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President's Message

Nancy Miller, Co-President



I would like to urge my fellow AAUW members to read and engage with this newsletter. Judy Titterton is our extremely talented editor, and she makes our monthly group email visually appealing [*Thank you, Nancy!*]. Our contributors make a real effort to keep you engaged and up to date on events that may interest you. Stay engaged! Participate! Write articles, send letters, make calls! We all need to do our part.

Wasn't the Spring Fling fun? We enjoyed an excellent speaker, had a successful auction, and spent time together. Please join me in thanking the Spring Fling Committee, led by Ann Sauberman. Their hard work has benefitted our branch once again.

As strong supporters of Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion, we were pleased to read this story in *The Cardinal News* announcing that Virginia's top journalism award has been given to *The Cadet* for "its coverage of diversity, equity and inclusion at the Virginia Military Institute."

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AAUW-VA Website: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/>

Springfield-Annandale Website: <https://sprann-va.aauw.net/>

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AAUW Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Vision: Equity for all. Values: Non-partisan. Fact based.

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.

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The award's judge lauded the students for their bravery in taking on a topic that has shrouded the Lexington institute in controversy since 2021, when VMI began to respond to revelations about a pervasive culture of racism at the school, reported Lisa Rowan of *The Cardinal News*.

We should also take note of the passing of three of our contemporaries, each of whom broadened our horizons and futures in different ways. First is Mary Quant, the British designer who popularized the mini skirt. Remember the 'swinging sixties' and 'feeling groovy'? She liberated us from the stiffness of the 50's and sent us out to 'do our own thing' in a brave, new, more liberated world. I loved her spirit, if not our exposed knobby knees!

Next, in the field of science, is Virginia Norwood, the "Mother of Landsat." She was an aero-space engineer with a career that spanned slide rules to computers, and she was usually the only woman on the team. There was even one incident where a male quit rather than work under a woman supervisor—remember those days? The Multispectral Scanner (Landsat) "brought insights into aspects such as water quality, crop health, soil moisture, and snowpack density" according to her obituary in *The Washington Post*. It was the first digital data transmission from space and allowed preventive action. These early images are the baselines that are used to assess things like climate change and rainforest loss. We are now on Landsat 9 and there is a group of women ("Ladies of Landsat") who have worked in the program since Ms. Norwood.

Our last leader, in the field of medicine, is Virginia Apgar. Dr. Apgar helped establish anesthesiology as a medical specialty, worked to study and improve obstetrical anesthesia, and advanced the study of birth

defects. And yes, she is the creator of the "Apgar Score" every new mother knows. Who knew Apgar was a real person, let alone a woman? She championed research into the many causes of birth defects as a leader in the March of Dimes. She was also a gardener, fly fisherman, pilot, and violinist who learned to make stringed instruments. Quite the trio of role models!

Finally, there is an exhibit spotlighting Black feminists of Washington, D.C., that examines the lives and dreams of female civil rights leaders. "We Who Believe in Freedom: Black Feminist DC" will be at the Martin

Luther King Jr. Memorial Library, 901 G Street NW through September 2024. For more information, go to <https://www.womenshistory.org/black-feminist-dc>.



Spring Fling a Great Success

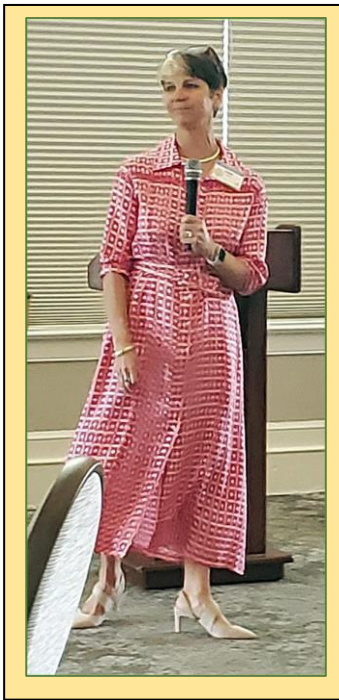
Ann Sauberman, Spring Fling Coordinator

On May 5, over 80 branch members and guests met at the Springfield Golf and Country Club for our 20th annual Spring Fling. It was a beautiful day and a very memorable event. The Country Club was beautiful, adorned with creative table centerpieces, arranged by Deborah and Mick Dodd, and two large floral arrangements donated by Beth Boivin and Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS). Thanks to Karen Flann, Sallie Williams and their hardworking committee, the Silent Auction was very successful. So many of us went home with gift cards and desired treasures.

The highlight of the event was our excellent speaker Renee Wynn, a former Chief Information Officer for NASA. Ms. Wynn was informative, dynamic, and kept the interest of her audience. She described her role first at EPA and then at NASA as a woman professional. Her focus was how space exploration and scientific discoveries have impacted life on earth. One example was how the creation of special gloves, that the astronauts wore to protect them, have been adapted to uses in our society. Another very interesting space discovery to protect astronauts from extreme temperatures has been modified to protect both mothers and babies from high temperatures that occur in some unusual pregnancies. After her talk, Ms. Wynn answered questions from the audience.

The Spring Fling luncheon raised \$4,378.69!

I thank all those who helped contribute to our wonderful event. In addition to those already mentioned, another very special thank you goes to Rose Clark, Sharon Draper, Ken Tighe, Irene McGhee and many other volunteers. To use a well-known quote, "It takes a village." Thank you also to all those who attended, and we hope to see you next year at the 21st Spring Fling.



Renee Wynn,
Spring Fling Speaker



Photos by Irene McGhee

June Program – Picnic at Occoquan Regional Park

Irene McGhee, Program Co-Vice President



Pavilion 4

Our final program event for this membership year is a picnic at Occoquan Regional Park, 9751 Ox Rd, Lorton, Pavilion 4, **June 17**, Noon.

The Pavilion is near the parking lot, and is a bit larger and closer to the bathrooms with easier access (no stairs). Once again, the Board has agreed to pay for members' catered lunch from the Brickmaker's Cafe. Guests are welcome and only they will have a charge of \$15.00 payable to *AAUW Springfield-Annandale* and mailed to Sharon Draper, Treasurer.

We will install new officers at the meeting. We will also thank those completing their terms.

RSVP to Irene McGhee or Ann Sauberman stating the number of guests in your party and your lunch preference (see below) by **May 30**. Water, drinks, and fruit will be provided.

- 1) Apple Walnut Salad with or without chicken
- 2) Turkey Avocado Sandwich on Croissant
- 3) Southwest grilled chicken wrap
- 4) Tuna sandwich on multigrain
- 5) Grilled Chicken Caesar Salad

Springfield-Annandale Branch 2023-2024 Election Results

Deborah Dodd and Debbie Gilligan, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Thank you to all the members who voted for the slate of nominees for the Springfield-Annandale Branch of AAUW 2023-2024 Board Officers.

Congratulations to:

- Co-Presidents Cathie Boivin and Ann Sauberman
- Co-Vice Presidents for Programs Irene McGhee and Amy Crolius
- Treasurer Sharon Draper

Welcome to Amy Crolius, who is new to the Board and thanks to all who have stepped forward to serve the Branch in these important positions. The officers will be installed at the picnic at Occoquan Regional Park on **June 17**.

Outgoing board members, who have contributed so much to the branch are Co-President Nancy Miller and Co-Vice President for Programs Ann Sauberman. Be sure to thank them for their service to the Branch.

Time to Renew AAUW Membership for 2023-2024

Deborah Dodd, Membership Co-Vice President



It is hard to believe that our AAUW Springfield-Annandale Branch membership year 2022-2023 is nearing an end. It has been an event-filled year that has included excellent program meetings, a memorable Spring Fling and Silent Auction, and ending with the always fun Picnic in the Park.

The 2023-2024 membership year will begin on **July 1**. That means that it is time to renew your membership for another year. If you have not yet renewed your AAUW membership for the upcoming year, please do it now.

You can renew online, using a credit card, by visiting <https://www.aauw.org/> signing in, and following the renewal instructions. The dues this year are \$99. That amount covers membership in National AAUW, the VA State AAUW, and the Springfield-Annandale AAUW Branch. If you prefer to pay by check, you can complete the renewal form that is attached at the end of this newsletter. Mail the form and your check made out to *Springfield-Annandale AAUW* for \$99 to Sharon Draper, Treasurer.

If you have questions about branch renewal, contact Deborah Dodd or Debbie Gilligan.

Public Policy

Susan Burk, Public Policy Chair

GOTV The Springfield-Annandale Branch will be working to Get Out the Vote (GOTV) again this year for the important Virginia elections. We will participate again in postcard writing for Reclaim Our Vote, a grass roots, nonpartisan effort to increase voting turnout among “underrepresented voters,” i.e., those who tend not to vote in state or mid-term elections and are primarily people of color. We plan to write 300 postcards this fall for the November election. If you are interested in writing any postcards, contact me, Susan Burk. I will provide instructions and postcards.

Equal Pay Days (EPD) We celebrated Equal Pay Day for all Women on March 14 this year. Women are still being paid 84% of every dollar paid to white men; but that is only the average. The coalition of organizations supporting pay equity, including AAUW, changed its methodology to encompass a broader cross-section of women, include those who work part-time or seasonally, to represent a more accurate picture of how the gender pay gap impacts diverse communities. AAUW’s EPDs for when various racial and ethnic groups attain equal pay includes those calculations.

LGBTQIA+ EPD Awareness Day is June 15 Without enough data to make calculations, this day raises awareness about the wage gap experienced by LGBTQIA+ folks.

Black Women’s EPD is July 27 Black women are paid 67% and 64% of every dollar paid to white men.

Two-Minute Activist AAUW’s Two-Minute Activist is an easy way to let your elected officials know your views on our key public policy priorities. Sign up and let your voice be heard and your views be known! <https://www.aauw.org/act/two-minute-activist/>

Evening Book Group – Live

The Evening Book Group will meet live for the next meeting on Thursday, **June 1**, 5:30 P.M., at Debbie Gilligan’s house to for a pot luck dinner and to discuss the final details of next year’s Evening Book Group’s Reading List.

Contact Debbie Gilligan for more information.

Morning Book Group – Live

The Morning Book Group will meet on **June 8**, 10:00 A.M. for a luncheon at Deborah Dodd’s house. This luncheon is for the purpose of planning next year’s Morning Book Group’s Reading List.

Contact Jo Domingues for more information.

Movies at Midweek

Ginny Wells, Movie Maven

Movies at Midweek will meet on Wednesday, **June 21**, at Cinema Arts Theatre with lunch following at First Watch Restaurant and then take the summer off. Come September, there will be two new movie mavens, Helen Cassidy, and Beverly Wise.

It has been an honor to better get to know ladies from our Branch over our monthly movie discussions and lunch and I’m pleased that this worthwhile activity will continue.

Thanks so much to all
who have participated
over the years!
- Ginny



Program Planning Meeting

Thursday, June 29, 7:00 P.M.

Pohick Regional Library



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This is the last newsletter for the 2022-2023 membership year.

The September newsletter will be published in late August.

Be sure to get your September input to me by **Wednesday, August 23, Noon.**

Enjoy your summer!

— Judy Titterton, Editor





SPRINGFIELD-ANNANDALE (VA) BRANCH

HOW TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP

Springfield-Annandale Branch, Virginia

JUNE 30, 2023– JUNE 30, 2024

To renew your AAUW membership, please:

1) Go to aauw.org. You must change your password when accessing the revised website for the first time. Then click on Membership, Renew, then cursor down to National and you can enter your information to pay for National, State, and Branch Dues ONLINE and pay via your credit card.

OR

2) Fill out the information below and mail your check and this form to **TREASURER: Sharon Draper, 6913 Pacific Lane, Annandale, Va. 22003**

----- **YES**, I want to renew MY AAUW membership for 2023-2024 (current membership expires on June 30, 2023) I am enclosing a check for dues as indicated below:

* _____ **\$99 for renewing regular membership**
(*\$72 Association; \$15 State; \$12 Branch dues*)

_____ **\$27 for State and Branch dues** (*I've paid life national dues.*)

----- **\$1440 for Paid Life National Membership dues (Fully Tax Deductible)**

_____ **\$12 for a dual membership in another Va. Branch**

Make checks payable to: "Springfield-Annandale AAUW" AAUW National dues are \$72, of which \$69 is tax deductible. The remaining \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill advocacy work and get-out-the-vote activities. AAUW national life membership is \$1,440 and is fully tax deductible.

NAME: _____

ADDRESS: _____

HOME PHONE: _____ CELL: _____

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