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President's Pen

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Co-Presidents

Greetings and welcome back from our unusually hot summer. Your board has been meeting over the summer to prepare for the coming year. The Membership and Program Vice Presidents have plans to welcome new members and provide interesting program meetings. We encourage all to get involved and bring a friend to our diverse activities.

Elsewhere in this newsletter you will get details on what is happening in the next few months. Our AAUW Funds Co-Chairs, Sonja Vaughn and Stephanie Abbott, are already making plans for fundraising, including this year's auction. Merchant solicitation will begin this autumn to ensure we have another successful auction in December. If you have any prospects for donors, please let Sonja or Stephanie know. Over the summer they have been busily preparing for the "Gently Used Jewelry & Purse Sale" at the Reston Farm Market that will occur on October 1.

If you are a Facebook user, please check us out on Facebook. Members should post upcoming events there and encourage friends to visit our page. Also, check out our website at <http://aauwofva.org/branches/reston.htm> to learn more about our activities.

The Board is looking forward to 2011-2012 program year. You will find plenty of fun and stimulating activities throughout the year. My highlights are just a sample of what your branch is planning. We welcome suggestions from our members for ways to make us even more meaningful and fun.

Sincerely,
Judy

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Program Co-Chairs

September Branch Meeting

"Legislative Update"

Thursday, September 15

7PM Networking - 7:30PM Program

We are kicking off the year with a legislative update with some of our Virginia state representatives. It looks to be a lively year in politics, so come hear what our state leaders have to say. Janet Howell and Ken Plum will both be at this meeting speaking with us about the important issues at the state level. Bring your questions and comments so that you can make your voice heard directly to our state leaders. Come at 7PM to reconnect with members you haven't seen over the summer – you'll have lots to discuss.

Location: Reston Regional Library

11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Reston

NOTE: Although the library closes at 6pm to the public, the meeting room is OPEN and accessible for our meeting.

October Branch Meeting

Thursday, October 20, 7PM

Be sure to hold the date for our October meeting that will also be held at the Reston Regional Library. We will hear from author Paul Herbert who will discuss his book *God Knows All Your Names*. It is a book of short stories in American History.

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AAUW Funds

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AAUW Funds Co-Chairs

Gently Used Jewelry & Purse Sale



We Need Your Help!

Price & Sort - September 20-21

Sale Day - Saturday, October 1

On Saturday, October 1, 2011 the "Gently Used Jewelry & Purse Sale" will be held at the Reston Farm Market, located in the Lake Anne Village Center, from 8 AM until 12 PM. We look to AAUW members to support the sale and enjoy the fresh produce at the market. Please bring your family and friends to help us raise \$500 + for our Branch scholarship fund for senior girls at Herndon and South Lakes High Schools.

Here is how you can help...

Donations - We are continuing to accept donations. Please take another look at your pocketbooks and costume jewelry that are in saleable condition and contribute to our inventory.

Volunteers are needed to sort and price. Please contact Sonja to sign up to sort and price items at her home on September 20-21, 2PM-4PM.

Location: 11814 Blue Spruce Road, Reston

Set Up & Sales - How about helping on Sale Day, October 1? The plan is to begin setting up the table around 7 AM. We will need volunteers who can work 2 hour shifts beginning at 7 AM through take down at 12 PM. Please contact either of the Co-Chairs should you have questions or wish more information.

Items that do not sell will be auctioned off during the silent auction at our annual holiday event in December. Any remaining items will be donated to the Clothes Closet and/or Bargain Loft in Herndon.



Northern District News

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Your Co-Northern District Representatives

Fall Meeting

Saturday, October 22, 10AM

The Northern District's **fall meeting** will be held on October 22. Doors open at 10AM. The meeting will begin at 10:30AM and conclude by 1PM.

Location:

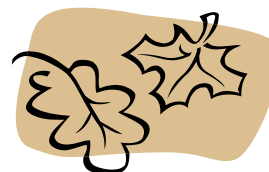
Kings Park Library

9000 Burke Lake Road Burke, Springfield

Information on the guest speaker will be forthcoming. Besides the guest speaker, information on "One Member One Vote" that will be used to vote on state officers and bylaws this spring will be presented. There will also be information on the upcoming State Convention, April 20-22, which will be at the City Centre Marriott in Newport News. The convention theme is "Making Waves." The meeting is open to branch members and the public. We are looking forward to seeing all of you there.

Did you know? Northern District has a portable loudspeaker system

The Northern District has a portable loudspeaker system that branches can use for meeting, special events, fundraisers, etc. To reserve, please contact Sandra Lawrence.





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Membership Report

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Membership Co-Chairs

New & Prospective Members “Meet & Greet”

Wednesday, September 14, 7PM

If you have joined AAUW within the past year or if you are curious about what AAUW is about, you are invited to an informal coffee and goodies. Please invite friends/neighbors and join us.

Location:

Home of Roberta Sherman
2950 Timber Wood Way, Herndon
703-860-3943.

RSVP no later than Monday, September 12 to Shirley Schulz, 703 476-0029 or schulzshirley@hotmail.com .

Many of our branch board members will be on hand to answer questions about our organization, including how it works on three levels (national, state and local), what our goals are, and some of our achievements. We'll talk about the branch activities such as GEMS, Lobby Corps, Mentor Program and more.

Membership requirements for AAUW are an AA degree or higher and a commitment of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. We have both women and men members.

Member-Helping-Member Fund

Member Helping Member Fund has been established to assist members needing financial assistance with dues on an annual basis. Members wishing to contribute to this fund can send checks (payable to AAUW R-H Branch with MHM on memo line) to Treasurer, Nancy Thompson or donate at future branch meetings. MHM Funds can also be added to your renewal check sent to Nancy.

Renewals Due Now!

Dues for the 2011-2012 year are past due. The amount is \$72.00

- \$49 for the national association,
- \$8 for the state, and
- \$15 for the branch.
- **\$46 is tax deductible.**
- Life members owe only \$23 for state and branch dues.

Our fiscal year is July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012, so it is important you renew as soon as possible.



You can renew by check made payable to AAUW Reston-Herndon Area Branch. Send your check to:

Nancy Thompson, Treasurer,
13676 Heythorpe Ct.,
Gainesville, VA 20155-1348.

Don't forget you also have the option to renew by charging to a credit card online at the AAUW website (see below.)



Renewing Membership Online

Branch members who wish to renew by credit card may do so online. All who renew online receive an immediate confirmation email, which is also sent to the branch treasurer.

The first time you access the program, the login process has a few extra steps. Those steps are documented as follows on Page 4.

Read this newsletter online and use the hyperlinks to access the WEB directly.

<http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/reston.htm>



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How to Log-In:

1. To Get Your Member ID

Go to www.aauw.org. At the top of the screen, click on "Member Center". On the Member Login screen click on the turquoise "Member ID lookup". Enter your name and ZIP code, and then click on "Submit". Your information redisplay along with your ID. Click on the turquoise "enter member center". Your ID is now displayed in the login screen. Click on "Log In" to get to the Member Center.

2. To Access the Member Services Database (MSD)

From the Member Center screen, select "Member Services Database". If this is your first time, click on "register here" then enter the requested information and create a password. Click on "Register". An email will be sent from AAUW to your email address on record. Open this email to get a secure link to complete your registration so you can log into the MSD.

3. To Access Your Personal Membership Record. After logging into the MSD, you can access your record in the Membership Payment Program (MPP.) On the left side of the Welcome screen, select "Personal Membership MPP" and then enter your credit card information. Remember to look for the confirmation email.

After the first time, the whole process is much easier. Once you select "Member Center" and then Member Services Database" your ID will be displayed. All you need to do is enter your password and follow step 3 above.



**HISTORIC AAUW OPPORTUNITY
FOR YOU!**

This year marks AAUW's 130th anniversary, and for all those years AAUW has been making history with ground-breaking research and leading the way on issues of education and equity. Our earliest records were stored in a wooden trunk (which AAUW still has). And we have archived many hundreds of boxes documenting AAUW's work from our first pay equity study (1913) to our seminal research in the 1990's on girls in schools.

However, in the recent past budget cuts have impacted the maintenance and preservation of AAUW's historical records. Fortunately, our current volunteer and professional leaders are committed to preserving our history and making it available for use by both members and researchers. Believing that we advance more surely when we know where we've been, a volunteer Archives Task Force, chaired by Caroline Pickens with members from MD, SC, PA, and TX, was created in 2009 to assess our situation and prepare a long-range plan. AAUW received a modest grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities that enabled us to have a professional consultant help us, and AAUW's commitment to our history has allowed the hiring of a part-time archivist.

Here's where YOU come in.

We are forming a volunteer **Archives Corps** (like our longstanding and effective Lobby Corps) to gather at AAUW periodically, under the archivist's training and direction, to help evaluate and process records and assist the archivist in this important work of preserving our wonderful history.

You will meet incredible women from AAUW's past and learn many inspiring stories. As a bonus you'll be working with other committed AAUW members, so you know how stimulating the company will be. Do join us—for having fun; for making a difference. Contact Caroline Pickens to volunteer: carolineaauw@gmail.com 703/448-0415.

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**Book Group**

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Next Meeting -Pot Luck Dinner
 Thursday, September 22, 6:30PM

All meetings are held on the 4th Thursday monthly and begin at 7:30PM in members' homes. Our September meeting is our annual kick-off for the new fiscal year and will include a Pot Luck Dinner.

September 22 (Pot Luck Dinner– 6:30PM)
The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by **Rebecca Skloot**

Hostess: Marilyn Silvey
 2521 Trophy Lane, Reston 20191
 Facilitator: TBA

Please let Marilyn know if you will be attending (marilynsilvey@comcast.net 703-860-5141) and what food item you will bring - entree, side dish, dessert.

October 27 - *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain

Hostess: Judi Orloff
 2213 Burgee Court, Reston 20191
 Facilitator: Linda Walker

November – No Meeting

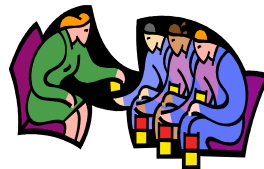
December 1 - *The Sun Also Rises* by Ernest Hemingway

Hostess: Linda Walker
 1402 Hemingway Court, Reston 20190
 Facilitator: TBA

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January 26 – *The Fall of Empires* by Ken Follett

Hostess: TBA
 Facilitator: TBA

**Mentor Program**

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 Mentor Program Co-Chairs

Mentor Orientation

Tuesday, September 27
 Forest Edge Elementary School

The start of the new school year is just around the corner. For those of you who still retain the sense that a real year begins, not on Jan. 1, but on the first day of school, we welcome you to join kindred spirits in our Forest Edge ES mentoring program as a regular mentor or a “sub”...a highly regarded position!

Let's take a brief look back to the Tuesday after the final week of mentoring in June. Co-Chairs Mary and Gail hosted the second annual “Purely Social Luncheon” at Mary's house. It was a delightful opportunity for regular and substitute mentors to gather after a school year of Tuesdays with our mentees. We were sorry that Kristine actually had to cut the engagement short and return to her real job!



For the time being, we have suspended our Langston Hughes program. Several of our dedicated Middle School mentors have seen their “girls” move up to

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High School. In some cases competing school activities, all positive and character building, at the Middle School have precluded the mentees from continuing with our program.

The LH after-school coordinator recognized, in a meeting, that over the past three years AAUW mentors had served as strong advocates for their mentees by interacting with teachers, counselors and parents-all with positive outcomes. Many thanks to mentors Fran Lovaas, Ellen Rugel, Terri Ostrowski, Roberta Sherman, Joan Waggoner and our recently departed, Hale Ament. Their efforts and persistence may not be recognized by their students today, but surely will be in the coming years.

Our first meeting this year is on September 27 for mentor orientation. The regular schedule with students begins the following week on October 4. Mr. Frank Bensinger, Principal, retired after a wonderful career and we now look forward to meeting Ms. Kim Price, newly appointed Principal.

We would love to hear from you if you can spare 90 minutes on Tuesday afternoons or be available a few times a year to substitute for our dedicated mentors. Or if you know of someone, a Mr. or Ms. who would like to be part of this team, please get in touch with either of the Co-Chairs.



Tape Group

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Great American Music

Tuesday, September 20

Join us as we continue our course of Great American Music: Broadway Musicals presented by Professor Bill Messenger of The Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University.

On Tuesday, September 20, we will watch the final two lectures - "Rock 'n' Roll Reaches Broadway" &

"Big Bucks and Long Runs". Save the date on your calendar as these are wonderful lectures.

Location:

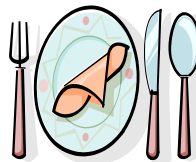
Home of Roberta Sherman
2950 Timber Wood Way, Herndon, VA
703-860-3943.

Since many of our regular members are involved in another afternoon activity, **our next two tape group sessions will begin a half hour earlier, 9:30AM**, and end no later than 11:30AM. This will allow those participating to get to the 11:45AM OLLI classes in Reston and the 12:15PM OLLI classes in Loudoun.



Adopt-a-Spot Program

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Lobby Corps and Public Policy informational updates are forwarded to members via email as soon as they are received from National and State AAUW offices.

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