

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

Branch Meeting  
Tuesday, September 15, 2009, 5:30 PM  
Tuckahoe Library

Please plan to attend our first meeting of the 2009-10 year on Tuesday, September 15, at the Tuckahoe Library located at 1901 Starling Drive, off Parham Road just past Regency Square.

We will gather for getting acquainted and re-acquainted beginning at 5:30; then we'll share a potluck dinner starting at 6:00. Bring your favorite homemade dish to share or stop at Ukrops and let them do the cooking! It will be strictly potluck for around 30 people.

This will have our first joint meeting for members of Bon Air and Richmond Branches, as we begin the process of merging the two branches. After dinner a business meeting will address issues surrounding the process of merging the two branches, including determining the name of our new merged branch. Guests – particularly potential new members – are welcome.

We also need volunteers to help set up for the potluck supper between 5:00 and 5:30. Please call Gina Turner at 560-4705 to volunteer.

### Presidents' Greeting

On behalf of the Bon Air and Richmond branches of AAUW, welcome to the first joint newsletter of our newly merged branch! We are very pleased to report that nearly all members of both branches submitted their votes and the vote to merge the two branches was unanimous!! Now we have to work out the details and the paperwork.

At the September 15 meeting, we will be discussing the merger details and voting again on our new name. We will also be celebrating the start of our future history together, so come with a dish to share at our pot-luck dinner. No desserts please – we have ordered a cake!!

About our name: the summer vote regarding names resulted in a tie between Richmond Metro and Richmond Area, with a few other suggestions being written in. Therefore, the subject of our name will be a very important topic of discussion at the September meeting. At the business meeting, we will entertain nominations for Branch name, and those attending the meeting will vote. Once we have two "finalists" for the name, we will distribute paper ballots at the meeting for each member in attendance to vote. We will also

mail ballots to those who cannot attend, allowing everyone their opportunity for input on name.

We look forward to our branch meeting on Tuesday, September 15, and hope that everyone will make it a priority to be there if at all possible. In addition to our name and a few other Branch details, the agenda also includes a report from the AAUW national convention in St. Louis and the summer Leadership Training Conference, sponsored by AAUW of Virginia.

Please contact one of us if you have questions or need further information. Hope you have all had a great summer – see you soon !!

*DeAnn Lineberry, Bon Air  
Laura Wimmer, Richmond*

## 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*

**Leadership in Transition**  
August 1, 2009

Dr. Brenda Bryant, Dean of Students at Mary Baldwin College, was our first speaker at the Leadership Conference held in Fishersville on August 1<sup>st</sup>. Her topic was “Leadership in Transition” which fits in perfectly with the changes going on in AAUW and our branches. Some of her major points were:

- Defrost the status quo—in other words, convince members there should be a change
- The role of leaders
- Vision and strategy
- Beliefs are more powerful than behavior
- Obstacles such as money, training and technology
- Balance mission and marketing to make your assets come together

I liked her quote from *Who Moved My Cheese*, “Smell the cheese often so you know when it is getting old.”

Next the bylaws changes from the National Convention were discussed. We will discuss this further at the September meeting.

We had a nice meeting with the branches in our district over lunch and then attended group meetings with other presidents, program chairs and other discussion groups. I attended the Program chair group.

Mary Kate Black, State Membership V.P., talked about the new online dues renewals and then we learned all about the 2010 State Convention in Northern VA.

Others should definitely consider attending the next Leadership Conference.

*Kathy Kelley*

## Board Meeting Minutes

### August 17, 2009 at Bon Air Branch Library

**Present:** Cheryl Kapec, DeAnn Lineberry, Ann Sterling, Jane Newell, Gina Turner, Kathy Kelley, Marsha Carter, Laura Wimmer, Marian Seigla

**Minutes** (Marsha) from the last meeting were read and approved as corrected.

**The treasurer** (Cheryl) reported that DeAnn Lineberry has agreed to be the second signature (person able to make bank deposits). She reported (with added input from Laura and from Jane) on the process for paying dues on line: a member must pay local/state and national dues; it takes 10 days for the individual's money to be cleared; that the branch will have their portion of dues money in 30 days. Cheryl has generated a proposed budget which she will email to each board member for preview. Cheryl will present the proposed budget to the membership at the September meeting.

**Merger of Branches:** (many participants in discussion)

The deadline for the merger to be completed will be July 1, 2010. It is possible that the merger will be completed before then. Once the name is finalized, paperwork can be filed with AAUW.

A membership directory will be completed that includes both Richmond and Bon Air branch members.

Ann will complete the directory with Laura's assistance

The membership committee (Marsha chairing) will include Marian as the representative of the Richmond Branch. A meeting of the committee will be convened prior to the September Joint Branch meeting. Marsha Carter explained that this will be a short term committee with the intention of brainstorming methods to retain and gain members. Mary Farrell has agreed to Marsha to be the contact person for the web page. Marsha asked that we consider our mission as we plan our activities. As we work for new members and retaining current members, we need to focus on what we stand for, in her opinion.

A list of specific questions was generated for the treasurers of both the Bon Air Branch and the Richmond Branch (from Laura) to ask the banks where their branches have accounts. Once answers are received, the treasurers will report back to the Board. A decision will be made about where to open an account for the merged branch.

There was discussion of the when to finalize the name of the merged branch. Two names were "tied" in the number of votes received from the returned votes and a "runoff" vote needs to be held.

**Newsletter:** (Maggie King, editor, not in attendance)

Deadline is August 20th. Laura and DeAnn will collaborate on an article about the merger. Other articles will include a report on the Memory Walk, Leadership Meeting, Gourmet and Book Group.

**Web Page:** (Jane Newell)

- Jane will put the news of merger on webpage once members have been notified.  
Calendar will include all dates from both branches.
- Jane will pursue a *domain name* once the merger is complete
- Membership contact lists are updated.
- There was a question of whether members of each branch can access the membership list for both branches.

**Program:** (Gina Turner)

- Ann suggested that AAUW join the League for our Virginia Division Lobby Day activities.  
The date is January 27<sup>th</sup>.
- Ann announced a dedication of the Adele Clark house at VCU. Lynn Johnston is the organizer of the dedication. Her number is 282-6512 for information.

Gina reviewed plans for the year. She referred to the program planning document that was included in the July meeting notes. Changes to this plan include:

- A snow date of January 23rd was added for January meeting
- April meeting at The Crossings (Gina will contact them)
- Voting for the merger at the March 13 Business Meeting
- October meeting will be held at Hyatt Place (Gina will complete the contract form, changing the participant number to 20. The cost will be about \$19/person, all inclusive).
- May banquet will be held on Saturday May 15 at the VMFA. Pat Mallahan will make the arrangements.

- Gina asked Board members to arrive at 5pm for the September meeting to assist with set up. DeAnn will purchase a cake for the celebration of Merger

**Unfilled positions include:** Publicity, Membership, Hospitality, and Historian. These will be announced at the September meeting.

Kathy Kelley shared information and news articles about a fraudulent letter incident that was perpetrated against AAUW among other groups.

The meeting was adjourned.

*Marsha Carter*

## 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*

## Save the Date

November 13, 2009, for the great annual wine tasting fund raiser!

Details and information to follow.

*Carol Mazur and Marchia Phillips*  
*Wine tasting co-chairs*

Calendar

## 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*

## Gourmet

The 2009-2010 Gourmet season will kick-off with a planning meeting at the home of Carol and Ed Mazur on Friday, September 11, at 6:30 p.m. For details, contact Carol at 272-8460.

Gourmet

**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

**Treasurer's Report**

Savings account (earmarked for EF): \$1076.18  
 Operating account at beginning of period: \$1115.78  
 Income: \$22 (dues, 2)  
 Disbursements (stamps) \$27

At the September general meeting we will be voting on the year's budget. A proposed budget will be sent out before then.

*Cheryl Kapec*  
 Treasurer

**Book Group**

All Branch members and their guests are welcome. Contact DeAnn Lineberry for more information: [deann.lineberry@yahoo.com](mailto:deann.lineberry@yahoo.com) or phone 233-5352.

Continuing a tradition with a more than 30-year history, Bon Air AAUW Book Group will hold our first meeting of the new year on Thursday, September 17, 7:30 p.m., at Kathy Kelley's home. Please let Kathy know if you plan to come either by email [bookie002@yahoo.com](mailto:bookie002@yahoo.com) or call 330-5588.

We will be discussing ***Suite Française***, by Irene Némirovsky. The book was published in 2007; however, it was actually written in Nazi-occupied France as World War II raged around its author. When Irène Némirovsky began working on ***Suite Française***, she was already a highly successful writer living in Paris. But she was also a Jew, and in 1942 she was arrested and deported to Auschwitz, where she died. Born in Kiev, Ukraine, in 1903 into a wealthy banking family, Irène Némirovsky emigrated to France during the Russian Revolution. After attending the Sorbonne, she began to write and swiftly achieved success with her first novel, *David Golder*, which was followed by *The Ball*, *The Flies of Autumn*, *Dogs and Wolves*, and *The Courilof Affair*. For 64 years, her last novel remained hidden and unknown, her daughters believing it a part of her voluminous journals that would be painful to read. Finally – as they were about to release their mother's papers for historical archives – the now-middle-aged daughters began to read and discovered an amazing piece of work.

**Book description:** Beginning in Paris on the eve of the Nazi occupation in 1940, ***Suite Française*** tells the remarkable story of men and women thrown together in circumstances beyond their control. As Parisians flee the city, human folly surfaces in every imaginable way: a wealthy mother searches for sweets in a town without food; a couple is terrified at the thought of losing their jobs, even as their world begins to fall apart. Moving on to a provincial village now occupied by German soldiers, the locals must learn to coexist with the enemy – in their town, their homes, even in their hearts.

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.

*DeAnn Lineberry*  
 Book Group Coordinator

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