



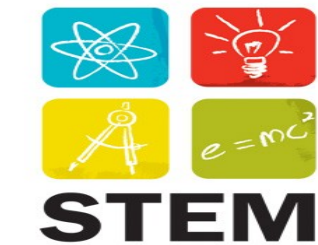
The Roanoke Valley View

Newsletter of the **Roanoke Valley Branch AAUW**

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April-May 2012



Another successful STEM conference for girls March 3 at William Fleming High School, chaired by Marcia Shelton, above, being interviewed for television. Right, Paula Prince and Katherine Hoffman prepare certificates, and Susheela Shanta demonstrates weight bearing structures.

Annual Meeting Will Be April 28

Roanoke Valley Branch annual meeting will be April 28 from 10 AM to noon at the AAUW Space at Tanglewood Mall. At this time we will recognize recipients of the 2012 Scholarships and the Science Fair Awards.

Nora Smith, chair of the Scholarship Committee, will introduce the recipients, who are:

Young Women's Scholarship: Elizabeth Higgs Patrick, Henry High School and the Roanoke Valley Governor's School for Science and Technology; Kathleen Kennedy, Patrick Henry High School and The Roanoke Valley Governor's School, and Madelynn Paige St. Clair, William Byrd High School.

Winners of the non traditional student women awards are Yonah Wente, who plans to attend Mary Baldwin College, and Blair Jacqueline Parker Canty, who plans to attend Jefferson College of Health Sciences

Erika Danielle Holt is the recipient of the Lorraine and Hal Jones Jr. scholarship. She plans to attend Jefferson College of Health Sciences.

The winner of the Roanoke City Science Fair for this year is Nicolena Stiles, Patrick Henry and Roanoke Valley Governor's School. Her project was "The Ability of Conditioned Bees to Detect Volatile Substances."

During the business session, we will elect officers for 2012-2014 and approve the budget for 2012-2013. Nominees to be voted on are Co-presidents: **Paula Prince** and **Pam Kestner**; Vice President for Program, **Beth Christophoulos**; two year terms on the nominating committee: **Katherine Hoffman**, **Sally Sizer**, and **Lynne Victorine**.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Celebrating Our Members And AAUW Funds At Our May Meeting

Our final meeting for the 2011-2012 year will be at 10 a.m. May 12 at the Tanglewood space, sponsored by Membership and AAUW Funds committees.

We will present the honorees of our Named Gifts to AAUW Funds and we will celebrate the long time membership of two very exceptional women who have contributed so much to our branch: our newest 50-year members, Clare Newman and June Carol Sandidge. We will also honor our newest members and their sponsors.



We will pay tribute to our recently deceased members, Lynn Eckman and Diana Goodhart.

As with our Annual Meeting, we will conduct a raffle that will provide not only the national dues for one more lucky member, but also the \$1 contribution will go into the 50/50 pot. Our branch will use its share of those proceeds to help members pay dues.

—Lynne Victorine, Vice President for Program
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ELECTED BRANCH OFFICERS 2010-2011

HELENRUTH BURCH
PAMALA JONES
Co Presidents

LYNNE VICTORINE
Vice President for Program

CHARLOTTE SETH
Vice President for Membership

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DUES RAFFLE AT THE ANNUAL MEETING And MEMBERSHIP TEA!

Come and take a chance on FREE National Dues for 2012-2013. Membership will be raffling off two free National Dues for 2012-2013. We would appreciate a \$5 donation for each raffle ticket you purchase.



National are \$49 so it's a great chance to save some money and help your Roanoke Branch.

You must be present at the meeting to participate. Any questions? Contact

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Give-a-Grad-a-Gift:

New Graduates Eligible For Free Membership

Graduation season approaches, a time to give a new graduate free AAUW membership.

The one year free membership entitles them to receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.

Membership includes access to discounts at The Princeton Review, Barnes&Noble.com, health and life insurance, auto insurance, AAUW research reports, credit cards and other members-only benefits such as Career-BUILDER.com and TravelSmart.



Best of all, the new graduate will receive a free one-year AAUW membership at no cost to you or them! So send no money!

Use the online form at <https://svc.aauw.org/join/gradgift.cfml#eform> or download the PDF version at <http://tinyurl.com/73hn7mb>

If you need assistance contact Charlotte Seth (number and email address above).

Branch Adds 50-year Honorary Life Members

Clare Newman and **June Carol Sandidge**, both stalwarts of our annual book sale, will be recognized at the May meeting as 50-year Life Members

Clare comes from a family rich in the history of higher education, particularly for women. Her great aunt went to college at the turn of the century and majored in China Painting and Music. This served her well as she taught Music and painted china the rest of her life. Her grandmother and mother went to the University of Chicago, at a time when women were usually sent to "normal" schools to become teachers. They both majored and graduated with degrees in Geography. Not your typical college path for women at that time. Clare continued that path by majoring in Geography for both a BA and MS at Northwestern. All three women joined AAUW upon graduation.



Clare became active in the Staunton (VA) Branch moving there for her first teaching job after college. She became treasurer and Fellowships Chair of the Branch. At the Roanoke Valley Branch she worked on the Art Show with others including Laura Wimmer until the demise of the Show which was held for 50 years. She also worked on the Book Sale since its inception 46 years ago and this continues. She judges the Science Fair for AAUW for the City Schools and the Western Virginia Regional Finals. She is an active member of the Morning and Evening Book Groups and has been known to do a review once in a while.

Clare says that her main reason for her life-long support for AAUW is to carry on the mission of empowering women by offering grants and fellowships at the graduate level so that women can make a difference. AAUW is made up of thousands of women like

Rossi Engagement

Steve and Beth Ann Rossi have announced the engagement of their daughter Meghan Elizabeth, to Anthony (Tony) Robert Anderson, son of Gary and Barbara Anderson of Daytona Beach, FL The wedding will take place September 22 at St. Andrew's Catholic Church in Roanoke.

Clare who strive to make a difference and impact lives of women everywhere.

—Cheri Hughes

A profile of Sandi will appear in the next issue.



Co-president Helen Ruth Burch and International Affairs Chair Jane Ingram look a little lost in the middle of the stripped down AAUW space after the last of the remainder books were removed to make room for new ones for the next sale scheduled for September.

Book Sale Update-Spring is Here!

We have been "Spring Cleaning" at the HQ Space at Tanglewood Mall. Due to the diligent hard work of many Members to pack up books and clear shelves, we have sold our remainders to a wholesaler. You will certainly notice their efforts when you come to the next Program meeting or Book Club at the Space. We have also cleaned the walls, carpets and shelves.

Now we are ready to "Spring Forward" with the next phase of our Project. We need a new dedicated effort for our September 2012 Sale. We need all of our Members to help us get new (new to us) books to restock our shelves. Please ask your friends, families, neighbors, and other sources that you may have to assist us. We will begin collecting books in April and will have Members at the Space Tuesday, Thursday, and Saturdays to receive them from 10-4 pm We will begin sorting on Tuesday, May 15th with those same days and hours. You may call me at 890-5121 (home), 404-784-1971 (cel) or email cherihughes@gmail.com if you have a different time or have a "big" load that I need to arrange for pick-up. You may also call Clare if needed.

By working together, all Members can and will play an important part in the success of the Book Sale. At the Annual Meeting we will have an update on the plans for the Book Sale 2012.

Cheri Hughes, Book Sale Co-Chair
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Interest Group Information



Morning Book Group
Coordinators:
 Mary Boenke, 890-3897
 Inez Good, igood@verizon.net

April 18, 10:30 a.m. Dorothy Hamrick will review *A Singular Woman: The Untold Story of*

Barack Obama's Mother by Janny Scott. Lunch follows at the K and W Cafeteria

May 16, 10:30 a.m. Doris Egge will review *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith at the home of **Inez Good**, 1203 Lynchburg Pike, Salem 24153, A light lunch will be provided.



Evening Book Group
Coordinators:
 Lotty Hebblethwaite, 716-8011,
 Marcia Shelton,
 sheltonm11@verizon.net

April 23, 7 PM. AAUW Tanglewood. Doris Egge leads discussion of *A Tree Grows in Brooklyn* by Betty Smith. Refreshments by Doris.

May 21, 7 PM. AAUW Tanglewood. Marcia Shelton leads discussion of *The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks* by Rebecca Skloot. Refreshments by Marcia.

June 18, 7 PM. AAUW Tanglewood. Lotty Hebblethwaite leads discussion of *The Glass Castle* by Jeanette Walls. Refreshments by Lotty.



Safaris
Coordinator:
 Beth Ann Rossi, 971-3863
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Spring Safari on April 14: Bluff, Bridge, and Canal. A day trip including lunch, Full details were sent earlier by email. If you have any questions about this, please call Beth Ann.

Theatre Interest Group
Coordinator:
 Gloria Elliott, 714-3031



GOOD OL' GIRLS
 a musical

April 15, 2012 2:00 p.m. matinee

The Off Broadway Musical, Written and adapted by Paul Ferguson from stories by Lee Smith and Jill McCorkle, with songs by Matraca Berg and Marshall Chapman, conceived by Matraca Berg. Two of Hollins most celebrated writers join two of Nashville's leading singer/songwriters to redefine the modern Southern woman in a musical about love, loss and laughter. **GOOD OL' GIRLS** celebrates childhood through old age with big hair and bigger hearts. Fabulous stories. Great music. There's a Good Ol' Girl in all of us. Let yours out.

International Affairs
Chair:

N. Jane Ingram, 427-5824



At the **International Program** March 24th David Maxey, Immigration Counselor from Safety Net Services, discussed the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), which helps protect immigrant women (and men) from documented physical or psychological abuse committed by their American (citizen) spouse, by allowing the immigrant spouse to leave the abusive relationship without losing their green card or legal alien status. Gemma deChoisy, Volunteer Coordinator from Resettlement Services, explained the volunteer ESL tutoring and resettlement 'mentoring' programs run by her office and invited interested individuals to contact her for more information. Questions about immigration can be directed to David at david.maxey@cccovfa.org ; for volunteering inquiries, please contact Gemma at Gemma.deChoisy@cccovfa.org .

