

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

Greater Richmond Branch Annual Meeting

Most important meeting of the year, as we take final steps toward completing merger of Richmond and Bon Air Branches

- Guest speaker from Virginia Museum of Fine Arts, where we expect to hold our end-of-year luncheon on May 15
- Approval of by-laws for new branch, bringing our by-laws in compliance with AAUW at national level
- Election of officers

Date: Saturday, March 13, 2010

Time: 10:15 am for socializing; 10:30 am for meeting

Place: Gayton Library

Lunch together will conclude the meeting. Once again, we'll have fresh-made sub sandwiches, cookies, and drinks at \$5 per person.

SAVE THE DATES

**The NEW Greater Richmond Branch Bylaws –
Vote on March 13!**

Join us at the Annual Meeting on March 13 to vote for the new AAUW Greater Richmond Branch bylaws. The bylaws have been emailed to all members with an e-mail address and snail mailed to others. Also they are available for download on the home page of our website at aauwbonairva.org or aauwrichmond.org.

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

Saturday, April 17, 12:30

- Free luncheon at Bon Air Crossings Retirement Community
- Guest speaker Carl Mahler, just named to top 25 financial advisors in Virginia

April 23-25:
AAUW State Convention

Saturday, May 15:
Celebration luncheon at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

- Installation of officers
- Celebrating our NEW branch at the new version of our venerable museum!

Presidents' Message

A very important event that's been on our calendars for months is now just around the corner: **The first**

annual meeting of AAUW Greater Richmond Branch.

Organizations like ours use annual meetings to celebrate past accomplishments and set the course for the future. That's what we'll be doing in March, as we approve by-laws for our branch (largely dictated by AAUW at the national level) and elect officers for our first year as the Greater Richmond Branch.

Your board has worked very hard since last summer, ensuring that all the details of merger are addressed, while also planning interesting programs and fun events for members. Frankly, we have been disappointed at the low attendance at most of our branch meetings. Board members and a few others faithfully show up, but there are many members who are missing out on the real value of being a member of the dynamic organization known as AAUW. This month, it is especially important that all members come to our annual meeting, Saturday, March 13, at Gayton Library. Actions taken at that time will set the course for our future as AAUW Greater Richmond Branch.

Leaders of our branch are excited about the next few months' activities as Greater Richmond AAUW progresses into a new entity, building on the history and strengths of both the 101-year-old Richmond Branch and the 34-year-old Bon Air Branch. Everyone who has chosen to pay her annual dues and be listed as an AAUW member in our area should be celebrating the past century and a half of working to improve the lives of women and girls in Central Virginia AND taking an active role in continuing these important efforts!

How fortunate we are to be a part of this new yet on-going effort!

DeAnn Lineberry
President

Board Meeting Minutes Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse, February 23, 2010

Members present: DeAnn Lineberry, Bon Air President; Laura Wimmer, Richmond President; Gina Turner, VP Programs; Marsha Carter, VP Membership; Jane Newell, Webmaster and By-Laws Chair; Marty Beeman, Richmond Treasurer; Cheryl Kapec, Bon Air Treasurer; Kathy Kelley, AAUW Funds Chair; Marian Seigla, Hospitality Chair.

Treasurers' reports came from both Richmond Branch (Marty Beeman) and Bon Air Branch (Cheryl Kapec), as we still have separate accounts. Accounts will be combined under name "AAUW Greater Richmond Branch." Branches now utilize separate banks; Marty and Cheryl will evaluate terms with both banks and decide on which one to use for Greater Richmond accounts.

Jane Newell will design a business card size ad for the State Convention book, as approved by board at last month's meeting. Marty will send it and use \$25.00 from the Richmond Branch treasury.

Honorees for the AAUW Funds that will be mentioned at convention are. **Laura Wimmer** for her leadership at the state and local level; our combined boards for their work on the merger; **Margaret Burcham**, who was a president and dedicated member of the Richmond Branch; and our **husbands and families** for their many years of support.

Jane reported that the **bylaws have been emailed and mailed to members**. The branch will be vote on approving bylaws at the March 13 meeting. A committee is working on the policies, which will be completed over the summer and presented to the branch for approval in the Fall.

Membership event will be held Sunday, February 28, at Marian Seigla's home. Marian reported that approximately 14 members and guests will attend. Marian will give a history of AAUW and Marsha will talk about the "Value of Belonging" from AAUW, with visual presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Nominating committee members Kathy Kelly and Laura Wimmer reported the following nominees for officers: Marian Seigla, Communications Officer, and DeAnn Lineberry, President. With one year left in Treasurer's two-year term, Cheryl Kapec has agreed to continue. We will take **nominations from the**

floor for Membership and Programs Vice Presidents. The Membership chair will only have one year remaining.

Upcoming meetings: Details for March 13 branch meeting were discussed and clarified; April 17 and May luncheon meetings were discussed..

Next board meeting will be Monday, March 15, at Willow Oaks

DeAnn Lineberry

Calendar

March 13

Annual Meeting of Greater Richmond Branch

March 13

Gourmet, **A Taste of Italy**, 7 PM

March 15

Board Meeting, 7pm

March 18

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

April 17

Financial Fit for Life, Luncheon meeting at Bon Air Crossings

April 23-25

Virginia State Convention

May 15

Celebration luncheon at Virginia Museum of Fine Arts

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

Gourmet

On March 13, Cheryl Kapec and Bob Lepore will host A Taste of Italy! For information, contact Cheryl at 314-8922.



Book Group

Continuing a more than 30-year-old tradition, Bon Air AAUW Book Group will meet Thursday, March 18 at 7:30 p.m., at Dori Buckley's home. Please let Dori know you're coming by email at dkbuckley@hotmail.com or phone 320-9727.

In recognition of *Women's History Month*, DeAnn Lineberry will lead our discussion of ***Dark Enough to See the Stars in a Jamestown Sky***, by Virginian Connie Lapallo. A direct descendant of one of the first English women who helped settle Jamestown presents a well-researched novel based on the true story of the women and children at Jamestown in 1609 and 1610. Populating the tale are well-known and lesser-known leaders of the colony, their Native American antagonists, and a few fictitious characters representing generically the soldiers, mariners, and colonists whose names are lost to history.

Future Reading:

April 15: *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. *Hostess* – Pat Mallahan.

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.

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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