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**President's Pen**

We are off to great start for our 2015-16 overall mission related initiatives and social venues. Your board has been at work over the summer to ensure that our branch remains vibrant in both supporting the AAUW mission and our membership. Just take a look at the calendar:

- **Monthly Speaker Program, Sept. 10, 7:00 p.m.** - Ken Plum, VA House of Delegates, discussing Legislative Updates at Cornerstones, 11150 Sunset Hills Rd., #210, Reston. Evite is in your email.
- **Meet & Greet, Sept. 12, 10-11:30 a.m.** for prospective new members at Panera Bread, Reston Town Center  
We have extended an invitation to AAUW "At Large" Members who live in Reston & Herndon.
- **Great Decisions, Sept. 16, 7:00 p.m.**, RCC Hunters Woods, Topic: Privacy in the Digital Age
- **GOTV, Sept. 17, 2015, 10:00 a.m. - 3:00 p.m.** - Voter registration at NVCC Loudoun Campus – If you would like to volunteer please contact Cyndi Shanahan. [cyndi0915@aol.com](mailto:cyndi0915@aol.com)
- **Meet & Greet, Sept. 22, 6:30-8:30 p.m.** for prospective new members at Kalypso's", Lake Anne Center, Reston
- **Book Group Discussion & Dinner, Sept. 24, 6:00 p.m.** at Kalypso's, Lake Anne Center, "A Tree Grows In Brooklyn"
- **Pot Luck Dinner, Sept. 30, 2015, 6:30 p.m.** – This is a social get-together for Loudoun members at 43100 Barnstead Drive, Ashburn. We have extended an invitation to AAUW "At Large" members who live in Ashburn, Leesburg & Sterling.
- **Northern District Event on Title IX, Sat., Oct. 3, 2 p.m.** Read more about the event in this newsletter.
- **Monthly Speaker Program, Oct. 8, 2015 - 7:00 p.m.** - Sidney Johnson, League of Women Voters, NonProfit VOTE: Reaching the Underrepresented Populations Across America at the Walker Nature Center, Glade Dr., Reston. More information is included in this issue. Look for the Evite later this month.
- **Culture/Diversity Event, Oct. 15, 2015** - Tour of the Museum of the Shenandoah Valley, Winchester, VA. Look for the Evite this month.
- **AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps Open House, Oct. 15, 2015 from 10:00 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.** - Members and their guests interested in learning more and joining Lobby Corps are invited to the offices of AAUW, 1111 16<sup>th</sup> St., NW, Washington, DC. Lunch will be provided. In order to maintain an accurate head count, all guests should RSVP using the following link:  
[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=4163](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=4163)
- **Fairfax Candidate Meet & Greet, Oct. 24, 2015, 2:00-4:00 p.m.** - RCC Hunter Woods. We are teaming with the League of Women Voters as volunteers. Open to the general public.
- **Scholarship Fundraiser Theater Party, October 25, 2 p.m. Matinee** – read more about the event in this newsletter.



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- **Monthly Speaker Program & “Friendsgiving Luncheon”, Nov. 14, Noon** - Suffragist Presentation by Lynne Garvey Hodge performing as Angelina Grimke at RCC Hunters Woods. Look for the Evite in October.
- Look for exciting news about the Virginia State Conference (4/15-17, 2016) which will be held at the Hyatt Dulles, Herndon, in the October newsletter.

We look forward to seeing you at any or all of these events. Bring a friend! Always be sure to check the website for the latest information: <http://restonherndon-va.aauw.net>

As your new President, one of my goals is to recognize the volunteers that attend to all the “behind the scenes” effort. Each month I will focus on an individual who “makes it happen”. This month the focus is on Mary Kornreich, Committee Chair - Public Policy.

Mary has been diligent on several fronts. She knew that we needed to make inroads on voter registration. She has worked effortlessly over the last several months teaming with the League of Women Voters to research training, registration requirements and address the endless questions that arise in a new endeavor. Thanks to Cyndi Shanahan’s success as our NOVA-Loudoun Liaison, we are hosting our first voter registration event on the Loudoun campus on 9/17. Thanks to 13 members who have signed up to volunteer at that event. AAUW of VA has set a goal to register 500 new voters this year, With Mary, Cyndi and our volunteers’ help our branch will contribute to that goal. Mary has been in contact with state and local officials to ensure that our branch participates in “Proclamation Days”, e.g., Pay Equity. These events are significant on many fronts including marketing of our branch. “It takes a village” but in our case it takes branch members to make a difference.

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#### Did you know that your old Printer Cartridges can earn \$\$\$ for our branch?

Don’t throw those old printer ink cartridges away. Instead put them in a bag and drop them off at MaryPat Sampson’s home or bring them to a branch meeting! Each cartridge has a value of \$2.00 that our branch can earn. Last year your efforts raised \$240. We are counting on you to continue this year as every little bit helps!  
Drop-Off: **Just leave them on MaryPat’s porch... 13364 Point Rider Lane, Herndon, VA 20171, or bring them to a branch meeting.**

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#### Local Scholarship Update

The 2014-15 Branch Scholarship of \$1000 was awarded to Shabnam Shukrulla, a NOVA-Loudoun student, pursuing a degree in a STEM related subject. We hope to have more information about Shabnam in our October newsletter. We look forward to her attending our March luncheon to learn more about her endeavors. The March luncheon will focus on NOVA students’ experiences at the NCCWSL event at the University of Maryland this past summer.

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#### How Will This Story End? Come Find Out on October 3

WHO: All Northern District Branch Members  
WHAT: Annual Fall District Meeting  
WHERE: 2:00 pm; Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke  
WHY: Learn, Energize, Act

Once upon a time (1972 to be exact) Congress wisely adopted Title IX. What progress has been made in these 43 years? Many look to women’s sports and the incredible changes in that arena. But Title IX is much broader than



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sports and covers many activities that are civil rights issues. The U.S. Department of Education has just released new guidelines and resources for public schools. That is where we AAUW members come into the picture.

Our invited speaker is Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. Those who attended AAUW National Convention this year were captivated by this young woman and her very informative talk. Come hear how equal educational opportunities still lag behind, and how AAUW members can be an incredible partner in connecting with our school Title IX coordinators and the new guidelines for schools. Join us October 3 for the rest of this story.

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**October 8<sup>th</sup> Speaker - Sidney Johnson**  
**NonProfit VOTE: Reaching the Underrepresented Populations Across America**

Please join us to hear our guest speaker, Sidney Johnson, League of Women Voters (LWV) who will address the Nonprofit VOTE, founded in 2005 by a consortium of state nonprofit associations and national nonprofit networks to provide resources and trainings for the nonprofit sector on how to conduct nonpartisan voter participation and election activities.

Nonprofit VOTE partners with America's nonprofits to help the people they serve participate and vote. They are the largest source of nonpartisan resources to help nonprofits integrate voter engagement into their ongoing activities and services. Visit the organization's website: <http://www.nonprofitvote.org/> Nonprofit VOTE holds regular, free webinars on effective methods.

Pilot Project - In 2014 Jo Ann Hersh and Jane Hilder started a pilot program implementing the principles and methods of Nonprofit VOTE. They work with United Community Ministries, a non-profit agency serving the needs of low-income residents along the Route One Corridor. The social workers of UCM had display boxes of voter registration literature and information about the new photo ID requirement, and they encouraged their clients to register and vote. This year the social workers have asked us to host events, perhaps at festivals or in libraries, to demonstrate how the political process works and why voting matters. Joan and Jane are seeking persons who would enjoy helping with this endeavor.

Bio: Sidney joined the LWV of the Fairfax Area in 2013. She quickly found a role as the Voter Services Coordinator, supporting the League's core mission of getting underrepresented citizens engaged in civic activity, especially voting. Sidney has practiced several professions, but they have shared an element of public service. She majored in History and then taught in British secondary schools while living in England for 17 years. She was a member of the Campaign for the Advancement of State Education (CASE), an organization that advocated for state-supported schools when funding was being cut. When she returned to the US, she worked first in community journalism and then trained as an Occupational Therapy Assistant. She moved to Reston in 1996 and practiced in nursing homes and home health for several years. She earned a master's degree in Health Science from George Mason University and stayed on at the university as a research assistant until her retirement in 2011.

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**Don't miss out on the Theater Party Fundraiser – October 25th**

Time is running out to get seats for our Fundraiser Theater Party at a 2 PM matinee performance of "Shrek" at the Reston Community Center at Hunters Woods. All tickets are \$25 with a portion of each ticket going to support our AAUW Scholarship Fund. Refreshments will be available for purchase during the intermission and proceeds will go toward the scholarship fund. Our group tickets will be



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purchased the week of September 21. Please mail your check to ensure receipt by September 19th. Checks should be made out to AAUW Reston-Herndon Branch and sent to: Judi Ornoff, 2213 Burgee Court, Reston, VA 20191.

- All tickets are \$25. Please specify the number of Senior (65+), Adult, or Child (under 18). (We have been told that the show is suitable for children 7 and up.)
- Please include any special seating requests.
- If you are a RCC Season-Ticket holder, you may either keep your seats, or request that you sit with the AAUW group for this performance. Your cost would be for the difference between your season ticket and \$25.

We hope that you will bring your whole family to enjoy a fun-filled afternoon, and help our scholarship fund at the same time. Questions should be directed to [judiornoff@gmail.com](mailto:judiornoff@gmail.com)

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