

American Association of University Women
Bon Air Byline | April 2010

April Branch Meeting

Guest speaker Carl Mahler will talk about financial planning, especially related to retirement.

About our speaker: The highly regarded *Barron's* financial magazine lists Carl Mahler one of the Top 25 Financial Advisors in Virginia and one of the Top 1,000 Advisors in America for 2010

Carl founded The Pinnacle Group in 1985 to help individuals and families achieve, manage and maintain wealth through comprehensive financial planning. With more than 40 years experience, Carl currently serves a limited number of families, forming long-term personal relationships with each, assisting them with the various financial elements of life planning from developing investment strategies, retirement planning, and saving for children's or grandchildren's educations, to coordinating strategies to help minimize income and estate taxes.

Carl works to provide all clients with confidence that the newest, most effective strategies available are being employed on their behalf, and that new opportunities are continually reviewed. As their financial point-person, he presents to clients pertinent information to help them make informed decisions, while allowing them the freedom to pursue their life goals.

Please join us on April 17 for lunch with your AAUW friends in this sparkling new facility AND benefit from an informative talk from a highly regarded financial professional. **Complimentary luncheon provided by The Crossings facility**

While there is no charge for lunch, but we do need to know how many folks will attend. Please **RSVP** to Virginia Turner by Friday, April 9 to let her know you're coming. Contact Gina by email at gcab1832@verizon.net or call her at 560-4705.

Date:	Saturday, April 17, 2010
Time:	12:30 pm luncheon meeting
Place:	The Crossings at Bon Air Retirement Community 9100 Bon Air Crossings Drive, Richmond Just off Midlothian Turnpike West at intersection with Powhite Parkway

Presidents' Message

It seems a short time ago your board began planning the **first annual meeting of AAUW Greater Richmond Branch**. And now great gathering, with election of our first board to lead the newly merged branch and approval of by-laws that will guide our functioning the cake – an exciting presentation about the soon-to-reopen Virginia Museum of Fine Arts where we'll be holding our end-of-year luncheon on May 15.

I mentioned last month that the board had been disappointed at the low attendance at most of our branch meetings before last month. That meeting turned that around, with a substantial portion of our members present to vote on the new slate of officers and by-laws. Action will set the course for our future as AAUW Greater Richmond Branch.

In April, we're looking forward to our branch meeting on Saturday, April 17, with a free lunch at a new retirement facility AND free financial planning from a highly regarded professional financial planner with over 40 years' experience advising individuals and families in the Richmond area. Details. Finally, we'll celebrate our transformational year of merger and install new officers on Saturday, May 15.

As branch president for two more years, I'm looking forward to working with our new board composed of both new and continuing officers. Our current Bon Air treasurer, will serve as Finance Officer for one more year; and **Marian Seigla** continues on the board as our Community Chair for two years. **Gaynel Olsen** will be our Vice President for Programs, and **Nancy Berger**, Vice President for Membership for one year. Gay and Nancy have agreed to work with Gay and Nancy as they plan programs and develop membership. And last but certainly not least, **Laura Wimmer** has agreed to step into the role of state public policy chair. She has also agreed to serve our branch in that capacity. Where will we be without Laura?

Your 2010-11 board will also be seeking volunteers for several non-elected positions. If you have not yet volunteered to serve the Greater Richmond Branch in some capacity, please consider what types of activities you would like to become involved in. Opportunities include AAUW Funds Chair; Hospitality Chair to assist with meeting preparations; and various communications tasks. Even members who are not able to take on a full role can still contribute.

assignment can support the branch in smaller ways.

I personally feel very fortunate to be a part of AAUW in Richmond as we enter the next phase and our second century of breaking down barriers for women and girls. I feel both honored and humbled to be selected as your president – I know these phrases are virtually clichés, but I really mean it! I need everyone's support to go along with the confidence you've shown in electing me.

DeAnn Lineberry
President, AAUW Greater Richmond

Board Meeting Minutes

Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse, March 15, 2010

Members present: DeAnn Lineberry, President Bon Air; Gina Turner, Program Vice President; Marty Beeman, Treasurer Richmond; Cheryl Kapec, Treasurer Bon Air; Kathy Kelley, AAUW Funds Chair; Laura Wimmer, President Richmond; Marian Seigla, Hospitality Chair.

Update on official status of merger: Laura reported that the official paperwork is being signed by DeAnn and Laura and it will be sent to the AAUW Board for signing at their meeting in May, 2010. Our bank accounts will merge.

Cheryl made a motion to open a Post Office Box after the merger so that our organization would have a permanent address. Approximate cost would be \$65.00 a year. Gina seconded the motion; after discussion, passed unanimously.

Treasurers' report: Marty reported that the Richmond Branch has \$1,919.77 in checking and \$7,495.92 in their Vanguard account. Cheryl reported that the Bon Air Branch has \$1,072.04 in checking and \$900.91 in savings. It was mentioned that when there is a social function, people bringing food etc should bring a receipt for reimbursement.

Membership updates: There is a chance we will soon get three new members. DeAnn mentioned that we need to find our official membership brochures.

Remaining board meetings: April 12, May 17, and June 14 at Willow Oaks Clubhouse. The June meeting will be for 2009-10 board members and 2010-11 board members meeting together for transition.

Programs: Everything is set for the April 17th meeting at the Crossings at Bon Air and the May banquet at the Virginia Museum. A contingency plan was discussed in case the museum does not open. Marian will contact 2300 Club.

April **newsletter** deadline is March 20.

State Convention: At least six branch members expect to attend State Convention April 23-25. Delegates from the Richmond Branch are Cheryl and Marian; Jane and DeAnn from Bon Air. Since Kathy and Laura are on the State Board, they will get a vote. Laura made a motion to give each delegate \$100.00 from the Richmond treasury and DeAnn (as president) an extra \$50.00 from the Bon Air treasury for convention expenses. Gina seconded it. It passed and Cheryl commented that it was very generous of us to do that.

We discussed the "one member one vote" proposed state-level bylaws change that came from the National Convention in June 2009 and will talk about it at our next meeting. It will be voted on at the convention.

The basket for the LAF raffle at convention will have books etc from the Greater Richmond Branch and products from Virginia for the Southeast District basket.

Next board meeting will be Monday, April 12, at Willow Oaks

Kathy Kelley and DeAnn Lineberry

Calendar

April 3

Gourmet, *Julia Child*, 7 pm

April 12

Branch Board meeting, Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse

April 15

Board Meeting, 7pm

April 17

Financially Fit for Life, Luncheon meeting at Bon Air Crossings

New Website Address for our New Branch!

As we have been completing the activities to join the Bon Air Area Branch and the Richmond Branch, our website has been taking on a new look. Now it has a new name! Reach the website of the new AAUW Greater Richmond Branch at aauwrichmond.org.

Our old name (aauwbonairva.org) will continue to function for quite a while and point to the same site. What should you do? Use the new name to navigate to the site and then bookmark or save to Favorites. That way you will easily be able to find your way back AAUWRichmond.org!

Comments or suggestions? Contact Jane Newell at jane.newell@comcast.net

Jane Newell
Webmaster

April 23-25

Virginia State Convention, Fairfax

May 15

Celebration luncheon at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

May 17

Branch Board meeting, Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse

June 14

Outgoing and Incoming Branch Boards meet, Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse



Gourmet

On April 13, Lois Hofstra and Earl Rogers will host as we recreate the recipes from *Mastering the Art of French Cooking* by the renowned Julia Child. For information, contact Lois and Earl at Cheryl at 804-794-9541.

Book Group

Continuing a more than 30-year-old tradition, Bon Air AAUW Book Group will meet Thursday, April 15 at 7:30 p.m., at Pat lotecher@earthlink.net or phone 560-4026.

This month's book is ***Remembering Babylon***, by David Malouf (1994). This rich and compelling novel from one of Australia's greatest living writers gives an immensely powerful vision of human differences and eternal divisions. In the mid-1840s, a young British cabin boy is cast ashore in far north Australia and taken in by aborigines. Then 16 years later he moves back into the world of Europeans, among hopeful yet terrified settlers who are staking out their small patch of home in an alien place. To them, he offers a different kind of challenge – a force that at once fascinates and repels. His own identity in this new world is as unsettling to him as the knowledge he brings to others of the savage, the aboriginal.

Future Reading:

- **May 20: *The Bookmaker's Daughter: A Memory Unbound***, by Shirley Abbott (1991). A deeply felt memoir and a journey through family history, feminist insight, and Southern mythology. A daughter reflects on the complicated and volatile love she and her father shared. Abbott grew up in 1940s and 50s Arkansas, with a kind and attentive father who opens the door to a world of language and literature for her. *Hostess* – DeAnn Lineberry.
- **June 17: *Olive Kitteridge***, by Elizabeth Strout, *Winner of 2009 Pulitzer Prize*. Tiny Crosby, Maine, may seem like nowhere, but it's in essence the whole world, and the lives that are lived there are filled with all of the grand human drama – desire, despair, jealousy, hope, and love. Retired schoolteacher Olive Kitteridge deplores the changes in her little town and in the world at large, but she doesn't always recognize the changes in those around her. As the townspeople grapple with their problems, mild and dire, Olive is brought to a deeper understanding of herself and her life – sometimes painfully, but always with ruthless honesty. ***Olive Kitteridge*** offers profound insights into the human condition – its conflicts, its tragedies and joys, and the endurance it requires. *Hostess* – Gina Turner.
- **July 15: *Alice in Wonderland***, by Lewis Carroll (1865). Interest in new film related to *Alice in Wonderland* prompted us to choose this classic fantasy for light summer reading. We're looking forward to revisiting as adults a story we know from childhood. *Hostess*: Cheryl Kapec.
- **August 19: Summer Social** – time for fun!

Book Group normally meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. All Branch members and their guests are welcome. Contact DeAnn Lineberry for more information: deann.lineberry@yahoo.com or phone 233-5352.

DeAnn Lineberry
Book Group Chair

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