

**American Association of University Women
Bon Air Byline | February 2010**

Annual Lobby Day

AAUW of Virginia and the League of Women Voters of Virginia will jointly participate in the annual Lobby Day at Virginia State Capitol. Join the group for a briefing on major issues for the 2010 Assembly Session, meet with Senators and Delegates; participate in Women's Legislative Roundtable; attend committee meetings

Date: Wednesday, January 27, 2010
Place: Virginia State Capitol
Lunch: Tobacco Company Restaurant
For more information, see the PDF document detailing the day's activities: [Lobby Day.pdf](#)

SAVE THE DATE

New Greater Richmond Branch Bylaws

The members of the Richmond Branch and the Bon Air Area Branch will be voting on new bylaws for the merged, Greater Richmond Branch at the Annual Meeting on March 13th. The newly drafted bylaws can be reviewed by following the directions on the front page of the website at www.aauwbonairva.org. The current Bon Air and Richmond bylaw documents can be reviewed for comparison on the Membership page of the site. This new document was drafted by a Bylaws Committee consisting of Laura Wimmer (Richmond), Marsha King Carter (Bon Air), Mary Farrell (Bon Air) and Jane Newell (Bon Air and Richmond).

Any questions or feedback can be directed to the Bylaws Committee in care of Jane Newell. All members should plan to attend the Annual Meeting in March to participate in the vote.

Jane Newell

On **Sunday, February 28th** from **2:00-4:00 pm** Marian Seigla is hosting a **Membership Orientation and Tea** at her home. Marsha Carter will be assisting her with the Orientation Program. So much has changed at the Division level, National level and at our local level, we have much to discuss.

An invitation will come to each member through email or the US Postal mail. We ask that you RSVP in a timely manner. If you would like to offer to help, they will listen!

*Marsha Carter
Membership Chair*

Presidents' Message

I hope the new year is going well for everyone, despite its cold and wet beginning. I personally like to get the cold over with than possibly facing it in late March and even April, so I try not to complain!

Our January meeting afforded a chance to learn about our General Assembly and its workings (for good and not so good) from a very informative speaker and experienced lobbyist Nancy Finch. We expect to invite her back for future meetings to help us be better informed. Then thanks to our Webmaster Jane Newell's expertise, combined with the state-of-art facilities at Tuckahoe Library we were able to watch the swearing in of our new attorney general, lieutenant governor, and Governor Bob McDonnell, as well as the new Governor's inaugural address. What a treat to share this experience with our AAUW friends!

I hope to see many of you at the Capital on Wednesday, January 27, for AAUW's and the League of Women Voters' annual Inauguration Day. You will find details elsewhere in this newsletter and via direct email.

I also hope to see all members and their guests at a special **Membership Tea on Sunday afternoon, February 28, at Marian Seigla's home**. This gathering will offer a chance for us to greet our old friends, get better acquainted with members from Richmond and Bon Air Branches, and introduce others to the advantages of AAUW membership. Please plan to attend and bring guests.

Soon our **first nominating committee for Greater Richmond AAUW** will begin working on our first slate of officers. At the March 13th Branch meeting, we will elect President, Vice President for Programs, and Communications Officer for two-terms. Since we are forming a new branch, we will also vote to complete the two-year terms for Vice President Membership and Finance Officer. Please consider how you can serve our new branch as we strive to build a vibrant presence for women of Central Virginia. No job is small – they are all important. So please say yes when the nominating committee calls!

I'm excited about the next few months' activities as Greater Richmond AAUW progresses into a new entity, building on the traditions and strengths of both the 101-year-old Richmond Branch and the 33-year-old Bon Air Branch. Almost a century and a half of working to improve the lives of women and girls in Central Virginia! Our branches have done much, but there is much to do still. How fortunate we are to be a part of this new yet on-going effort!

DeAnn Lineberry, deann.lineberry@yahoo.com, 233-5352

Board Meeting Minutes

Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse, January 18, 2010

Members present: DeAnn Lineberry, Gina Turner, Cheryl Kapec, Marsha Carter, Jane Newell, Maggie King, and Ann Sterling

Jane Newell gave us a refresher course on Robert's Rules of Order which we will be following more closely from now on, at all board and branch meetings.

Ann Sterling passed out information from the League of Women voters in Virginia about **AAUW Lobby Day January 27 and the Women's Roundtable at the General Assembly**.

By-laws: Jane Newell, Marsha Carter, Mary Farrell, and Laura Wimmer have worked on the bylaws for the Greater Richmond AAUW. Copy of new by-laws was emailed to board members in advance of meeting for review. Jane made the motion and Marsha seconded that the by-laws be sent to the branch members by email and mail for approval at the March 13th branch meeting. After Branch approval, by-laws will be sent to AAUW Virginia by-laws chairwoman for state board approval. Motion passed.

Nominating committee, new officers for Greater Richmond AAUW: The bylaws state that the nominating committee should be made up of at least three members, one of which must be a non board member. For this year, board thought the nominating committee should be composed of four members, two from Richmond Branch membership and two from Bon Air Branch membership. At our annual meeting in March, we will elect President, Vice President for Programs, and Communications Officer (each serving a two-year term). Since we are forming a new branch, we will also vote to complete the two year terms for Vice President Membership and Finance Officer. Marsha made the motion and Kathy seconded that DeAnn make the calls to form the committee. Motion passed.

A **membership tea** will be on **Sunday afternoon, February 28**, at Marian Siegla's home. We will utilize a program from the AAUW website called "The Value of Belonging." Invitations will be sent to prospective members as well as to Members At Large in our area.

Kathy Kelley

Southeast District Meeting

The next Southeast District meeting will be held at the Sleep Inn Hotel in Norfolk on February 20. Plans are in the works to panel discussion about the challenges and advantages of working in a traditionally male environment.

The lunch is \$20.00 and will consist of a Chicken Caesar Salad with beverages. Please contact me for a reservation by February 15th. It's a great chance to connect with our sister branches. We always have a good turnout when the meetings are here. Cans can be arranged. Probably future meetings will be in the Williamsburg area.

Kathy Kelley
EF Chair, Southeast District Representative

Virginia State Convention

The 2010 AAUW state convention is on the way with the spring weather. Some exciting workshops and opportunities to meet with AAUW members from around the state will happen April 23, 24 and 25 at the Fair Lakes Marriott Hotel in Fairfax, VA. Look for all the details in the upcoming Virginia Vision. If you haven't made your hotel reservation yet, please do so quickly.

Our convention rate is \$81.75, including tax. The cutoff date for reservations is Friday, April 2, and reservations requested after that date be at the prevailing hotel rate. To reserve your room, go to the Fair Lakes home page <http://www.fairlakes.hyatt.com>. Find Rooms and Rates in the left-hand column enter your check in and check out dates and the special convention group/corporate #G-AAUW. Then Check Availability; this link takes you to the registration page. Or call 1-800-233-1234 to book.

The keynote speaker at the Saturday night banquet will be Martha Kanter, Under Secretary of the U.S. Department of Education. Prior to that position, Dr. Kanter was for 16 years president and then chancellor of the Foothill-De Anza Community College District in California, one of the largest community college districts in the nation.

Saturday's program will open with a continental breakfast and welcome by Fairfax County Board of Supervisors Chair Sharon Bulova, followed by a business session and workshops. The luncheon speaker will be State Senator Mary Margaret Whipple, D-31, a member of the Arlington Branch of AAUW.

Saturday morning workshops will focus on AAUW programs including AAUW Funds, Emerging Leaders, Lobby Corps and the "Program in a Box" on Title IX. Afternoon workshops will cover Leadership and Communications with consultant and trainer Dr. Elizabeth Tarner; Diversity and Equity with Dr. Patricia Taylor, Chief of the Office of Intelligence Community Equal Employment Opportunity and Diversity; Changing Lives Through Literature with Katie Strotman, Programming Coordinator for the Fairfax County Public Library, and Creating Our Lives After 50 with author and lecturer Renee Fisher.

Saturday afternoon will also include the options of a bus trip to Lorton and a tour of the Turning Point and Lorton Arts Center, a visit to the Udvar-Hazy branch of the Air and Space Museum at Dulles Airport and shopping.

Sunday will open with an Eleanor Roosevelt Run/Walk, followed by a full breakfast buffet, "birds of a feather meetings for branch leaders and district meetings.

You still have an opportunity to place ads for your favorite restaurants, wineries, hotels and more in the convention book. Remember that AAUW members do travel throughout the state, and many may be

interested in what your area has to offer.

Some branches are taking out ads to advertise their programs and support the convention book. For instance, the Springfield/Annandale branch will picture the four girls chosen for Diversity Awards last Spring and explain a bit about this program.

Full page ads are \$200, half page are \$100, quarter page ads are \$50 and business card size are \$25. Branch presidents have been sent the letter explaining sponsorship and advertising opportunities along with a response form. The deadline for ad placement is February 28, and all ads must be camera ready.

We are looking for businesses and individuals that would be interested in being a convention sponsor or donating items or gift certificates for door prizes. Please contact Convention Co-Chairs Bea Malone (bmalone_ARA@hotmail.com, 571-292-0048) or Ercell Binns (ercellbinns@gmail.com, 703-208-7111) for your suggestions.

Kathy Kelley

Calendar

January 27
Annual Lobby Day

February 13
Gourmet, **Junior League of Pasadena**, 7 PM

February 18
Book Group, **People of the Book**, 7:30 PM

February 20
Southeast District Meeting, Norfolk

February 28
Membership tea

April 23-25
Virginia State Convention

Welcome to Our Website!

Welcome to our Website at aauwbonairva.org. All Greater Richmond Branch members should check the site on a regular basis; the program calendar will keep you informed of branch sponsored meetings and events. You can also keep up with AAUW national news through real-time feeds on the site. Welcome members new and old! Look for a special announcement on our branch Facebook group.

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

Jane Newell
Webmaster

Gourmet

On February 13, Nancy and Ken Berger will host February Gourmet. The recipes of the **Junior League of Pasadena** will be celebrated in East coast style.

Book Group

Continuing a more than 30-year-old tradition, Bon Air AAUW Book Group will meet Thursday, February 18 at 7:30 p.m., at Marcia Phillips's home. Please let Marcia know you're coming by email at marcia.phillips@verizon.net or phone 320-5180

Gina Turner will lead our discussion of **People of the Book**, a best-selling novel by Pulitzer-winning author Geraldine Brooks recounting the journey of a rare illuminated manuscript through centuries of exile and war. In 1996, Hanna Heath, an Austen rare-book expert, is offered the job of a lifetime: analysis and conservation of the famed Sarajevo Haggadah, which has been rescued from Serb shelling during the Bosnian war. Priceless and beautiful, the book is one of the earliest Jewish volumes ever to be illuminated with images. When Hanna, a caustic loner with a passion for her work, discovers a series of tiny artifacts in its ancient binding: an insect wing fragment, wine stains, salt crystals, a white hair, she begins to unlock the book's mysteries. The reader is ushered into an exquisitely detailed atmospheric past, tracing the book's journey from its salvation back to its creation. In Bosnia during World War II, a Muslim risks his life to protect it from the Nazis. In the hedonistic salons of fin-de-siècle Paris,

the book becomes a pawn in the struggle against the city's rising anti-Semitism. A Catholic priest in Inquisition-era Venice, it from burning. In Barcelona in 1492, the scribe who wrote the text sees his family destroyed by the agonies of enforced exile in Seville in 1480, the reason for the Haggadah's extraordinary illuminations is finally disclosed.

Hanna's investigation unexpectedly plunges her into the intrigues of fine art forgers and ultra-nationalist fanatics. Her experiences will test her belief in herself and the man she has come to love.

Upcoming selections:

March 18: *Dark Enough to See the Stars in a Jamestown Sky*, by Connie Lapallo

April 15: *Remembering Babylon*, by David Malouf

May 20: *The Bookmaker's Daughter: A Memory Unbound*, by Shirley Abbott

June 17: *Olive Kitteridge*, by Elizabeth Strout

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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