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President's Pen

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Dear Members,

AAUW Northern Virginia branches will gather to compare information about programs, membership efforts and fund raising at the October Northern District AAUW meeting at from 10 AM to 1:30 PM on Saturday, October 17 at Arlington Central Library.

The focus of the program will be AAUW's Legal Advocacy efforts and how funds contributed to the Legal Advocacy Fund help women fight workplace discrimination issues. Speakers from the National AAUW Legal Advocacy Office will be Holly Kearl, LAF Program Manager, who oversees LAF initiatives including case support, plaintiff travel grants, campus outreach, and research reports and Adam Zimmerman, Regulatory Affairs Manager, who works in both Legal Advocacy and Public Policy, following Supreme Court cases as well as the cases that AAUW has signed onto as friends of the court.

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New Horizons

*AAUW of Virginia
 Convention
 2010*

April 23-25, 2010

**Hyatt Fair Lakes
 Hotel, Fairfax, VA**

A block of rooms has been set aside at \$75 plus tax per night. However, if you want one of the panoramic suites (\$125 plus tax) or to be sure your regular room has two double beds instead of one king, book as soon as possible. View the hotel website www.FairLakes.Hyatt.com and take a virtual tour before booking online. Note the great amenities.

To reserve your room, go to the Hyatt Fair Lakes home page, 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.

For more information, contact the Convention co-chairs Bea Malone bmalone_ara@hotmail.com and Ercell Binns binnsercellb@aol.com.

October Branch Meeting

**Thursday, October 15, 2009
 7 PM Networking; 7:30 PM Program**

"Moving Cooler" -- Strategies to Reduce Emissions from Cars and Trucks

Speaker: Deron Lovaas, Federal Transportation Policy Director for National Resources Defense Council (NRDC)

Deron Lovaas has worked at the intersection of transportation, energy, and environmental policy for fifteen years. He recently served as the chief strategist for major bipartisan oil savings policy and the 2005 federal transportation bill.

**Location: Reston Regional Library
 11925 Bowman Towne Drive, Meeting Room**

NOTE: Even though the main library closes at 6 PM to the public, the meeting room is OPEN for our meeting.

We are also looking for businesses and individuals that might be interested in being a convention sponsor, advertising in the convention program or donating an item or gift certificate for door prizes. If you would like to support the convention by soliciting a donation or ad, please contact Carol Hurlburt for details, schurlburt@verizon.net or 703 264 9054.

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The meeting will also provide Northern Virginia District branches an opportunity to share information about their program and sell fund-raising items. There will be an update on planning for the 2010 State Convention, April 23-25 at the Hyatt Fair Lakes Hotel in Fairfax, as well as information updates from the national organization. If you would like to carpool, contact Carol at 703-264-9054 or email schurlburt@verizon.net.

Recent updates from AAUW National:

- You can now download a new AAUW Membership Card when you register to use the Member Services Database (MSD). Visit the [Member Center](#) to access the Member Services Database.
- AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman attended an event at Vice President Joe Biden's home on September 29 to commemorate the 15th anniversary of the landmark Violence Against Women Act. Biden wrote the legislation, which provides funding for victim services and stronger enforcement efforts, and AAUW and our [Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#) played a key role in its passage. Although much progress has been made, [AAUW](#) and our coalition partners are working to support the new International Violence Against Women Act, as well as the reauthorization of the Violence Against Women Act in 2011.
- The Legal Advocacy Fund is collaborating with the nonprofit Legal Aid Society Employment Law Center and the Women's Sports Foundation to provide tools needed to determine if local high schools are Title IX compliant and what to do if they are not. The tools, including a "Know the Score" Program in a Box will launch in early October, with a webinar on the program scheduled at 6 p.m. October 29. If you would like to participate in the webinar, please email laf@aauw.org.

■ Lobby Corps

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The Lobby Corps made three visits to the House offices on the following issues:

To ask for cosponsors of ***The Healthy Families Act (H.R.2460)***. This would guarantee workers in places with 15 or more employees up to 7 accrued paid sick days per year. These could be used for the needs of the employees, members of their immediate families, or to deal with an incidence of domestic violence. The letter the Lobby Corps gave to the each office addressed to the representative noted that: "At least 145 countries worldwide provide sick days, with 127 providing a week or more annually. . . In fact [in America], just under half of the private sector workforce has no paid sick days." The bill was scheduled to be voted on the week we lobbied, but has not been voted on yet.

The Lobby Corps went out to ask for cosponsors of ***The Pathways Advancing Career Training Act (H.R.2074)***, which "would provide financial assistance to states for training programs that prepare women for employment in high-wage, high-skill fields where they are underrepresented." [Lobby Corps Briefing, 9/9/09] This is also to push for leveling the pay gap between what

men and women earn. The bill was introduced by Rep. Rosa DeLauro of Connecticut in April.

Another trip to the House offices was to ask for support of ***The Student Aid and Fiscal Responsibility Act (H.R.3221)***. This was to reform the student loan system by ending government subsidies to the private lending firms. The government then would lend directly to the students, effectively saving an estimated and impressive 80 billion dollars over 10 years. The bill passed on a 253 to 171 vote, though, unfortunately, largely along party lines. According to **AAUW Washington Update, 9/11/09**: "The amount of federal student loans taken out by students in the 2008-09 academic year grew by 25% over the previous year. . . two-thirds of college students take out loans to pay for their education, and those students graduate with an average of \$23,186 of debt." The bill still has to go to the Senate, where it faces more obstacles with some senators sympathetic to the lending industry.

During the summer a lobbying firm connected with a group to further the coal industry, "forged one or more letters from AAUW to members of Congress. . . Energy policy is not a topic on which AAUW advocates. . . This incident constituted outright deceit and AAUW greatly resents having been portrayed in false lights." [from statement by AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, August 2009] It is interesting that the League of Women Voters had a similar experience on a different issue; though the perpetrators changed the name of the League of Women Voters to that of an imaginary organization which they called something like "The League of American Voters."

There will be a Lobby Corps Open House at AAUW headquarters at 1111 16th Street, NW. It will take place on **Thursday, October 22nd between 10 AM until about 1 PM** and include lunch. The building can be most easily reached by travelling on the Orange or Blue Line metro to McPherson Square, taking the White House Exit, and walking the three blocks to the AAUW building on the corner of 16th and L Streets.

For questions and information about the Lobby Corps or AAUW Public Policy, contact Anne Hedgepeth, government relations coordinator, at hedgepeth@aauw.org or 202-785-7724.

Third Tuesday Tape Group

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Join us for another intellectually stimulating discussion on "Christian Knighthood and the Origins of the First Crusade" **Tuesday, October 20th from 10:00 AM - noon**. This lecture, on tape, will be given by Thomas Luongo of Tulane University at the home of Judi Orloff, 2213 Burgee Court, Reston, 703-860-8814. If you haven't attended one of these tape sessions, you should give it a try. The lectures have been interesting and enjoyable. We welcome all of you.

Book Group

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The AAUW book discussion meetings are held in members' homes on the 4th Thursday of every month except for November. All meetings begin at 7:30 PM.

❖ **Oct. 22 – COLLAPSE : *How Societies choose to Fail or Succeed* by Jared Diamond (nonfiction)**

Hostess: Florrie Cohen, 2412 Bugle Lane, Reston, 20191

In the Pulitzer-Prize-winning *Guns, Germs, and Steel*, Diamond chronicled the rise of human civilizations since the Ice Age. This time, he turns over the log and probes the rotted side--the demise of once-productive societies such as the Maya, Easter Islanders and Greenland Norse. He also sounds the alarm on environmental practices undermining modern societies, including China, Russia, Australia and the United States.

❖ **Dec. 3 – WORLD WITHOUT END by Ken Follett**

Hostess: Abbie Edwards, 11701 Blue Smoke Trail, Reston, 20191

In 1989 Ken Follett astonished the literary world with *The Pillars of the Earth*, a sweeping epic novel set in twelfth-century England centered on the building of a cathedral and many of the hundreds of lives it affected. Critics were overwhelmed--"it will hold you, fascinate you, surround you" (*Chicago Tribune*)--and readers everywhere hoped for a sequel. *World Without End* takes place in the same town of Kingsbridge, two centuries after the townspeople finished building the exquisite Gothic cathedral that was at the heart of *The Pillars of the Earth*. The cathedral and the priory are again at the center of a web of love and hate, greed and pride, ambition and revenge, but this sequel stands on its own. This time the men and women of an extraordinary cast of characters find themselves at a crossroad of new ideas--about medicine, commerce, architecture, and justice. In a world where proponents of the old ways fiercely battle those with progressive minds, the intrigue and tension quickly reach a boiling point against the devastating backdrop of the greatest natural disaster ever to strike the human race--the Black Death.

*All reviews are from Amazon.com

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◆ **Calendar of Events: 2009 - 2010** ◆
AAUW Reston-Herndon Branch

October, 2009

- 1 Branch Newsletter Deadline
- 3 Adopt – A – Spot Cleanup; 2-4 PM, Uplands Recreation Area, Reston
- 5 Branch Board Meeting
- 15 Branch Meeting: 7 – 9 PM, Environmental Issues Speaker: Deron Lovaas, Reston Regional Library
- 17 Northern Virginia District Meeting, Arlington Central Library, 10 AM – 1:30 PM
Ashburn/Leesburg Area Branch Open House, Cascades Library, 1:30 – 3:30 PM
- 20 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 22 Book Group: COLLAPSE: HOW SOCIETIES CHOOSE TO FAIL OR SUCCEED, by Jared Diamond, 7:30 PM; 2412 Bugle Lane, Reston
Lobby Corps Open House at AAUW HQ: 1111 16th Street, NW, 10 AM-1 PM
- 29 Branch Newsletter Deadline

November, 2009

- 2 Branch Board Meeting
- 7 Fairfax City Branch Book & Author Luncheon, 11 AM – 2 PM, Country Club of Fairfax
- 10 Joint Branch Meeting with Vienna Branch, 7-9 PM, Speaker: Diane Kelley, State Dept., Patrick Henry Library
- 17 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 27 Branch Newsletter Deadline

December, 2009

- 3 Book Group: WORLD WITHOUT END, by Ken Follett, 7:30 PM, 11701 Blue Smoke Trail, Reston
- 7 Branch Board Meeting
- 12 Afternoon Holiday Tea and Silent Auction, 2 PM – 4 PM; Reston Community Center Lake Anne Plaza
- 15 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 30 Branch Newsletter Deadline

January, 2010

- 4 Branch Board Meeting
- 19 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 23 Joint Branch Meeting with National Conference of Negro Women 2 – 4 PM, “A Discussion of Community Health Issues”, Reston Community Center Lake Anne
- 28 Branch Newsletter Deadline

February, 2010

- 1 Branch Board Meeting
- 16 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 20 Branch Meeting, “Lifelong Learning - A Panel Discussion,” 10 AM – 12 PM, Location: TBD

25 Branch Newsletter Deadline

March, 2010

- 1 Branch Board Meeting
- 16 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 20 Annual Business Luncheon with Election of Officers, 11AM – 1PM, Location TBD

April, 2010

- 1 Branch Newsletter Deadline
- 5 Branch Board Meeting
- 18 Equal Pay Day
- 20 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 23-25 AAUW of Virginia State Convention Hyatt Fair Lakes, Fairfax, Virginia
- 29 Branch Newsletter Deadline

May, 2010

- 3 Branch Board Meeting
- 18 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 20 Branch Meeting, Legislative Update, 7 – 9 PM, Location: TBD

June, 2010

- 2 Branch Newsletter Deadline
- 7 Branch Board Meeting
- 15 Third Tuesday Tape Group, 10 AM
- 17 Annual Branch Picnic, 6 PM – 9 PM, Location TBD

■ **Upcoming Events:**
District & Local Area Branches

NORTHERN VIRGINIA DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, October 17, 2009
10:00 AM - 1:30 PM

Arlington Central Library:
1015 N. Quincy St., Arlington, VA



Speakers:

Holly Kearn, (pictured here) is program manager for AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund. Holly received a bachelor's degree from Santa Clara University in California in both history and women and gender studies. She earned a master's degree in public policy and women's studies from George Washington University in Washington, D.C., where she wrote a thesis on ways women are combating street harassment.

Adam Zimmerman will co-present with Holly. Adam is the Regulatory Affairs Manager at AAUW. He graduated from Stony Brook University with a degree in History.

Following that, he spent a few years working for Senator Chuck Schumer. Adam will speak about LAF cases and some Supreme Court insights.

Members of all NoVA branches are encouraged to attend this informative meeting. For more information about this event, please contact Ercell Binns, Northern VA Representative, at 703-208-7111 or BinnsErcellb@aol.com. For Reston-Herndon Branch ride-share information, please contact Carol Hurlburt, Reston-Herndon Area AAUW Branch Co-President, at 703-264-9054 or schurlburt@verizon.net.

AAUW ASHBURN/LEESBURG AREA BRANCH OPEN HOUSE

The Ashburn/Leesburg Area Branch is having an Open House is on **Saturday, October 17, 1:30-3:30 PM**, at Cascades Library in Potomac Falls. If you know anyone who might be interested in attending this event, please invite them!

Program: **Equal Rights Amendment: Three-State Strategy, 2:00 PM**

Guest Speaker: **Diana Egozcue, Legislative Vice President, Virginia NOW**

Location: **Cascades Library
21030 Whitfield Place, Room C
Potomac Falls, VA 20165**

If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Abbie Henrickson at dhenrickson@verizon.net or aauw.ashburn.leesburg@gmail.com.

FAIRFAX CITY BRANCH BOOK & AUTHOR LUNCHEON

**Saturday, November 7, 2009
11 AM to 2 PM**

**Country Club of Fairfax: 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA
703-273-3445**

You are invited to the Fairfax City Branch's Annual Book & Author Luncheon, which raises funds for scholarships for women in our area. It also helps our national association provide financial help to women in education and other promising careers.

This year's stellar assortment of books have settings from San Francisco to Moscow, via Washington and Iceland: **NATALIE WEXLER**, *A More Obedient Wife: A Novel of the Early Supreme Court*; **SOLVEIG EGGERZ**, *Seal Woman*; **OLGA GRUSHIN**, *The Dream Life of Sukhanov*; **JOHN LAMB**, *Clockwork Teddy: A Bear Collector's Mystery*; **NICK KOTZ**, *Judgment Days*.

To register, please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Sonja Palomaki at 7014

Ebbtide Lane, Burke, VA 22015. (703-455-9262; spalomaki@cox.net). Checks should be payable to: AAUW Fairfax City Branch.

**Registration Deadline: NOVEMBER 4, 2009
\$38/ticket, including lunch**

Please Mark your Calendars for this
Special Tuesday Night Joint Meeting:

**November Branch Meeting
with Vienna Branch**

**Tuesday, November 10, 2009
7 – 9 PM**

**Speaker: Diane Kelly, Senior Policy
Advisor US Dept of State on Global
Women's Initiatives**

**Location: Patrick Henry Library
101 Maple Ave. West
Vienna, VA**

Reading Buddies - *NEW* Program

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The branch board is exploring the idea of starting a Reading Buddy program at the Reston Regional Library. The idea came out of a search for a "hands on" project to engage branch members, while supporting one of AAUW's goals, education/literacy for women and girls. The program would meet on **Wednesday evenings from 6:45 to 8 PM** at the library. Branch members would be available to students needing reading help (e.g., someone to read to or along with). While the program would be available every Wednesday, members would only need to make a once a month commitment. If this program appeals to you, **please send me an email by October 15th or sign up at the branch meeting on that night**. If we have enough volunteers, we will move forward and more details will follow in the November newsletter.

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!

■ Mentoring Program “One Girl at a Time”

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MENTOR PROGRAMS:

Langston Hughes MS and Forest Edge ES



On September 29th mentor orientation was held at Forest Edge Elementary School (FEES.) Martha Hutchinson, our school liaison, provided an insightful perspective on mentoring and distributed resource materials that will undoubtedly help us throughout the year.

We are forever grateful to our returning mentors and substitutes and to our three new mentors, two of whom will co-mentor. The roster of nine regular mentors allows us to support all of last year's FEES' mentees who are once again participating this school year. We have a roster of five substitutes.

Our first mentoring session at Forest Edge will begin October 6th. There will be nine weekly sessions before the December break. In October we will decorate pumpkins!

In order to add new FEES students, we **must recruit additional mentors** and to support the ongoing program, we are **in need of additional substitutes**. Our mentors sometimes have schedule conflicts and without sufficient substitutes, we run the risk of mentees having no one to work with them on any given Tuesday.

PLEASE consider joining us in this important AAUW program supporting young women. **PLEASE** recruit your friends and colleagues. The commitment is approximately 70 minutes a week on Tuesday afternoons starting at 3:15PM in the FEES Library. Please contact either Mary, mpz_06@verizon.net or Gail, gailiff@rstarmail.com. We would be happy to answer any questions or concerns.

The Langston Hughes Middle School (LHMS) mentor program began its second year in September. Our school liaison, Franklin Kyle, conducted a tutorial that will enable our five LHMS mentors to maximize their mentee advocacy. While we may not have parameters to measure “success” of our mentor program, AAUW Herndon-Reston should take pride in knowing that we were requested by the PTA to continue our efforts from the elementary school into the Middle School. And so we continue....**One Girl at a Time.**

■ Are You a Lifelong Learner?

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We are looking for branch members who have participated in lifelong learning programs and are willing to chat about it with the rest of the branch. If you have participated in or taught classes, seminars, trips, etc. with Elder Hostel, Smithsonian Resident Associates, GMU's OLLI or any other lifelong learning organization, please call or email me. We are planning a program on these learning opportunities, possibly using a panel of our own members. Thanks!

■ Gourmet Group

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The planning meeting for the 2009-2010 Gourmet Group events was held Sunday, September 20 at the home of Maureen Dwyer. Thank you to those who brought appetizers as they were thoroughly enjoyed by all.

If you're a football fan – or know someone who is – and would hate to miss a game, you are the perfect person to host a Sunday (Gourmet) **Tail Gate** party this November or early December. Planners are also needed, so all you inventive comfort food and grill masters give me a call or email **before October 24**. We need one location for this casual but upscale adventure in pigskin heaven. If you have ideas but cannot host (remember, hosts don't do cooking) I'd love to hear from you too.

Upcoming festivities:

Commemorative **Julia Child/Sheila Lukin** dinner to honor the ground breaking work these two women did to make inventive cooking accessible to Americans. Mary Pat Sampson will plan, to be held in late winter, date and hostesses still needed.

Vegetarian...but not necessarily vegan...because of the wealth of options hidden behind the name. We would keep in mind the anti-aging features of all foods but this theme makes it especially easy. Spring date but planner and hostesses can determine the month.

For more information or to offer help in planning or hosting, please contact Maureen Dwyer at 703-593-0450 or maureen.dwyer@longandfoster.com.

Fundraise by Grocery Shopping

Register your Safeway card with Escrip.com, and every time you grocery shop at Safeway, a percentage of your transaction amount is donated to our branch! Please send Sue Merk (sbmerk@comcast.net) your 11-digit Safeway Card number & she will complete the registration process for you.

■ ADOPT A SPOT

& a Beautiful Walk in the Woods

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On Saturday, October 3rd, five of our AAUW Adopt a Spot volunteers combed the trail behind Forest Edge Elementary School for trash and recyclables. It was a lovely Fall day and since we encountered very little trash, the clean-up took less than an hour. In a coordinated effort, Carol and Sid Hurlburt, Barbara Burleson and Fran and John Lovaas moved fairly quickly along the trail and through the woods.

In a very short time the job was done, and then we were able to enjoy some fresh apple cider and apples from the Reston Farmers Market. We will plan another clean up in late February, early March. We hope you will join us at that time. For more information on Adopt a Spot (and to get your name on our e-mail list), contact Fran Lovaas via phone 703-318-9628 or e-mail franlovaas@comcast.net.

■ Cultural & Diversity

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For Cultural – Diversity activities, I have two suggestions for your attention. Keep in mind a truism: advance reservations require advance commitments, so I hope one or both of the following strikes your interest – and that you get back to me by phone, e-mail, or in person quite soon. The proposed outings are:

Saturday, November 7: A visit to the Frederick Douglas Home in southeast D.C. (about 1 hour by car from Reston). Possible times: 12:15, 1:45, or 3:00 PM, as available after the number to attend is identified. Thus, my confirmation to you would be made after that determination.

This home, on top of a hill, is reached by 85 steps or a long ramp (1st floor accessible). The house and tour is an impressive way to sense more about this noteworthy man and his family. Operated by the National Park

Service, there is a \$1.50 fee per person, per reservation. The group is limited to no more than 10 at each tour time. Larger groups are alternated between a 17-minute movie and the tour. **Call Hale by noon Friday, October 23.** [Stragglers may call Hale by 5 PM Tuesday, October 28 to inquire about being added.] We can plan four people to a car, so if you could be a driver, please let me know.

Sunday, December 6: Proposed date for a winery tour and perhaps a stop for lunch or afternoon light food. Possible wineries to visit include Barrel Oak and Three Fox Vineyards near Delaplane, Chrysalis near Middleburg, or Loudoun Valley near Waterford. As an example, one limousine service would cost about \$30.50 a seat for a 20-passenger mini-bus, or \$42.50 a seat for a 12-passenger van for a five hour period. This will be studied more. *Alternatively, we would need designated drivers.* Prices for tasting would be additional, perhaps \$10 in some cases, or \$12 for a glass of wine and bowl of soup per another website. Another option is a tasting in January or February at The Wine Cabinet at the North Point Village Center. Again, contact Hale regarding your interest in pursuing this type of outing. Thanks in advance for your thoughts, and responses.

■ Membership Report

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Our September 12 "Women on the Move - Networking Connections" was a great success with Ellen Kaminsky leading a networking exercise that demonstrated proven techniques to help us all get more out of our networking efforts. We had 15 prospective members who attended, one joined that day and another joined at the Book Group meeting. Look for the gold star and welcome our new members at branch meetings and activities. A big thank you to all members who helped at our membership event!

You may have noted the sign, "1/2 off dues Today" at the event. Our national association has started a policy of cutting national dues in 1/2 when, and only when, a new or lapsed member (2+ years) joins at a branch-sponsored event that is open to the public. Our branch meetings qualify for this, so if you know of someone planning to join, urge her/him to come to our branch meeting on October 15 instead of just mailing Bea a check. Total dues at this rate = \$47.50.

Please remember to invite new, old and prospective members to our branch meetings and/or to one of our upcoming branch activities.

Fundraise by Recycling Used Toner

Simply bring your used toner cartridges with you to Branch meetings and events and the Board will turn those cartridges into funds for our Branch via the Escript program!

OCTOBER 2009

SUNDAY	MONDAY	TUESDAY	WEDNESDAY	THURSDAY	FRIDAY	SATURDAY
				1 October Newsletter Submissions Due	2	3 Adopt-A-Spot Cleanup 2-4 PM
4	5 Board Meeting	6 FEES Mentoring	7 LHMS Mentoring	8	9	10
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NOVEMBER 2009

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