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Outgoing President's Remarks

Summer is finally here! What a strange spring we had, but it made us all the more ready for a lazy summer. Well, lazy for some! Your old and new board gathered in June to plan for a fun but meaningful 2018-2019. Folks across Virginia are gearing up for pushing the ERA over the line. Virginia can make history and be the last state needed to ratify the ERA! Illinois just did it! We are getting help all across the nation for this push! Get out those ERA buttons and get on board! Can you tell that I just saw the RBG movie? (documentary on Ruth Bader Ginsburg). She needs to see this baby birthed!

I want to thank you all for a wonderful three years as your President! It has been an honor and a privilege to work with you all in so many worthy endeavors and have fun in the process! Thank you!

Many of you are planning to attend the Summer Leadership Meeting in Harrisonburg July 28th. This will be Leslie Tourigny's and my debut as Co Presidents of AAUW VA. I am stepping out of my comfort zone. Dulce is stepping out of her comfort zone, as well as Kristen Johnson and Deneise Melenbrink. Be sure to give them support in their leadership roles and ease out of your comfort zone too. Now is the time!

Enjoy your summer and join in our events that still take place over the summer, such as Book Group, Lunch Bunch, and Wednesday Bridge. You just might meet a new friend!

With gratitude in my heart,
Carol Stephens, Outgoing GRAAUW President

SEE END of NEWSLETTER FOR INFO AND REGISTRATION FOR SUMMER LEADERSHIP MEETING!

Incoming President's Remarks

Welcome all members to the 2018-2019 GRAAUW Branch year.

I thank you for your confidence in electing me President of the Greater Richmond Branch. With the help of the entire Board, as well as with the participation of all members, I am anticipating a most successful year.

Many of you will continue participating in your previous positions while other members have accepted new roles. I agreed to be your president because I believe in the goals and purpose that the AAUW stands for. I feel that acting together we can continue to support scholarships for deserving women in the Richmond community. It is for that reason, I know there will be active participation in our fund drives. One such is the wine tasting in the Fall which has been extremely successful in supporting our scholarship goals.

Since joining the Richmond Branch last summer, I have made a personal commitment to become engaged in the advocacy segment of the Branch, mainly because of my interest in the passage of the ERA. I have attended many of the meetings in different community groups together with many other AAUW members. Over the past year, I have enjoyed participating in numerous Branch activities including the Book Group, Bridge, and Gourmet groups. I will continue to participate in as many activities as possible during my tenure as your president.

I will be participating at the leadership conference in July, and look forward to exchanging ideas while enjoying the camaraderie new friendships will bring. I encourage the general membership to join us and participate at this conference as well.

I am here to assist you, and I encourage you to engage in Branch activities when called upon by board members.

Thank you,
Dulce Lawrence, Incoming GRAAUW President

Jackie Johnson Regretfully Resigns

Jackie Johnson has indicated to the Board that she must resign as Co President with Dulce for 2018 -2020. She is saddened, but has decided that for now she must reduce her involvement a bit. She will join us as she can! We look forward to her participation at whatever level that may be and are grateful for her initial willingness to serve!

Membership - Dues are due!

Just a reminder that your membership dues are due by the end of June. We hope that you will renew, if you joined prior to March. If you joined during March, your dues are current until next June.

Many of you have already renewed either at the banquet or online. The easiest way is to renew online at AAUW.org. Otherwise, you can **send a check for \$95, made out to GRAAUW, to our Treasurer, Jane Newell at 509 South Cherry Street, Richmond, VA 23220-6215.**

AAUW National has shortened the grace period this year; if you have not renewed by September, you will be dropped from the rolls. If you have not renewed by the end of June, you will receive those nagging email reminders. Yuk!

Over the summer please be thinking about who you know that would benefit from belonging to GRAAUW and who would have something to offer us! Invite them to our kick off meeting in September or to one of our Cocktails and Convos.

Folks are allowed to attend events and meetings three times to get to know us and decide if they want to join. Some folks feel they do not have time to give to the organization. Encourage them to join National AAUW to support our efforts across the nation. Dues for just national membership is \$59.

2018-2019 is the Year of the Woman!
Join us!

Public Policy Report

Important events happened at the end of May that will affect many women in Virginia and the United States.

Thanks to the advocacy of many caring Virginians, including AAUW members, Medicaid expansion finally will happen in Virginia. Now 400,000 of our family members, friends, and neighbors will have access to affordable healthcare!

Several Republican senators faced fierce opposition from their fellow Republicans, but they joined the Democrats to adopt a two-year budget that includes Medicaid expansion in Virginia.

The House of Delegates had already passed Medicaid expansion, partially due to the make-up that had changed after last November's elections. Although there is more work to be done, this victory marks the end of a six-year battle.

Illinois lawmakers have voted to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, affirming equal rights for women and putting the legislation just ONE STATE away from potentially being adopted into the U.S. Constitution! With our help it could be Virginia. The passage comes 36 years after the original deadline for ratification set by Congress. However, despite the lapse in deadline for ratification, ERA's supporters say Congress can revive the amendment. Most of you remember the problem we had in the Virginia legislature this spring. We'll be back in full force during the 2019 General Assembly session, you can be sure! Please join our efforts and encourage your Delegate and state Senator to support the ERA.

GRAAUW Scholarships Awarded to 3 Women

Thanks to your fundraising efforts and contributions, we were able to award scholarships to three outstanding young women pursuing their college degrees:

\$1,000.00 to **Victoria Alford**, 19, a student leader of the Great Expectations program at Reynolds Community College. Victoria has a 4.0 GPA after completing 24 credits towards a General Studies Degree, with the goal of transferring into the Dietetics Program at James Madison University.

\$1,000.00 to **Sarah Izabel**, 30, a native of Brazil, who has a 3.6 GPA after completing 158 credit hours of her Biology and Psychology majors at VCU. Sarah has a seven year old son, is a research assistant in the Department of Anatomy and Neurobiology at VCU, and plans to apply to a joint MD/PhD program to achieve her goal of serving as a physician while continuing to work in neurological research.

\$500.00 to **Haley Smith**, 21, who has a 3.8 GPA after completing 75 hours towards her Criminal Justice degree at VCU. Haley currently serves as an intake counselor for SCAN (Stop Child Abuse Now) and is focused on the career goal of practicing law as a Guardian Ad Litem to continue her work in the juvenile justice system.

We enjoyed meeting Victoria and Sarah at the May banquet and look forward to having all three scholarship recipients share their stories and aspirations with us at our September meeting.

Thank you to new member, Randi Edwards, our incoming Scholarship Committee Chairperson! Several new committee members are needed as well! The current committee members have served longer than the two-year term specified in our Standing Rules so replacements are mandatory.

The commitment is minimal, with just a few hours of your time spread across the months of January through April. However, your involvement allows us to make a huge difference in the lives of women striving to achieve their college degrees!

This is a perfect “dip your toes in” job for new members to get involved with GRAAUW!

If you would like more information, please contact: Lesin Dippold (804-519-1898) or Randi Edwards (804-839-7873)

Lunch Bunch

GRAAUW's Lunch Bunch gathers on the second Thursday each month at 1:30 p.m. in restaurants around RVA. **Lunch Bunch** began a few years ago as a way for members to meet for informal socializing. For information about the group, phone DeAnn Lineberry at 233-5352 or email deann.-lineberry@yahoo.com.

On **July 12**, we'll travel to Mechanicsville, closer to hostess Marian Seigla's home : **Riverbound Cafe, 8005 Creighton Pkwy, Mechanicsville, VA 23111**

Then on August 9, we'll go to **The Boathouse at Sunday Park in Brandermill, 4602 Millridge Pkwy, Midlothian, VA 23112**

Join us if you can for great food and good fellowship.

Book Groups

Continuing a 40-year tradition, our Book Groups meet on the third Thursday of each month. We have two groups: Daytime Book Group, meeting at 1 PM, and Evening Group meeting at 7 PM. Both groups read the same books, enabling members to attend whichever time is more convenient month-to-month. *All GRAAUW members and their guests are welcome.* Join us any time our book interests you OR come every month. For more information, please contact DeAnn Lineberry:

deann.lineberry@yahoo.com
804-233-5352.

Thursday, July 19

Evening Group will meet at Cathy Learnard's Ginter Place condo,
1350 Westwood Avenue

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

BOOK: *Major Pettigrew's Last Stand*, by Helen Simonson.

A lighter read after several months' more serious books. Major Ernest Pettigrew is many things: retired from Her Majesty's Army; a somewhat reclusive widower; proud son of a decorated Colonel who served in colonial India; an only surviving son; and resident of a small coastal village that is steeped in traditional social layering and far from the pace and progressive nature of London – his adjustments to village life offer many opportunities for humor and enlightenment.

Thursday, August 16, 6:30 p.m.

Annual summer dinner meeting – both groups meet for dinner, socializing, and planning next year's reading. This year we'll meet at *The Grapevine Restaurant* in the West End, 11055 Three Chopt Rd, Richmond, VA 23233

FALL CALENDAR OF EVENTS

JULY 27-28 - SUMMER LEADERSHIP MEETING IN HARRISONBURG

Tuesday, September 11 – GRAAUW Kick Off meeting

Saturday, October 27 – Southeast District Meeting

Tuesday, November 6 -- Election Day - Nov. 6th

Sat. Nov. 19th (tentative) - Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

AAUW-VA Summer Leadership Meeting
July 28, 2018
Pre-Meeting Activities July 27
Harrisonburg, VA

July 28, 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

Hotel Madison and
Shenandoah Valley
Conference Center

710 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



Hotel Reservations
phone: 540-564-0200

or <https://goo.gl/4e6P8n>
Reserve by July 5

All rooms in AAUW block \$119
plus tax and fees per night.

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AGENDA

July 27	Pre- Meeting Activities	7:15 - 8:00	Walking Tour of downtown Harrisonburg Space limited. Pre-registration required at the link below.
		8:30 - 10:00	Social Hour (cash bar) at Hotel Madison
July 28	Summer Leadership Meeting at Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley Conference Center		
	9:00 - 9:30 am		Registration/Check in
	9:30 - 9:45 am		Welcome, Introductions
	9:45 -10:30 am		Keynote
	10:30 - 11:15 am		Session 1 - Caroline
	11:25 - 12:10 pm		Session 2 -
	12:15 - 1:30 pm	EAT	SHARE LEARN
	1:30 - 2:00 pm		Group and Branch sharing
	2:00 - 2:45 pm		Session 3 - Equity In Education
	2:55 - 3:45 pm		Session 4
	3:45 - 4:15 pm		Tidbits and Wrap-Up

REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/summer-leadership-meeting/> **by July 15.**

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Name _____ Branch _____

Email _____ State Board Member? yes/no

Position you serve in your branch _____

_____ I will attend the Summer Leadership Meeting which includes Box Lunch (\$20) \$ _____

_____ I will attend the 45 min. walking tour (7:15 pm on Fri.) , wear comfortable shoes

_____ I will attend the Social 8:30 -10:00 p,m. on Fri. at Hotel Madison (Cash Bar)

PLEASE CHECK ONE SANDWICH CHOICE BELOW : bag of chips, whole fruit, drink and cookie included

_____ Vegetarian (grilled marinated veggies and fresh mozzarella on whole wheat)

_____ Smoked Turkey Breast (Bacon, Avocado, Tomatoes, Chipotle Aioli on Ciabatta)

_____ Roast Beef (Sliced Roast Beef, Marinated Red Onions and Peppers, Whole grain mustard, Provolone Cheese on Sourdough)

PLEASE CHECK ONE BEVERAGE CHOICE AND ONE DESSERT CHOICE

_____ Pepsi ___ Diet Pepsi ___ Sierra Mist ___ Dr.Pepper ___ Water

_____ Granola Bar ___ Cookie ___ Brownie

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (make check payable to AAUW of VA) \$ _____

FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15, 2018.

MAIL TO: TAMMIE MULLINS-RICE, 1010 Barnacle Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

RESERVATIONS AT THE HOTEL MADISON can be made on-line at: <https://goo.gl/4e6P8n> or by calling (540) 564-0200 and requesting the AAUW group rate of \$119 plus tax per night for either a double queen, king, or king with sofa room. Rooms are available on July 27 and July 28, and the block of rooms will be held **until July 5th**. Parking is \$5 per night.

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