

**American Association of University Women
Bon Air Byline | January 2010**

Branch meeting

Observations: Virginia Government. . . What Can We Expect?

Please join us for an informative presentation about what we may expect in the upcoming General Assembly session, Governor McDonnell and his new administration.

Date: Saturday, January 16, 2010
Place: Henrico's Tuckahoe Library, 1901 Starling Drive, Richmond 23229
Time: **10:30** Socializing, greeting; meeting starts at 10:45
11:15 Guest speaker's presentation
Speaker: Nancy Finch, long-time lobbyist with General Assembly
Topic: ***Observations: Virginia Government. . . What Can We Expect?***
Lunch: \$5 for light sandwich lunch; pay at meeting, no reservations needed
For more information, contact Gina Turner at gcab1832@comcast.net or phone 560-4705.

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As always, **guests are very welcome to attend**, especially prospective AAUW members and anyone who really ca what will take place at the Capitol in the coming months.

About our speaker: Nancy Finch served as a lobbyist, or legislative liaison, for 24 years at the Virginia General As worked primarily for education entities, including the community college system. In recent years, she worked on trai issues for Virginians for High Speed Rail, and served as a state co-chair for Virginians for Better Transportation in 2C Nancy's transportation advocacy included work with Virginia's Congressional delegation. She has worked on politica in Virginia since the 1960s.

Last Fall, Nancy headed a House of Delegates Candidates' Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters, Partner Housing Affordability, Leadership Metro Richmond, and the Richmond First Club. The forum, broadcast on WCVE 1 was the only event provided for all regional candidates in challenged races.

In 1995 Nancy ran for the House of Delegates in the 72nd District, opposing a Republican incumbent. While she did won 40 percent of the vote in the only serious challenge that Delegate ever faced.

The mother of three children and grandmother of six, Nancy is a graduate of Radford College (now University) and th Institute for Political Leadership at the University of Virginia.

Gina Turner
Program Chair

Presidents' Message

The New Year of 2010 is here and it's time to get serious again. Well, let's not be too serious, but it's time to think about what's coming up in the General Assembly and how things may or may not change with a new Governor.

We trust you have already marked your calendar for **AAUW Branch meeting on Saturday, January 16, at Tuolumne County Library**. Since the Inauguration of our new Governor and other state-wide officers takes place that day, we are making arrangements to stream video of swearing in and speeches during our meeting. So come and watch the inauguration with your AAUW friends AND learn from a seasoned expert about what we may expect in the coming months.

We hope to see you at this informative meeting. As always, guests are very welcome to attend as well, especially prospective AAUW members and anyone who really cares about what will take place at the Capitol in the coming months.

Your co-presidents wish each of you and those important to you a very happy New Year 2010. We hope it will be a year of growth and fun for everyone, and that your personal growth and fun will include activities of our newly merged Branch **AAUW Richmond!** Your very capable and dedicated Board has lots of plans that we hope will offer everyone something of interest, including learning opportunities and fun activities. We welcome suggested meeting topics, speakers, and activities from members.

Please share any ideas, suggestions, concerns, complaints with one of us. The Branch belongs to all of us and we want everyone to feel ownership, not just passive membership.

Happy New Year!

Laura Wimmer, LWIM@aol.com, 496-6124

DeAnn Lineberry, deann.lineberry@yahoo.com, 233-5352

Board Meeting Minutes

Bon Air Library, December 12, 2009

Board members present: DeAnn Lineberry, President; Marsha Carter, Membership Chair; Gina Turner, Program Chair; Kathy Kelley, EF Chair and State District Delegate; and Jane Newell, Webmaster and By-Laws Chair.

Roberts Rules of Order review with handouts was postponed until January 18 when more members are expected to attend.

Membership Marsha Carter said that she wrote to the guests from the wine tasting who had signed the guest book, telling them about our branch and encouraging them to consider membership; none has replied. Marsha suggested we plan a **membership tea** at 2:00 PM Sunday afternoon, February 28, at her house. It will be an orientation for new, continuing, and prospective members.

Programs Gina Turner informed us that a serious conflict exists regarding our previously scheduled meeting on Saturday, January 16, which is the date of gubernatorial inauguration. It was decided to change the January meeting to evening on January 12, because no delegates or senators could attend on Jan. 16. Speaker choices to ask in order of preference are Betsy Carr, newly elected delegate representing Westover Hills and large portion of South Richmond; Frank Hall, retired delegate from Betsy Carr's area; and Jennifer McClellan, returning delegate for district that includes Oregon Hill, Fan, and Museum Hill. Meeting location to be determined; League of Women Voters will be invited. Others months' meetings remain as planned.

Treasurer printed report was reviewed in Cheryl Kapec's absence. It was decided that we would donate \$2,000 to the Educational Opportunities Fund and \$200 to the Legal Advocacy Fund. These donations will come from the fundraiser. Kathy will prepare the form and Cheryl will write the check.

Newsletter and website updates Jane reported that she will have our Internet URL changed to AAUWRichmond.com replacing existing Bon Air AAUW link. Arrangements will be made to forward connections to Bon Air link to new link.

of time. Articles for the newsletter are due by Monday, December 21.

Potential spring fundraiser Laura Wimmer had suggested we look into connecting with CAT Theater for a spring. Many AAUW branches around the state utilize these arrangements very successfully. We will select a matinee showing *Kitchen Witches* in June, then members will buy and/or sell tickets. If we sell 75 tickets, we could net \$650 for local. Any unsold tickets would be returned to the theater.

Other business Bylaws will be sent to Board for review and will be emailed and mailed to members to be voted on at annual meeting.

Directory and calendar of events will be mailed by Kathy Kelley to all members as soon as the January meeting is over.

Marsha Carter
Communications Chair

AAUW Fundraising Report

It was decided to donate \$2000 to the Educational Opportunities Fund and \$200 to the Legal Advocacy Fund.

To see the changes made with EF check out the information on the AAUW VA web site:
<http://www.aauw.org/contribute/upload/AAUWFundsFlowchart.pdf>

Southeast District Report

We are still open for nominations for the state board. please consider volunteering. Nominations for **Co-President, Policy, VP Programs, and VP Communications/Vision Editor** are due to me for the following by **January 15**.

Also, we still need a speaker for our February meeting. Any ideas are welcome.

Kathy Kelley
EF Chair, Southeast District Representative

Welcome to Our Website!

Welcome to our Website at aauwbonairva.org. All Greater Richmond Branch members should check the site on a regular basis; the program calendar will keep you informed of branch meetings and events. You can also keep up with AAUW national news through real-time site. Welcome members new and old! Look for a special announcement on our branch Facebook group.

Comments or suggestions? Contact Jane Newell at jane.newell@comcast.net

Jane Newell
Webmaster

Calendar

January 16
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Expect? 10:30 AM

January 16
Gourmet, 7 PM

January 21
Book Group, ***The***
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Trebizond,
7:30 PM

Gourmet

Marcia and Dale Phillips celebrate the **Chinese New Year** in true Gourmet style!

January 16 at 7 PM. For details, contact Marcia.

Book Group

Continuing a more than 30-year-old tradition, Bon Air AAUW Book Group will meet Thursday, Jan 14, 7:30 p.m., at Willow Oaks Apartments Clubhouse, 6000 Willow Oaks Drive, hosted by DeAnn Lineberry. Please let us know you're coming by email to deann.lineberry@yahoo.com or phone 233-5352.

Kathy Kelley will lead our discussion of ***The Towers of Trebizond***, by English author Rose Macaulay (originally published, 1956; reissued in 1980 and 2003).

“Take my camel, dear,’ said my aunt Dot.” So begins Rose Macaulay’s greatest novel. With poet exquisitely wrought prose, and an entertaining procession of ordinary events, Macaulay tells the story of an eccentric group of English travelers who set off for Turkey to explore the possibility of establishing religious missions there. Traveling overland from Istanbul to legendary Trebizond, the narrator and his companions have a series of hilarious encounters with potion-dealing sorcerers, recalcitrant police, and an ever-appearing busload of southern evangelists from the U.S. Though the dominant note of this unusual novel is humorous, the import is often tragic, as along the way the narrator confronts the challenges of the ancient empires, religious doubt, and individual heartbreak. This award-winning book is fine, fun, and a unique travel adventure.

Future Reading:

- **February 18: *People of the Book, A Novel***, by Geraldine Brooks (2007). Hostess – Marcia; discussion leader – Gina Turner
- **March 18: Women’s History Month – *Dark Enough to See the Stars in a Jamestown***, published 2006, by Connie Lapallo, a direct descendant of one of the first English women who settle Jamestown. Hostess TBA; discussion leader – DeAnn Lineberry

Book Group normally meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 pm. All Branch member guests are welcome. Contact DeAnn Lineberry for more information: deann.lineberry@yahoo.com 233-5352.

DeAnn Lineberry
Book Group Chair

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