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## January 15 Deadline for Nominations, Bylaws

Nominations for State Board officers are due to the Nominating Committee Chair on January 15, 2006. Elections will be held at the State Convention in April 2006. Positions to be filled are: President, Vice President for Program, Vice President for Public Policy and Vice President for Communications. The Bylaws say that these officers are elected in the even-numbered years. All others are elected in odd-numbered years. Bylaws are on the AAUW of Virginia web site at: <http://www.aauwofva.org/library/bylaws.htm>. Officers serve for a two-year term, beginning July 1, 2006 through June 30, 2008.

Keep in mind that any of these positions can be filled by two people, that is, co-presidents or co-vice presidents. Co-officers shall be treated as a single person for voting in the election in April, but will share one vote in any Board of Directors action.

To qualify, the nominee must be a member of AAUW of Virginia. The candidate for president must have served one full year on the state board the last 5 years. Job descriptions are available on the national web site at: [http://www.aauw.org/member\\_center/leader\\_corner/nsb\\_positiondescriptions.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/member_center/leader_corner/nsb_positiondescriptions.cfm). Duties are also described on the Virginia web site. Please use these references as a guide to the responsibilities required since some job descriptions need to be updated.

Any member can submit her own name or the name of any AAUW of Virginia member to fill any of these positions. We depend on the branches (where a member's qualifications and dedication is known best) to submit the names of those thought to have the best interest of AAUW in mind.

Nominations may be sent by e-mail or in writing to the Nominating Committee Chair by January 15, 2006. Nominating Committee Chair is Dianne Blais, 5211 Gunpowder Road, Fairfax, VA 22030, (703) 830-1998 [diblais@gmail.com](mailto:diblais@gmail.com) or [dianneblais@aol.com](mailto:dianneblais@aol.com).

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### **Points of Pride and Pioneer Women Submissions Due On or Before March 1**

This year AAUW of Virginia branches again have the opportunity to submit information for our Points of Pride Branch Recognition Program in one or more of the following categories: Outstanding and Innovative Programming, Influencing Public Policy, Community Outreach and Involvement, and Breaking Barriers and Initiating Change.

All branches are asked to send a summary of 25 words or less about a program or ongoing project from the 2005-2006 season (April 2005-March 2006). Branches are encouraged to send program summaries for as many categories as they are able.

Branches are also encouraged to nominate a branch member, current or former, under the category of Pioneer Women – Breaking Barriers and Initiating Change. To nominate a branch member, simply send a short summary detailing the individual's accomplishments and why you consider her to be a pioneer woman.

Guidelines may be found at <http://www.aauwofva.org/pointsofpride.htm>. The deadline for the Points of Pride Branch Recognition Program and Pioneer Women submissions is March 1st, 2006. They should be sent to **Amy Angelo** at [ajangelo@visuallink.com](mailto:ajangelo@visuallink.com).

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# From the President

## The Joy of a New AAUW Birth

The birth of a child or grandchild is one of life's great joys. In the life of AAUW of Virginia, the birth of a new branch or satellite is a cause of joyful celebration. Thanks to the work of our former state president Neola Waller, we have submitted to the association for its approval the bylaws and membership of the new Norfolk State University Student Affiliate Satellite. It will join its sister student affiliate satellite at Roanoke College in Salem, Virginia.

What will AAUW mean to the young women at Norfolk State? What will AAUW give to them? What will they give to AAUW? Being a member of AAUW is both mutually beneficial and symbiotic. Being part of an organization of over 107,000 members gives us clout that we would not have as individuals. We share our desire to see women gain in education, equity, and economic security. As these young women graduate from college, they will learn first hand that the goals of the women's movement are on going. We have not achieved all that we have sought to achieve, and we can slip backward in our rights if we are not diligent. A change in direction in the U.S. Supreme Court could erase many of the gains which women have made. The founders of AAUW were a small group of women who saw that women were being denied access to higher education. Our young women at Norfolk State University and Roanoke College are able to attend and complete their college education because other women fought for their right to do so.

Like any new infant, we will need to nurture our new student affiliate satellite and its members. One day in the near future, they will be the leaders of our communities. And when they are, we will know that we have done our job well.

Nancy D. Joyner, Ph.D.  
President, AAUW of Virginia



## Mary Thrasher Endowment Near Completion

The Mary Thrasher American Endowment is now at \$52, 606.74. Last year \$21,597.96 was added to the total. If branches continue to designate their Education Foundation monies to the Thrasher Endowment, AAUW of Virginia will be able to complete it next year. Branches may still make named gifts of \$500 to honor special individuals while contributing to the Mary Thrasher. This is a win-win situation for the branches and AAUW of Virginia. Background on this Fellowship: Mary was AAUW of VA state president from 1962 – 1964, Her branch, Norfolk, initiated this fellowship in her honor. Our goal is to have this Fellowship completed by spring convention so that we can recognize Mary, her contributions to AAUW of VA and her fellowship. Mary is a long-time, former public school teacher, who gave faithfully to her profession for many years. She received a bachelor's degree from Madison

College (now JMU) and a master's degree from the University of Tennessee. She is still living but in poor health. Once the goal is met, the monies generated from this endowment will be designated for the Mary Wright Thrasher Fellowship to help finance doctoral students.

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## District Representatives

## From the Regional Director

# *Teamwork Key to Achieving the Mission*

I ended my last letter describing AAUW as a “lean, mean, equity machine”. If I continue the analogy, and if we agree that a machine is an assemblage of interlinking and interdependent parts, designed to perform a given task, then a machine works only as well as its parts. This also applies to the human body and to the body politic.

I have watched with delight as our AAUW staff works together as teams. In fact, the senior staff is officially called the Senior Leadership Team (SLT), which speaks volumes. Program, Communications, Public Policy, Membership, Research, and Development are all working together to launch new initiatives around our theme of Women’s Economic Security. The Association, the Foundation, and the LTI are all involved. Furthermore, almost all of our board working groups are actively cross corporate, and include staff, as well. Gone are those artificial lines that too often constrained effective team work and centralized the power base.

We in the field need to follow their example. Team leadership expands the vision. It empowers, both the individual and the group. Team work makes it easier to take a risk, it increases the power base, it provides a safety net, and it makes what we do more satisfying and enjoyable. An important bonus to team leadership is that we create a new generation of leaders. So, as we consider the roles of our branch and state leader positions, please keep in mind that to be that effective and prospering equity machine, our parts must be co-dependent and interrelated.



## **Hurricane Inspires AAUW Library Project**

Our AAUW friends around the country have asked how they can help in the hurricane recovery. In response to their concern, AAUW Louisiana has developed the “AAUW Louisiana Library Project”, a project to assist the public libraries damaged by the storm in rebuilding their book collections consistent with the AAUW emphasis on education. About 15–20 public libraries have been damaged or destroyed. The project was developed in consultation with Rebecca L. Hamilton, State Librarian of Louisiana.

Here is what you can do:

**Money for Books:** They need up-to-date books with library bindings, and these have to be purchased. Branches can have fundraisers or bundle private contributions. The money will be funneled through the Louisiana Library Foundation, a 501(c) charitable organization. The Foundation will give the money directly to the libraries that need help without politics or red tape. Identify your contribution as coming from your AAUW group and state that your gift is for libraries damaged by Hurricanes Katrina and Rita. Make checks payable to: Louisiana Library Foundation PO Box 2583 Baton Rouge, LA 70821

**New or Used Books:** The affected libraries can only accept limited numbers of used books. If an AAUW group is interested in collecting and shipping books, they should contact the State Library of Louisiana: Diane M. Brown, Deputy State Librarian (dbrown@state.lib.la.us). The State Library will help you partner with a specific library, and you will ship your books directly to that library. Acceptable books include: New or nearly new fiction and non-fiction (no mildew!); recent best sellers; children’s books in good condition, especially Caldecott and Newberry Award winners.

When you send your checks or books, please let AAUW Louisiana know:

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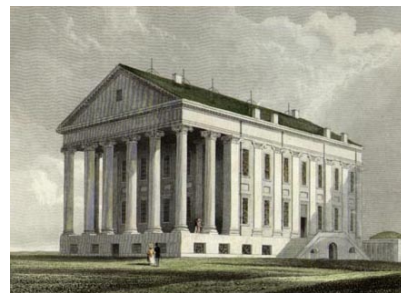
Finally, an announcement. You may have received your Outlook by now. Inside you will find an important insert – the Every Member Poll. Note that it has a different format than the Every Member Survey we’re accustomed to, and a shorter turn-around time. This is the single most important opportunity in the biennium for every member’s voice to be heard. I strongly urge you to fill it out and send it back before January 13, 2006. It should also be available on line, if not now, very shortly.

Since I last wrote to you, we have seen major devastation from hurricanes and earthquakes. It is breathtaking the amount of destruction and death that has been wrought in such a short time. On behalf of the SAR, I would like to send our AAUW sisters in LA, AL, MS, TX, and FL our concern and our compassion. We can also help, so I have asked that information on the Louisiana Library Project be included in this issue

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# Mark Your Calendar for State Lobby Day

Join us in Richmond on February 15, 2006 for our State Lobby Day in the Virginia General Assembly. Come meet with your state legislators and express your views on critical AAUW issues, such as K-12 and higher education funding, and, yes, choice. Anti-choice legislation promises to be a continuing thorn in the side of legislators this session, with all of the major anti-choice proponents retaining their seats in the House of Delegates. Therefore, we must encourage our legislators to remain focused on one of their most critical duties: educating Virginia's future workers and taxpayers. Education is one of the major responsibilities laid out in the Virginia Constitution; Article VIII is devoted entirely to it. Sometimes we need to remind our legislators what's important to their constituents, and nothing says "this is important to me" better than a personal visit. So come February 15 and help your legislators refocus on one of their primary duties.



On the federal side, AAUW of Virginia has lent its support in the effort to confirm moderate, mainstream judges through the efforts of Virginians for Mainstream Courts.

VMC is a statewide coalition of a dozen or so state organizations, state legislators and others, including Virginia NOW, Planned Parenthood, the Sierra Club of Virginia, Disabled Action of Virginia, National Council of Jewish Women, VA Section, Virginia Grassroots Coalition, Women's Information Network, ADA Watch/National Coalition for Disability Rights. VMC has sponsored panel discussions, petition signings and informational sessions primarily around Richmond and Northern Virginia. For more information on AAUW's position on federal judicial nominations, including those to the U.S. Supreme Court, check out the Federal Judicial Nominations page on the Association website: [www.aauw.com/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/judicialnoms.cfm](http://www.aauw.com/issue_advocacy/actionpages/judicialnoms.cfm)

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**WHO?** Virginia AAUW women who attend the State Convention.

**WHEN?** April 21-23 2006

**WHERE?** Shenandoah University, Winchester, easily accessible from I-81 and Rt. 11, with neighboring Hampton Inn as the convention hotel.

**WHAT?** Friday evening, April 21 – "Education as the Gateway to Women's Economic Security"

presented by prominent women who are realtors, investment counselors and attorneys.

Saturday, April 22 – After the Saturday morning business meeting and luncheon the afternoon will be open for visits to local points of interest. Details of possible tours will be forthcoming. Saturday evening's banquet will feature a dynamic speaker on a topic of critical interest.

Sunday, April 23, features four morning workshops that will be repeated so that participants may attend more than one. A choice of topics may include women's health, art and education, public policy, the Education Foundation, and a workshop led by the EF Fellowship Winner.

**WHY?** Attendance will keep AAUW members current on pertinent topics, provide opportunities for networking and expanding the circle of AAUW friendships while enjoying Shenandoah University's fine facilities and the appeal of spring in the Shenandoah Valley.

## A History of AAUW

*Condensed from the AAUW Online Museum:*

*It all began with a meeting of 17 like-minded women who had defied society's standards by earning college degrees. What started out as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae in 1881 has grown into a powerful network of more than 100,000 women who have influenced—and at times even shaped—the debate over equity in education.*

**1881** Marion Talbot and Ellen H. Richards invite 15 alumnae of eight colleges to a meeting in Boston, and in **1882** The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, AAUW's forebearer, is formally organized on January 14, with 65 graduates of eight colleges and universities as founding members.

**1884** Washington, D.C., is home to the first branch in 1884 and members immediately launch into action. They inspect the sanitary conditions of D.C. schools and present their findings to Congress.

**1885** The first research study surveying women's health and physical education comprises feedback from 1,290 members. It is published by the Massachusetts Bureau of Statistics of Labor and establishes that, contrary to prior statements made by a prominent Boston physician, higher education does not adversely affect the health of women college graduates.

**1888** Ida Street, a University of Michigan alumna, receives the first fellowship from the Western Association of Collegiate Alumnae, which merges with ACA in 1889.

**1890** ACA establishes a Committee on Educational Legislation to promote policies that further educational opportunities for women and girls. In the early 1900s, it advocates child labor laws, compulsory education, juvenile courts, abolition

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## MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

# OPPORTUNITIES FOR EXPANDING OUR MEMBERSHIP

The change in membership criteria that was approved by the delegate body at last June's Association Convention is an opportunity for branches to expand their membership to include individuals with an Associate degree or its equivalent.

At its recent conference call meeting, the Association Membership Committee compiled some thoughts on utilizing the new membership criteria. These suggestions are not intended to be *the* definitive list of "how-to" or what to do, but rather it is hoped they will be a catalyst to help your branch expand its membership.

- View the change as an opportunity to create new partnerships with the colleges, universities, two-year colleges, or schools that offer programs such as RN programs.
- Plan what your branch's approach might be. Identify the key people to contact on these various campuses.
- Plan an event to promote through the Shape the Future Campaign, such as a Transitions Conference. Hold the event on the campus.
- Hold a forum on the impact of Hurricanes Katrina and Rita on women's issues, such as diverting funds that specifically help women; focus on equity issues, education issues.
- Explore the demographics of the individuals who have Associate degrees or the equivalent that live in your area. What kind of outreach can you do to bring them to AAUW? What does AAUW have to offer them?
- Partner with a college to start an *¡Adelante!* book club.
- Utilize the personal touch by inviting persons you know who have a degree that makes them now eligible for membership to a branch or state meeting. Then offer to take them to that meeting.
- Give the gift of a membership to a family member or a friend who has an Associate or other eligible degree.

Remember the Give a Grad a Gift program for those recent graduates of Associate or equivalent degree programs.

Everyone who is a member of AAUW is a potential recruiter. AAUW gains more members from personal contacts than any other method. Ask your branch membership vice president for a membership brochure to keep in your purse, briefcase or car so that you can give it immediately to someone who is interested in AAUW. If you need a brochure immediately you can now download the AAUW "Join" Membership Brochure and the Associate Degree or Equivalent Addendum from the AAUW website. Look for it in the Join Section: [//www.aauw.org/join/index.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/join/index.cfm) in the Members Section under Branches and States. If each of us recruited one new member this year the membership in AAUW in Virginia would double. There would be that many more people promoting equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

### Why She's a Member of AAUW



"I joined AAUW when my children were small. It was a way to get out in the evening. I wanted to talk with adults. It was also a way to get to know the community.

I have stuck with AAUW because I believe in education for girls (I had three boys!) We have a responsibility to help other people remain intellectually stimulated or you will be just sitting on the porch or watching TV."

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### Call for Officer Nominations

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Other committee members are listed on Page 9.

If no qualified candidates are recommended by the January 15th deadline, the Nominating Committee will recruit candidates. Nominations may also be made from the floor at the time of elections, provided that written consent of the nominee has been obtained.

January 15 is also the deadline for proposed resolutions and bylaw amendments to be voted on at Convention '06. They should be submitted to Judy Wright, (703-743-1761), by mail at 13890, Chelmsford Dr #305, Gainesville, VA 20155 or by email at [msjwright42@comcast.net](mailto:msjwright42@comcast.net)

Resolutions may encourage state-wide branch study or action or establish a state position on an issue; or it may express appreciation, offer congratulations, etc. a bylaw amendment should improve the way AAUW Virginia conducts business. Resolutions or bylaw amendments may be submitted by individual members, branches, the AAUW Virginia board of directors, or the respective committees..

## Reston/Herndon Assists National Care Package Day

Fran, Co-President, and John Lovaas, Publicity, of the Reston/Herndon Branch participated in the Orphan Foundation of America's (OFA) National Care Package Day that was held in our nation's capital on October 19. Approximately 2,500 care packages were packed and sent to orphans in colleges and universities nationwide. Various nonprofit, volunteer organizations participated in the event that was held at the Russell Senate Building from 10:00 am. to 3:00 p.m. The hosts for this very special day were Senators Hillary Rodham Clinton, Mike DeWine, Elizabeth Dole and Patty Murray.



Fran Lovaas and Senator Hillary Clinton

OFA has been sending care packages to students since 1993. The packages typically include snacks, school supplies and toiletries donated by national companies and organizations. This year its founding partner, The Freddie Mac Foundation and other generous corporate sponsors such as FedEx, Gifts In-Kind International, and Otis Spunkmeyer made the Care Package Program possible for the 2005-2006 academic year.

Karen Grant, Special Events Consultant for OFA stated that the corporate sponsors make sure that there are wonderful gifts for the students, but it is the volunteers that make the event a success and send the very personal message of "you matter and we care."

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## Bedford Branch Stresses Every Member Participation

The Bedford County Branch welcomes six new members for the 2005-2006 year. This brings the membership to twenty-three (23) with several prospective members.

The Membership Tea on September 21, 2005, was hosted by the Executive Board. Doris Neudorfer, Southwest District Representative, and Diana MacRae, President of the Smith Mountain Lake Branch, spoke on "The Purpose of AAUW" and their experiences with the organization. At this time Bob Eggiman and his wife Carolyn, a member of the Bedford Branch, presented hand-painted Christmas ornaments to the branch to be sold as a fund raising project for the Educational Foundation. Doris Neudorfer presented a certificate of appreciation to Katherine Robertson Turner for her dedication to AAUW. She served as president of the Bedford County Branch in 1956-58 and is currently co-president.

Clark Staton was the speaker for the meeting held in October giving members pointers on keeping healthy mentally and physically by reducing stress. The annual Christmas luncheon will be held in December. Michael Cross will speak in March on a hospice house to be opened in Bedford. Following a surprise tour in April, the calendar year will conclude with the annual scholarship luncheon.

Fundraising for the Educational Foundation and for the scholarship awarded annually to a deserving female senior in a county high school will be one of two priority issues. The hand-painted Christmas ornaments along with small canvas bags imprinted with "Bedford, The

Christmas Capital of Virginia" is to be the first fundraiser. Another source of income will be the completion of a "money" calendar for October. An auction of gifts will be held at the Christmas luncheon. The publishing of a Bedford Branch AAUW Cookbook is planned for the spring.

Along with fundraising, another priority will center around increased membership. Plans are made to involve all members in the various projects. Increased publicity is planned for the branch and for its many and varied activities.

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Katherine Turner, Co-President  
(540) 586-1429

### Branch Visibility!

T-shirts, tote bags, magnets and many other AAUW items are available at AAUW of Virginia's Online Shop: at <http://www.cafepress.com/aauwofva>. For Branch specific merchandise, please email [aaumva@cox.net](mailto:aaumva@cox.net) or call 540-989-7599 for more information. **EF benefits from every purchase!**

## Charlottesville Hosts Northwest District Meeting

President Gwen Dent and the Charlottesville Branch hosted the annual Northwest District Meeting at Westminster Canterbury of the Blue Ridge on October 1. Attending were officers and members from Staunton-Waynesboro, Harrisonburg, and Winchester.

Maggie Dilsworth, new District Representative, called for news and questions of concern. The problem of membership led to a survey of those present to state how long they have been members of AAUW, and many cited 30 years or more. Clearly, new active members are needed to keep the organization alive.

Marilyn Silvey, Federal Public Policy VP, urged us to participate in the Volunteer Lobby corps via call-in or letters, to promote our biennial issues.

Becki Bronson, State Public Policy VP also cited the need for and success of active participation in issue confronting Virginia Legislators. She said that of 19 'anti-choice' measures brought before them, only one was not defeated.

Esther Mabry, International Affairs Chair and President of the Waynesboro-Staunton Branch, mentioned the ongoing problem of human trafficking. She agreed to discuss the matter further with the Charlottesville Branch. Charlottesville is also interested in what educational opportunities there may be in those areas that could offer the potential victims a better future.

The Guest Speaker was Crystal Mario, a Board member of the local office of the International Rescue Committee, which helps legal refugees--about 80% of whom are women and children, make a new life in the United States or elsewhere, even in the countries that, years ago, they had to flee.

Special thanks were extended to President Gwen Dent and all the Branch members who helped prepare this District meeting. Before departure, the Branches agreed to share newsletters. Charlottesville's "Herald," edited by Membership VP, Christine Patrick, is the newest.

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## Alexandria Branch Marks 60th Anniversary All Year Long

Alexandria Branch, founded on May 12, 1945, celebrated its 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary this year. The theme for this important anniversary year, novelty and fun, as well as substance, were well reflected in the year's mix of programs. For our fall 2004 opening event, we hosted a multi-organization dinner and networking event at the Bailey's Crossroads Olive Garden Restaurant. Members of the Arlington and Falls Church branches and several local chapters of Federally Employed Women, Inc joined us. Each organization had the opportunity to "tell its story." The late Suzanne Diffley, branch president, presided over the event.

Nancy Joyner, AAUW Virginia state president, was the featured speaker at our Educational Foundation (EF) holiday luncheon. Nancy's inspirational talk included the advice that branches make time for fun, as well as activism. "You've got to have a wine and pickle party," she said. In keeping with Nancy's advice, in January we held our first annual Snowbreak Wine and Hors d'oeuvres party. We were joined by a wide variety of guests, and we even had the opportunity to sample two wines made by a local vintner. In February, our branch had another lighthearted event: an "Evening at the Birchmere"—the city's internationally known concert hall.

Our March event featured a guided tour of the Collections Management program at the Alexandria Archaeology Museum located at the Torpedo Factory. In April, we co-sponsored with the Mount Vernon branch another EF fundraiser: a performance of the play *Biloxi Blues* at Alexandria's Little Theatre. In May, we celebrated the 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary of our branch's founding with a luncheon at the scenic Potowmack Landing restaurant. Our guest speaker was poet and playwright Grace Cavalieri.

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# More Branches in Action



Jessie Meltsner, Women's Center Coordinator and Phyllis Talley, Branch member, in the Library.

## BLACKSBURG AREA BRANCH ADOPTS LIBRARY PROJECT

After hearing a presentation on the Women's Center at Virginia Tech, Blacksburg Area Branch adopted it as its local service project this fall. Ellen Plummer, Director of the Center, spoke at the branch's spring luncheon, discussing the center's new location, and its mission "to promote a Virginia Tech community that is safe, equitable, and supportive for women and that celebrates their experiences, achievements, and diversity."

The Center has six full-time, and two part-time staff members, and two Graduate Assistants working in a renovated historic home in the campus area and houses offices, a conference room for Women's Studies classes, and a library with shelving, floor to ceiling, on all four walls. The Library needs many books for a unique collection specific to the Center's mission. Our Branch is collecting books, new and used, and monetary contributions for the library. To launch this project, Phyllis Talley, our Branch EF Co-Chair, hosted a Saturday morning coffee and invited Branch members to attend and bring a book (or their check book) for the library. Jessie Meltsner, Special Programs Coordinator from the Women's Center, was there to note the "wish list" of library books needed pertaining to Leadership; Women of Color; Girls/Women and Health/Wellness/Development; Higher Education; Women and the Law; Violence Against Women; Feminist Works; Women and Business; Lesbian Works; and International Women's Concerns. The Women's Center will buy books, audio tapes and DVD

## Arlington Branch Has Busy Fall

The fall has been full of Branch activities, enjoyed by many members. Our Public Policy Co-Chair Frances Finta coordinated a Candidates' Forum at which surrogates for the candidates for statewide office appeared. All the candidates for the four House of Delegates districts in Arlington, the County Board, and School Board also participated. Our community access television channel taped the forum and rebroadcast it several times.

We co-sponsored a Forum on Affordable Housing with other community groups. Our president testified before the County Board, urging them to support the recommendations of the Affordable Housing Roundtable. The County Board adopted zoning ordinance revisions, agreed to by developers that will provide resources for the creation and preservation of additional affordable housing in the county for our educators, county workers, and the workforce for our local businesses.

Members and guests enjoyed themselves with an outing to the Washington Shakespeare Company to see Tom Stoppard's *Hapgood*. Our Co-Vice President for Programs Vivian Kallen and Theater Group Chair Norma Johnson arranged a delightful matinee performance, followed by a reception with several members of the cast and the directors.

Later in November, we will gather for a potluck dinner at Barrett Elementary School where we participate in a partnership (led by Elizabeth Parker and Joyce Gamse). Our members tutor students, volunteer in the library, and distribute Reading Is Fundamental books to students during the year. The program will focus on Children's Literature (anticipating the holiday gift-giving season). Co-Chair for Public Policy Eleanor Dasenbrook will train members in AAUW's Action Network, so members can be better equipped to support our Lobby Corps's efforts to persuade Congress to support AAUW legislative program.

The Arlington Branch is participating in the AAUW teleseminars which will provide training opportunities for leaders of several aspects of Branch activities. The first presentation is on membership recruitment. Our Co-Vice Presidents for Membership Nancy McCracken and Michele Milden will join President Marjorie Hobart for the first teleseminar in November.

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movies using the money we collect. At the conclusion of this Branch Book Donation Project, The Women's Center will host a "thank you" reception on December 13.

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## DECEMBER 2005

- TBA State Legislative Training for Lobby Day,  
Richmond **Silvey, Bronson**
- 15 EF Funds and Reports Due to EF Chair (Derrick)  
**Branch EF Chairs**  
LAF Funds and Reports Due to LAF Chair (Crowder)  
**Branch LAF Chair**  
(EF & LAF Fiscal Year is Jan. 1, 2005, to Dec. 31, 2005)

## JANUARY 2006

- 15 Nominations Due to Nominating Committee Chair  
**Branch Leaders / Members**  
Bylaw Amendments and Resolutions Due  
Educator of the Year/Education Advocate of the Year  
Nominations to Educational Equity Chair (Derrick)  
**Branch Leaders**

## FEBRUARY 2006

- 1 *Vision* Articles to Morgan  
**Angelo, Burch, Wimmer, Silvey, Bronson, Crowder, Burger, Nominating Chair; Branches: Chesterfield, Charlottesville, Falls Church, NOVA Online, Portsmouth, Roanoke Valley, Woodbridge, District: Northern**  
Dues/Membership Verification Forms E-Mailed to Branch Treasurers (w/copies to Membership VPs)  
**Ondo / Burch / Wimmer**
- 1 E-mail to Counterparts (w/copy to State Pres)  
**VA Board**
- 15 Call for Branch Reports for Convention Program Book **Joyner**
- 15 State Lobby Day, Richmond  
Silvey, Bronson, AAUW of VA Members
- 20 Dues/Membership Confirmation to Ondo  
**Branch Presidents**
- 20 Branch Voting Strength Mailing to Branch Presidents  
**Ondo**
- 25-26 Tentative Board Meeting (online or location)  
**VA Board**

## MARCH 2006

- 1 Announce Slate of Nominees to Branch Presidents  
**Nominating Chair**
- 3 *Vision* Mailed
- 14 Board Reports for Convention Program Book Due to Convention Planner **VA Board**
- 14 Convention Program POINTS OF PRIDE Due to State President—**Branch Presidents**
- 20 Delegate List to Convention Credentials Chair  
**Branch Presidents**
- 25 Convention Registration Deadline  
**AAUW of VA Members**

## APRIL 2006

- 20 Spring Board Meeting, Winchester **VA Board**  
21-22 AAUW OF VA CONVENTION, Winchester  
**EVERYONE!**

## MAY 2006

- 10 E-mail to Counterparts (w/copy to State Pres)  
**VA Board**
- 15 E-mail Re Summer Board Meeting **Joyner**
- 15 **Federal Lobby Day**
- 16 *Vision* Articles to Morgan  
**Ondo, Angelo, Burch, Wimmer;**  
**Branches: Fairfax City, Fredericksburg, Harrisonburg, Mt. Vernon, Norfolk, Smith Mountain, Suffolk, District: Southwest.**

## JUNE 2006

- 1 Branch Officers Roster due to Association, State President  
**Branch Presidents**
- 16 *Vision* Mailed
- 30 Year-end Financial Statement **Ondo**

## JULY 2006

- 1 Branch Dues Reports Due to Association, State Treasurer  
**Branch Treasurers**
- 15 State Leaders Meeting, AAUW of Virginia  
VA Board / Branch Presidents

## AUGUST 2006

- Vision* Articles to Morgan **State Officers, Branches: Bon Air Area, Lynchburg, McLean Area, Newport News, Springfield/Annandale, Staunton/Waynesboro, Winchester, Wytheville, District: Hampton Roads**

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of child labor, and funding for public schools and libraries.

1913 Members begin pay equity efforts with a report on U.S. Civil Service job classifications and compensation.

1916 Jeannette Rankin is elected to the U.S. House of Representatives by the state of Montana, making her the first woman in U.S. history elected to a congressional office. Rankin receives the AAUW Achievement Award in 1976.

1917 The Latin American Fellowship, the first of the Association's International Fellowships, goes to Virginia P. Alvarez Hussey, who studied medicine at the Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania.

1919 Dean Virginia Gildersleeve of the ACA, and Caroline Spurgeon and Rose Sidgewick of Great Britain initiate the International Federation of University Women (IFUW).with associations from Canada, Czechoslovakia, France, Great Britain, Italy, the Netherlands, Spain, and the United States.

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