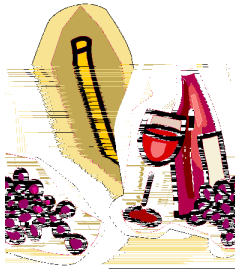


**American Association of University Women
Bon Air Byline | November 2009**



Wine Tasting Benefit
Friday, November 13, 2009, 6 PM - 8 PM
St. Matthias Episcopal Church

The tickets have been mailed! Let us know if you haven't gotten yours yet. Some of us have even been selling, and it's always great to get those first couple of checks in the mail!! This event is the original money-earner for a core reason for our existence: making funds available for women seeking graduate degrees.

At the District Meeting on October 17th, Carol distributed tickets to Bon Air and Richmond Branch members. We are looking forward to seeing Richmond members and their friends this year.

A couple of pointers for ticket selling:

- learn interesting facts and trends about wines today
- the food is outstanding
- non-alcoholic drinks are available
- it is a great party
- some folks consider it the beginning of the holiday season
- it's a fund raiser for an excellent cause, and
- the only reason *and time* that we raise money

As we have done in the past, we will consider five different wines from Total Wine at this wine tasting. Our former Total Wine presenter Jeff Jenkins has been promoted to the Wilmington, DE, store. This year we have a new sommelier: new manager Jason Trottier will be discussing the wines for us with one of his colleagues.

We will again be in the Parish hall of St. Matthias Episcopal Church on Huguenot Road, just east of Robious Road. It is a nice sized room and we decorate it lavishly for a party ambience. People bring food and the sparkling grape juice and apple juice should plan to be there before 6:00, so we will be ready for the partygoers.

So, in the next couple of weeks, sell those tickets, and plan to come on lucky Friday the 13th. Again, we will have a very good time, raising money for the Foundation. The more who come, the more the party, and the more we all will enjoy what has to be the best way to raise money we have ever had.

*Marcia Phillips
Carol Mazur*

Presidents' Greeting

Welcome to the **Greater Richmond Branch**, AAUW!!

The vote for name of our newly merged branch was close among the three suggested names, with several alternative suggestions combining Bon Air and Richmond in some way. Like the vote for merger last summer, your board was very gratified by the level of participation – at least 75 percent of our members voted on the branch name.

You've probably noticed the logo for Greater Richmond Branch when you go to the branch Webpage and newsletter – city's iconic bridges with our name superimposed. Many thanks to our Webmaster Jane Newell, who created the logo during a Bon Air board meeting attended by both our state AAUW presidents, Dianne Blaine and Laura Wimmer, and members of the Richmond Branch who had attended a convention planning meeting prior to the board meeting. Our remaining Richmond area branches have a long history of working together – in fact the Bon Air Area Branch grew out among Richmond Branch members who saw an opportunity to expand AAUW's influence with a second branch based in the James and composed primarily of younger college-educated women seeking a vehicle for personal and community through promoting expanded opportunities. Over 30 years later, those younger women – now grandmothers! – and others who have joined the ranks still hold the same values and have many accomplishments to prove the worth of the Richmond members' vision.

Regardless of age or where we live in and around Richmond (our member directory includes Ashland, Glen Allen, Chant, Mechanicsville), we all share a personal and organizational commitment to *breaking down barriers for women and girls because equity is STILL an issue!*

As a merged branch, we celebrated a new year of branch activities with our September pot luck dinner meeting. Then we hosted an energetic and informative Southeast Division meeting. Now the biggest event of the year – the annual **Winetasting Fundraiser**. In its seventh year as Bon Air AAUW's primary event to raise funds for AAUW scholarships, we welcome full participation of members from Richmond Branch. The winetasting has always been supported by both branches and this year it will be the first event under the banner of Greater Richmond AAUW. See details in this newsletter. We see many of you and your guests on Friday, November 13.

*DeAnn Lineberry & Laura Wimmer, Presidents
Greater Richmond Branch, AAUW of Virginia*

Board Meeting

October 19, 2009 7pm-8:40pm Bon Air Library

Present: DeAnn Lineberry, Marian Seigla, Gina Turner, Cheryl Kapec, Kathy Kelley, Marsha Carter Newell

Dues have been received by 22 returning members of both Bon Air and one new member. Dues have also been received by a comparable number of returning members to Richmond Branch (numbers shared because not all have arrived, so I do not have accuracy on this).

Cheryl Kapec will continue to encourage members to send her Food Lion shopper #s, so that she can reimburse the Branch for the money back program.

A budget was presented and discussed. The budget initially showed a deficit of \$83 dollars. Funding was changed in some categories to lessen the deficit. The updated budget will be shared with members through email, for approval.

On November 10th, the membership committee will meet at Maldini's Restaurant from 6:30-8:30 p.m. to generate a plan to increase and retain members to the Greater Richmond Branch of AAUW. Marsha will chair the meeting. Kathy Kelley, Marian Seigla, Carol Mazur, Marcia Phillips, and Mary Farrell attend. Laurie Coulter cannot attend and Lois Hofstra has not responded.

There was discussion about who the contact person would be for membership. Marsha had received commitment from Mary Farrell to do so, but other Board members said she did not commit. Verifying contact person for the Greater Richmond Branch will be added to the agenda of the November 10th.

Carol Mazur and Marcia Phillips, chairwomen of the event, have mailed tickets to the membership requests for help and completed arrangements with the location and the wine vendor.

Information about the planned Tacky Light Tour for December was shared by Jane Newell. Costs are \$25-30 per person. Marian Seigla has access to a company that the Richmond Branch used in the past and will share that with Jane and Gina.

Marian and Marsha both mentioned the possibility of using their homes if there was a need (if the Light Tour was not pursued). They each will check their calendars as needed.

The Wine Tasting Fundraiser will be our November meeting.

Kathy Kelley expressed an interest in having the Branch membership participate in a service project next year. This might be linked to the December meeting.

DeAnn will check with Virginia Fleishman about taking minutes and publishing them. Marsha Carter said that she could not do minutes and work on membership.

*Marsha Carter
Communications Officer*

Membership Committee Meeting

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AAUW members, representing both Bon Air Branch and Richmond Branches, will meet at Maldini's, an Italian Restaurant on Forest Hill Avenue. Over dinner, we will discuss how to add and to retain members in AAUW. Our branches will be officially blended in March 2010. Planning for the success of our joined group includes looking at the big picture and small details necessary to keep members active. Would you like to join the discussion? Call Marsha

Carter at 232-2029 or email her at marshakingcarter@verizon.net and tell her you would like to join the talk.

*Marsha Carter
Communications Officer*

Fellowship/Grant Deadlines

If you know of anyone who is interested in applying for a Fellowship or Grant here are the deadlines:

American Fellowships: November 15
International Fellowships: December 1
Career Development Grants: December 15
Selected Professions Fellowships: January 10, 2010
Community Action Grants: January 15, 2010
Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse Pilot Program: March 10, 2010

The AAUW web site has further details (<http://www.aauw.org/>).

*Kathy Kelley
EF Chair*

Calendar



Gourmet, 7 PM

Service Project

It has been awhile since our last service project. We could make donations to the Safe Houses in the spring. Between now and our March meeting please pick up extra paper, cleaning, and feminine products or anything you think they may need.

Kathy Kelley

Welcome to Our Website!

Welcome to our Website at aauwbonairva.org

The Bon Air Area Branch website will be undergoing a facelift! The website will be changed to reflect our merger with the Richmond Branch and our joint operation program year. In September you should start seeing changes that reflect the new status. As we get closer to being merged, the URL (site address) will be updated to our new name. All Richmond Branch members should be familiar with the site where the program calendar is posted. You will be informed of branch sponsored meetings and events. You can also keep up with AAUW national news through RSS feeds on the site. Welcome members new and old!

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

*Jane Newell
Webmaster*

Gourmet

Wine Tasting, St. Matthias, 6-8 PM

Book Group, *The Go-Between*, 7:30 PM

Happy Thanksgiving!

Connie and Ray Sorrell are planning a menu of unforgettable recipes from Susan Spicer's New Orleans *Crescent City Cooking*

November 7 at 7 PM. For details, contact Connie

Gourmet

Book Group

Continuing a more than 30-year-old tradition, Bon Air AAUW Book Group will meet Thursday, November 5, 7:30 p.m., at Florence Tromater's home. Please let Flo know if you plan to come either by email rollingt@mac.com or call 379-7290.

Dori Buckley will lead our discussion of *The Go-Between*, a mid-20th-Century English novel by L.P. Hartley (1953, re-published 2002). The inspiration for the brilliant Harold Pinter film starring Julie Christie (a favorite film of movie-lover and expert Dori Buckley), *The Go-Between* is a masterpiece---layered, spellbinding story about past and present, naiveté and knowledge, and the mysteries of the heart. The New York Review Books Classics paperback edition (2002) includes, for the first time in North America, Hartley's own introduction to the novel. (Publishers Weekly review).

"The past is a foreign country: they do things differently there." . . . So begins a story of reflection and memory. An invitation to a friend's house changes an adolescent boy's life. In an old diary, Leo (now in his 60s) is drawn back to the hot summer of 1900 and his visit to Brandham. The past comes to life as Leo recalls the events and devastating outcome that destroyed his beliefs and hopes. Summering with a fellow schoolboy on a great English estate, Leo---the hero of L. P. Hartley's novel---encounters a world of unimagined luxury. But when his friend's beautiful older sister enlists the unwitting messenger in her illicit love affair, the aftershocks will be felt for years.

: As winter comes on, we'll turn to lighter fare in December and January.

Hostess: Carol Mazur; discussion leader: Marcia Phillips. We're looking forward to *Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society*, by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Barrows (2008). The story begins in January 1946, when popular author Juliet Ashton, much like her fellow British citizens, is emerging from the dark days of World War II. As Juliet exchanges a series of letters with her publisher and her best friends, readers immediately warm to this author in search of a new subject in the aftermath of war. By the time she receives an unexpected query from Dawsey Adams, we are caught in a delightful web of letters and personalities and eager for Juliet to find the inspiration she seeks. Drawn together by their love of literature and affection for each other, the unforgettable characters of *The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society* collectively tell a moving tale of endurance and friendship. Through the chorus of voices they have composed, Mary Ann Shaffer and Annie Barrows have composed a rich tale that celebrates the power of hope and human connection in the shadows of war.

The Towers of Trebizond, by Rose Macaulay (originally published 1956, reissued 2008)

2003). Hostess: DeAnn Lineberry; discussion leader: Kathy Kelley.

People of the Book, A Novel, by Geraldine Brooks (2007). Hostess: Marcia Phillips; discussion leader: Gina Turner

(Women's History Month) *Dark Enough to See the Stars in a Jamestown Sky*, published by Connie Lapallo, a direct descendant of one of the first English women who helped settle Jamestown. Hostess: TBA; discussion leader: DeAnn Lineberry

Book Group normally meets on the third Thursday of each month at 7:30 p.m.

All Branch members and their guests are welcome. Contact DeAnn Lineberry for more information at deann.lineberry@yahoo.com or phone 233-5352.

DeAnn Lineberry
Book Group Chair

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