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## President's Letter

The September 11 Pot Luck meeting was a successful event. Thanks to all those who shared their favorite dish with us. Adah Parashar, our VP of Programs, called for a minute of silence to remember the 9/11 victims; then asked members to introduce their guests.

Connie Sorrel and Marsha Carter talked about our annual Wine Testing scholarship event to be held on Saturday, November 17th from 5 to 7 p.m. at Forest Hill Presbyterian Church. All members were given tickets to sell. You will be receiving yours if you were not able to attend. I think is wonderful how all members work so hard on this event, since it makes possible providing scholarships for those women who need support.

Members of the different interest groups introduced what the groups are about and encouraged the members to participate. Our Newsletter and our Website have those groups listed and the different activities. Please consider checking them out and come and have fun and work for worthy causes also. All the groups need volunteers or member getting involved. Come and join us.

For fun we have Sip and Dip, Lunch Bunch, Bridge, Book groups (afternoon & evening), plus Cocktail and Convos.

For service we have Public Policy which includes new voter registration, Policy Days, ERA, Pay Day, and more.

In Community Service you can contact Laura Wimmer and work on projects like Great Expectations and STEAM-related events.

Also you can join the committees which can use your input and ideas such as Membership, Programs, Scholarships, Newsletter, Publicity and more.

The word is *get involved, make a difference* while making lasting friendships and having fun.

Hope to see you at our next meeting October 9 at 7:30pm at St. Mathias Episcopal Church off Huguenot Road in North Chesterfield.

Dulce Lawrence  
GRAAUW President

## Annual Wine Tasting Fund Raiser

**What:** *Wine Tasting Event*

**When:** *Saturday, November 17, 2018*

**Time:** *5:00 to 7:00 p.m.*

**Where:** *Forest Hill Presbyterian Church, 4401 Forest Hill Avenue, Richmond, VA 23225*

You will be receiving your tickets to sell if you have not already received them. Be sure to read the article in this newsletter for further details and follow the instructions!

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

If you are getting this newsletter and have not paid your dues, it will be the last newsletter you will get from us. September 30 was the cut off date for renewal of membership this year as set by National. We saw a tremendous increase in membership this past year, but it has not been sustained.

Several of our new members have not renewed, but in general they are ones who joined online and did not attend any of our functions. So, once they meet us, they find us irresistible, but we have to get them to something! That will be our goal this year!



We would like you to meet our newest member, Cathryn Richmond. She is a doctoral student in Developmental Psychology at VCU. She came from a small, rural area in Maryland where her family lived with few funds but an abundance of love. She started out with an Associate Degree from a Community College in Maryland and has continued to strive and achieve. She received her BA in Psychology from University of Maryland, then her MA from James Madison University, and anticipates receiving her PhD in 2020! She is interested in presenting on her topic of study to us as one of our programs! We hope that can happen! Her research broadly relates to

traumatic and stressful life events in the context of resilience.

Our GRAAUW Directory will be ready for you in October! Because AAUW has changed the renewal date to Sept. 30, we thought it made sense to wait to update the Directory until after that date.

## Public Policy Voter Registration

Barb Strohman has been registering voters at local churches. Thanks to Barb and Lee Canossa for working at Clover Hill Baptist Church on September 16.

Elizabeth Smith and Kathy Kelley will register voters at Fifth Baptist Church on October 7.

We still need two people to work on Saturday September 29. Please contact Barb at 804-380-0637 if you have been trained and are available.

I still have not heard about the group that was supposed to register high school seniors. I hope we can get them in the Spring when more of them will be 18.

***Please make sure you are registered before October 15*** so you can vote on November 6. If you have any questions you may check the State Board of Elections website: <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/voter-outreach/>

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**Volunteers are needed by OneVA2021** on election day to hand out information and answer questions at various polling places about gerrymandering. If you are interested in helping, please contact Maggie King at [maggie.king@yahoo.com](mailto:maggie.king@yahoo.com)

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We need all our members to volunteer to help make this event a success. We need folks to help with preparing food for the event, for set up and clean up, selling raffle tickets, doing publicity, preparing gift baskets for the raffle, and helping with ticket taking the night of the event.

Marsha Carter is organizing the food to be prepared or funds donated to buy food for the event and the volunteers to help with setting up and cleaning up after the

with setting up and cleaning up after the event. If you have not yet signed up, please do so by calling or emailing Marsha Carter. [marshakingcarter@gmail.com](mailto:marshakingcarter@gmail.com)  
804-232-2029 h

There will also be an opportunity to sign up at the October meeting.

Connie Sorrell,  
Wine Tasting Event Committee

## **Newsletter Editor Still Needed**

DeAnn and Carol are limping along trying to make sure you have a newsletter as it is a vital tool of our organization to communicate with its members. However, both are very busy with many other activities for GRAAUW and AAUW of VA. PLEASE consider lending your help to producing this newsletter if you have any skills in this area. The template is available in Word, Pages, and PDF. If you are interested in helping, please contact DeAnn or Carol at [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com) or [carterstephens69@icloud.com](mailto:carterstephens69@icloud.com)

## ***Cocktails and Conversations***

Cocktails and Convo's will meet next on **Tuesday, October 23 from 5:30 to 8:30 at Acacia Midtown, 2601 West Cary Street, Richmond 23220.** The restaurant is at corner of Cary & Robinson, just two blocks east of Boulevard in Richmond's Fan District. On Tuesday, they feature half-price bottles of wine. They are also famous for their crab cakes.

We hope you will be able to join us then and bring a prospective member! **Please contact Carol Stephens or Kristen Johnson if you plan to attend!**

## 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, contact DeAnn at [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com).

On **October 11** we'll gather at **Baker's Crust Artisan Kitchen, 3553 West Cary Street** at the top of Carytown next to Kroger. If you plan to attend please contact DeAnn at [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com) or phone 233-5352. Join us if you can for great food and good fellowship.

We will gather on **November 8** but hostess and restaurant have not been decided upon. We will be signing up for the year calendar at our Oct. Lunch Bunch. **Please let DeAnn know if you would like to hostess one month and which restaurant you will be using.**

## Book Groups

Continuing a 45-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:

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804-233-5352.

### Thursday, October 18

**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.

**BOOKS:** This month we'll be reading two books on related subjects: ***Ecology of a Cracker Childhood***, by Janisse Ray and ***Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis***, by J.D. Vance

In ***Ecology of a Cracker Childhood***, a naturalist and nature writer explores the natural environment of her childhood in a poor but happy and self-sufficient family, and describes poetically how a small portion of our country has changed due to economic decisions of the past century.

In ***Hillbilly Elegy***, Vance, a former marine and Yale Law School graduate, gives a powerful account of growing up in a poor Rust Belt town and offers a broader, probing look at the struggles of America's white working class.

Meeting date: **November 15**

Book: ***Killers of the Flower Moon: The Osage Murders and the Birth of the FBI***, by David Grann.

Just after World War I, with automobiles becoming more and more prevalent, atrocities against Native Americans rear their ugly heads in Northeast Oklahoma. After being relegated to seemingly worthless land, the Osage Tribe suddenly finds its members growing rich as oil is discovered. Then several prominent tribal members are mysteriously murdered. When local authorities – such as they were – can't solve the crimes, they appeal to the federal government and the newly formed FBI comes to town. Nonfiction that reads like a good detective story, best-selling ***Killers of the Flower Moon*** has received wide praise.