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## President's Message

Dear Members,

We had a wonderful potluck for the opening of our program year! Thank you to Georgiana Ball for making all the arrangements! Several members also bought books to support Sara Hardin which Laura, Marian, Dottie and Kathy sorted into categories. Thank you for that effort! We will also have them available for purchase at our October meeting. We were also treated to an inspiring talk by Tiffany Haynes, our 2016 Scholarship winner. Tiffany is a young mother of a five year old as well as a full time student at John Tyler Community College. She is a former foster child since the age of 12 and hopes to eventually earn a law degree and be able to represent foster children and their needs in court. During the meal we broke up into groups of 6 at the various tables to discuss our job experiences especially as they related to sexual discrimination. Please look further in this newsletter for summaries of those conversations.

Be sure to put our October meeting on your calendar. A representative from the national office of AAUW in DC will be coming to Richmond specifically for our meeting. She will update us on all the new happenings at our national headquarters, including being in their new office building. We look forward to learning a lot and getting good questions from you. We will be back in our regular space at St. Mathias Episcopal Church for this meeting.

National AAUW is offering a drawing for a free convention registration for all those who

indicate on the website that they plan to attend the AAUW National Convention in June in DC. You must sign up by Oct. 1st. The budget that we passed at our Sept. meeting has \$150 set aside for a new attendee to convention to help offset the Convention Registration. Will you be the person to receive that stipend or one of those who receives a totally free registration? Go online now!

A funny thing happened in the dentist chair last week. No, this is not a joke. I was greeted by a new dental technician who is actually a dental practitioner. As we talked I was impressed by her knowledge and her enthusiasm for her profession. I thought to myself that she would be a perfect person to present to the girls at a STEAM conference, so I mentioned to her that I was a member of AAUW and that we had sponsored a STEAM conference at MLK Middle School in June. She replied, "I knew that I recognized your name! I presented to the girls then! I had a ball and the girls were wonderful." She continued to share her experiences there and got her phone to show me a picture she had taken of the girls. I hope that enough of you will sign up with Laura Wimmer to organize another such conference and provide such a wonderful experience for so many, both the girls and the presenters! We cannot do this by ourselves, we must have your involvement, too!

The sign up sheets for all the interest groups will be available again at the Oct. meeting. Hope to see you there!

Happy Fall!

*Carol Stephens*

## **Public Policy**

**Kathy Kelley**

**THANKS TO:** Carol Stephens, Barb Strohman, Lesin Dippold, Suzanne Conrad and Peter, Laurie Coulter, Susana Hernandez-Kurtulis, Maggie King, Rena Berlin, Katie Garnett and Connie Sorrell for volunteering for the voter registration!

We still have **October 1st and 8th** at the **South of the James Farmer's Market for the 7:30 to 10** times both days. Please contact me at [kjk325@verizon.net](mailto:kjk325@verizon.net) for volunteering. The market is great so you will have time to shop afterward.

### **October 17th is the last day to register!**

If you know of anyone who hasn't registered please remind them. They can register online or get a form from me, Rena Berlin, Jane Newell or Carol Stephens.

Watching the debates?

**Check out AAUW Debate Bingo** at: <http://www.aauw.org/2016/09/07/play-debate-bingo-with-aauw/> "Chart your progress on twitter using #AAUWDebates and as soon as you get BINGO, let @AAUWActionFund know! We'll be awarding some amazing AAUW swag to the lucky winner!"

Are you a two-minute activist?

**Get emails and respond to your members of congress so your voice can be heard.** <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

Turn out the vote on Election Day!

Learn about the crucial actions necessary to register voters along with actionable strategies for following up with and getting out the vote via the ***It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard*** campaign.

Register at <http://bit.ly/2bqcsTS>  
(the last session will be October 18)

## **Upcoming!**

*(These are from AAUW National, for GRAAUW events see next page under Branch Activity)*

**October 11, 2016** - Celebrate Women in STEM on Ada Lovelace Day <http://findingada.com/>  
**November 28, 2016** - Celebrate AAUW's birthday! <http://bit.ly/2db7ZHI>

## **AAUW VP of Marketing and Communications Coming to Speak at October Meeting!**



"Cordy Galligan is the vice president of Marketing and Communications and has over 20 years' experience in fundraising and event planning in the nonprofit sector. After graduating first in her class and Phi Beta Kappa at Catholic University, Cordy initially went into the banking industry but soon transferred to managing regional operations for some of Washington, D.C.'s top staffing firms. She segued from this work into freelancing as a fundraiser and event planner for area nonprofits."

<http://bit.ly/2dzMWk0>

We are thrilled to have such a multifaceted leader coming to talk with us in October. Be sure to check out the link above for more information on Cody and read some of the articles she has published with AAUW!

LinkedIn: <http://bit.ly/2cz2mA0>

## Branch Activity

## Fall

## Book Group

DeAnn Lineberry

### Meetings:

**October 11:** Monthly Meeting

7:00 PM St. Matthias Church, 11300 W. Huguenot Road, Midlothian

**October 29:** Southeast District Meeting

11:00 AM Virginia Beach

**November 3:** GRAAUW Board Meeting

7:00 PM

**November 8:** Election Day

No Meeting - Please Vote!

### Programs:

**October 11:** AAUW Speaker

7:00 PM St. Matthias Church  
Cordy Galligan, Vice President, Marketing and Communications, will be discussing "Impacts, Trends, and Resources"

**October 13:** Lunch Bunch

1:30 PM Positive Vibes Cafe

**October 20:** Evening Book Group

7:00 PM Bon Air Presbyterian  
9201 W Huguenot Rd

**October 21:** Networking and Socializing

6-8 PM Café Taza, 5047 Forest Hill

Details: <http://richmond-va.aauw.net/>

**October 26:** Bridge Group

7:00 PM

**November 11:** Wine Tasting Fundraiser

6-8 PM Forest Hill Presbyterian,  
4401 Forest Hill Ave, Richmond

**November 16:** November Social

6- 8 PM

**November 17:** Evening Book Group

7:00 PM Carol Stephens home

## SAVE THE DATE!

Southeast Regional District Meeting will be **October 29th, 11:00 AM - 2 PM** in Virginia Beach. We will be hearing from Dr. David Archer, an OB/GYN researcher from EVMS. He will speak about Aging Well for Older Women.

We will carpool together - please contact Carol Stephens if interested. Deadline to RSVP is October 22. (Meal provided for \$19.89)

All GRAAUW members and their guests are welcome. For more information, please contact DeAnn Lineberry [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com) or 804-233-5352.

### **New Daytime GRAAUW Book Group**

The time has come to add a second group meeting in the daytime. We'll have an organizational meeting on **Thursday, October 13**, following Lunch Bunch at Positive Vibe Café.

### Schedule:

**October 20, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

*Riding the Bus With My Sister, A True life Journey*, by Rachel Simon (2002, 256 pages).

"This heartwarming book about the unbreakable bond between two very different sisters takes the reader on an inspirational journey at once unique and universal. to live in the moment, how to pay attention to what really matters, how to change, how to love—and how to slow down and enjoy the ride."

<http://amzn.to/2bGqLF8>

Hostess: Sally Johnston

Discussion Leader: Carol Stephens

**NOTE:** meeting at Bon Air Presbyterian

**November 17, 2016**

**7:00 PM**

*Above Us Only Sky*, by Michele Young-Stone, (2015, 234 pages).

"Above Us Only Sky spans the 1863 January Uprising against Russian Tsarist rule in Eastern Europe to the fall of the Berlin Wall and Lithuania's independence in 1991. It is a 'daring, imaginative' story of mutual understanding between the old and young; it is a love story, a story of survival, and most importantly, a story about discovering where we belong in the world."

<http://amzn.to/2dnzZXU>

Hostesses: Carol Stephens & Katie Garnett

## Potluck Conversations

"One member had been in the military. She experienced discrimination in being able to work in the foreign service. **No reason was ever given but women were not allowed to serve in the foreign service until they reached age 27.** One [member] felt that **while serving as the Teacher's Union President she would have had better respect in representing her teachers if she had been a man**, but did not experience any overt discrimination. Another member at the table worked in IT and experienced being the only female in the department for a long while. She did not experience any discrimination in her field. However, she did notice that as more women started working in IT at her company that the **women tended to be assigned the accounting and in-house responsibilities, while the men were more often assigned to the hardware side of the IT service** and to the operation of the plant machines etc."

-Carol Stephens

"As a member, I have experienced discrimination in the past as a woman:

1. When trying to get jobs in high school and college, **I was always given a typing test because it was assumed that I could only do secretarial duties.**
2. [ I ] could not go to the college of my choice because women weren't admitted.
3. [ I ] had to quit teaching at five months pregnancy because it wasn't "proper for a pregnant women to be in front of a class." As a result, I had to pay back my entire scholarship for the year, even though I only had three months left in the school year.
4. [ I ] **could not buy my first car without a co-signer (because I was a woman)**, even though I was paying the monthly bill and my husband at the time was president of the bank!"

-Marian Seigla

"From my table, I'll send the reflection that **several of us have "reinvented" ourselves by applying our professional skills in different work settings.** Sometimes that keeps us refreshed and avoids burnout, sometimes one experience builds on another, sometimes a great opportunity opens up for us, and sometimes we are simply seeking part-time versus full-time work."

-Georgiana Ball

## Membership

Marian Seigla

GRAAUW Membership is growing nicely! Our 3 newest members are Tracie Mooneyham, Louise Brierre, and Nora Narum. Tracie is a graduate of Randolph Macon College with a BA in English and Louise is a graduate of Indiana University of PA with a BS in Secondary Education (Geography). Nora is a graduate of Virginia Tech with a BS in Computer Science and a MS from VCU in Business.

In order for our branch to keep growing, we need everyone's help in inviting prospective members to our programs and other groups and activities. AAUW is helping us by introducing a new program, "*Shape the Future*," that allows anyone who joins the first time after attending a meeting or a special event, to **join for \$60.60 instead of the normal \$85.00!** ( ½ off on National dues only) We can also bring in new members by inviting recent college and university graduates to join us through the "*Give a Grad a Gift*" program. You can learn more here: <http://bit.ly/2d7YjRU>

**A Reminder: Your 2016/2017 dues must be paid by November 30** or your name will be removed from our branch list. You can renew online <http://bit.ly/2dfQhme> or by check. Please make your check payable to GRAAUW and send to our treasurer:

Connie Sorrell  
3100 Mount Hill Drive  
Midlothian, VA 23113

## Lunch Bunch

DeAnn Lineberry

Our fun – and often informative – Lunch Bunch is entering its fourth year this fall. We'll have our first gathering on Thursday, October 13, at Positive Vibe Café, in the Stratford Hills Shopping Center.

Positive Vibe is more than just a unique restaurant; it's a café with a mission – to train physically and mentally disabled adults to work in a restaurant environment, then facilitate placing them in paying positions in Richmond's vibrant restaurant community, supporting them on the road to self-sufficiency.

At our lunch in October, Garth Larcen – father of a disabled young man and the visionary behind Positive Vibe – will speak to us about the café, its mission, and its accomplishments over the past decade. I chose it for October because it's **Disability Employment Awareness Month**, so it seems very appropriate for us to enjoy and support this special place with our food dollars.

If you will attend Lunch Bunch on October 13, please contact DeAnn Lineberry: [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com) or phone 233-5352. ***I need to hear from attendees by Monday, October 11 to provide number for our reservation.***

There will be a sign-up sheet for future lunches, so be thinking about a place you would like to plan a future lunch gathering.

Find out more about Positive Vibe cafe: <http://positiveviberva.com/>



Welcome to Max's

# POSITIVE VIBE CAFE

an element of the Positive Vibe Foundation, a non-profit organization dedicated to training and employing people with disabilities in food services.

## Convention 2017 Update



### Registration Opens October 1st!

Make sure to register early for the best price!  
(Best Value between October 1- January 14)

The Renaissance hotel in downtown Washington, D.C. is offering special rates for all convention attendees. The special rate is \$229/night plus tax. Book your hotel room online before **May 22, 2017** to lock in this exclusive rate! <http://convention.aauw.org/plan-trip/>

## TED<sup>x</sup> RVA Women

x = independently organized TED event

"It's About Time. To come together. To see women, empowering women. For women to be in control of their mental, physical, and financial health. It's about the time in 1920 that women were granted the right to vote, and now, almost 100 years later, we have our first woman running for President. It's about time we don't let gender divide us and use our diversity as our strength."

**October 28 9 AM-4 PM**

**Byrd Theatre 2908 W Cary St, Richmond**

"The talks will occur from 9am-1pm at The Byrd Theatre. Following the speakers, we're excited to offer several events the afternoon of October 28th that will be concentrated in the Carytown area to continue the conversation."

Visit <http://bit.ly/2dfIGGY> to purchase tickets!

## **FULL Calendar of Events**

**Oct. 1 (Sat.)** 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Voter Registration booth at Farmer's Market

**Oct. 6 (Thur)** 7:00 PM - Board meeting

**Oct. 8 (Sat)** 7:30 AM - 12:00 PM  
Voter Registration booth at Farmer's Market

**Oct. 11 (Tue)** 7:00 PM - GRAAUW Program St. Matthias Church

**Oct. 13 (Thur)** 1:30 PM - Lunch Bunch Positive Vibes Cafe

**Oct. 20 (Thur)** 7:00 PM - Evening Book Group

**October Social: Friday, Oct. 21 6:00-8 PM**  
Café Taza, 5047 Forest Hill Avenue

**Oct. 26 (Wed.)** 7:00 PM Bridge Group  
place TBD

**Oct. 29 (Sat)** 11:00 AM Southeast District Meeting - La Bella Italia, 1065 Laskin Rd Virginia Beach, VA, 23451

**Nov. 3 (Thur)** 7:00 PM GRAAUW Board  
place TBD

**Nov. 8 (Tue)** 6:00 AM - 7:00 PM  
**ELECTION DAY - be sure to VOTE!**

**Nov. 11 ( Fri.)** 6:00 - 8:00 PM **ANNUAL WINE TASTING FUND RAISER**

**November Social: Wed., Nov. 16 6:00-8 PM**

**Nov. 17 (Thur)** 7:00 PM - Evening Book Group at Carol Stephens home

**Dec. 1 (Thur)** 7:00 PM GRAAUW Board place TBD

**Dec. 7 (Wed)** 9:00 AM - Annual Women's Legislative Pre Session Roundtable Capitol Building

**Dec. 15 (Thur)** Book Groups holiday Poetry and Book share at Catherine Luckey's home

**Jan. 21 (Sat.)** 10:30 AM - Program meeting at Virginia Museum

**Mar. 4 (Sat)** - Southeast District Meeting in Richmond

**April 1 (Sat)** - State AAUW VA Annual Business Meeting in Charlottesville

**May 10** - Annual Spring Installation Banquet Meadowbrook CC

## **Wine Tasting Fundraiser**

Benefits Local GRAAUW Scholarships & the AAUW Education Fund!

*Friday, November 11th, 6 – 8 PM*

**All members are needed to:  
Sell tickets!**

**Contribute items for raffle baskets!  
Contribute food, paper goods & other supplies!**

**Set up, clean up or work a shift during the evening!**

**New this year!** Each special interest group is assembling a basket of intriguing items that will be raffled along with individual bottles of the evening's featured wines! Raffle tickets range from \$1 to \$20 so come prepared to support our cause!

**To volunteer or ask any questions, please contact:**

**Lesin Dippold 804-519-1898**  
[lesindippold@comcast.net](mailto:lesindippold@comcast.net)

**Barbara Strohman 804-380-0637**  
[str8202@yahoo.com](mailto:str8202@yahoo.com))

**or Carol Swartz 804-276-2714**  
[clswartz2001@yahoo.com](mailto:clswartz2001@yahoo.com)



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# Wine Tasting Benefit

TICKETS

**\$20**

PER PERSON

**Come taste & learn about delicious, affordable wines.**

**Savor delectable hors d'oeuvres.**

**Enjoy a raffle for bottles of wine & wine gift baskets.**

**Be sure to stay for the surprise end to the evening!**

## Forest Hill Presbyterian Church

4401 Forest Hill Avenue

**6 - 8 pm**

**Tickets must be purchased in advance.**

For tickets contact:

Carol Swartz 804.276.2714 - Lesin Dippold 804.519.1898 - Barbara Strohman 804.380.0637

Or visit your local **Once Upon A Vine!**

Stop by the 4009 MacArthur Avenue location to purchase your tickets.

Half of the cost of each ticket benefits the AAUW Educational Fund, while remaining proceeds fund local GRAAUW Scholarships!