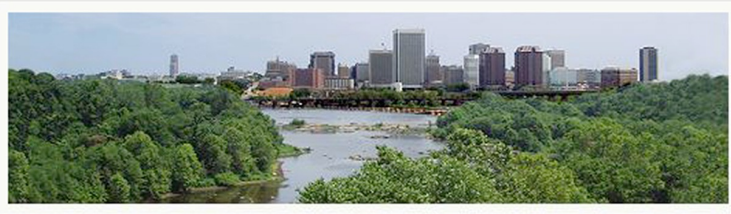


February/March 2017



Greater Richmond (VA) Branch



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## **President's Message**

2017 will be a test of our country's ability to forge ahead with democracy and to provide for respect and equity for women. It is imperative that our GRAAUW keep to its mission of providing equity for women and girls. If you have not already seen Hidden Figures, I strongly recommend that you do so! It is a testament to the staying power of women and a reminder of the progress we have made and where we do not want to return! So let's take heart and move forward with energy and resolve. Georgiana Ball has organized two very important programs for us for January and February that pertain to our mission! I hope that you can all attend!

Start Smart planning is underway for Feb. 8th at the University of Richmond. Tracie Mooneyham and I will be the trainers. Lesin and DeAnn will be helping with registration. If you are able to help out on that day or want to observe exactly what Start Smart is, please let me know!

Laura, Lesin, and Suzanne and I are working on plans for our STEAM conference this year! I do hope that you will be helping us disseminate the calls for presenters to your contacts as well as the registration flyer to middle school girls. That outreach is very important!

I have registered for the **National AAUW Conference in DC June 14-17th**. I do hope that others in our branch will join me! I certainly need some roommates to share the room expense! Please let me know if you are interested!

I have attended two other National Conferences in my 14 years in AAUW and they are always inspiring. I predict that this year's conference will be very important politically as well!

On Thurs. eight of us met at O'Tooles for Lunch Bunch. Besides enjoying great food, (you should have seen the hunk of rib roast that Pat G got!) it was a very rewarding conversation. Where else can you enjoy good food and stimulating conversation than Lunch Bunch! Please join us next month!

See you Jan. 28th at Gayton Rd. library!

*Carol Stephens*

**President GRAAUW**

## **Reminders!**

Nominating Committee will be finding candidates for **Treasurer** and **VP of Membership** for this coming 2017-18 year. If you have a nominee or are willing to serve in that capacity, please let Carol Stephens know.

We will be deciding on our 3 named honorees for our money sent to the *AAUW Funds for scholarships for 2017* that we raised at the November Wine Tasting. Please bring your ideas to the meeting!

***The survey that you received in an email from Lesin Dippold needs to be completed and returned*** in order to give guidance to the board for next years fund raising efforts. Several folks have turned them in, but many have not. You can always bring it with you to the Jan. meeting on the 28th!

## **FULL Calendar of Events**

**Feb. 1st (Wed)** AAUW -VA State Lobby Day at General Assembly

**Feb. 9 (Thur)** - Lunch Bunch Hostess Cheryl Kapec - Extra Billies Barbecue

**Feb. 16 (Thur)** - Book Group - 1:00 pm Daytime 7:00 pm Evening

**Feb. 22 (Wed)** 7:00 pm Bridge - location TBA

**Feb. 25 (Sat)** 10:30 am Program Meeting - Ginter Park Library

**Mar. 4 (Sat)** 11:00 am Southeast District Meeting at Carini's Italian near Richmond airport

**March Annual Business Meeting** - date and location TBA look for announcement

**Mar. 9 (Thur)** Lunch Bunch - Hostess Pat Geerdes - Positive Vibes Cafe

**Mar. 16 (Thur)** Book Group - Day 1:00 pm Evening 7:00 pm

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

## **March on Monument**

"Hundreds of folks of varying ages and backgrounds gathered for a peaceful march down Monument Ave. from Lee Circle to Boulevard. Newly elected Representative Don McEachin and State Senator Jennifer McClellan spoke at the conclusion of the march.



AAUW was well represented by Steven and Kathy Kelley, Lesin Dippold and her adult children Madeline and George, Katie Garnett, Louise Brierre, Carol Stephens and former member Rena Berlin. In addition two members from Tidewater branch were there! We carried our AAUW banner and we were asked by several folks what AAUW was. A good event and a good showing! We even had drummers beating out the beat for the marchers!"

- Carol Stephens, President

**To see more coverage of this event:**

<http://bit.ly/2jy0r3M>

## **Scholarship Committee**

The 2017 GRAAUW Scholarship application is available on our branch website. Two \$1000 scholarships will be awarded this spring. Please spread the word if you know of any eligible students! *The Committee is in need of two members to help review the applications and select the best candidates.* This process would only take a few hours of your time and will be scheduled to suit the committee members during March and April. Please contact Lesin ([lesindippold@comcast.net](mailto:lesindippold@comcast.net) or 519-1898) if you are interested/have questions!



## **AAUW CONVENTION**

**Register NOW! Early bird Registration closes March 22!** <http://bit.ly/2jTkQDu>  
Book your hotel room online before **May 22, 2017** to lock in the discounted rate! <http://convention.aauw.org/plan-trip/>

## **Branch Activity**

## **Winter**

### **Meetings:**

**January 28:** *Program Meeting - Sexual Assault – Public Policies and Current Program Efforts*

**10:30 AM** at Gayton Library Meeting Room, 10600 Gayton Rd.

**February 25:** *Program Meeting*

**10:30 AM** at Gayton Library Meeting Room, 10600 Gayton Rd.

### **Programs:**

**January 21: Womens March on Washington**

**January 25:** *Bridge Group*

**7:00 PM** Cheryl Kapec's home

**February 1:** *AAUW-VA State Lobby Day*

**8:30 AM** General Assembly Building

**February 9:** *Lunch Bunch*

**1:30 PM** Hostess Cheryl Kapec  
Extra Billies Barbecue

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## **Book Group**

**DeAnn Lineberry**

Continuing a nearly 40-year tradition, our Book Group meets on the third Thursday of each month. We have now divided into two groups: Daytime Book Group meeting **1 PM**, at **Ginter Park Library, 1200 Westbrook Avenue, Richmond 23227**. Evening Group meeting **7 PM**, at **Bon Air Presbyterian Church, Huguenot Road**. Both groups will read the same books, enabling members to attend whichever time is more convenient month-to-month. *All GRAAUW members and their guests are welcome.*

For more information, please contact DeAnn:  
deann.lineberry@yahoo.com  
804-233-5352.

### **Schedule:**

**February 16** - Two selections, choose either:

*The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Great Migration* by Isabel Wilkerson  
<http://bit.ly/2fKFcMg>

**OR** *Another Brooklyn* by Jacqueline Woodson  
<http://amzn.to/2gDGyHq>

**March 16:** *Nella Last's War: The Second World War Diaries of Housewife* by Nella Last, edited by Richard Broad and Suzie Fleming. Three volumes; read one, two, or all three as you choose.  
<http://amzn.to/2iur3Rm>

"In September 1939, housewife and mother Nella Last began a diary whose entries, in their regularity, length and quality, have created a record of the Second World War which is powerful, fascinating and unique. When war broke out, Nella's younger son joined the army while the rest of the family tried to adapt to civilian life. Writing each day for the "Mass Observation" project, Nella, a middle-aged housewife from the bombed town of Barrow, shows what people really felt during this time."

## **Public Policy**

**Kathy Kelley**

January starts our busy time at the General Assembly. Some of us will be attending the League of Women Voters Roundtable every Wednesday morning starting on **January 18th at 8:30 AM** room 4 East in the General Assembly Building. Delegates and Senators will speak on their bills that are of interest to us. At 9:30 you can go to your legislators and lobby. Either write notes or make appointments with their legislative assistants.

Check out <http://viriniageneralassembly.gov/> and <http://lis.virginia.gov/> if you need bill tracking information or to find out who your legislator is. Right now we are watching SB824 (Wexton) Paid SickLeave, SB978 (Dance) Minimum Wage, and SB1080 (Wexton) Equal Pay.

We hope many of you will attend **AAUW Lobby Day on February 1st**. The day's agenda will begin early (8:30) and should wrap up after lunch. Following our State Lobby Day activities, there will be an optional lunch for AAUW members, as well as for members of the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) and other kindred organizations visiting Richmond. This year, AAUW is organizing the lunch. It has always been a nice ending to a great morning so I hope members participating in Lobby Day can stay for lunch. **LOCATION:** *The Tobacco Company Restaurant, 201 E Cary St.* **TIME:** *Staggered arrival between approximately 12:30 –1:00 p.m.*, depending on when we are recognized in the General Assembly Galleries, which will be the last item on our official agenda. Let me know by January 22 if you plan to attend the lunch.

Federal Legislation is crucial at this point in time. Be sure to sign up for the two minute activist if you have not done it yet. <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> It is an easy way for you to let your voice be heard in Washington...

## **Upcoming!**

*(These are from AAUW National, for GRAAUW events see Full Calendar)*

**January 21** - The AAUW Delegation to the Women's March on Washington will meet at **9:00 AM on Saturday, January 21** outside the Newseum.



Staff will distribute AAUW posters and buttons to attendees (non-members welcome!) and at promptly **9:15 am ET**, we will travel together to the starting location of the March (10 minute walk). Look for AAUW signage on the plaza to the right of the Newseum entrance, located **555 Pennsylvania Ave NW**. The closest Metro stations are Archives, Gallery Place/Chinatown, and Judiciary Square.

The AAUW Open House will take place on Saturday, January 21 from 9:00 am to 2:00 pm ET. Stop by 1310 L Street NW, for refreshments, to warm up, and to meet with fellow members and staff. Check in will be required at the door.

**March 28** - Online Chat with the Author of a New Book on Justices O'Connor and Ginsburg, **8:00 PM** Online <http://bit.ly/2jTmEg4>