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■ President's Pen

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Dear Members,

On December 12 thirty-eight of our members and eight guests gathered at Rose Gallery at Lake Anne for tea and fun. The South Lakes High School String Quartet provided lovely music to set the mood for our festivities. Many members brought items to be sold in the silent auction to raise money for AAUW Funds. As a result we raised \$1,087.50. In addition the raffle for the gift basket brought in \$162. We have sent the proceeds to AAUW – The Public Policy Fund in memory of Mary Stack-Dunne. We were very pleased to have Mary's daughters, Rachel Foster and Susy Nixon, join us for the afternoon. Thanks to Marypat Sampson and Carol Van Evera for a very successful get together.

Thanks also to Nancy Thompson and Sue Merk for publishing our membership directory. Sue designed the cover to highlight activities that our branch is involved in. Nancy did the formatting of the members' information. The result is a way for us to keep in touch by phone or by email. Be sure to let us know if any of your information is incorrect or changes. We also now have an electronic version of our membership list; so if anyone would like access to that, let me know. We can email it to you.

Shirley Schulz and Karen Werner, membership VP's, continue to seek new members and to reconnect with former ones. They are keeping records of attendance at our various activities so that we can design programs that are appealing to our members. We welcome feedback. Karen will be having a prospective and new member get together at her home on January 9 at 10 AM. Look for details in her article elsewhere in this newsletter.

Our annual joint meeting with the Dulles Area National Council of Negro Women will be held on January 23 at 1:30 PM at the Rose Gallery, Lake Anne. Our two groups have been meeting to share our common interests for several years. This year our speaker will be the Outreach Coordinator for the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic in Herndon. I hope you can all join us.

Happy New Year,

Stephanie

January Branch Meeting: Joint Meeting with National Council of Negro Women

Saturday, January 23rd

1:30 – 3:30 PM

**Reston Community Center
 at Lake Anne Plaza**

**Featured Speaker: Jane Flegal,
 Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic**

In 2002 the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic started providing free school physicals for school age children who couldn't otherwise afford them. Over the years, the clinic has grown to include not only children, but adults. JSFC provides care for adults with diabetes and high blood pressure and all non-emergency medical care for children.

JSFC serves Herndon, Reston, Chantilly, and Centreville residents who have no health insurance and are at or below 200% of the Federal Poverty Level. Jane Flegal, Community Outreach Director, will talk about health, the needs of the community, and services offered by the Jeanie Schmidt Free Clinic.

To help support the clinic, we ask our members to bring children's vitamins with iron and/or packages of band-aids. These donated items will be distributed to the clinic's clients.

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your business throughout the year in gratitude for their generous support:

- Beloved Yoga, Reston/Great Falls
- Cantina D'Italia, Herndon
- Great Harvest Bakery, Herndon
- Hair & Nails, South Lakes Village Center
- Il Fornaio, Reston Town Center
- Martin Imports
- Mary Rubard, Certified Massage Therapist
- Reston Floral Design, South Lakes Village Center
- Serenity Spa at Worldgate, Herndon
- Sport & Health Club at Worldgate, Herndon
- Tortilla Factory, Herndon
- Tuscarora Mill Restaurant, Leesburg



A good time was had by all at our Holiday Tea Fundraiser.

■ **Holiday Tea Fundraiser Wrap-Up**

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The December Holiday Tea was a lovely event, with great food, festive music, and wonderful friends. The Tea was also a successful fundraising event for AAUW Funds. The Silent Auction, which featured lots of great items donated by area merchants (see list below) and members, raised \$1,087.50. The raffle for the gift basket raised \$162. All proceeds were designated to the Public Policy Fund in memory of Mary Stack-Dunne. Thank you to all those members who donated (items and/or hard earned cash). A special thank you to those members who solicited donations from area merchants. And last but not least, a very special thank you to the area merchants who donated items for the silent auction! Please be sure to gift the following local merchants with

■ Membership Report

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The Holiday Tea and Silent Auction was a wonderful event! Thank you to all the members that participated and thank you to all the members who brought guests. Please continue to invite new, old and prospective members to our branch meetings and activities. You will recognize our new members at branch meetings by the gold star on their name tags. Please join us in welcoming them.

The 2009-2010 Membership Directory is now available. It was distributed at the Holiday Tea. We will continue distribution at the January 23 branch meeting.

Half-Year Dues Mania begins January 1st and runs through March 15th for half year (Jan 1 – June 30 membership). This means an additional 50% off new membership (or 2+ years lapse of membership) during this time when joining at a branch meeting. So if you know of someone who is planning to join, urge her/him to come to our branch meeting on January 23rd. Total dues at this rate = \$31.25. Renewal membership dues are \$72.00 (\$46.00 are tax deductible). Please make checks payable to AAUW Reston-Herndon Area Branch and mail to Shirley Schulz, AAUW Membership, 3118 Nestlewood Drive, Herndon, VA 20171.

New Horizons *AAUW of Virginia* Convention 2010

**April 23-25,
2010**
**Hyatt Fair Lakes
Hotel, Fairfax, VA**

The program for the convention is falling into place. Watch for registration materials in the upcoming issue of the Virginia AAUW *Vision*.

The convention will open Friday afternoon April 23 with registration, a hospitality suite, reception and presentation on the women's suffrage movement followed by a pajama party featuring a showing of the film *Iron-Jawed Angels*.

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. Afternoon activities will include workshops and free time including a tour of Turning Point Memorial and Lorton Arts Center. The keynote speaker for the banquet that evening will be announced later.

Sunday morning will include a buffet breakfast, business meeting, birds of a feather session for branch officers

and presentation by Wytheville, Virginia on the 2011 convention.

If you have not already made your hotel reservation for the convention, it's important to do so now, particularly if you plan to share one of the 36 rooms with double beds. 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 Hyatt Fair Lakes home page www.FairLakesHyatt.com. Find Rooms and Rates in the left-hand column and enter your check in and check out dates and the special convention group/corporate #G-AAUW. Then click Check Availability; this link takes you to the registration page. Or call 1-800-233-1234 to book.

We are still looking for businesses and individuals that would be interested in being a convention sponsor, advertising in the Convention program or donating items or gift certificates for door prizes. Please contact Carol Hurlburt at 703-264-9054 or email schurlburt@verizon.net with your suggestions.

■ National Convention - Save the Date

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The next national AAUW convention will be held **June 16-19, 2011** at the Renaissance Hotel, 8th and Massachusetts Avenues NW in Washington, with state organizations and branches from Virginia, West Virginia, Maryland, Delaware and the District of Columbia represented on the host committee. Theresa Merkel, Virginia state president from 2002-2004, will be Virginia's volunteer on the committee. The convention will feature AAUW's new one member one vote system in place of elected delegates and is expected to attract 1,500 participants. The convention will be issues based and will be used as an outreach tool to build membership.

■ Gourmet Group

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Our early dose of winter, with 20 inches of snow before Christmas, has us all thinking of comfort food. So does the release to DVD of the hit movie *Julie & Julia*. Must be time to plan a Gourmet Group dinner! Our theme is Cooking with Julia Child.

It starts with a planning meeting on **Sunday, January 24th at 3 PM** at Marypat Sampson's home (13364 Point Rider Lane Herndon 20171). We'll look over Julia Child's *The Art of French Cooking* and choose some recipes. If you have recipes from this cookbook that you already know are winners, be sure to let Marypat know. If you just want to help plan, join us (give Marypat a call if you intend to come). We welcome volunteers to host this dinner.

The dinner will be held on Saturday, February 20 at 6 PM, hostesses to be announced in the February newsletter. RSVP to mpsampson@aol.com by February 8th. Marypat will send you the menu and ask you to choose an item to make for the dinner. Then bring your dish, your receipts, and your winter doldrums. We promise good food and lots of fun. As always, spouses or significant others are welcome.

■ New & Prospective Member “Meet & Greet”

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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 on **Saturday, January 9th, 2010 at 10 AM** at Karen Werner's house (11025 Solaridge Drive, Reston, VA 20191).

Some 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, and our mentoring/tutoring 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 and research. We have both women and men members.

I hope you can join us on Saturday, January 9th. Please RSVP to Karen Werner, 703 716-7360 or kewerner@comcast.net or Shirley Schulz, 703 476-0029 or schulzshirley@hotmail.com

■ Tuesday Tape Group

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Please join us as we delve further into the life of Thomas Jefferson as we listen to two more tapes of his life. We will be meeting at the home of Marilyn Silvey, 2521 Trophy Lane, Reston, 703-860-5141 on **January 19th at 10 AM**. Our group discussion ends by noon. These tapes are so interesting and tie into February's book group choice of The Hemingses of Monticello. Hope to see you there.

■ GEMS Conference – March 13th, 2010

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Our annual Girls Excelling in Math and Science Conference will be on Saturday morning, **March 13th from 7:30 AM to 12:30 PM** at Dogwood Elementary School. This will be our 19th year of participation in GEMS. The goal of the Conference is to provide 5th and 6th grade girls with the incentive to continue their studies in the fields of math, science and technology as they

enter middle school and beyond. We are again looking forward to joining Dogwood School and Lockheed Martin (the school's corporate sponsor) in making this year's Conference another big success.



Students participating in a 2009 GEMS workshop.

Our Branch of AAUW provides the volunteers (25 last year) to make the Conference work. We make student reminder calls, provide presenters, fill student folders, put together a light breakfast for the presenters and volunteers, register all of the students, help the flow of traffic in the halls and aid in the workshops. You, too, can be a part of this very worthwhile and exciting event. Please call Fran Lovaas at (703) 318-9628 or e-mail franlovaas@comcast.net if you would like more information.

■ Mentoring Program “One Girl at a Time”

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MENTOR PROGRAMS: Langston Hughes MS & Forest Edge ES

It is hard to believe that we are already into our fourth month of mentoring in the current school year. We closed out 2009 with a group reading at the end of our regular session. We have found this activity to add a sense of serenity for our girls as they begin the holiday break.

Last month we were in desperate need of volunteers and we are happy to report that we have added a regular mentor and two substitutes to our roster. Thank you ladies!

We start back up on January 5 and look forward to a productive 5 months of mentoring. As always, we ask our members to consider becoming part of our program either as a regular or substitute mentor and to encourage colleagues and family members to do the same.

Please contact Gail Parsons (gailiff@rstarmail.com) or Mary Zane (mpz_06@verizon.net) for details.

Lobby Corps Training:

There will be a training meeting on **Thursday, January 21st** from **10 AM to 2 PM** at the AAUW national office for those interested in joining Lobby Corps. This meeting is open to all interested members. The location is: 1111 Sixteenth Street, N.W., Washington, DC 20036. Suzanne Cook will be attending this training and can be reached at 703-860-4303.

◆ **Calendar of Events: 2010** ◆ **AAUW Reston-Herndon Branch**

January, 2010

- 4 Branch Board Meeting
- 9 Prospective Member Meet & Greet; 10 AM at 11025 Solaridge Drive, Reston, VA 20191
- 10 Falls Church Branch Meeting; 1 -2:30 PM, Speaker Penny Wakefield on CEDAW – the U.N. Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women; at the Falls Church Community Center State Convention Planning Meeting to follow FC Branch Meeting
- 19 Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 21 Lobby Corps Training,
- 23 Joint Branch Meeting with National Conference of Negro Women 1:30 – 3:30 PM, “A Discussion of Community Health Issues”, Reston Community Center Lake Anne
- 24 Gourmet Group Planning Meeting, 3 PM at 11025 Solaridge Drive, Reston, VA 20191
- 28 Branch Newsletter Deadline
Book Group, 7:30 PM, *Olive Kitteridge*, Location: 11701 Blue Smoke Trail 20191

February, 2010

- 1 Branch Board Meeting
- 9 Vienna Area Branch Program; Jackie Bong-Wright; 7 PM; City of Fairfax Library
- 16 Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 20 Gourmet Group Dinner, 6 PM, Location: TBD
- 25 Branch Newsletter Deadline
Book Group, 7:30 PM, *The Hemingwes of Monticello*, Location: 2521 Trophy Lane 20191
- 27 Branch Meeting, “Lifelong Learning - A Panel Discussion,” 10:30 AM – 12:30 PM, Location: Herndon Fortnightly Library

March, 2010

- 1 Branch Board Meeting
- 13 GEMS Conference at Dogwood

- 16 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 20 Annual Business Luncheon with Election of Officers, 11AM – 1PM, Speaker: Kim Bohince, AAUW Fellow; Location TBD
- 25 Book Group, 7:30 PM, *The Help*, Location: 1867 Post Oak Trail 20191

April, 2010

- 1 Branch Newsletter Deadline
- 5 Branch Board Meeting
- 18 Equal Pay Day
- 20 Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 22 Book Group (tentative), 7:30 PM, Outliers, Location: TBD
- 23-25 AAUW of Virginia State Convention Hyatt Fair Lakes, Fairfax, Virginia
- 29 Branch Newsletter Deadline

May, 2010

- 3 Branch Board Meeting
- 18 Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 20 Branch Meeting, Legislative Update, 7 – 9 PM, Location: TBD
- 27 Book Group, 7:30 PM, *Freakonomics*, Location: 11286 Spyglass Cove Ln., 20191

June, 2010

- 2 Branch Newsletter Deadline
- 3-5 AAUW & NASPA: 2010 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; U of MD, College Park, MD
- 7 Branch Board Meeting
- 15 Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 17 Annual Branch Picnic, 6 PM – 9 PM, Location TBD
- 24 Book Group, 7:30 PM, *Cutting for Stone*, Location: 11701 Blue Smoke Trail 20191

■ **Book Group**

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All meetings are held on the 4th Thursday of each month beginning at 7:30 PM except for the following: there is no meeting in November. In December, the meeting is on the first Thursday of the month. September is our ‘special kick off meeting of the new season’ with a pot luck dinner. At this meeting we meet at 6:30 PM. All meetings are held in member’s homes.

January 28:

Olive Kitteridge by Elizabeth Strout (fiction)

Facilitator: Joan Baer

Hostess: Abbie Edwards –11701 Blue Smoke Trail 20191; 703-476-0997

Born alone. Die alone,” says Olive Kitteridge, redoubtable seventh-grade math teacher in Crosby, Maine. Anyone who gets in Olive’s way had better watch out, for she crashes unapologetically through life like an emotional storm trooper. She forces her husband,

Henry, the town pharmacist, into tactical retreat; and she drives her beloved son, Christopher, across the country and into therapy. But appalling though Olive can be, Strout manages to make her deeply human and even sympathetic, as are all of the characters in this “novel in stories.” Covering a period of 30-odd years, most of the stories (several of which were previously published in the New Yorker and other magazines) feature Olive as their focus, but in some she is bit player or even a footnote while other characters take center stage to sort through their own fears and insecurities. Though loneliness and loss haunt these pages, Strout also supplies gentle humor and a nourishing dose of hope. People are sustained by the rhythms of ordinary life and the natural wonders of coastal Maine, and even Olive is sometimes caught off guard by life’s baffling beauty.

February 25:

The Hemingses of Monticello by Annette Gordon-Reed (nonfiction)

Facilitator and Hostess: Marilyn Silvey, 2521 Trophy Lane 20191; 703-860-5141

This epic work tells the story of the Hemingses, whose close blood ties to our third president had been systematically expunged from American history until very recently. Now, historian and legal scholar Annette Gordon-Reed traces the Hemings family from its origins in Virginia in the 1700s to the family’s dispersal after Jefferson’s death in 1826. It brings to life not only Sally Hemings and Thomas Jefferson but also their children and Hemings’s siblings, who shared a father with Jefferson’s wife, Martha. *The Hemingses of Monticello* sets the family’s compelling saga against the backdrop of Revolutionary America, Paris on the eve of its own revolution, 1790s Philadelphia, and plantation life at Monticello. Much anticipated, this book promises to be the most important history of an American slave family ever written.

March 25:

The Help By Kathryn Stockett (fiction)

Facilitator: Linda Walker

Hostess: Carol Ward, 1867 Post Oak Trail 20191; 703-860-5664

April 22 (subject to change – this is evening before AAUW State convention):

Outliers by Malcolm Gladwell (nonfiction)

Facilitator: Linda Walker

Hostess: TBA

May 27:

Freakonomics A Rogue Economist Explores the Hidden Side of Everything by Steven D. Levitt and Stephen J. Dubner (nonfiction)

Facilitator: Judi Orloff

Hostess: Marion Stillson -11286 Spyglass Cove Ln., 20191

June 24:

Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese (fiction)

Facilitator: Gail Osberg, facilitator

Hostess: Abbie Edwards, 11701 Blue Smoke Trail 20191; 703-476-0997

All reviews by Amazon.com

Vienna Area AAUW Invites You to Its February Program:

Tuesday, February 9th , 7:00 PM

Speaker: **Jackie Bong-Wright**

Location: **City of Fairfax Library,**

Meeting Room A/B, 10360 North Street, Fairfax VA 22030

(Note: There is parking available under the library).

Join us to hear Jackie Bong-Wright speak of her life in Vietnam and subsequent public service in the U.S. Her autobiography, *Autumn Cloud: From Vietnam War Widow to American Activist*, describes four generations of her family as they lived through four wars in Vietnam. She is a reporter for *Asian Fortune News*, focusing on Asian Pacific American’s profiles and community activities. Presently, her main interest is to raise public awareness of the need to fight human trafficking and to abolish this modern-day slavery.

Ms. Wright started her career as a teacher of history and French in Vietnam. Later, in the U.S., she provided social services and founded the Indochinese Refugees Social Services in 1979. Her organization resettled about 1,000 Vietnamese boat people, Cambodian, Laotian and Afghan refugees in the late 1970s and 80s. The U.S.-Asia Institute awarded her as one of ten outstanding Asian-Americans in the U.S. in 1981 for her refugee work. For her effort in registering and getting Asian Pacific Americans to vote, she received commendations from the Virginia House and Senate in 2005. Her energy and efforts on behalf of others is truly inspiring.

A question and answer period will follow her presentation. Refreshments will be served.

Fundraise by Shopping Online

You can raise funds for our branch just by starting your online shopping at this website:

<http://seiz2day.com/AAUWfundraiser.htm>

Simply go to the above website and click on the links to your favorite shopping sites such as Amazon.com and our branch will receive a percentage donation of your online purchases!

JANUARY 2010

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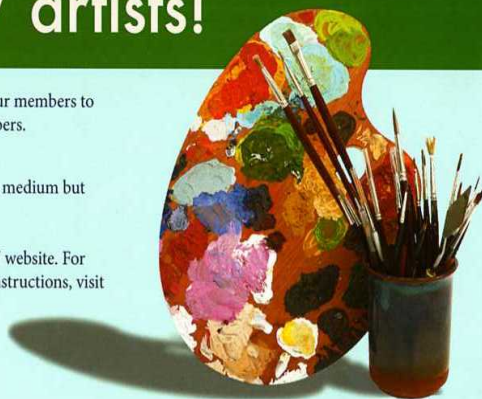
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Calling all AAUW artists!

Showcase your art to your fellow AAUW members! AAUW invites all our members to help create our 2010-11 calendar, which will be mailed to AAUW members.

January 2010 Submit your art design online. Original art can be any medium but must be submitted electronically.

February 2010 Members vote for their favorite designs on the AAUW website. For more information, including submission and voting instructions, visit www.aauw.org/contests.



Fundraise by Grocery Shopping!

Register your Safeway card with Escrip.com, and a percentage of your transaction amount is donated to our branch! Please send Sue Merk (sbmerk@comcast.net) your 11-digit Safeway Card number to participate.