If you are ever in Charlottesville, and have the time, give your intelligence some fun and head to **The Glass Palette**!

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SAVE THE DATE

**The Southeast District Presents
AAUW of Virginia 2018 Conference
April 20 - 22, 2018
The Renaissance Hotel
Portsmouth, Virginia**



Summer Leadership Meeting (Continued from page 1)

Many branches are not taking advantage of the utilities that allow for seamless finance and membership functions, for example. What’s a tax deductible expense and what’s not? Which fund does what? What programs has AAUW changed at the national level? There won’t be a test later but you will be smarter.

With the engine finely running, the afternoon’s session will address the issues identified as Public Policy Priorities by AAUW and how we can identify the ones most likely to succeed for Virginia branches. The 2020 Census and subsequent redistricting is a national topic. We will hear from OneVirginia2021 as to how this affects Virginia. If you haven’t seen the movie *GerryRIGGED Turning Democracy On Its Head* there’s a trailer on YouTube.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=vD3ZZ-wzrHQ>

We want branches to leave the beautiful Roanoke Valley not only with a respect for nature but also with confidence that a branch can operate like a well-oiled machine while still making a difference.

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SUMMER LEADERSHIP MEETING

**July 28-29, 2017
Salem, Virginia**

Summer Leadership Meeting
9AM – 4 PM
Salem Museum
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HOTEL
Hampton Inn
1886 Electric Road
Salem
Tel: 540/776-6500

A G E N D A

July 28 Hampton Inn - Fun evening event planned by Roanoke Valley Branch

7:00 - 8:00 pm Welcome and Reception
8:00 - 9:00 pm Movie with movie snacks
9:00 - 10:00 pm Informal chat

July 29 Summer Leadership Meeting (SLM) at Salem Museum

9:00 - 9:30 am Check-in/welcome
9:30 - 10:15 am Tour
10:30 - 12:30 pm SLM Two – 40-minute sessions. 10-minute break in between
12:30 - 1:30 pm Lunch
1:30 - 3:00 pm SLM Two – 40- minute sessions. 10-minute break in between
3:00 - 3:30 pm Wrap-up



Salem Museum

Williams-Brown House in Salem, Virginia

801 E Main St, Salem, VA 24153

In 1845, William C. Williams constructed his unique brick home and store at the eastern end of downtown Salem, Va. A merchant and hotelier by trade, Williams also became an amateur builder of some reputation, most notably designing the first Roanoke County courthouse (1841-1909). His house, the last known of his structures to survive, served as a store and residence. It remained in the hands of this family for the better part of a century.

Eventually, the house passed through several stages. It was a Roanoke College fraternity house for a while, served briefly as office space, and was carved up into apartments for much of the twentieth century. In 1970, the house became the first in Salem listed on the national Register of Historic Places. But by the 1980s, it was vacant and dilapidated, and the owner at the time wanted to raze the building and develop the lot.

Enter the Salem Historical Society (SHS). Concerned with such an historic building being lost from Main Street, the group convinced the owner to donate the building on the condition it be moved from the original site at the corner of Craig Ave. and Main Street. After securing a tract near Logwood Park, SHS relocated the grand old building in 1987. After extensive renovations, the Salem Museum opened in 1992.

As an educational and cultural resource center, the Museum maintains an important collection of local artifacts-including Native American pieces recovered from an early Indian settlement, relics of the Civil War, and mementos of daily life from the span of Salem's history. The Museum Shop features books, crafts, replicas, educational toys, and more. From the Museum's website <http://salemuseum.org/>

Hampton Inn: The Place to Stay for the Summer Leadership Meeting



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Have Fun in Salem/Roanoke Area July 29th

The **AAUW of Virginia Summer Leadership Meeting** is being held in the Southwest District - a beautiful area of our state! There is plenty to do if you wish to bring a family member or friend. Arrive in time for the reception and movie on Friday, July 28th, or come earlier and stay later for getaway of fun things to do. Here are a few highlights:

ATTRACTIONS IN SALEM

- ◆ **Salem Red Sox** (minor league A) are playing the Frederick Keys July 27-30 at Salem Memorial Ballpark. Fun baseball at reasonable price.
- ◆ **Salem Municipal Golf Course** was built in 1919 on a 46-acre tract of land just a few blocks from the center of the city. A par 34, nine-hole, 2400 yard course (Cost approximately \$10)
- ◆ **Salem Farmers Market** Mon-Sat 7 am- 4 pm
- ◆ **Greenway Trails:** The Roanoke River Greenway in Salem is part of a larger multi-jurisdictional project to build a trail through the four localities within the Roanoke Valley. Approximately four miles of the Greenway have been completed within the city. Several other phases are planned. Salem is also home to the Mason Creek Greenway and the Hanging Rock Battlefield Trail.
- ◆ **Lake Spring Park:** Lake Spring had been a popular attraction for citizens and visitors dating back to the late 1800s when the area was home to the once popular Lake Spring Hotel. In more recent times, Lake Spring Park has been the site of hundreds of wedding photos, prom pictures and, to this day, it is easily the most photographed place in the city.

ATTRACTIONS IN ROANOKE

- ◆ **Mill Mountain Star and Park**, 210 Reserve Ave SW, Roanoke, VA
- ◆ **Carvins Cove Natural Reserve**, 9644 Reservoir Rd, Roanoke, VA - beautiful reservoir surrounded by plenty of trails. Facilities are available but no swimming. Boat rental available.
- ◆ **Virginia Museum of Transportation** 303 Norfolk Ave SW, Roanoke, VA, 540-342-5670. Antique automobiles and trucks, electric and diesel locomotives, and vintage steam are all part of the nostalgic show at this historic freight station that doubles as a museum
- ◆ **O. Winston Link Museum** 181 Blue Ridge Blvd, Roanoke, VA, highlights the story and work of the 20th century American photographer, O. Winston Link. Link is widely known for his artistic niche in railroad photography. 540-982-5465, Sun - Sat 10:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Roanoke Pinball Museum:** 1 Market Sq. SE, 2nd Floor, Roanoke, VA, 540-342-5746. The Roanoke Pinball Museum is an interactive museum dedicated to the science & history of pinball. There are over 45 machines with production dates ranging from the 1940s to the 1990s. Admission or membership allows unlimited free play! The mission is to cultivate curiosity in science, art, and history through pinball while preserving and honoring its role in American culture.
- ◆ **Taubman Museum of Art** <http://www.taubmanmuseum.org/>
- ◆ **Black Dog Architectural Salvage & Antiques**, 902 13th St SW, Roanoke, VA, 540-343-6200, <http://www.blackdogsalvage.com/>
Sun 12:00 pm - 5:00 pm, Mon - Sat 9:00 am - 5:00 pm
- ◆ **Roanoke Antique Mall**, 2302 Orange Ave NE, Roanoke, VA, 540-344-0264, Sun 12:00 pm - 6:00 pm, Mon - Sat 10:00 am - 6:00 pm. A wide variety of antiques and collectibles, courtesy of over 130 dealers spread over 25,000 square feet. Browse the website to see what is available, then stop in and see for yourself!
- ◆ **Old Monterey Golf Club**, 201 Tinker Creek Ln NE, Roanoke, VA, 540-563-0400, Sun - Sat 7:00 am - 7:00 pm. Test your abilities at this semi-private golf course which features a few hills, well-bunkered fairways and no water hazards. Fees: \$16-\$30.



REGISTRATION FORM Summer Leadership Meeting

July 29, 10:30 AM -3:30 PM and Pre-meeting events July 28, 7-9:00 PM

Salem Museum

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Email _____

Designation: ___ Branch Member ___ Branch Board Member ___ State Board Member ___ Guest

___ I will attend the Summer Leadership Meeting which includes Box Lunch **(\$15.00)** \$ _____
(July 29, 10:30 am – 3:30 PM, 801 East Main Street, Salem, VA))

Lunch includes Sandwich, Potato Salad, Fresh Baked Chocolate Chunk Cookie, and drink

PLEASE CHECK ONE SANDWICH CHOICE BELOW AND CIRCLE BREAD: WHITE WHOLE WHEAT

___ Oven Roasted Turkey, Sharp Provolone, Romaine Lettuce

___ Black Forest Ham, Aged Vermont Cheddar, Romaine Lettuce

___ Seasoned Roast Beef, Baby Swiss, Romaine Lettuce

___ Veggie Wrap, field greens, tomato, red onion, carrot, cucumber, with scallion cream cheese or hummus on a tomato basil wrap

PLEASE CIRCLE YOUR DRINK CHOICE: Coke Diet Coke Sprite Bottled Water

___ I will attend the reception and movie on Friday, July 28, 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM **(FREE)**
(Hampton Inn, 1886 Electric Road, Salem, VA)

(Individual Room Rates at the Hampton Inn are \$109 + taxes.

See info for room reservations below.)

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED *(Make check to AAUW of VA)* \$ _____

Form and check must be received by July 14, 2017.

Mail to Cheryl Spohnholtz, 5287 Sandyford St, Alexandria VA 22315.

NO refunds for cancellations after July 20.

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