



# October/November Newsletter

Greater Richmond Branch

## President's Report

Thanks to all who made our Kick-Off Potluck such a great success. Tracie had new name tags for us and we all enjoyed catching up with each other as well as meeting newer members and signing up for the various activities for the year. If you were unable to attend, not to worry, you can still come to our next Program meeting Oct. 10 to sign up for the various interest groups and projects.

Please check out Tracie's Membership column! We have our first male members since I have been a member, and have had several folks join online via the website. Hortense's guest, Jackie Johnston joined as well. And believe it or not, Hortense and Marian Sieglaw saw each other for the first time since graduating from college together! Who will you bring to the Oct. meeting to encourage to join?

Look further in the newsletter for an article about our loyal member, Lila Williams, who passed away this past month.

Be sure to contact Lesin Dippold, Carol Swartz, or Katie Garnett to sign up for helping with the Wine Tasting. After listening to our scholarship winners at the Potluck, we want to raise lots of money so we can offer 3 scholarships this next year! Be sure to sell raffle tickets to your friends and family for the wine baskets and wine bottles. They do not have to be present to win!

This November we elect a new Governor! This is a very important race and it is important to get folks registered to vote! Contact Kathy Kelley and Barb Strohman ASAP to help with that effort.

Finally we are starting a new Interest Group - Sip N Dip! Read further in the newsletter for a description. We have 9 folks signed up so far!

Look forward to your involvement in whatever way you can participate! Together we can make a difference!

[Carol Stephens](#)

**President GRAAUW**

## Program News

### GRAAUW Branch Meeting

**Tuesday, October 10**

**7:00 p.m.**

**St. Matthias Episcopal Church**

State AAUW President Patsy Quick will join us and discuss state AAUW level and how it works with both the national and local branches, as well as initiatives or actions that can strengthen our local branch.

***Bring a friend and if they join this September, October, or November – they get a \$24 discount off annual dues of \$85!!***

#### **Dinner before the October 10 Branch Meeting:**

Interested in having dinner with our speaker, State AAUW President Patsy Quick, prior to the October branch meeting? Join us at Joe's Inn Bon Air at 5:45 p.m. on Tuesday, October 10. **RSVP by Sunday, October 8** to Georgiana Ball at [balloeg@gmail.com](mailto:balloeg@gmail.com) or 232-7549. Joe's Inn in near Huguenot Road at [2616 Buford Road](#).

#### **Cocktails and Convo's Social**

October 18, 6-8:30 p.m. at Café Carturra in the west end at 5811 Grove Avenue. Come to socialize with other GRAAUW members and meet prospective members or interested parties. We won't have a program, but will answer questions about our organization and will offer a subject for discussion. This social's subject will be mentoring.

## Fundraising News



### **Wine Tasting Fundraiser!**

**6 – 8 PM, Saturday, November 4th  
Forest Hill Presbyterian Church**

Start spreading the word to friends and family to spend the evening with us enjoying new wines, delectable edibles, and socializing!

Event (\$20) and raffle (\$5) tickets will be distributed at our October 10th meeting and at interest groups that week. Also, for the first time, event tickets will be available to the general public online through EventBrite.

Members are asked to sell \$5 tickets for wine and gift basket raffles in advance of the event as well as that evening. Ticket purchasers do not have to be present to win.

Please support AAUW Funds and GRAAUW Local Scholarships by selling tickets, volunteering that night and contributing a special dish!

## FULL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

**October 5** - GRAAUW Board Meeting  
Lobby Corps Day - Washington DC

**October 10** - 7:30 PM ***Program Meeting***

St. Mathias Church  
Patsy Quick, VA AAUW speaking

**October 12** - 1:30 PM  
***Lunch Bunch*** - O'Tooles

**October 19** - ***Book Groups***

Day 1:30 PM  
Ginter Park Library  
Evening 7:00 PM  
Cathy Learnard's Home  
1350 Westwood

**October 21** - ***Virginia Women's Conference***

Virginia Beach

**October 28** - SE District Meeting

**November 2** - GRAAUW Board Meeting

**November 4** - 6-8 PM Wine Tasting Fundraiser - Forest Hill Presbyterian

**December 6** - LWV Pre-Session of General Assembly  
Bridge Group

**January 24** - LWV Capitol Briefings  
Every Wed for 6 weeks 8:30 AM

**February 24** - SE District Meeting - TBA

**April 20-22** - AAUW-VA State Conference  
Portsmouth, Renaissance Hotel

**May 9** - Annual Spring Banquet  
Meadowbrook Country Club



## Public Policy News

### Public Policy Update

We are still looking for volunteers to help with voter registration. Remember, you don't have to do the training if you are partnering with someone who has. If we have enough volunteers we can register people at the Willow Lawn bus stops on Friday afternoons and the corner of Forest Hill and 41st Street on Saturday mornings until October 16th.

If you did not get my handout at the last meeting here are some convenient URL's you can use for public policy updates:

<http://www.aauw.org/issues/>

<http://bit.ly/14dGXbO>

2 Minute Activist

<http://bit.ly/1MkPYI2>

Public Policy

<http://bit.ly/1K31Avi>

VA Legislature

<http://www.vote411.org/>

Voter Guide For You

<http://bit.ly/1K31Avi>

Who's My Legislator?

**By the way, I am still waiting for someone to help me do Public Policy this year. If you are interested, please get in contact with me as soon as possible.**

Kathy Kelley 804-305-0669(c)

## Membership News

Can you believe it's already October?! Soon enough the fall foliage and pumpkins will be replaced by evergreens and twinkling lights! Which means that we are now in full swing for membership recruitment. As you think about all upcoming meetings and interest group gatherings, be thinking about the reasons why you love GRAAUW. If you invite just one friend to each meeting you attend, you can help us to attract new members. Our September Potluck was a great example! We had one of our returning members bring a friend, and at the end of the night she ended up joining our branch! Isn't that great? Don't forget about our Annual Wine Tasting Fundraiser in November - it's the perfect opportunity to invite a friend and get them thinking about membership!

### **SHAPE THE FUTURE**

The Shape the Future membership campaign is a discounted rate to prospective members. With this campaign, new members can take 50% off the national dues rate when they join during an AAUW public event. Branches also earn 1 free national membership to give away for every two newly recruited members, with a max of 5 free memberships annually. What a great talking point!

### **Membership Benefit of the Month:**

Did you know you can use your AAUW membership to help you save on supplies? AAUW has partnered with Office Depot/OfficeMax to bring you a free national discount program. Members can save up to 80% off products online and in stores!! Visit <http://www.aauw.org/membership/benefits/> today!

### In It for Life: Paid Life Membership

AAUW has a paid-life membership for anyone wishing to make the commitment. Paid Life members do not pay National dues each year but continue to pay only state and branch dues. The investment in life membership is set at twenty times the current National dues rate of \$49, for a total of \$980. Since the National dues are expected to go up in the next year, the Paid Life commitment will increase by \$200! Now is the time to make the commitment!

Visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/in-it-for-life/> or contact our Finance Officer, Jane Newell. We can upgrade your membership to Paid Life even if you have already paid this year's dues!

Tracie Mooneyham



## DO YOU LOVE AAUW?

Then consider joining the GRAAUW Board!

The following are positions we need to fill for the 2017-2018 year:

Membership Co VP

Public Policy Co Chair

Standing Rules Committee Member

Please consider which one fits you best!

If you are interested, have any suggestions, or just want more info, please email branch President Carol Stephens!



## Interest Groups News

### Book Group

Continuing a nearly 40-year tradition, our Book Group meets on the third Thursday of each month. We have two groups: **Daytime Book Group meeting 1 PM** and **Evening Group meeting 7 PM**. 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, 804-233-5352.

### **Schedule:**

**October 19** - Machine Dreams, by Jayne Anne Phillips <http://amzn.to/2xybF1d>  
"Mitch struggles to earn a living as Jeans becomes the main breadwinner, working to complete college and raise the family. While the couple fight to keep their marriage intact, their daughter Danner and son Billy forge a sibling bond of uncommon strength. When Billy goes off to Vietnam, Danner becomes the sole bond linking her family, whose dissolution mirrors the fractured state of America in the 1960s."

**Evening Group** will meet at Cathy Learnard's home at Ginter Place, 1350 Westwood Avenue. Please RSVP to Cathy if you plan to attend!

**Daytime Group** will meet at our standing location, Ginter Park Library, 1200 Westbrook Avenue.

### Lunch Bunch

GRAAUW's Lunch Bunch began a few years ago as a way for members to meet for informal socializing – and occasional brief educational presentations related to the restaurant where we're meeting or some particular issue related to our AAUW mission of education for women and girls.

For information about the group, contact DeAnn Lineberry by email or phone 233-5352

***Lunch Bunch gathers on the second Thursday each month at 1:30 PM in restaurants around town.***

On **October 12**, we'll meet at **O'Toole's Irish Pub, 4800 Forest Hill Avenue**, just east of Westover Hills Boulevard in Southside. We'll be planning our lunch for rest of GRAAUW year, so please come with ideas about new restaurants to try or favorites to re-visit.



## In Memoriam: Lila Williams

The Greater Richmond Branch is sorry to announce the passing of Lila Elizabeth Williams, 73, a member for forty-seven years. Lila received her BS from Bridgewater College and her Master's degree in Library Science from the University of Pittsburg. She was a librarian at the University of Richmond and a faithful member of the First Baptist Church in Richmond, where she served as church librarian for many years. She is survived by her sister, niece, nephew, and two great nephews.



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