

The Roanoke Valley View

Roanoke Valley Branch | AAUW

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Branch Newsletter

November 2013

Letter from the Roanoke Valley Branch Co-Presidents

Our members are the heart and soul of AAUW. Finding ways to engage you, our members, is a priority of the Roanoke Valley Branch Board of Directors. One of the best ways to engage members is to orient them to AAUW, the monthly programs and the Bi-annual Book Sale. We were so pleased when **Charlotte Seth** and the Membership Committee held recently an orientation for our members. Seventeen members attended the orientation which was informative and fun. A special thanks to Charlotte and her committee members! If you ever have suggestions of a monthly program or activity for the branch, please feel free to contact either of us.

This time of year always turns our focus to elections and public policy. In February 2014 public policy chair **Gloria Elliott** has two events planned – February 5th will be "Lobby Day" during the General Assembly – more details will follow. Also the public policy program scheduled for February 22nd will be "Disparities in Medical Research Involving Women." During the October meeting of the branch's leadership team, there was a discussion of restarting the Roanoke Valley League of Women Voters – an issue we discussed earlier in the year.

The Fall Book Sale was a great success! Thanks to those of you who volunteered during the sale or helped with the book sorting or collected books. Thanks to the leadership of **Cheri Hughes** and the Book Sale Committee, this bi-annual event runs like clockwork and raises funds to pay for scholarships for girls and women attending college.

We hope to see you at the November program – an interactive workshop on *Reducing Prejudice* – and at the *Winter Pot Luck Social* to be held on December 21st at the *Alexander Gish House* in Highland Park!

Paula Prince, PhD **Pam Kestner, MSW**
Co-President Co-President

Member Services Database

As a member of AAUW, you have access to the AAUW **Member Service Database (MSD)**.

You can use the MSD to update your member record and contact information, make a contribution, and track your membership and giving history for tax pur-

poses. Additionally, branch members can view their branch member roster and leader contacts on the MSD.

Your personal record on the MSD is called your Profile. It is extremely important that your Profile information be accurate.

National and AAUW of Virginia use mailing and email addresses to send AAUW Outlook, Virginia Vision, voting ballots, and other information to you.

The Virginia Vision contains a full article on how to access the Member Services Database.

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AAUW: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political.

New Member Orientation

A New Member Orientation was held on September 21, 2013. Seventeen members of the board, committee chairs, and new members came together in fellowship. We met in the new Community Room at Tanglewood, next to Belk upstairs. We learned about AAUW and AAUW-RV history. We discussed the opportunities for leadership and learning in our Branch. The group recommended that we make this an annual event. If you have any friends who would like to become members of our Branch, please contact **Charlotte Seth**, VP Membership, and she will send information to your candidate.
(774-8742 or OLDARFIE@aol.com).

Meet Our Members

The Membership VP is compiling a notebook of our members' biographies and photographs. This notebook will be available at every meeting. It is a way of getting to know each other better.

So far, **Charlotte** has received biographies from **Wise Moon, Natalie Haley, Kay Koehler, Betsy Biesenbach, Inez Good, Carol Sandidge, and Jane Chichester**.

The Membership Committee wants you included!

Please write a biography about yourself, include a photo, and send them to

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New Members

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Walden University(MN)-PhD
Birthday Dec. 20
Recruiter-Paula Prince

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Recruiter-Jennie Sue Murdock

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Birthday Dec. 1
Recruiter-VP Membership

New Address

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3804 Brandon Ave. SW
Roanoke, VA 24018

Membership News

Beth Ann and Steve Rossi are proud to announce the arrival of grandchild number seven. **Piper Raven Rossi** was born at 8:11 am, 7 pounds 15 oz., 20 inches long on September 7, 2013. Her very proud and happy parents are **Caleb and Jayna Rossi** of Herndon, Virginia.



Vianne Greek became a United States citizen on September 6th. She said that the AAUW Roanoke Valley branch meeting held in January was a contributing factor in her making this decision.

"The disruption caused by uncertainty of both the 2012 presidential election and the delays in congress directly affected my business, which got me thinking about the political process and not having a voice in it. Then, after attending the AAUW meeting in January 2013, where the speaker talked about having a voice in how the country is managed, I considered that if I am to live here, and that choices made by other people affect my life and livelihood, then I want a say in how the country is run, or at least by whom, and decided at that time to make the change."



Peggy Shifflett will be speaking at one of Salem Museum's Brown Bag Lunches in November:

Nov. 7 **Dr. Grace Toney Edwards** on Appalachian Christmas customs.

Nov. 14 Book Review and discussion on Pearl S. Buck by **Dr. Peggy Shifflett**

Nov. 20 International Christmas music and their history with **Rev. Judy Spruhan**

Everyone welcome. Bring your lunch. See the wreath exhibit and other events. For more info call Vicky Piper (387-5016)

Yearbook Corrections

Letitia Smith is Diversity Chair

Dorothy Provine is Archivist/Historian

Anne Stuart Beckett's name should have an "e" at the end of "Ann".

Lydia Celin's email is dic4039@verizon.net

Esther Mabry has MD for her credentials

Heddie Sumner attended the University of Michigan, not University of Montana.

Roanoke Valley AAUW Interest Group Updates

Morning Book Group

Coordinators: Nora Smith, 389-9474
and Charlotte Seth, 774-8742



The morning book group meets at the **Unitarian-Universalist Church** at the corner of Brandon and Grandin Roads.

Meetings will be at **10:30 a.m.** on the **first Wednesday** of each month.

On November 6 **Maryette McLaren** will review *Chasing Aphrodite: The Hunt for Looted Antiquities at the World's Richest Museum* by Jason Felch and Ralph Frammolina

On December 4 **Peggy Shifflett** will review *The Hare With Amber Eyes* by Edmund de Waal

Evening Book Group

Coordinator: Lynne Victorine, 345-6009

The location for the evening group meetings have not yet been established.

Please contact Lynne before the meeting to be informed of the correct location.

On November 18 **Lynne Victorine** will lead the discussion of *State of Wonder* by Ann Patchett

On December 9 **Lotty Hebblethwaite** will lead the discussion of *Song of Solomon* by Toni Morrison



Do you need a ride to book group or to meetings?

The membership committee is looking into ways to help all our members attend our meetings and/or book groups.

Could you attend if you had a ride with one of your branch members?



Please let **Cheri Hughes** know at 890-5121 or cherihughes@gmail.com. We will contact you and see what we can arrange.

Theatre Group Outing: Nov 8th—Hollins Theatre

Our Theatre Group coordinator **Gloria Elliott** is organizing a Roanoke Valley AAUW outing to view "Mitzi's Abortion" at Hollins Theatre. Tickets are \$10. The group will meet at Lew's Restaurant at 5:30pm. Please contact Gloria if you would like to attend.

With humor, honesty, and warmth, a cast of outspoken and colorful characters accompany Mitzi on her journey through the complex emotional landscape of late-term abortion. When she hears the words "fatal

fetal anomaly," Mitzi discovers that nothing is black and white, and everything feels important as she navigates her way through the church, insurance laws, the politics of friends and family, and her own heart. Mitzi's Abortion is a generous and compassionate comedy with serious themes about a young woman trying to make an intensely personal decision in a system determined to make it a political one. It is certain to stimulate great conversation, so join us for panel discussions after each performance.

Keep Yourself Updated on Changes in Washington

AAUW Washington Update is a public policy e-publication that is free to AAUW members, but you do have to subscribe. Here is a link to subscribe: http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/web/common/public/signup?signup_page_KEY=7067

PREJUDICE REDUCTION WORKSHOP

Please join your AAUW colleagues for an interactive "fun-filled" workshop on prejudice reduction. You will learn some of the most recent research findings on prejudice reduction and participate in several fun exercises and a lot of interaction.

Bring a male or female friend, husband, significant other, neighbor, colleague from work.



When

Saturday, November 16
10:00am-12:00noon

Where

Tanglewood Community Room

Who

Barbara Craig & Peggy Shifflett

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Meetings held in the
Community Room at Tanglewood Mall
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Please send suggestions for articles to Newsletter Editor: Vianne Greek vmgreek@gmail.com

Save the Dates

Southwest District Meeting

January 11, 2014 at 1PM

(snow date January 18th)

At the W.E. Skelton 4H Educational Center
Hermitage Rd, Wirtz, Virginia

Virginia Lobby & Advocacy Day

February 5, 2014

We need as many members as possible to attend, so please indicate
your interest to Public Policy Chair Gloria Elliott

AAUW of Virginia State Conference

April 4-6, 2014

At the W.E. Skelton 4H Educational Center
Hermitage Rd, Wirtz, Virginia

Roanoke Valley Reads Children's Book Drive

Roanoke Valley Reads organizers announced they will be conducting a book drive for new and used children's books for the *Feeding Body & Mind* program, which is a joint effort by *Feeding America* and *David Baldacci's Wish You Well Foundation* to address the connection between literacy, poverty and hunger.

The AAUW Roanoke Valley Branch will be donating 6 boxes of children's books to the cause.

In Roanoke, the Taubman Museum of Art will be the collection site through the November 16.

Books donated will be distributed locally through the Southwest Virginia Food Banks.

Executive Committee

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Mailing Address

The Roanoke Valley Branch now has a new mailing address.

PO Box 20636
Roanoke, VA 24018

Please update your records and begin using this address to send in your dues.

Branch Meeting Dates

November 16 *Diversity Program*
December 21 *Winter Social*
January 11 *District Meeting*
February 1-2 *Winter Book Sale*
February 22 *Public Policy Program*
March 8 *STEM Conference*
March 22 *International Program*
April 4-6 *Virginia State Conference*

THE MISSION OF AAUW, FORMERLY THE AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN, IS TO ADVANCE EQUITY FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS THROUGH ADVOCACY, EDUCATION, PHILANTHROPY, AND RESEARCH