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October/November 2022


President's Letter

Happy Fall ya'll - I REALLY think it is fall now - leaves AND temperatures both falling! Sure hope this finds all well with you and yours. Our October branch meeting and the statewide District meeting will be held on the same day - **Saturday October 22nd**. The details are included in the Program update, but please understand how important it is that **EVERY** branch member contribute to this important planning meeting. The theme of the meeting is not to just survive as an AAUW branch in the coming years, but how to **THRIVE** as a vibrant and energetic branch with lots of community presence and project involvement. **Our AAUW of VA President, Lane Stone, is coming down from Northern Virginia to facilitate this process - PLEASE BE THERE.** Your board of directors has planned this meeting after much consideration and we need all of our brains and voices there!! Stay safe & dry - please call upon our local board members if you have questions or problems.

Thanks
 Laura, GRAAUW Branch President

St. Matthias Episcopal Church
 11300 W.Huguenot Rd. Midlothian, 23113

AAUW-VA
All-District Meeting
Saturday, October 22, 2022
10:00 AM – Noon



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Saturday, October 22nd St. Matthias – Our GRAAUW meeting in October will be a facilitated meeting with a representative from the state AAUW chapter to discuss and plan for the future of our branch. It will follow the district meeting that morning from 10 am to 12 pm. **We will plan for a box lunch from 12 pm to 1 pm for those attending both, who prefer to attend together at St Matthias Episcopal Church.** Our local meeting will be from **1 pm to 3 pm at St Matthias or you can join remotely on Zoom.**

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Important Dates for your calendar!

Oct. 6 7:30 - 9:00 - GRAAUW Board meeting
 Oct. 13 1:30 - 3:00 - Lunch Bunch
 Oct. 20 2:00 - 4:00 Book Group
 Oct. 22 10:00 - 12:00 AAUW of VA mtg
 Oct. 22 12:00 - 1:00 GRAAUW Box lunch
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Nov. 3 7:30 - 9:00 GRAAUW Board mtg
 Nov. 10 1:30-3:00 Lunch Bunch
 Nov. 17 2:00 - 4:00 Book Group
 Nov. 17 7:30 - 9:00 GRAAUW mtg.
 Nov. 25 HAPPY THANKSGIVING

November Program Meeting

Thursday, November 17th 7:30 to 9:00 pm

St. Matthias - Our presenter will be local GRAAUW member Shelley Mays-Couch discussing the organization *Love Over Crisis*. Love Over Crisis provides Consumer Directed Services/ Service Facilitation, Outpatient counseling and Therapy in the home and office setting, and Mental health consulting services, offering creative solutions to homelessness and filling gaps in social services.

Membership Dues are past due!

If you have forgotten to renew your membership, please do so today!! Total remains \$95 even though national dues increased another \$3 this year. Our branch is absorbing that increase this year, too.

The 2022-2023 Directory is in process and will come out soon. If you do not renew, we will be taking your name off the Directory. **Please do it right now!**

You can renew online at aauw.org, using your credit card or by mailing your check to our Treasurer, Sarah Crowder.

RECLAIM OUR VOTE POSTCARD CAMPAIGN

I want to thank everyone who volunteered to help with our GRAAUW Branch Public Policy Project for the **Reclaim our Vote, ROV**, postcard campaign. **ROV** is a campaign by the nonpartisan group, **Center for Common Ground**, that **AAUW** collaborated with on this important project.

Our **ROV** get together on September 21st was a total success due to branch members' support! All 620 Postcards were distributed and are on their way to be completed/mailed by the October 5th Deadline!!

I want to thank **Connie** and **Carol** for hosting the event and thank **Nora** for all her work on printing labels and keeping up with all the information for me!!

I want to thank the following for your willingness to help with the actual writing or labeling of the GOTV postcards:

Connie, Nora, Kathy, Marcia, Sarah, Ellen, Ed, Dulce, Lois, Lisa, Tess, Ramona, Carol Elizabeth and myself.

Thank you so much for all your support of this Public Policy Branch Project!!!!

Laurie Coulter
 VP Public Policy

**Important voting information
 is at end of newsletter!**

Membership Dues (continued)

Checks should be made out to GRAAUW.

Sarah Crowder
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 Richmond, VA 23221

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Book Group

Continuing a 50-year tradition, our Book Group meets at **2 p.m.** on the third Thursday of each 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 or call 804-233-5352.

Thursday, Oct. 20th

BOOK: *The Sentence*, by Louise Erdrich. In her stunning and timely new novel, Erdrich creates a wickedly funny ghost story; a tale of passion, of a complex marriage, and a woman's relentless errors. A small bookstore is haunted by its most annoying customer, who dies on All Souls' Day but refuses to leave the store. The story asks what we owe to the living, to the dead, and to the book.

Thursday, November 17th

BOOK: *When Apricots Bloom*, by Gina Wilkinson. Inspired by her own experiences in Iraq during Saddam Hussein's rule, Wilkinson's evocative, suspenseful story is told through the eyes of three very different women confronting the limits of friendship and forgiveness, and the strength of a mother's love.

Birthday Corner

November

Suzanne Conrad 11/23

DeAnn Lineberry 11/23

Marsha Carter 11/24

Erica Brown-Meredith - 11/29

Lunch Bunch

GRAAUW's Lunch Bunch normally 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 Lineberry at 804-233-5352 deann.lineberry@yahoo.com

This Fall, we've planned an International Tour with our Lunch Bunch dates. **On October 13, we'll gather at Kuba Kuba Dos, 403 North Ridge Road, Henrico, VA 23229**, in the Tuckahoe Shopping Center. Contact Dulce Lawrence if you plan to attend. Her phone is 804-921-9017.

For November 10, we'll meet at Tazza Kitchen Alverser Plaza, 1244 Alverser Drive, Midlothian 23113. Contact DeAnn Lineberry if you plan to attend.

Birthday Corner

We would like to recognize the folks who will be celebrating their birthdays in **October and November**. Please let them know you are thinking of them on their special day!

October

Gina Turner 10/18



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VOTE VOTE VOTE

IMPORTANT DATES for UPCOMING ELECTION ON NOV 8

EARLY VOTING

SEPTEMBER 23 to NOVEMBER 5 AT 5 PM

VOTER REGISTRATION DEADLINE

OCTOBER 17 for REGULAR REGISTRATION

ABSENTEE BALLON REQUEST DEADLINE

OCTOBER 28 BY 5 PM

How Can I register to Vote

Online: Go to the Virginia Dept. of Elections at elections.virginia.gov. and click on Registration and then How to register and then Online Registration. You will need your Virginia driver's license or Virginia ID and your Social Security number. **Register online by Monday October 17.** To check your status, go to the elections.virginia.gov and click on Registration and then on View your Info.

By Mail: Go to elections.virginia.gov/registration and click on Voter Forms to download and print an application. Or call your local registrar's office to request a form. Applications can be picked up at public libraries, Dept of Motor Vehicle offices, and military recruitment offices. Mail your form with postage to your local registrar's office. **Your application MUST be postmarked by October 17**

In person: Visit your local registrar's office. Although regular registration ends Oct 17, you can sign up at an early voting site through Nov 5, at your registrar's office through Nov. 7 or at your polling place on Nov 8. You will need to show a valid form of ID such as Virginia driver's license, U.S. Military ID or U.S. Passport.

Absentee Ballot

Any registered voter can request a NO Excuse absentee Ballot

Online: Go to vote.elections.virginia.gov and click on Apply to Vote Absentee by Mail. Download and print an absentee ballot application, then email or fax form to your registrar's office.

By mail: Download and print an application or call your local registrar's office to request an application.

In person: Return a completed application to your local registrar's office.

Your registrar's office must receive the REQUEST for an ABSENTEE ballot by October 28

at 5 pm. After that you may apply for an emergency absentee ballot if hospitalization, illness or death of a parent, child or spouse caused you to miss the absentee application deadline.

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VOTE VOTE VOTE**How do I return my absentee ballot?****Absentee ballots need a WITNESS SIGNATURE.**

By Mail: Mail your Preaddressed ballot to your local registrar's office. Prepaid postage is provided. **Your ballot must be postmarked by Tuesday Nov 8 and received by noon on Monday Nov. 14**

In person: Hand deliver your ballot to your local registrar's office or any polling place **by 7 pm on Tuesday Nov 8. Check with your local registrar for details such as ballot drop-off locations.**

To track YOUR BALLOT, go to elections.virginia.gov and click on Casting a Ballot and then Absentee and Early Voting.

Early Voting

Early voting Begins September 23 to November 5. Contact your local registrar's office for hours and locations.

ID requirements for voting

You will need a Virginia driver's license, Virginia non-driver ID, US Military ID, or Valid College Student ID. Or you can sign an ID confirmation statement. If you don't sign the statement, you will get a provisional ballot and need to fax, email, or deliver a photocopy of an acceptable ID to the Elections officials by Monday November 14.

Election Day**Tuesday November 8 from 6 am to 7 PM.**

Find your polling place at vote.elections.virginia.gov or the Dept of Elections hotline at 800-552-9745
PLEASE HELP TO GET AS MANY OF YOUR FRIENDS, FAMILY, AND ACQUAINTANCES VOTING AS POSSIBLE.

THE ABOVE INFORMATION WAS SUPPLIED BY THE VIRGINIA AARP VOTER GUIDE.

CALL OR EMAIL ME WITH ANY QUESTIONS.

Laurie Coulter

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VOTE411.org for information on the candidates and sample ballot

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Link to register

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZAod-uprTwrHdbJ0owNVU-6q8jF37zHtJBr>

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