

**AAUW** advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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## ***“A Ship in Harbor Is Safe, but That Is Not What Ships Are Built For”***

**R**ADM Grace Hopper repeated this quote coined by **John Shedd** (1928) many times in her life. And while **RADM Hopper** was talking about sailors and the Navy, she could also be talking about AAUW and its members.

AAUW has never sat safe in port. AAUW has never stayed in the comfort zone. AAUW members have been fighting for women since 1881 and we continue to fight today. At the **Summer Leadership meeting**, we urged members to think about and plan ways to **TAKE ACTION**. We hope branch leaders set goals and intentions for the type of programs they want to present, goals for reaching out to the community, for bringing in new members, and for leading in new ways.

Our actions regarding pay equity, campus sexual violence, and Title IX are particularly relevant today!

Our branches are changing and need to change. It is up to us to adjust to these changes. **Carl Rogers**, an American psychologist has said, ***“The only person who is educated is the one who has learned how to learn... and change.”*** We can adjust our sails to the new direction of the wind and still reach our destination, all the while sticking to our priorities. We want to

challenge all branches to try something new and different in the coming year and beyond. Experience new things, and broaden your horizons. Do something you have never done before!

We want you to go into this year with clear goals, and strategies to meet those goals... This must happen if we are to succeed in our mission. And... if we are to succeed as branches.

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What can you do? Show up in the local offices of legislators. Show up at Town Hall meetings. Sponsor candidate forums. Create and circulate a petition. Write Letters to the Editor. Ask your members to do something. Don't wait for volunteers!

What are the goals you plan to set in your branch??? What are some of the new and different things you are going to try this year? Resources are available on the AAUW website and your state board is here to assist. You do not have to reinvent the wheel. Please let us know if your branch is going to meet our challenge and try something new and different this year! We are excited to know what you decide!



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### In Memoriam:

## Martha Ann Miller

**M**artha Ann Miller, an AAUW member since 1944 (73 years!) and Arlington resident for 80 years who worked to improve public schools, died Wednesday, Aug. 16, 2017. She had celebrated her 106th birthday 10 days earlier.

At age 101, Martha Ann self-published her autobiography, “**The First Century and Not Ready for the Rocking Chair Yet,**” to make her great-grandchildren aware of her legacy of community service and her faith in God. On her most recent birthday, friends from Clarendon United Methodist Church donated 106 boxes of cereal to the Arlington Food Assistance Center pantry at the church, where she had been instrumental in strengthening the music ministry and other programs.

Martha Ann Riggs was born Aug. 6, 1911, in Evansville, Indiana. As part of a 4-H project, she baked a Blue Ribbon loaf of bread that, at age 14, earned her a four-year scholarship to Purdue University. She credited the scholarship, which she used for a home economics and math degree during the Great Depression, with providing the education she needed to excel later in life.

She met her husband, at Foundry Methodist Church, and they settled in Arlington’s Colonial Village. As their four children grew, they worked with many other newcomers to

Arlington to improve public education and helped the county get its first elected school board.

Later, Martha Ann taught math at Stratford Junior High School for 21 years, and in 1959, defied the Commonwealth’s “massive resistance” to school integration ordered by the Supreme Court by welcoming black students to her classroom when other teachers refused and the school principal resisted. Martha Ann considered it an honor to have the students in her classroom. The General Assembly reacted to Arlington’s impertinence by rescinding

permission for an elected school board until 1992, when elected boards were permitted statewide.

Mrs. Miller was an active supporter of AAUW, the Committee of 100, Wesley Seminary and WETA public television. Arlington’s Commission on the Status of Women honored her as a Person of Vision in 1997.

As an AAUW member, Martha Ann became known as a member-recruiter and fundraiser extraordinaire. One year she won a state award for recruiting more new members than anyone

else. She came in 2<sup>nd</sup> nationally. Another year, she raised \$10,000 selling Macy’s discount tickets to shoppers who attended a day of fundraising at the store. An AAUW Fund was established in her name. Martha Ann served as state treasurer for one term in the ‘70s. In 2011, AAUW featured her in a YouTube video.

More recently, Martha Ann spoke on panels and gave author talks in libraries and community centers. In October 2015, she and other AAUW members met with the Treasurer of the United States, Rosie Rios, to

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(Continued from page 2) **Martha Ann Miller**

discuss which woman should be considered for the face of the new \$10 bill. In 2016, Martha Ann was honored at the AAUW of Virginia Conference in Reston.

Survivors include her son, Malcolm R. Miller of Santa Rosa, Calif., and daughter, Meg (Phil) Filiatrault of Georgetown, S.C.; four grandchildren, and seven great-grandchildren. Her husband, their son William, and daughter Winifred preceded Mrs. Miller in death.

Our sympathies are extended to Martha Ann's family and friends. She will be missed by all.

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## **AAUW Funds**

### **Potential Tax Advantages of Donating to AAUW Fund from Your IRA**

**Contributions to the AAUW Fund are tax-deductible as a charitable contribution to an Internal Revenue Service (IRS) Section 501(c)(3) organization.**



If you are a contributor that does not itemize deductions, you are unable to exclude your charitable donations from taxable income. If you itemize deductions, the deductible amount is generally limited to 50 percent of adjusted gross income.

There is another way that you can make a charitable contribution to AAUW Fund (and other IRS 501(c)(3) charities) for those with one or more IRA accounts (but not a 401K account or a Roth IRA) that may provide a larger federal tax benefit in some cases. Any funds withdrawn from an IRA account are normally subject to federal and state income tax. The IRS requires that retirees who are 70½ or older withdraw a minimum percentage of their IRA account value annually. This is called the “required minimum distribution” or “RMD,” which is subject to taxation at the retiree’s personal federal and state income tax rate. For some retirees, the annual RMD results in the payment of a significant amount of taxes.

In years when the RMD exceeds the amount needed by a retiree to fund living expenses, the retiree may consider using the excess RMD amount to make charitable contributions to one or more charities – especially to AAUW Fund – in order to decrease the federal tax burden. The IRS has established a special exception that allows a retiree who is at least 70½ years old to contribute up to \$100,000 to one or more charities federally tax-free each year from their IRA (or

combined IRAs). The charitable payments from the IRA will count toward the retiree’s RMD for the year. Moreover, a retiree may contribute up to \$100,000 from the IRA without federal taxation even if the contributions exceed the retiree’s calculated RMD for that year.

Contributions from an IRA account can be made at any time during the year, but the funds must be transferred into the charity account before the end of the year in order to count for that tax year’s RMD. Further, the contribution must be made directly from the trustee for the IRA account to the charity. For an AAUW Fund contribution, this is accomplished by the contributor completing a form directing the trustee to use funds from the IRA to: (1) make out a donation check to “AAUW Fund” and (2) send the check to AAUW Development, at 1310 L Street N.W. #1000, Washington, DC 20005.

The donation check that is issued by the trustee for the IRA account to AAUW Fund will not have sufficient information to identify that the contributor is an AAUW member. Before arranging a contribution, a contributor should contact the AAUW Development Office staff to advise AAUW staff to expect a check from the IRA trustee and to credit the contribution to the contributor and the contributor’s branch. Any questions should be directed to [development@aauw.org](mailto:development@aauw.org) or call 202-728-7629.

This article provides only general information about the federal tax treatment of charitable contributions. **Therefore, please discuss this method of making a charitable contribution with your tax advisor to determine if the method is right for your specific situation, including consideration of state taxation.**

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## **Program**

### **To Branches: Get Credit for What You Do**

By the time you read this, branches will be on their way to a good program year as a result of advance planning; the deadline to apply for **AAUW of Virginia branch mini-grants** (Oct. 1, 2017) will have passed; planning for the **April 2018 state conference in Portsmouth** will be underway; and some of you will be looking forward to helping at the AAUW table at the **Virginia Women’s Conference** in Virginia Beach on October 21.

No matter what your branch is “into” this year, we hope you’ll keep two things in mind:

- **Our AAUW of Virginia Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.



- **The AAUW of Virginia Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Whenever your branch plans and gathers for an event, we hope that these ideals are what spurred you to action. We want to make sure you have the resources you need AND get credit for the good things you're doing in the name of AAUW. Don't forget:

- To get help or order free materials for an upcoming event, go to:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/upcoming-advocacy-activity-events-form/>

- To report an activity so national gives you credit for what you accomplish, use this:

[www.aauw.org/resource/advocacy-event-activity-report-back-form/](http://www.aauw.org/resource/advocacy-event-activity-report-back-form/)

Thanks to all branches who applied for a state mini-grant, and thanks to all members who believe in the work of AAUW and help further it at the branch, state, or national level.

Please contact us if we can be of help to you.

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## **Membership**

### **Success in Membership Retention, Recruitment and Engagement**

Many Virginia branches caught the fire of membership retention, recruitment and engagement. Be proud of the work that you are doing! Five branches have already met or exceeded their official membership numbers from last year:

- **Greater Manassas**
- **Springfield-Annandale**
- **Portsmouth**
- **Winchester**
- **Smith Mountain**

Several other branches that are effectively working the **retention** aspect of membership:

- **Bedford**
- **Newport News**

These branches are **recruiting** new members in a big way:

- **Fairfax City**
- **Lynchburg**
- **Richmond**

**Congratulations to each of your branches for the work that you have been doing over the summer into early fall!**



### **Non-renewing Member Survey**

To better understand why branch members over the past two years have not renewed their membership, AAUW National administered a survey on our behalf of those individuals. Results of key indicators of satisfaction reveal that overall we are doing a good job of engaging members. Those individuals who did not renew membership:

1. Often had time obligations that did not allow them to actively engage – so you may want to see if their life circumstances have changed and they would like to rejoin this year!
2. Most felt welcomed by our branch members.
3. Generally felt that ideas and contributions expressed were heard by branch leaders and that they could express their opinion on branch priorities and programs
4. Understood how they could be involved within the branch. That means we are communicating well with our members.
5. Felt the leadership development path was clear; though some indicated that was not an interest of theirs.
6. In some cases, felt that branch events were not as accessible in terms of location, cost and schedule.

Please consider these key indicators and evaluate how your branch is doing. Particularly consider accessibility of your branch events to see if you can change things to make activities more diverse and accessible. Have fun, create a welcoming branch and engage in mission-based programs. You'll have a great year!

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## Finance

### AAUW OF Virginia 2017-2018 Budget



The budget for 2017-2018 was approved with minor changes at the Summer 2017 board meeting. The opening checking account balance was \$24,876.60, including \$4,657.50 dues income received last year for the current fiscal year. This balance also includes \$4,794 in unspent funds carried over from 2016-17 fiscal year. \$12,000 was withdrawn from the investment account in 2016-17 to help complete a named endowment and to help branches participate in the national convention. The investment balance as of July 1, 2017 was \$16,141.98.

The predicted/budgeted income from dues, investment dividends, checking account interest, and AAUW of Virginia History book sales is \$22,559.00. No withdrawal of investment funds is in the budget this year. The projected disbursements including board meetings, travel, insurance, and newsletter are \$18,854.00. It also includes NCCWSL support of \$2,000, and \$1,500 for mini-grants to branches for Public Policy projects.

If you would like more information, or a detailed budget, please email me.

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## Public Policy

### Political vs. Partisan: What Does This Mean?

The following sentence is prominently displayed on the AAUW National website under the heading **“Our Mission: Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined & taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic & political.”**

This often prompts members to ask: “Hey, wait, isn’t AAUW a nonpartisan organization? Doesn’t this mean AAUW members cannot engage in political activities?” The answer to the first question is “yes,” but the answer to the second question is “no.” Although AAUW is a nonpartisan organization, our work has always been political.

[Political vs. Partisan: A Guide to Your AAUW Advocacy Actions](#) provides an excellent delineation of what is political and what is partisan, and how to stay on the nonpartisan side of the divide. “Political work can be characterized by shared

values, working toward a common goal, and a result that is best for the community as a whole. Put simply, being political is a way to influence legislation and regulation through government or public affairs, while partisan activities have a firm adherence to a party, faction, or person.”

This means that we can work on issues that are consistent with our values and mission and which are in line with our Public Policy Priorities, engage equally with candidates and elected officials from different political parties, and participate in voter registration and education regardless of individuals’ political party identification. What we **cannot** do is endorse or strongly advocate for candidates in partisan races, encourage voter registration with a particular party, fundraise for partisan candidates, or coordinate with partisan campaigns or political parties.

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### *In Memory of Judith E. Wright*



**J**udith Wright, Springfield-Annandale Branch, passed away on May 15, 2017, after a brief illness. Judy was a graduate of James Madison University, and received her Master of Arts in Education from the College of William and Mary. She taught Latin and English at Lee High School for 32 years. She was loved and respected by her students and colleagues. Judy earned a Fulbright Fellowship to study in Italy, was listed in Outstanding Young Women of American (1974), and was chosen Educator of the Year by the Sons of the American Revolution in 1987.

Judy was active in AAUW on the state and local levels and was passionate about the mission. She was a doer, and whatever task she accepted, she did with gusto and perfection. She enjoyed going to national, state and local AAUW events, and had many friends around the state. Judy was an AAUW Legacy Circle Member. Therefore, the advocacy for women and girls, in which she so strongly believed, will continue into the future. In addition to her family, Judy loved traveling, flowers, babies, kittens, puppies, teddy bears and all things purple. She will be greatly missed by all those whose lives she touched.

## Nominating Committee:

### Virginia State Officers Call for Nominations

Those of us who have served in leadership roles in our branches understand the personal satisfaction and rewards of working as members of a team committed to furthering AAUW's mission and goals. The sense of making a difference on issues we care about is even greater when your experience extends to the level of the state board and its important role in supporting branches throughout Virginia. Four opportunities for service on the state board are open for 2018-20:

- **President** (candidates must have previously served on AAUW of VA Board of Directors)—administrate all board activities; preside at meetings of the board, executive committee, and state; submit forms and reports required by AAUW; ensure AAUW of Virginia Bylaws are updated; execute all legal documents; select all appointed officers and chairs, except for the Nominating Committee; and perform other duties usually pertaining to the office.
- **Vice President for Program**—Chair the Committee on Programs; assume the duties of the president in her absence or inability to serve.
- **Vice President for Public Policy**—Chair the Public

Policy Committee; assist the president with public policy issues to meet state and federal needs in accordance with AAUW guidelines.

- **Vice President for Communications**—Chair the Communications Committee, which includes those with responsibilities for the website, other social media and publication of the *Vision*.

#### Commitments:

- ⇒ Attend board meetings (summer, fall, winter conference call, and state conference).
- ⇒ Prepare reports for board meetings and the *Vision*.

#### Benefits:

- \$30/room, hotel reimbursement.
- \$.30/mile, travel reimbursement.
- Board meeting meals.

**Election Calendar:** From October 1 to December 1, 2017, the Nominating Committee will accept submittals from individuals and/or branches. Self-nominations are welcome. Co-officers may be nominated. The term of office for each position is July 1, 2018, to June 30, 2020. Each AAUW of VA member will vote online or by ballot following the 2018 state conference April 20-22. For more details, see the AAUW Board of Directors' Handbook at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net> and select "resource library."

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## Bylaws/Resolutions Committee:

### Call for Proposed State Bylaws Amendments and Proposed Resolutions



As chair of the Bylaws/Resolutions Committee, I am issuing a call for proposed amendments to the state bylaws and for proposed resolutions to be presented at the **AAUW of Virginia Annual Business Meeting in April 2018 in Portsmouth, Virginia**. These will be voted on under the **One Member, One Vote** procedure. **The deadline for submission is December 1, 2017.**

Proposed bylaws amendments must include a copy of the original section of the bylaws being amended, a marked-up version showing the specific wording of the amendment, and a clean version showing the language as it would be revised. The bylaws amendment proposal must include a statement of the rationale for the amendment.

Each proposed resolution must include the specific wording of the resolution, a statement of the rationale for the proposed resolution, and a proposed plan for the implementation of the resolution.

Please submit bylaws amendments and resolutions to the committee chair by email no later than December 1, 2017, using the contact information below. Please don't hesitate to contact me with any questions or for assistance.

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## Revisions to State and Branch Bylaws Report

**2016 AAUW Model Bylaws Revision - Virginia Status** AAUW of Virginia and all Virginia branches submitted conformed bylaws to National in accordance with the 2016 Model Bylaws distributed September 2016. Virginia was fully in compliance by April 2017. Congratulations to all Virginia branches!

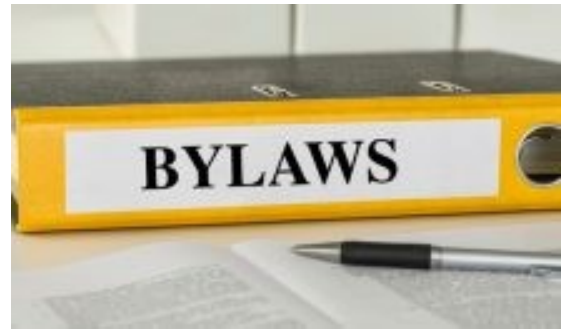
**AAUW Action to Enforce Bylaw Revision Compliance** Virginia AAUW members may be interested to know that National is enforcing compliance with the 2016 AAUW Model Bylaws as there remain some non-complying affiliates. In a July email, National advised that those affiliates that had not yet complied must submit revised bylaws by September

10, 2017. Another email warned that if revised bylaws are not submitted by the September 10<sup>th</sup> deadline, National would commence to implement National Policy 210, which provides procedures for termination of an affiliate. On August 4<sup>th</sup>, National sent a “reminder” letter to all non-complying affiliates to advise that on September 13<sup>th</sup>, it would place non-complying affiliates in a probationary affiliation status.

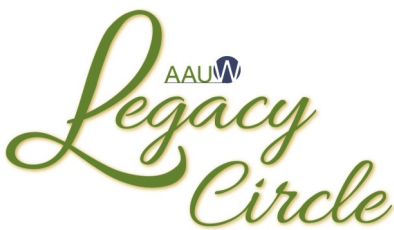
**No New AAUW Mandatory Bylaws Amendments Required in 2017** National has confirmed that there will be no changes to affiliate bylaws as a result of bylaw amendments approved at the national convention in June 2017.

**Request for Review by State Bylaws Chair of Any Branch Bylaws Changes** If any branch determines to revise its bylaws, the branch should please forward the draft changes to me for review prior to adoption by the branch board or membership, as required. Even if the proposed revisions are minor, it is best that I review the proposed revisions to ensure compliance with the 2016 AAUW Model and state and federal requirements prior to final action by the branch. Once the bylaws amendments are formally adopted, I will coordinate to post the revised bylaws on the national, state and branch websites.

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## What Legacy Will You Leave?



Wouldn't you like to leave a legacy to AAUW that will take the next generation to a level of AAUW we can only imagine? Let me tell you how to do that.

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support the AAUW mission, honor one's passion for our organization, and leave a lasting impact. Giving to the **AAUW Legacy Circle** through one's estate results in a stream of future income that will sustain and advance our mission. It ensures that AAUW will survive and thrive in the process.

Gifts to the **AAUW Legacy Circle** allow flexibility in providing for your family and supporting AAUW. Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime because you name AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, IRA, or other similar document. Every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

A person leaves a legacy out of the desire to be remembered for contributions to the world. Sometimes that contribution is so unique that the world is changed forever. For most of us, a more modest legacy will be remembered by those whose lives we touched. Such a legacy may not change the world, but it can leave lasting footprints. **Leave a legacy and join the AAUW Legacy Circle today!**

For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877/357-5587, or contact **Neola Waller**, National Legacy Circle Team Member at 757/217-2356.

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# Branches in Action

The **Alexandria Branch** is excited to begin this new AAUW year -- but we're also nervous about filling some very big shoes. Our branch was so lucky to have **Ginger Chamberlain** and **Danielle Beach** as our co-presidents and we can't thank them enough for their service! We'll be counting on help from every member to help fulfill AAUW's mission of **"Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."**

Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC) is our branch's college/university partner. Because college costs more than tuition, women students with children sometimes need extra help. The Women's Center is now a drop off spot for baby items. They can use diapers and other baby-related items for their students. Let Lane know ([lanelarrydc@comcast.net](mailto:lanelarrydc@comcast.net) or 703.307.2431) if you want to contribute and she will help you get your donation over there. This is a tangible way we can help these women complete their degree. We applaud the Women's Center for this project.

**On the Go with AAUW** is a public access cable TV show started by a member of the Alexandria Branch. We tape one show each month at Fairfax Public Access (FPA) located in the Merrifield area of Fairfax County. Please come watch us tape a show! Or, you can take a class at FPA and help produce shows. If you are interested in participating in producing/taping our public access cable TV show please call **Ruth Bennett** at 703-765-4536.

Over the summer the branch taped the following shows: • A discussion of some of the books that will be featured at the Fall for the Book 2017 event. This show aired in August and is now on YouTube. • An interview with **Brad Russell**, founder and president of the Washington West Film Festival. • An overview of the Alan Cheuse International Writers Center at George Mason University with Executive Director **Matt Davis** and board member **William Miller**.

**On the Go** has a YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for **On the Go with AAUW**. If you subscribe you will be notified when a new show is uploaded.

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**Greater Richmond Area Branch** kicked off the 2017-2018 year with a potluck dinner where our community college scholarship winners, **Cassie Perry** and **Tiffany Haynes**, spoke about the programs they were studying and how much Great Expectations had helped them navigate the community college experience. We had several newer members who had not been able to attend prior events join us as well as two guests who joined that night! Many signed up for our various interest groups and community efforts. It gave us inspiration to continue to work very hard at making our **Wine Tasting Fund Raiser**, Nov. 4<sup>th</sup>, be a truly great success. We are excited about the year ahead!

The branch will miss a long-time member, **Lila Williams**, who passed away Sept. 7, 2017.

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The **McLean Area Branch** will host a panel of experts on human trafficking November 4<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 PM.



*Betsy Schroeder, Aroona Borpujari with  
convention speaker Judy Woodruff*

The program will be held at Redeemer Lutheran Church in McLean. We are collaborating with our local school PTAs to bring this important topic to the community. All are welcome. We are excited that **Helene Cooper**, Pentagon correspondent to the NY Times, author and frequent panelist on Meet the Press, will be the guest speaker at our December 9<sup>th</sup> luncheon, pending her busy work schedule. The event will be held at Riverbend Country Club in Great Falls. Please check our website or newsletter for the most current information and reservations.

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# Branches in Action

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The **Northern District** meeting will still be held **Oct. 21st at 1:30 PM**, in the **George Mason Regional Library at 7001 Little River Turnpike**. This is a larger room; we are anticipating a good crowd to hear AAUW's new CEO, **Kim Churches**, talk about her vision for AAUW's present and future.

This will be an interactive meeting, with most of the time with Kim spent in conversation and question time. Those of you who attended the national convention know Kim is exceedingly vibrant, articulate, and inspiring. Thanks to all of you who are considering the district meeting as your October branch meeting.



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**Springfield/Annandale Branch** is looking forward to a variety of general meeting presentations on cybersecurity, redistricting, health concerns of women in Africa and the United States, the National Museum of African American History and Culture, Arab culture in America, an FBI agent's personal story and our annual recognition of high school students who are promoting inclusiveness in their schools. **Judge Leonie Brinkema** of the U.S. District Court of the Eastern District of Virginia will be our speaker at the annual Spring Fling fundraising luncheon on Saturday March 24th. She presided over the trial of 9/11 co-conspirator Zacharias Moussaoui and was the second judge to issue a stay on President's Trump's immigration ban and ordered access to lawyers for those detained at Dulles Airport.

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**Suffolk Branch** has submitted a list of their planned meetings for the 2017-2018 year. They include Mental Health for Women Support Groups Therapy on October 24<sup>th</sup>; Paint Rocks for AAUW mission on November 28<sup>th</sup>; and Deeper in Debt on January 23<sup>rd</sup>. Please tell us how these events went!

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For the past three years, the **Vienna Area Branch** has utilized a program planning committee to work with the program vice-president to develop monthly meeting topics. The committee meets early in the program year and brain storms ideas, keeping in mind the mission of AAUW and some lighter topics. Having a group brings a synergy to the process that is not possible with only one or two members; ideas can bounce around and new ones emerge as a result. Members who suggest ideas often take on key jobs such as initiating contact with possible speakers, or taking the entire lead for that meeting. Result: a richer mix of program ideas, less work for the program VP, as well as more sense of ownership and involvement for members. If your branch is not using a program committee, give it a try!

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## Calendar of Events 2017-2018

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Month/Date	Event	Attendees	Comment
September	Deadline to send out various rosters		POC: Corresponding Secretary
September 15	Call for resolutions and bylaws amendments from branches and members via Vision		POC: State Bylaws/Resolutions Chair
September 15	Deadline for Vision articles		POC: Vision Copy Editor
September 23	Northwest District meeting	All NW members	POC: NW District Representative
October 1	Deadline for receipt of Public Policy mini grant applications		POC: Public Policy Vice President
October 1	Call for candidates for state offices to branch presidents		POC: Nominating Committee Chair
October 5	AAUW -VA Federal Lobby Day	All AAUW VA members	POC: Public Policy Vice President
October 15	Deadline to file IRS Form 990N in MSD		POC: Branch Finance Vice Presidents
October 16	Last day to register to vote for November General Election		

October 21	Northern District meeting	All ND members	POC: Northern District Co-Representatives
October 28	Southwest District meeting	All SW District members	POC: SW District Co-Representatives
October 28	Southeast District meeting	All SE members	POC: SE District Representative
November 2	Latina Equal Pay Day	All AAUW VA members	
November 4-5	State Board meeting English Inn, Charlottesville	State board members	
November 28	AAUW Birthday		
November 30	Removal of Unpaid Members from Membership		POC: Membership Vice President
December 1	Deadline for receipt of proposed resolutions and bylaws amendments		POC: State Bylaws/Resolutions Chair
December 1	Deadline for State Board Nominations to Nominating Committee		POC: Nominating Committee Chair
December 30	Deadline for actual receipt at National AAUW of Branch AAUW Funds reports		POC: Branch Funds Chairs/Branch Presidents
January 1, 2017	Half Dues for New Members Begin		
January 10	State Board Conference Call	State board members	
January 11	Human Trafficking Awareness Day		
January 10-March 10	VA General Assembly in session		
January 15	Deadline for Vision articles		POC: Vision Copy Editor
February 7	State Lobby Day Richmond	All AAUW VA members	POC Public Policy Vice Presidents



March 1	Deadline for slate of nominees for state offices to branch presidents		POC: Nominating Committee Chair
March 1- 30	Members verify email in MSD is correct	All AAUW VA members	POC: Voting & Elections Chair
March 13	Final AAUW of VA ballot sent to National		POC: Voting & Elections Chair
March 15	Half Dues end for New Members (new members after March 15 pay full dues, which are good through June 30, 2019)		
April 1	Date to file IRS Form 990N in MSD opens		POC: Branch VPs for Finance
April 10	Equal Pay Day		
April 20	State Board Meeting- Portsmouth, Renaissance Hotel	Board members	
April 20-22	State Conference Portsmouth, Renaissance Hotel	All AAUW VA members	POC: State Co-Presidents
April 24	AAUW VA online voting begins	All AAUW VA members	POC: Voting & Elections Chair
May 14	AAUW VA online voting ends at midnight	All AAUW VA members	POC: Voting & Elections Chair
May 15	Deadline for Vision articles		POC: Vision Copy Editor
May TBD	Federal Lobby Day	All AAUW VA members	POC: VP for Public Policy
June 1	Roster of Branch Officers due to State Presidents		POCs: 2017-18 Branch Presidents
June 30	Deadline to submit branch officers to Member Services Database (MSD)		POCs: 2017-18 Branch Presidents
July 31	Black Women's Equal Pay Day		

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