

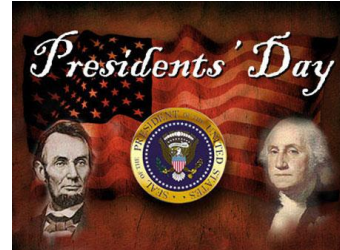


SPRINGFIELD/ANNANDALE BRANCH

FEBRUARY 2019



UPDATES



The AAUW Mission Statement:

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Thanks to a group of seventh grade students, the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors has added hedgehogs, chinchillas and hermit crabs to the list of pets that county residents may legally keep. If 12 and 13 year olds can overcome the opposition of the Fairfax County Animal Services Advisory Commission and change the county legislation regarding pets, just think what we as college educated mature women can do.

Especially while seeking warmth indoors in frigid February, take advantage of the internet and read up on issues AAUW is championing. Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers send out regular email advisories about AAUW supported issues in the Virginia Legislature. The AAUW Action Network sends out emails about issues on the national level such as the recent call for action to prevent the Department of Education from gutting Title IX. And the AAUW.org website page on "What We Do" is a treasure trove of information on civil rights issues, economic issues and education issues.

Once you feel informed, do something! Contact your state representative or senator, Congressional Representative or Senator and any others you choose such as Cabinet members. Use verbiage suggested by AAUW or use your own words. Go to the Two Minute Activist and use this easy way to make your voice heard. All this you can do without leaving your house.

And you can get out and join your AAUW sisters for Lobby Day in Richmond on

February 7. Most will be going down on February 6 for the AAUW sponsored reception for women legislators and to get a jump start on the 7th. A block of hotel rooms have been booked and local AAUW members have offered their guest rooms. Susan Burk just needs to know by January 30 if you are attending.

And in case you were wondering just what acceptable pets were already on Fairfax County's approved list, please know that hedgehogs, chinchillas and hermit crabs have been added to rabbits, hamsters, ferrets, gerbils, guinea pigs, mice, rats, turtles, fish, dogs, cats, birds (like canaries, parakeets, doves and parrots), worm or ant farms, non-poisonous spiders, chameleons and similar lizards ,non-poisonous snakes, and chickens, ducks and geese under two months old. Still no squirrels.

Judy Baldwin
Co-President

PROGRAM NOTES

Saturday, Feb. 16, 2019

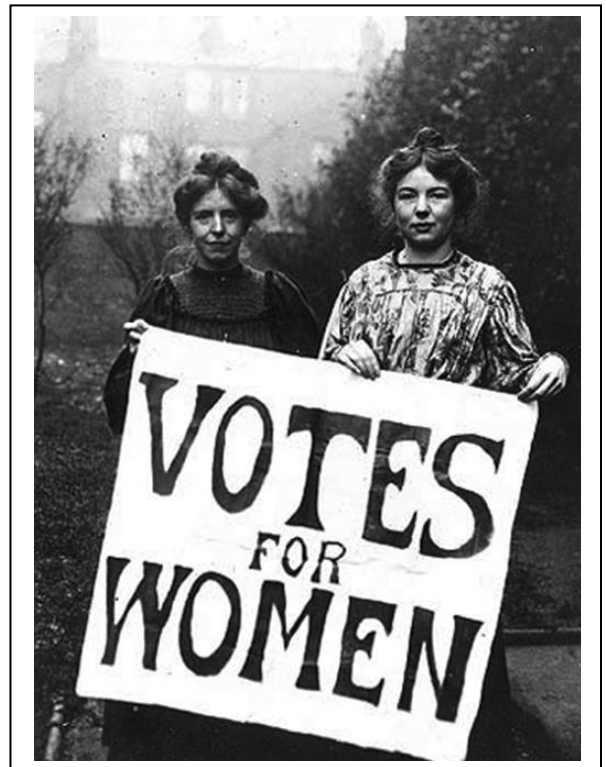
Sydenstricker United Methodist Church

8508 Hooes Road, Springfield 22153

10:00 AM- 12 pm

Join us for a movie, "One Woman, One Vote" This film documents the 70 year battle for women's suffrage in the US which culminated in the passage of the 19th amendment to the Constitution. The struggle split the suffrage movement into antagonistic factions. We will see the various leaders portrayed who gave so much of their lives to making our country a true democracy. The amendment was passed by Congress on June 4, 1919 and ratified on August 18, 1920.

All are welcome to attend. The venue has plenty of parking and is located right off of Sydenstricker Rd. near Fx.County Pkwy. Look for the signs pointing to our meeting space when you arrive. Light refreshments will be served. (Please note that this is a change from the program advertised in the membership directory.)
QUESTIONS? Call Irene McGhee, 703- 628 4048.





MARCH 30, 2019



The Springfield-Annandale Branch of the AAUW will host its annual Spring Fling at the Springfield Golf and Country Club from 11AM to 2:30 PM. Please come and enjoy a silent auction filled with wonderful treasures, a delicious luncheon and a very interesting speaker. We are very fortunate to have as our speaker, Alice McDermott, a noted author and winner of the National Book Award for *Charming Billy*. This fundraiser supports AAUW programs such as fellowships, leadership development, lifelong education for women, and similar projects.

Please invite your friends and family and send in your order form to Rose Clark no later than March 22. The tickets are \$40 each. The flyer with all the details and the order form is attached to this update. I hope to see all of you at our special event on March 30, 2019.

Ann Sauberman
Spring Fling Co-Chair



I hope you are all still thinking about the Silent Auction and what you have and don't use anymore. We are trying to upgrade the auction and will be selling items that you feel will sell for \$10 or more....but we will also be making baskets so if you have a "collection" of items (ex. candles, new books, wine (always a big seller) that could combine to make an interesting basket we could do that also. Please note: There is a change in the drop off location and times. The address will now be: .Ann Sauberman, 8810 Sandy Ridge Ct. Fairfax, Va. 22031. Drop off days are Friday, March 22 thru Sunday, Mar 24. Please call Ann first to let her know you are coming (703-323-0948). If you have business donation cards, please drop those off at Ann's also.

Please remember that this is our biggest fundraiser of the year and it pays for the college stipend that we give to the four deserving students in April.

Thank You,

Nancy O'Day
703-425-7727

PUBLIC POLICY –

We had a very successful ERA Lobby Day on January 19 with 20 members in Richmond to hand-deliver copies of “Unfinished Business” to every Virginia delegate and senator (139 offices in total). The Senate has passed the ERA resolution. Now action is with the House of Delegates and will be a challenge. We will be emailing you separately on how you can continue to help make Virginia the 38th state to ratify the ERA.

Next up is our annual State Lobby Day in Richmond on Thursday, February 7, 2019.

We have two items for your urgent attention:

- 1. We have reserved a block of rooms at the Omni Hotel in Richmond, VA for our state Lobby Day on February 7, 2019. Reservations must be made on line (link below) or call 1-800-OMNI and identify yourself with the American Association of University Women” group. ALL RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY JANUARY 30TH TO GUARANTEE THE GROUP RATE OF \$147.00/ROOM.**

Members of the Greater Richmond Branch also have offered to host our members overnight on February 6. If you would like to take advantage of GRAAUW's hospitality, please let Sylvia and I and Carol Stephens, Co-President of AAUW of VA (carterstephens69@icloud.com) know AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.

2. AAUW of VA will host its second annual reception in honor of Virginia's women legislators on February 6, 2019, the evening before Lobby Day. The reception will be an open house from 6-8 pm at the Commonwealth Strategy Group, 118 N. 8th Street, Richmond, VA 23219. All lobby day participants are invited to attend.

Please let us know BY JANUARY 30, 2019, WHETHER YOU PLAN TO JOIN US FOR STATE LOBBY DAY, AND IF YOU WILL PARTICIPATE IN THE FEBRUARY 6 RECEPTION. We must have a firm headcount to determine food/drink amounts for the reception. We also will need a list of individuals who will be joining our meetings with the Governor and Lt. Governor. This is a short General Assembly session and there will be no snow date.

We will be finalizing our program and agenda in the coming days.

Thanks,

Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers
Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy
AAUW of Virginia

EVENTS FOR FEBRUARY



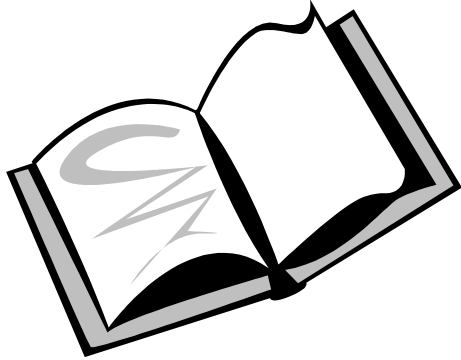
Movies at Midweek

Our monthly movie date is on Wednesday, February 27 at Cinema Arts Theatre. Please do RSVP to me (a change), whether you're just coming to the movie and/or can also stay for lunch. That way, in case of inclement weather and a possible cancellation, I'll know whom to email or call and we can get a headcount for lunch ahead of time.

See you at the movies!

Ginny Wells
Movie Maven

READERS' CORNER



The **Evening Book Group** will meet on February 11 at 3:00 pm at the home of Judy Titterton. [Note that this is a date change from the schedule in the Directory.] This month's book selection is The Black Count by Tom Reiss. Judy Titterton will also review the book.

The **Morning Book Group** is reading The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane by Lisa See. Hostesses are Ginny Wells and Jo Domingues. The group will meet at the home of Ginny at 9:30 AM on February 14. Deborah Dodd will review the book.



Mark Your Calendar

» UPCOMING EVENTS

February

11 Evening Book Group 3 pm
14 Morning Book Group 9:30 am
16 General Meeting 10 am

Did You Ever Wonder How To?
(Print and Save for Future Reference)

- Sign up for Two-Minute Activist
 - Go to www.aauw.org
 - Click on ISSUES at the top
 - Click on TAKE ACTION on left
 - This will take you to the Public Policy Two-Minute Activist page

- Locate your AAUW member number (2 ways)
 - Go to www.aauw.org and click on “Login” at the top. At the Login page, click on “Forgot AAUW Member ID?” and enter required information to get your number
 - Contact AAUW at 800/326-AAUW and ask for your number if you do not have access to a computer

- Enter or edit your address, email, and phone number in the AAUW Member Services Database (MSD)
 - Go to www.aauw.org
 - Go to bottom of the page and Click on “Member Tools”
 - Log into Member Tools (see above if you don’t have your member number at hand)
 - Once in Member Tools, go to “Manage your AAUW Membership”
 - Click on “Enter Member Services Database”
 - Alternatively, you can call AAUW at 800/326-AAUW and ask that your contact information be corrected.
 - Why keep your MSD updated? Your email address for *Outlook* and the *Virginia Vision* and all emails from national and VA comes from this list.

- Find
 - The state website. Put aauw-va.aauw.net/ in your browser. This website lists directors and branch information and has a resource library available with links to AAUW national and AAUW-VA state information.
 - AAUW national history (1881-2014). Put history.aauw.org/ in your browser.
 - AAUW-VAstate history (1925-200). Put aauw-va.aauw.net/aauw/history/ in your browser.

- Learn about AAUW current activities
 - Read a succinct summary of all that is going on with AAUW. If you look at only one email from national AAUW, look at the monthly “Mission & Action.” This newsletter is sent to all members with an email address in the MSD. It is brief, easy to read and keeps you up-to-date on the many AAUW activities.

- Identify our AAUW College/University Partner.
 - Our branch college partner is Northern Virginia Community College. In our area, other AAUW university partners are George Mason and Marymount Universities.