



Breaking through Barriers for Women and Girls

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October and November 2024

Co - President's Letter

Greetings Richmond Sisters! We had a wonderful Fall kick off at the Bon Air Library last month. Loved the afternoon tea theme! It was great to get together with friends new and old. We had an amazing weekend at the AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference. There were tremendous speakers on a wide variety of topics and it was a terrific opportunity for networking. Those of us who were fortunate enough to attend, look forward to sharing about it with the rest of the branch.

Our focus from now through November 5th will be on the upcoming election. Our postcard writing campaign with *Reclaim Our Vote* finishes up with all mailing due out by October 7th. Early voting is now under way in Virginia. Answers to almost all questions about voting can be found at <https://activote> please check out the information and refer family, friends, and neighbors to view sample ballots, locate early voting venues, and confirm polling places. We will be having a phone banking "party" on October 19th for further Get Out the Vote efforts in swing states. We are still working on plans for reviving our annual fundraising event, returning to a wine event in February 2025. **Please save the afternoon of Feb. 15th!**

Happy 100th Birthday President Carter !!

Have a blessed Rosh Hashanah and Yom Kippur!

Phone Banking - October 19th

We will be meeting at **St. Mathias Episcopal Church on Saturday October 19th from 10:00 to 12:30** to learn how to use the Reclaim Our Vote phone banking tool and make calls to folks in swing states. We will provide coffee and tea, please bring some fruit or breakfast munchie to share. Bring your fully charged cell phone or your laptop computer with you. Here is a link to read their guidelines and watch a how to video about phone banking. <https://www.centerforcommonground.org/> AAUW branches throughout the US are all participating in Get Out the Vote efforts. **Sisterhood Power!!**

Virginia 12th Annual Women's Conferee Saturday Nov. 23rd 8:00 - 2:30

This is an opportunity to meet, network, hear from experts on a variety of topics, and gather resources from federal, state, and local agencies. AAUW of VA has had a table in the past at these events. It has always been an inspirational time and allows us to get our name out to impactful women. Click [here](#) to get updates and a registration link.

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Book Group

Continuing a 50 year tradition, our Book Groups meet 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, October 18

BOOK: *The Night Watchman*, by Louise Erdrich, to observe Native Americans Month. We'll be meeting at Nora Narum's home.

Thursday, November 15.

BOOK: *The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek*, by Kim Richardson, about a little-known program of the Post-Depression years. We'll meet at Kathy Kelley's home.

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

On **October 11th**, at **Café y Sabor**, 7807 West Broad Street, Henrico 23294, for **Puerto Rican food** in honor of Hispanic Heritage Month.

November 8th Buz & Ned's at Parham Road & West Broad Street for old fashioned barbecue.

Contact DeAnn Lineberry if you plan to attend either one.

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
Natima Jones 10/27

November

DeAnn Lineberry 11/23
Marsha Carter 11/24



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MARK THIS DOWN ON YOUR
CALENDAR!

2025 AAUW-VA STATE
CONFERENCE

MARCH 29, 2025

(Preconference activities on March 28)

On March 27-28, 1925, the seven already existing local branches of AAUW in Virginia met in Williamsburg. When they adjourned, the Virginia Division of AAUW was a reality.

On March 28, 2025, join us in Alexandria as the AAUW-VA centennial celebration begins, and we jubilantly begin our second century of women changing the conversation.

The conference is being hosted by the AAUW-VA Northern District branches at the Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria, 801 N. St. Asaph Street, Alexandria 22314 on Saturday, March 29, 2025, with preconference activities on March 28, 2025.

Great news! It's not too early to reserve a room. Guest rooms will be available for March 28 & 29 (king/sofa bed or double/double for \$159 per night plus tax, * including a full hot breakfast for up to 2 persons.) Use this QR code to make a reservation:



or use this link. You can also call 1 (888) 236-2427; use code AAUW of Virginia Mar2025 to reserve a room. The rate is also available for 3 days before/after March 28 & 29 on a space available basis. You must make a reservation for March 28 and/or 29, and then email jrasolofoson@sheratonalexandria.com to book extra days.

The earlier you book a room the better because the 2025 Conference will take place on the eve of Cherry Blossom season and rooms in the hotel will book up early. Once our block is sold out, we might be able to add more rooms, but that will only be possible if the hotel is not already sold out.

***IMPORTANT NOTICE:** When making your hotel reservation, ignore any reference to a \$25 resort fee. You will **NOT** be charged this. The room rate is \$159 plus state and local taxes.

Save these Dates!

Nov. 5 - Election Day

**Nov. 23 - Senator Warner's
Womens Conference in
Roanoke**

**Dec. 4 - LWV PreSession
Zoom**

Dec. 15 - Holiday Party

**Jan. 8 - Beginning of General
Assembly**

**Jan. 11 - Northwest District
Meeting**

**March 21-22 - STEM for
Girls**

**March 28 - 30 AAUW VA
100th Anniversary State
Conference**

**April 26 - Annual Business
Meeting and End of Year
Celebration Brunch**

AAUW FUNDS

It is suggested that you donate to the Greatest Needs Fund which allows AAUW to respond rapidly, in our communications and advocacy, to critical issues affecting women as they emerge — whether it's a new threat to Title IX, an opportunity to partner with employers, or the dawn of a social justice movement like #MeToo. When donations are not restricted to fellowships or specific projects, we have the dollars we need to pivot as the national dialogue shifts — and get our work covered by major media outlets such as the New York Times, CNN and Fortune.

Greatest Needs is also what fuels our groundbreaking research and effective advocacy work to pass fair-pay laws and other key equity legislation! Donations can be made once or monthly. Simply log into your account at aauw.org Click on DONATE; Click on Greatest Needs; Fill in amount, monthly or one time, and payment type. Click on Not a Robot (very important);click Check Out **only once!** Voila!

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