



Reston-Herndon Area (VA) Branch

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**What's happening in our Branch...**For the details about upcoming activities: <http://restonherndon-va.aauw.net/year-at-a-glance/>

Month	Date	Time	Event
June	11	6:00pm	Branch Business Meeting - Pot Luck Dinner Program - Author, Joyce C. Grand
	17	7:00pm	Great Decisions - "India Changes Course"
	19	10:15am	Cultural/Diversity Event - GW University - Textile Museum - see Evite.
	24	2:15pm	Book Group: "Wild - Lost & Found on the Pacific Coast Trail"
	25	7:00pm	Book Group: "Wild - Lost & Found on the Pacific Coast Trail"
Jul	18	10:30am	State Summer Leaders Meeting - Williamsburg, VA - see Evite.
	22	2:15pm	Book Group: "China Dolls"
	23	7:00pm	Book Group: "China Dolls"
Aug	22	11:00am	Branch Strategic Planning Meeting
	26	2:15pm	Book Group: "The Dinner"
	27	7:00pm	Book Group: "The Dinner"
Sept	11	7:00pm	Branch Program - TBA
	16	7:00pm	Great Decisions - "Privacy in the Digital Age"
Oct	8	7:00pm	Branch Program - Sidney Johnson, LWV - Non-Profit Vote
Nov	14	TBA	"Friendsgiving" Luncheon - Lynne Garvey Hodge as "Angelina Grimke". Be sure to have read the "Invention of Wings".

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**President's Pen**

You can tell summer is around the corner and our 2014-2015 Program Year is winding to a close with a most appropriate annual meeting and pot luck dinner on June 11<sup>th</sup>. You will find the details in this newsletter. We have a jam-packed evening. This year's program has been equally jam-packed such as working with other branches and non-profits in alignment with AAUW mission goals. There have been educational and inspiring lectures, fund-raising, volunteering, interest groups and, of course, those always fun social times and DC excursions. It's also been a period of adjustment as our ground-breaking GEMS/STEM activity from 30 years ago has faltered and we are still looking for the focus that will inspire us again.

Renewal is coming and much quicker than you might expect. We begin our June meeting with election and installation of officers. We thank Gail Parsons and her team for accepting the offices. We thank those women who are shouldering responsibilities they've taken on before and also thank those who are new to the Board. Look for the Evite about the Summer Leaders' Meeting, July 18<sup>th</sup> in Williamsburg. This has become an increasingly popular event to share and learn from others; so much so that it was moved to a venue that could accommodate larger groups. You don't need to be an elected officer to attend. This is a great opportunity for anyone interested in organizational management to come and be energized. We don't always have to do things the same way and the more creative minds who are engaged, the better for our branch.

We would also like to thank members who are leaving their positions after devoting so much time and energy in service to our branch: Judi Ornoff and Judy Skirbunt (Cultural/Diversity), Jackie Gladstone, Karen Singer, and Roz Zietz (Program). They have provided so many enriched venues for us to enjoy. Thank you Ladies!

Board meetings are always open to the entire membership. Ideas are always welcome and expressing an idea or opinion will not press you into service by doing so. There is an important strategic planning meeting on August 22<sup>nd</sup> that sets the agenda for the year. You are encouraged to attend or send comments via email.





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*Here is a preview of our action packed meeting...*

#### Jewelry Raffle

Here's a chance to get a jump on birthday and holiday gifts AND support our scholarship fund.

#### 2015-16 Program Suggestion

While you are getting settled in to enjoy a terrific evening, you will have an opportunity to offer suggestions/connections for the 2015-16 Program. We have some great topics lined up but would so appreciate any suggestions that members have to ensure a robust year.

#### Election of Proposed Slate of Officers

<b>President</b>	<b>Gail Parsons</b> Gail has been a branch member since 2006 and has served as Secretary, Co-Chair of the Mentoring Program and Newsletter editor. Her BS in Elementary Education was earned at St. John's University (NY) and she undertook business graduate work at UVA-Darden School and Rutgers University.
<b>VP-Program</b>	<b>Bea Malone</b> Bea is a long term branch member and has served in multiple positions at the Branch and State levels including Branch President and Co-Chair of a State Conference. Her undergraduate work was completed at Ohio State University and an MA earned at Marymount University (VA).
<b>Secretary</b>	<b>Sharon Gilman</b> Sharon is a relatively new member and she is ready to get involved in the branch. She has a BA in Sociology and an MSW in Social Work from Washington University.

#### Committee Positions Appointed by the Board

<b>Program</b>	<b>Janine Greenwood – Committee Member</b> Janine is a new member and has already participated in Book Group and attended several events. She has a BA from the University of Pittsburg and MA in Journalism and Law – Columbia University. <b>Sandra Passero - Committee Member</b> Sandy has transferred her membership to our branch from Chapel Hill, NC. She has a BA in Comparative Literature from Brooklyn College (NY) and an MAT (Art & Teaching) from Farleigh Dickinson (NJ).
<b>Culture/ Diversity</b>	<b>Mary Zane - Chair</b> Mary joined the branch in 2006 and served as Co-Chair of the Mentoring Program for 7 years. She earned her RN from St. Vincent's Hospital (NY) and her undergraduate degree from George Mason University.
<b>Hospitality</b>	<b>Paula Steinmann - Co-Chair</b> Paula rejoined the branch in 2014 after a 25 year break. She earned her undergraduate degree from Loyola University and a Masters from Northwestern University.
<b>Website</b>	<b>Lynne Mulston</b> Lynne joined the branch a few years ago as a result of becoming involved in the Mentoring Program. She has been Newsletter co-editor. She is a graduate of Louisiana State University.



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**Board and Committee Members Continuing in their current roles**

VP	Roberta Sherman
VP-Membership	Beth Balmer
Treasurer	Ruth Ruttenberg
Adopt-a-Spot	Fran Lovaas
Book Group	Shirley Finkelstein & Ellen Rugel
Great Decision	Judi Polizzoti & Judy Skirbunk
Mentoring	Roberta Sherman, Fran Lovaas, Lynne Mulston & Judy Orloff
Public Policy	Mary Kornreich

**Program**

**Joyce C. Grand - Author & Scholar will talk about her journey of writing her first novel. See the Evite for Joyce's bio and achievements. There will be a short Q&A session following her presentation.**

**Old Business**

**Excess Funds Plan**

Per our bylaws, we have a fiduciary responsibility to expend excess funds relative to our expense/income budget. Fortunately our branch had excess funds of \$3500. The Board approved a plan to ensure compliance. This plan was posted to the website several months ago and compliance is underway. We have been able to contribute \$2000 in 2014 to AAUW funds (equally divided between Public Policy and Education.) We have an additional \$1000 to contribute to AAUW funds later this year. The "Great Decisions" group received \$250 to cover the upcoming rental fees for 2015-16. Additionally we have \$250 set aside to support Holiday Basket raffles.

**New Business**

We have significant volunteer opportunities in the upcoming months. Each member can pick and choose on how to get involved based on their personal interest:

- **Strategic Planning Session** - Come and influence the direction we take to becoming a mover and shaker type of branch on August 22.
- **STEM** - Our branch has a collaborative relationship with SySTEMic Solutions at NVCC-Loudoun Campus and we will have opportunities to support their endeavors throughout the school year. Additionally we can volunteer at the STEM event at NVCC - Annandale in the spring of 2016.
- **League of Women Voters** - There will be a Meet & Greet to allow local Hunter Mill District candidates for the November elections to mingle with voters on Saturday, October 24 from 2-4:00PM at the Reston Community Center. We need 5 volunteers to help with logistics that day.
- **2016 State Conference sponsored by the VA Northern District** - This is a great opportunity to highlight our branch. We need two volunteers to act as a branch liaison and a task coordinator.
- **50<sup>th</sup> Branch Anniversary Ad Hoc Exploratory Committee** - We are just a few years away from celebrating our 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary (2019). Now is the time to research our history and determine how to celebrate this milestone. Let's ensure we recognize our past, present and future. We need three volunteers to start the process.

**2015-16 Vision**

"Expectations, Engagement, Enrichment"

A brief personal view of how to make one's membership a totally satisfying Experience

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Empower the branch at the same time.

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**Join us for the June 19<sup>th</sup>, Cultural/Diversity Event**

On Friday, June 19th, the Cultural/Diversity Committee has planned a trip to the newly re-opened Textile Museum at George Washington University:

- There will be a guided tour of "Unraveling Identity: Our Textiles Our Stories."
- The exhibit features more than 100 pieces which span 3,000 years and 5 continents. Included are clothing, adornments, and fabrics that "articulate a sense of self and status for various cultures and religions." (Definitely Culture and Diversity!)

Since the museum opens at 11:30 AM, we will be meeting at the Wiehle Ave. Metro Station by the ticket machines at 10:15 AM. Our tour will start at 11:30 AM and it will run approximately one hour. Following the tour we will have time to explore the museum on our own. Lunch reservations are at 1:30PM at Founding Farmers, a wonderful restaurant, just a few blocks away. We will be ordering off the menu and have separate checks. We should expect to be back in Reston by 4:00 PM.

While there is no fee for the museum, their website suggests a donation of \$8.

Please RSVP to [judiornoff@gmail.com](mailto:judiornoff@gmail.com)

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***Don't Miss the Annual Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner!  
Your Board Wishes You a Happy Summer Break!  
See you in September for another Great Year!***

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