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SUMMER LEADERSHIP MEETING



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July 27 - 28, 2018 - Harrisonburg, Virginia

We decided to continue the practice started last year of offering our **Summer Leadership Meeting (SLM)** in a location we don't normally visit, but one which would also be somewhat equidistant for most of our membership. **Harrisonburg is the winner!** Members of the Harrisonburg Branch have graciously been working with us to set up a wonderful opportunity in a picturesque and historical area, which is home to James Madison University (JMU).

We are excited to offer the SLM at the **Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center** - a brand new facility that just opened in May 2018. It is situated on the edge of the JMU campus and a five-minute walk from downtown Harrisonburg. Rooms are equipped with a mini-refrigerator, a Keurig coffee maker, and an in-room safe, as well as complimentary wireless internet service. The hotel boasts a farm-to-table restaurant, indoor pool, fitness center, and coffee and wine bar.

A full day of workshop activity is scheduled for Saturday, July 28, beginning with registration at 9:00 am. For those who prefer to spend the night in Harrisonburg on Friday, July 27, we have arranged for two activities. First, **Rosemarie Palmer**, a local historian and member of the Harrisonburg Branch, will conduct a walking tour of downtown Harrisonburg beginning at 7:15 pm. Following this, we are offering a social from 8:30 - 10:00 pm in the Hotel Madison.

The tremendous energy that was unleashed by the Women's March in Washington, DC, almost 18 months ago, is still strong. Thus, the theme for our

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From Your Co-Presidents



When we decided to run as co-presidents in 2014, little did we know what the next four years would bring. We spent many hours determining our goals for the state and branches during our two terms. These were the primary goals we identified:

- Continue to increase visibility for AAUW of Virginia
- Celebrate/recognize branch success and participation
- Increase membership
- Challenge branches to try something new and different
- Encourage every member to take some sort of action to advocate for women and girls.

Proudly, with the support and work of the state board, we believe these goals were met. We are so proud of all the many actions/activities/events that have taken place over these years. Some of the highlights that stand out for us include

- Saw many community governments proclaim Equal Pay Day with the encouragement of local branches
- Encouraged the governor to proclaim Equal Pay Day three years in a row
- Increased the number of participants attending state Lobby Days, thus in-

creasing our visibility in Richmond

- Developed the “From Vision to Reality: Mission Possible” workshops that helped branches determine their mission and how to implement it. These workshops were conducted with many branches and all resulted in growth and involvement in the branch
- Implemented state mini-grants to help branches pursue activities that they might not otherwise been able to do related to STEM, human trafficking, Get Out the Vote (GOTV), and other mission-related areas of focus
- Sponsored the first AAUW of Virginia Reception for Women of the General Assembly
- Planned and implemented the programs of two highly successful 2-day conferences, one 24-hour conference, and four summer leadership meetings.
- Participated in a cable TV interview with the Turning Point Memorial leaders
- Increased state membership for the first time in many years

So many rewarding things have happened! But the best of all was the opportunity to visit many of the branches. Despite all the wrong turns, U-turns, and missed turns that made every car trip look like a scene from *Thelma and Louise*, we will always fondly remember meeting the wonderful leaders and members that make up Virginia’s unique branches.

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As we said at the 2018 State Conference:

It has been our honor to serve as co-presidents of AAUW of Virginia. We want to thank the state board, branch presidents, and branch members for the support you have provided over the past four years. Your participation in state events has been beyond our expectations, and very gratifying.

Our hope is that some of YOU will seize the same opportunity to stand here in the future. It is a rewarding time of learning, opening up to new experiences, and broadening your viewpoints. We wouldn't have missed it for the world. Thank you for this opportunity.



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Membership

Let's do it AGAIN!!!

In 2017/2018, we did a spectacular job of retaining and recruiting members! We had a great time at the spring conference getting to know new members who are excited to be a part of our group and energized to make a difference. Let's keep the ball rolling and continue to use the strategies that have been working for each of our branches and create new opportunities to spread the word of AAUW and the strong mission that we have. You may have seen in a note from **Kim Churches** that there is a **national goal to have 90 percent of our members renewed by September 30th**. To support this goal, **the renewal schedule has moved from the end of November to September 30th**. After this date, members

who have not yet renewed will no longer have access to AAUW materials.

Let's make sure we are in the group of branches and the state that will be recognized on October 1st for meeting this challenging goal! I am certain that we can accomplish this with your help and diligence over the summer months.

Have fun, continue to create a welcoming branch and engage in mission-based programs. Let's make 2018-19 even better!

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Public Policy

Wrap-Up

This year has been quite an extraordinary year for the Virginia General Assembly and for AAUW of Virginia's engagement with lawmakers in Richmond. On Election Day, November 7, 2017, the entire country was watching Virginia—and we did not disappoint. Our House of Delegates election was historic—control of the chamber was decided by drawing of lots and the number of women jumped to 28 in this chamber. This record number joined the 10 women in the Senate. AAUW of Virginia felt that this accomplishment certainly warranted recognition so our Greater Richmond Branch (GRAAUW) took the lead for a reception honoring the women of the General Assembly on January 8th.

During this General Assembly session, for the first time, AAUW of Virginia sent out State Action Alerts calling for our members and those on the AAUW Action Fund list in Virginia to contact their lawmakers, urging action on legislation supporting key public policy priorities. Prior to the session and during the session, we worked with various lawmakers, including Delegates **Jennifer Boysko** and **Hala Ayala**, on equal pay legislation. Our members from GRAAUW and other branches around the state advocated for passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. Redistricting reform was also a large focus of our advocacy efforts. Regrettably, none of our top issue areas advanced; but we

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are always reminded that advocacy is a marathon, not a sprint. The relationships we developed this year will form the foundation for our advocacy next year and beyond.

We had a record number of members converging on Richmond on February 7 for our annual State Lobby Day. Thirty members from 10 branches visited their respective delegates and senators to drop off packets of information and to discuss our legislative priorities. For the fifth year in a row—this time in his new position as governor--**Ralph Northam** met with us. We also had a great meeting with our newly elected **Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax**. We were recognized in the Senate and finished up by lunching with members of the League of Women Voters of Virginia, who were also lobbying the same day.

Additional Important Public Policy Dates to Note on Your Calendars

1. **June 30, 2018** - Virginia Department of Elections certifications to conduct third-party voter registration drives expire on this date. If you will be conducting voter registration, you will need to recertify beginning **July 1, 2018**. Keep on checking the department's website to see when the new [voter registration drives training](#) is posted so you can re-certify.
2. **October 15, 2018** - This is the deadline to register to vote in the **November 6, 2018**, elections when we will be voting for U.S. senator and local offices around the state.

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AAUW Funds

Update

2018 is off to a great start! Virginia AAUW branches have contributed a total of **\$10,969** from January 1- March 31, 2018. I would like to thank you all for your generous donations! My tenure as your state funds chair is coming to an end; I will be stepping up to be Co-VP Programs starting July 1st.

I'd like to encourage everyone to continue to support the AAUW Fund, which provides unrestricted funds for use by AAUW. 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. This can be done as part of one of your first monthly meetings of the year – have a laptop (connected to the internet) available at your meeting and walk your members through how to set up the recurring monthly donation. Additionally, 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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Apply for a Mini-Grant and Make a Maxi Impact

Great news!!! The state board has approved \$1,500 for branch public policy mini-grants for program year 2018-2019. 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, 2018.** Just click <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/mini-grants/> to find out about this year's process and to submit an application.

Mini-Grant Committee:
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2018 Voting and Elections Results are in!

Thank you to the 277 AAUW of Virginia members who voted in the recent **One Member One Vote** Election of state officers. That is **18.76%** of our membership and meets the quorum we needed. Each candidate was elected with 97.8% or more of the vote. (A few ballots were left blank.)

AAUW of Virginia 2018-20 officers for the following positions are:

Co- Presidents:	Carol Stephens and Leslie Tourigny
Co-Vice Presidents for Program:	Sandy Lawrence and Cheryl Spohnholtz
Vice President for Communications:	Patsy Quick
Co -Vice Presidents for Public Policy:	Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers

Congratulations and thank you to these members!! We look forward to working with you in 2018-20. Congratulations and thank you also goes to these branches with the highest percentage of members voting:

Newport News Branch	40%
Winchester Branch	36%
Mt. Vernon Branch	31%

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WAYS TO SUPPORT AAUW

Did you know that there are many ways to support AAUW? We would love to welcome and recognize you for stepping up and making a special commitment to advance equity for all women and girls. The **AAUW Champions for Women and Girls** recognition program and **AAUW's Legacy Circle** are two ways that you can join us in making a significant impact. While these are two very different recognition programs, they both highlight the profound dedication and commitment of our most esteemed members and supporters.



Champions for Women and Girls is AAUW's newest recognition program for single

or cumulative gifts of \$5,000 or more in one fiscal year, while the **Legacy Circle** recognizes the AAUW visionaries who have made a special commitment to leave an enduring legacy to bolster AAUW's work long into the future. Planned gifts, also known as deferred or legacy gifts, include many flexible options that will cost you nothing

during your lifetime. There are even planned gifts that will provide income for life to the donor or others.



Here are some common ways to join the **Legacy Circle**. You may designate AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, your revocable living trust, or other type of trust. Other

options that don't require a will or a lawyer include designating AAUW as a beneficiary of your retirement fund, life insurance policy, checking or savings account, or donor advised fund.

For more information on these programs, you may contact Neola Waller at wallerwn1@gmail.com or 757-217-2356 or Director of Planned Giving Heather Miller at millerh@aauw.org or 202-785-7766.

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Dr. Darden—The AAUW of Virginia Woman of Achievement



Sandy Lawrence, Dr. Darden, Patsy Quick

It was truly refreshing to meet such a giant of achievement who was physically encased in a small body. **Dr. Christine Darden**, the conference key speaker, met me just before the doors opened for the banquet and walked calmly, yet confidently, to a point near where she would eventually sit and welcomed anyone who wished to speak to her for the next one hour and 15 minutes! There were no complaints when she moved to her seat, ate her meal, carried on a conversation with any at her table before she rose to the dais to deliver a speech on her 40 years of groundbreaking work at NASA--Langley Research Center in Hampton. For 45 minutes, she spoke about her work on sonic booms, among other things, as if it were not a big deal. Yet, we know from her biography that she rose to be the first African-American female at Langley to reach the Senior Executive Service level. It is even more impressive when you remember that she began her work during

the halcyon days of the space race. She made the presentation understandable to her audience, though no more than a handful of individuals in attendance had the mathematics and physics background to fully understand her work. Then, in conclusion, we learned about her extensive volunteer work within the Presbyterian church.



Mary Lou Melley and Dr. Darden



McLean Area Branch Co-president Betsy Schroeder's daughter Kat with Dr. Darden

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Tammie Rice and Dr. Zoe Spencer

Step Up and LEAD! Workshop

Amanda Lloyd of the Academy for Nonprofit Excellence led the workshop “**Step Up and LEAD!**” at the annual conference. She provided attendees with a great tip on situational leadership – “adapt the leadership to the situation, not to the persons.” In addition, **Mrs. Lloyd** reminded us not to pressure new members into leadership roles too quickly, to invest in self-training, and to praise and be thankful to all who support you. Finally, she shared an online Leadership Motivation Assessment tool. Here’s the link, please share with members of your branch: https://www.mindtools.com/pages/article/newLDR_01.htm

LAF Raffle

The Virginia Beach Branch organized the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) basket raffle fundraiser at the 2018 state conference. Fifteen baskets were donated by participating state branches and with nearly 90 attendees, state AAUW was able to raise **\$1,291**. The increase in raffle tickets sales has been credited to the phenomenal LAF plaintiff speaker, **Dr. Zoe Spencer**.

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McLean Area Branch members (from left)
Caroline Pickens,
Betsy Schroeder,
Aroona Borpujari,
Nancy Richardson.
Mary Lou Melley

Branches in Action

On May 6th, the **Alexandria Branch** showed its commitment to the community and to early childhood development by having a team at Alive! Alexandria's annual walkathon. Counting family members, our team had nine walkers, sporting AAUW caps, for the 5K trek through Old Town Alexandria.

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Allison Cole, Alive! Development Director, met her husband when he worked at AAUW National



Leslie Tourigny [3rd from left] keeps it all in the family with her husband and daughter. Also pictured are Anne Simpson, Sue Bodilly, and Margaret Batko

In January, the **Arlington Branch** learned about the career of **Alice Tangerini**, a botanical illustrator for the Smithsonian's Museum of Natural History. In March, we learned about National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) from **Abigail Lewis**, AAUW national program director, and **Raven Knight**, a recent participant. Earlier, we joined the northern district area branches meeting on Start Smart and Work Smart programs. In April, we explored these in more depth with

Caroline Pickens (Northern District Co-Representative) and branch member **Chioma Eni** who shared her experiences in negotiation and as a facilitator. Three scholarships and a joint Educator of the Year Award were celebrated in May.

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Fairfax City Branch focused on STEM in April with an excellent presentation on women in science by **Dr. Denise Akob**, one of our returning STEMtastics presenters. **Dr. Akob** spoke about her education and her dissertation: she studied how to get microbes to "eat" radioactive uranium in the Oak Ridge wastewater, turning it into a solid that can be removed from the water. She is now examining prevention of wastewater from "fracking." The wastewater is reinjected into the soil after use. Her work will help determine how gas and oil exploration/production will be monitored by federal regulatory agencies.

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Hampton Branch sponsored a Girls Rock! In STEM workshop for girls ages 8-13, April 14, at The Discovery STEM Academy in Newport News. The workshop gave the girls opportunities to be personally involved in various science activities. Some of the workshop's presenters were members of The Society of Women Engineers. The key-note talk was given by our branch member **Alma Martinez Fallon**, a member of the Society. The workshops were Gumdrop Structure by **Mary Perkinson**, mechanical engineer; How Medical Prescriptions Are Filled by **Monique White**, pharmacist; Touchdown by **Cathleen Saunders**, civil engineer; and Body Language by **Gabrielle Bowers**, kinesiologist. The STEM workshop was coordinated by branch member **Carolyn Stewart**, supported by other branch members, **Dr. Margaret Bristow**, **Dr. Enid Housty**, **Dr. Joy Hendrickson**, **Joan Jenkins**, and **Dr. Carmina Sanchez del-Valle**, also a member of the Society of Women Engineers. The workshop was free for the 22 girls who attended; breakfast snacks, pizza for lunch, and gift bags which included books and other items related to science were provided. Hampton Branch is also working with selected 14 third graders on Friday afternoons at the Discovery STEM Academy as a STEM reading resource. **Carolyn Stewart**

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and **Joan Jenkins** are reading with the girls and providing science activities about the planet Mars. The book is an American Girl book - *Luciana* by **Erin Teagan** - about a young girl who goes to space camp and hopes one day to go to Mars. Staff members, such as the media specialist and some teachers, are also providing support.

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AAUW Hampton Branch members and Society of Women Engineers at STEM workshop-Girls Rock! In STEM!

Under the leadership of **Sue Christie** and **Barbara Sipe**, the **McLean Area Branch** sponsored and conducted **Start Smart** and **Work Smart** workshops at Trinity Washington University. Due to their success, the branch initiated an inter-branch coalition with other branches in the northern district. Our goal is to offer **Start Smart** to every graduating woman at Marymount and George Mason universities and Northern Virginia Community College. To promote STEM, the branch gives annual awards to the top two junior girls, one in math and one in science, at three local high schools, and to the top project at the Fairfax County Science Fair done by a girl. The winners and their families are invited to one of our branch meetings. Each girl is asked to speak about her goals. The awardees are presented with a certificate and a monetary award.

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On April 10th (Equal Pay Day), the **Norfolk Branch** guest speaker was **Dr. Angela D. Reddix**, creator of Envision Lead Grow. The nonprofit organization's mission is to break the cycle of poverty for 1,000 girls in underserved communities in the U.S. each year. Her free week-long camp at Old Dominion University taught 100 young girls the critical skills and dedication it takes to accomplish their dreams through becoming an entrepreneur. They learned "The Seeds to Success in Business," which inspired a seven-city bus tour which concluded in Norfolk. The idea was to motivate young girls to start new businesses by giving them the skills needed to succeed and giving each a mentor in the field that interests them.

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The **Roanoke Valley Branch** continued its year-long emphasis on diversity with ongoing discussions within the Diversity interest group on dimensions of diversity, exploring multiple social identities, how to have difficult discussions on diversity issues, and unearned privilege. The group presented a program on diverse holidays for the branch holiday social, as well as an interactive program on "Responding vs. Reaction" led by the group at the April branch meeting.

Other programs included:

"Creating Diverse and Welcoming College Communities"



Idella Glenn, Special Advisor on Inclusion and Diversity at Hollins University (and a new RV Branch and Diversity interest group member!), acquainted members with her work using the National

Coalition Building Institute's leadership development model, focused on elimination of racism and other forms of oppression. She also included not only discussion but small group activities using various workshop activities.

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“Strong Women in History:

The Preston Women of Smithfield”

April Danner of Smithfield Plantation presented a wonderful program on the strong women of Smithfield. Throughout many generations, the women faced challenges and persevered. It was a great discussion and will give insight when members meet her again in June for a safari trip to Smithfield.



At the annual **Scholarship and Members Award Recognition** meeting, scholarships were presented to seven deserving, local girls and young women thanks to the successful February book sale!

For the second year, members participated in the “**Paint the Park Purple for Domestic Violence**” at the Salem Red Sox Stadium. The event allowed members to support an important cause and get the word out about the mission and work of AAUW.

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Springfield/Annandale Branch awards the Student Inclusion Award to four area high school students who have promoted inclusion and stood up against bullying in their schools. It is given to juniors to include it in their college and scholarship applications and the \$500 prize can go toward college application fees. **Maddie Fleenor** developed a “new R word” project stressing respect for all abilities and pasted sticky notes on lockers as a reminder. **Agape Amauel** serves as a school ambassador who helps new students who enter during the school year to learn their way around the school and make friends. **Matthew Gayhart** works with Special Olympics basketball and mentors a group of young special needs boys.



Left to right, Maddie Fleenor, Matthew Gayhart, Ramisa Resha, and Agape Amauel

Rasmia Resha helps young Muslim women and girls navigate American culture and develop pride in themselves and the ability to stand up to harassment.

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Do you believe in the importance of preserving the history of AAUW? Six members of the **Vienna Area Branch** do! Once a month, they travel into DC to work with **Suzanne Gould**, AAUW Archivist, to review manuscripts, publications, photographs, and audiovisual materials. Current projects include records relating to the Coretta Scott King Memorial Fund and AAUW monitoring of Title IX.



From left to right: Suzanne Gould, archivist, Jean Feeney (Vienna), Martha Nichols (Vienna), Margaret Davenport (Vienna), Carolyn Waller (Kensington-Rockville MD), Laura Reilly (Vienna), Charlene Carey (Vienna)

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The AAUW Archive Corps was begun in 2011 by the AAUW board-appointed Archives Task Force; **Caroline Pickens** (McLean Area Branch) and **Dian Belanger** (Kensington-Rockville MD Branch) were part of the task force and continue to serve on the Archives Corps, now composed of 15 members. The six from Vienna are **Margaret Davenport, Jean Feeny, Danny Hall, Martha Nichols, Susan Pauly, and Susan Williams**, many having served since 2011. (Past Corps members from Vienna included **Mary Kate Black, Charlene Carey, Georgia Chirieleison, Laura Reilly, and Susan Voss.**) The other Corps members currently from Virginia are **Caroline Pickens** and **Arlene Shapiro** (Alexandria Branch.)

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The **Virginia Beach Branch** held their fifth STEM4Girls conference in March. This year's event was the largest yet, with more than 100 middle school girls attending with their parent or caregiver.



Each year has been a little different, with new workshops (although many workshop leaders return every year) and different participants.

One thing has remained constant: the enthusiasm of everyone who attends! We know our hard work has paid

off when we receive comments like this one on the evaluations: "STEM4Girls really made me realize that girls can do anything that guys can do and maybe even more."



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The **Winchester Branch** had another successful year with increased attendance at each meeting. Annual activities of a Candidates' Forum and Woman of the Year Reception also included sponsoring a theater play to benefit our local scholarship, a holiday bag raffle for LAF, and sponsoring a movie to raise funds to send a young woman to the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Our fall speaker told us about women leaders in investing. In April, **Dr. Bridget Lyons**, the first woman athletic director at Shenandoah University, shared how Title IX impacts college athletics. The branch created an endowed scholarship in educational leadership at Shenandoah University in honor of former member **Amy Angelo**. Our monthly potluck book group and CLEO (Classy Ladies Eating Out) are very popular.

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AAUW of Virginia Federal Lobby Day



This year, **AAUW-VA Federal Lobby Day** is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, September 27, 2018**, but will be subject to the congressional calendar. We wanted to give our members a breather between State Lobby Day and other spring AAUW meetings. Federal Lobby Day is the opportunity for our members to accompany AAUW's Lobby Corps to visit congressional offices to support legislation important to AAUW. Members meet in the morning at a designated spot, meet their Lobby Corps partner, and then visit congressional offices to advocate for specific bills. AAUW National will notify us of the bill to be lobbied for earlier in the week of Lobby Day. It is a fun way to meet other members and a gratifying way to make our voice heard on the Hill. We will follow up in August with a reminder. For those coming from out-of-town, northern Virginia members have offered sleeping accommodations in their homes.

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District News

Oh, the places that we went! Oh, the fun that we had! Oh, the conference that we hosted! It seems only yesterday that I started on this four-year journey with my **Southeast District** sisters—all seven branches' worth. Thanks so much for your support. I also enjoyed so much learning and interacting with our state board. **Barbara Woodlee**, a member of the Virginia Beach Branch, will be leading the district for the next two years. She was president of Kennebec Valley Community College in Maine and then the chief academic officer for the Maine Community College System prior to retiring and moving to Virginia. I can hardly wait until our October meeting to see what she has in store for us! Thanks again for the privilege to serve.

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HAVE YOU HEARD OF HAZEL HUNKINS HALLIMAN?

You probably haven't, but you should. **Hazel** was born in 1890, grew up in Billings, Montana, and earned a chemistry degree from Vassar, a real achievement then for a girl in Montana. She joined AAUW in 1916 (Association of Collegiate Alumnae in those days until 1920). That must have had some influence on her because next she joined the suffrage movement to gain women's right to vote, marched with 5,000 women in 1917 to the White House, chained herself to the White House gates, and was jailed at the Occoquan (VA) Work House with other suffragists.

But that wasn't the end of it. Sixty years later in 1977, at age 87, she marched again, this time in the March for Equal Rights parade, commemorating the 1917 march and the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the Constitution. **Hazel** marched in the front line the entire distance from the National Archives to the White House. She said, "Equal rights is so clear-cut; it's fundamental."

Hazel should be an inspiration to us all for her suffragist commitment and sacrifice to gain voting rights but also for her lifelong commitment and work for all equal rights for women. Here we are, 41 years later than the 1977 march, and still working for equal rights. May we all be as committed as **Hazel**.

Hazel Hunkins Halliman died at age 91 and is buried in Billings, MT, with her parents and husband. She was the mother of four children, professor of chemistry, author of a collection of essays (*In Her Own Right*), a lifelong advocate for women's equal rights, and an outstanding AAUW member.



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MANAGING BRANCH ARCHIVES

Your AAUW records are valuable! They are your branch's institutional memory. They document specific achievements of your branch and branch members. Historians have long been aware of the importance of AAUW's contributions to women's history. The records we preserve link us to that history and to the future.

This article will focus on how to gather and how to prepare and organize branch archives. AAUW of Virginia is fortunate to have archives at the University of Virginia (UVA). Since all Virginia branches are invited to store their records there as well, a third section tells how to store your archives at UVA. Details given here pertain to UVA's requirements. If your branch has already secured a repository, feel free to use it, but note any small differences in what is provided.

First, every branch should designate someone to be responsible for collecting items, usually the historian, but it could be anyone willing to do it. Ask all branch members to contribute items they have acquired (and probably want to get rid of) to the designee. The items should be stored in a cool, dry place, not a basement or attic until they are placed in a permanent location. It is helpful to historians and others using these items if documents are signed and dated.

What to gather

- Articles of incorporation, for incorporated branches, and charters
- Bylaws, policies, and handbooks
- Correspondence of officers and others, if of historical value
- Descriptions, programs, photographs, and publicity for branch events and projects
- Directories of members and lists of officers
- Budgets and year-end financial reports
- Artifacts and memorabilia (such as pins, badges, gavels)
- Branch publications (histories, newsletters, and brochures)
- Minutes of branch and board meetings
- Press releases and newspaper articles about branch
- Important speeches to branch and state members
- Scrapbook contents, not the books
- State convention/conference program books if they contain branch information

How to prepare your items for archives

- Remove materials that do not belong in the archives, such as duplicates (retain no more than three copies of an item), receipts, canceled checks, post-its, AAUW national publications
- Remove metal paper clips and metal staples (plastic is okay)
- Copy or scan newspaper articles onto acid-free paper, then discard newsprint
- Insert fragile articles and photographs into mylar sleeves
- Use pencil, not pen, to label archival papers, folders, and backs of photographs
- Carefully remove cardstock frames on photographs



There is no prescribed order for your materials, but the list above may provide you with some ideas. Since UVA provides its own archival materials, you may file your materials in previously used folders. Cross out labels that don't apply and write specific names for the contents, maybe using a sharpie. Avoid vague labels, like *Miscellaneous*. Arrange the folders in the order you want in any sturdy boxes.

Don't crowd the material. When your collection is complete, inventory each box, keep one copy for your branch, and place one in the box. Label each box on the outside with *AAUW of Virginia, branch name, and the number (1 of 4, etc.)*. Be sure to include the name and contact information of a branch member so UVA can send its own inventory to you.

How to store your branch archives at UVA

AAUW of Virginia has archived its records, circa 1930-2010, in the Special Collections Library of University of Virginia's Alderman Library. Virginia branches are encouraged to donate their archives to this same collection. Librarians at the Special Collections Library will repack your items into archival folders and boxes. There is NO charge for the materials or storage. This is your tax dollars at work.

Call the UVA Special Collections Library (434/924-3082) to make arrangements to deliver your materials. Contact me (757/217-2356) if you have questions, or if I may help you.

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Historian

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Summer Leadership Meeting: **Harness the Energy!** Our state organization grew in membership for the first time in many years! Not only did we gain new members, but also, they are younger and more diverse than our traditional members. We want to capitalize on this new commitment to action by our newer members. We also want to expand the idea of leadership from that of leaders elected to board positions to the various ways that members can contribute leadership not only in the branch, but also in representing us in the community at-large. Bottom line: all members are leaders and can make a difference. We hope that each branch will be represented by at least one member.

Our **Keynote Speaker** has been confirmed. **Mayor Deanna Reed** of Harrisonburg will welcome us and discuss her experiences as a woman leader. We plan to have four workshops throughout the day for all attendees. One will cover the changes made to AAUW National's organization, development of a strategic plan, results of the national bylaws amendment vote, and

related topics. Another will highlight new changes coming for AAUW salary negotiation workshops, Start Smart and Work Smart, and the status of efforts in Virginia. The third workshop will cover aspects of our Public Policy as we start another year of advocacy. The fourth workshop is still in the planning stage.

In addition, we are planning to have our box lunch time arranged so that those sharing the same offices or interests in their branches will have a chance to meet, talk, share, and learn from the expertise of those on the AAUW of Virginia board. Also, Board Historian **Neola Waller**, will highlight the importance of archiving our "stuff," what to throw away and what to hold onto, who to give it to, who is responsible for doing what.... Refer to her article on page 12 to get a better idea.

If you have any questions or suggestions about the Summer Leadership Meeting, **please contact Carol Stephens at carterstephens69@icloud.com or call 678/206-4929, or Leslie Tourigny at ltourigny@gmail.com.**

Don't forget to register for the SLM by July 15 and to reserve your room at Hotel Madison by July 5: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/summer-leadership-meeting/>

Have Fun at Hotel Madison and In and Around Harrisonburg!

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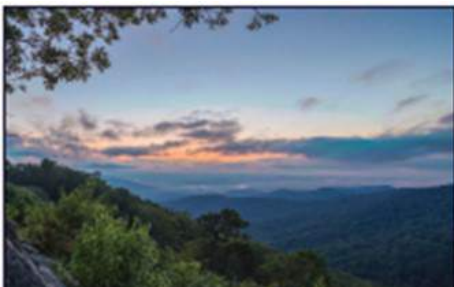
Downtown Harrisonburg

A recent winner of the Great American Main Street Award and touted by National Geographic as one of America's Top 10 Mountain Bike Towns, Harrisonburg offers numerous dining, shopping, entertainment and recreation options.



James Madison University

James Madison University's sprawling 785-acre campus is home to one of the most well-known colleges in Virginia, currently educating over 21,000 students each year. Featuring an arboretum and the Forbes Center for the Performing Arts, JMU's scenic grounds continue to be the site of innovative thinking and engaged learning since 1908. As the official hotel of James Madison University, Hotel Madison is conveniently located on campus next to Madison Hall, site of Undergraduate Admissions.



Shenandoah National Park & Skyline Drive

Beautiful year-round and home to stunning vistas, cascading waterfalls, and the legendary Skyline Drive, Shenandoah National Park covers over 200,000 acres of protected wilderness. The park extends along the Blue Ridge Mountains and includes a vast array of trails, including a section of the renowned Appalachian Trail.

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DISTANCE FROM HOTEL MADISON

Charlottesville, VA	60 miles
Richmond, VA	130 miles
Washington, DC	150 miles
Williamsburg, VA	180 miles
Tidewater Area, VA	220 miles
Charlotte, NC	295 miles

Whether you are navigating the lively arts and culture hub, indulging in the flourishing craft beer scene, or visiting some of the diverse businesses that call downtown home, there is an abundance of activity to please a range of interests.

To view the many possibilities, visit: <http://www.visitharrisonburgva.com/attractions/>

**Summer Leadership Meeting
July 28, 2018 - Harrisonburg, VA**

(Pre-Meeting Activities July 27)

July 28, 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

**Hotel Madison and
Shenandoah Valley
Conference Center**

710 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



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July 27

Pre- Meeting Activities

- 7:15 - 8:00 pm **Walking Tour** of downtown Harrisonburg
Space limited. Pre-registration required at the link below.
- 8:30 - 10:00 pm **Social** (cash bar) at Hotel Madison

July 28

**Summer Leadership Meeting at
Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center**

- 9:00 - 9:30 am Registration/Check in
- 9:30 - 9:45 am Welcome, Introductions
- 9:45 - 10:30 am Keynote - Mayor of Harrisonburg, Deanna Reed
- 10:30 - 11:15 am Session 1
- 11:25 - 12:10 pm Session 2
- 12:15 - 1:30 pm **EAT SHARE LEARN**
- 1:30 - 2:00 pm Group and Branch sharing
- 2:00 - 2:45 pm Session 3
- 2:55 - 3:45 pm Session 4
- 3:45 - 4:15 pm Tidbits and Wrap-Up

REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/summer-leadership-meeting/> by July 15th.

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Be the energy that you want to see in others!



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Summer Leadership Meeting

July 28, 9:30 AM - 4:15 PM

Pre-meeting events July 27,
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Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA

Come join us for important information to help energize your branch for the upcoming year!

Name _____ Branch _____

Email _____ State Board Member? yes / no

Position you serve in your branch _____

_____ I will attend the Summer Leadership Meeting which includes Box Lunch (\$20) \$ _____

_____ I will attend the 45 min. walking tour (7:15 pm on Fri.), wear comfortable shoes

_____ I will attend the Social 8:30 -10:00 p.m. on Fri. at Hotel Madison (Cash Bar)

PLEASE CHECK ONE SANDWICH CHOICE BELOW : bag of chips, whole fruit, drink and dessert choice included

_____ Vegetarian (grilled marinated veggies and fresh mozzarella on whole wheat)

_____ Smoked Turkey Breast (bacon, avocado, tomatoes, chipotle aioli on ciabatta)

_____ Roast Beef (sliced roast beef, marinated red onions and peppers, whole grain mustard, provolone cheese on sourdough)

PLEASE CHECK ONE BEVERAGE CHOICE AND ONE DESSERT CHOICE

_____Pepsi _____Diet Pepsi _____Sierra Mist _____Dr.Pepper _____Water

_____Granola Bar _____Cookie _____Brownie

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (make check payable to AAUW of VA) \$ _____

FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15, 2018.

MAIL TO: TAMMIE MULLINS-RICE, 1010 Barnacle Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

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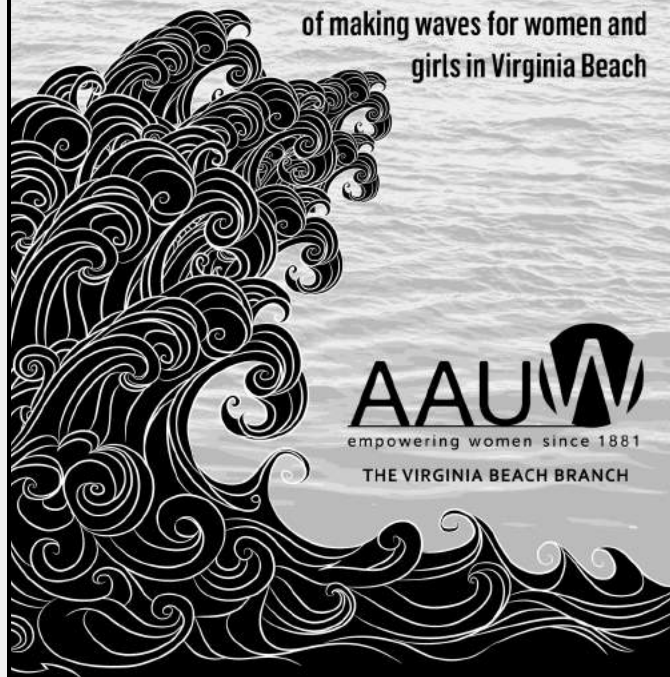
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