

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

District Meeting  
Saturday, October 17, 2009, 11 AM - 2 PM  
Hyatt Place

Please plan to attend our District Meeting on Saturday October 17<sup>th</sup>. Our speaker is Kay Koehler the state AAUW webmaster. She will demonstrate new features on the State and National web site and also how to use the Internet to attract new members. Also Jody Wagner, candidate for Lieutenant Governor will stop by and I have invited Bill Bolling, her opponent.

The meeting will be held from 11 A.M. to 2 P.M. at the Hyatt Place, 4401 Laburnum Avenue. The box lunch is priced at \$18. You can choose from Oven Roasted Turkey and Swiss Sandwich, Ham and Provolone Sandwich, or Vegetarian Sandwich. Kettle Chips, dill pickle, potato salad and coffee or iced tea are included.

Please email me with your reservations by October 10th and send me checks made out to Bon Air AAUW to:

Kathy Kelley  
3925 Sherbrook Rd  
Richmond, VA 23235

### Presidents' Greeting

Fall is in the air and an exciting future is ahead for AAUW all around Richmond! Our first meeting as a merged branch found us celebrating successes and looking toward an even brighter future with our traditional pot luck supper and kick-off meeting at Tuckahoe Library in September. This month, we'll combine our branch meeting with the Southeast District meeting on Saturday, October 17. Gina Turner has made arrangements for us to use a new hotel in the airport area, convenient for us and for our guests from Tidewater. We hope to see MANY of you there!

At the October meeting, we'll announce results of voting on our branch's name. If you have not cast your vote, please contact one of us by Saturday, October 10, so your vote can be counted.

Elsewhere in this newsletter are details about the annual Wine Tasting fundraiser. Marcia Phillips and Carol Mazur are already at work making plans, including wine selections for us to try. At the October meeting, we will sign up for food to bring and/or other contributions; if you prefer, you can contribute money for food which Carol and Marcia will purchase.

Our plan last summer was to begin operating under leadership of Bon Air officers, elected last spring. Now our board includes active participation from Richmond Branch members as well, including Virginia Fleischman who is serving as recording secretary, ensuring we have records of all our "doings" and events. Opportunities are still available, especially for Membership Chair (note *chair* – we need someone to lead a membership committee, not go it alone!). Other vacancies include Public Policy Chair, Publicity Chair, Historian, and other tasks. If you are

interested in applying your skills, especially during these very interesting times for AAUW, please join our board. And remember all board meetings are open to all members – we want you to know what we're doing and we really want your suggestions. Next board meeting: Monday, October 19, 7 p.m. at Bon Air Library.

We hope to see ALL of you on Saturday, October 17, at the Hyatt Place Richmond Airport, on Laburnum just off I-64.

*DeAnn Lineberry & Laura Wimmer*  
Branch Presidents



For the sixth year, we will raise our contribution for the AAUW Fellowships with a great party. As in past years, we will meet at St. Matthias Episcopal Church, 11300 West Huguenot Road. The date and time are November 13th, from 6 to 8 pm.

We have been remarkably successful with this event. Parties are always fun, with good food, excellent things to drink, and a wonderful crowd bent on enjoying themselves. So that makes this Branch fundraiser not just painless, but a high spot on your fall social calendar. Even better is that each year we have raised more money. Branch members can participate as much or as little as they please. We have had good crowds the past several years, which is wonderful. Good parties need lots of people.

But they do require some work. We have to sell tickets, so remind those to whom you have sold tickets in the past that the Wine Tasting is the 13th of November, or think about a colleague who might be interested in joining AAUW. Decide on how you wish to participate: provide some party fixings – your hors d'oeuvres specialty, a favorite non-alcoholic beverage, paper products, or decorations. We also need members to meet, greet, enjoy, and clean up after. Sign up sheets will circulate at the October meetings, and numbered tickets will be mailed to all Branch members to sell. Or you can e-mail us to tell us what you will bring or do: [Mazur2309@verizon.net](mailto:Mazur2309@verizon.net) or [Marcia\\_Phillips@verizon.net](mailto:Marcia_Phillips@verizon.net) If you are at a loss, we can give you ideas, or you can donate extra money so we can buy party food.

Several Richmond Branch members have come to this event in the past. We are looking forward to seeing many more of you and your friends as well.

Extra tickets will be available from Carol Mazur (272-8460) or Marcia Phillips (320-5180). All tickets must be sold in advance.

So start thinking about what you can make or bring, whom you will ask, and mark your calendars for November 13. We'll be talking to you!

*Carol Mazur & Marcia Phillips*  
Co-chairs, Wine Tasting

## Help AAUW When You Shop

Each time you shop at Food Lion and use your MVP card, a portion of your total grocery purchase will be donated to AAUW. Food Lion knows it is important to be involved in the local communities in which it serves, and **Lion Shop & Share** is Food Lion's way of helping us grow and prosper. So if you have an MVP card, please choose **the**

**American Association of University Women** by signing up today!

Here are the steps to register:

1. Go to [www.Foodlion.com](http://www.Foodlion.com), and click on "Lion Shop and Share," the 4<sup>th</sup> entry on the left or go directly to <http://www.foodlion.com/Community-Connections/Lion-Shop-And-Share>.
2. Click on "register and link your MVP card" under the Your Shop n Share heading near the bottom middle,
3. Click the "Select organization" button and select **state=VA, city= RICHMOND , association = American Association of University Women and click "ok"**.
4. Select "Add MVP Cards" and fill out the required info (it's just your name, phone and your MVP number). When you enter your MVP card number, remember to include the tiny little numbers to the far left and far right (12 digits total)

That's it! AAUW starts accruing money whenever you shop at any Food Lion.

Alternately, send your 12-digit MVP card number to me and I'll do the registering. This is such an easy way for us to earn money.

*Cheryl Kapec*  
Treasurer

## Memory Walk

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. The purpose of the Memory Walk is to raise awareness and funds for Alzheimers care, support and research. Since 1989, Memory Walk has raised more than \$260 million for the cause.

All of us are touched by Alzheimers or dementia so please come out and support the Memory Walk on October 3rd. I couldn't make it last year but I heard it was great fun and successful. The exercise didn't hurt either. I have registered and set a goal. Please donate to my goal or better yet sign up to walk and set your own goal. It will be a fun day and a great way to support our community.

Register or donate at:  
<http://memorywalkrichmond.kintera.org>.

*Kathy Kelley*

## Welcome to Our Website!

Welcome to our Website at [aauwbonairva.org](http://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 status this program year. In September you should start seeing changes that reflect the new status. As we get closer to being officially merged, the URL (site address) will be updated to reflect our new name. All Richmond Branch members should become familiar with the site where the program calendar will keep you informed of branch sponsored meetings and events. You can also keep up with AAUW national news through real-time feeds on the site. Welcome members new and old!

Comments or suggestions? Contact Jane Newell at [jane.newell@comcast.net](mailto:jane.newell@comcast.net)

*Jane Newell*  
Webmaster

## Calendar

### September 11

Gourmet Planning, 6:30 PM

### September 15

Branch Meeting, 5:30 PM

### September 17

Book Group, *Suite Francaise*, 7:30 PM

### October 17

District Meeting, 11 AM

## Gourmet

### *Burgundy Picnic*



The 2009-2010 Gourmet season will kick-off with a ***Burgundy Picnic*** at the James River Cellars Winery. This Sunday afternoon event will reunite many group members after months apart!

October 4, 1-5 PM. For details, contact Carol Mazur at 272-8460.

## Gourmet

## Book Group

This month we will be discussing ***Animal, Vegetable, Miracle – A Year of Food Life***, by Barbara Kingsolver and her family. Bestselling author Barbara Kingsolver's first nonfiction narrative will open your eyes in a hundred new ways to an old truth: you are what you eat. With characteristic poetry and pluck, Ms. Kingsolver and her family sweep readers along on their journey away from the industrial food pipeline to a rural life in which they vow to buy only food raised in their own neighborhood, grow it themselves, or learn to live without it. Their good-humored search yields surprising discoveries about turkey sex life and overly zealous zucchini plants, en route to a food culture that's better for the neighborhood and also better on the table. Part memoir, part journalistic investigation, ***Animal, Vegetable, Miracle*** makes a passionate case for putting the kitchen back at the center of family life and diversified farms at the center of the American diet.

Future months promise variety in our reading:

November – ***The Go-Between***, by L.P. Hartley (1953, re-published 2002)

December – ***The Guernsey Literary and Potato Peel Society***, by Mary Ann Shaffer & Annie Burrows (2008)

January – ***The Towers of Trebizond***, by Rose Macaulay (1956; reissued 1980 and 2003)

February – ***People of the Book: A Novel***, by Geraldine Brooks (2008)

March – ***Dark Enough to See the Stars in a Jamestown Sky***, by Connie Lapallo (2006)

Bon Air AAUW Book Group routinely meets on the third Thursday of each month. All Bon Air members and their guests are welcome. Contact DeAnn Lineberry at [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com) or call 233-5352 for Book Group information. For more information about the Bon Air Book Group's selections, click here: <http://aauwbonairva.org/groups.html>, or go to the Bon Air web site at <http://aauwbonairva.org/>, click on the Interest Groups link on the left column. If you would like to be included on the Book Group email list for more detailed information, let DeAnn know.

*DeAnn Lineberry*  
Book Group Coordinator

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