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WELV's 17th Annual Conference

"Leading Today . . . Creating Tomorrow"

March 17 - 18, 2016 – Charlottesville, VA



A Message from:

Elaine Fogliani
Executive Director, WELV



Sure, you already know a wee bit about shamrocks and a wee bit more, I hope, about WELV's 17th Annual Conference.

But I know you want to learn more. Right?

It is a bit of luck that the opening day of the 17th Annual WELV Conference falls on March 17, St. Patrick's Day. In fact, my dear lassies, the Shamrock and WELV are connected.

According to the poet Lady Jane Wilde, the shamrock "*enlightens the brain and makes one see and know the truth.*" Conference participants will experience enlightened brains and see the truth as [Carol Ann Tomlinson](#) shares her wisdom as she leads the WELV Conference Institute.

The ancient Irish Celts also revered the shamrock because it has three leaves. They believed "3" to be a sacred number. The three leaves shaped like hearts were associated with the Triple Goddess of Celtic mythology. The Triple Goddess represented the Triple Mothers, the hearts of the ancient Celtic tribes. As women educational leaders, we use both our hearts and our minds while "*Leading Today [and] Creating Tomorrow.*"

Great things do come in threes, after all . . .

Past, present, and future . . . which reflects the conference theme

Inspiration, networking, and learning . . . which will be the outcomes for participants of the conference

www.welv.org, register, today . . . which is where you can go to submit your online registration for the conference right now!

Remember the conference is limited to the first 150 registrants . . .

So wear your green and be among the lucky who attend this first-class and one-of-a-kind conference.

WELV's wish for you...

"May your thoughts be as glad as the shamrocks. May your heart be as light as a song. May each day bring you bright, happy hours that stay with you all the year long."

MAY YOU JOIN US IN MARCH!

A MESSAGE FROM OUR PRESIDENT

Happy New Year!

I hope you had a restful and joyful holiday season! I know the year has changed to 2016, but until we received the big snow it was hard to know what season it was even supposed to be! As I start typing the numbers 2 – 0 – 1 – 6, it is hard to believe it has been 16 years since we entered this century. Who else remembers worrying about setting clocks and computers onto the numerals of a new millennium as we clicked our way into 2000? My, how time flies when you're having fun!

Speaking of fun, the Board, under the leadership of Elaine Fogliani, has been working hard on the Annual Conference . . . and all of us hope that you are planning to attend. Break Out Sessions are being selected and the program is being finalized, and the conference is sure to be one that will be professional, educational, and fun. Please check out our web page on the conference at www.welv.org . . . and share the information there with other current and aspiring leaders who might be interested in attending.

When the General Assembly convened January 13, the path toward dramatic change in both K-12 and higher education began for our Commonwealth. It will be exciting to see what policies emerge, how they affect public education in Virginia, and what opportunities and challenges they present for women educators in the state. With the adoption of the new Every Student Success Act (ESSA), we will need strong, creative leaders at all levels to guide us forward.

I look forward to sharing this journey with you and learning about your many accomplishments and accolades along the way. Take care and I will see you in March!



Beth Baptist
WELV President

WELV 17th Annual Conference **Thursday, March 17 & Friday, March 18, 2016** **Charlottesville, VA**

REGISTRATION AND PAYMENT INFORMATION

The conference registration fee covers parking, buffet breakfast and luncheon, evening reception on Thursday, and all conference resource materials.

You must be a member of WELV to participate in the WELV 2016 Annual Conference.

Your registration fee for the conference includes a year's membership in WELV, a savings of \$40 (standard membership) or \$25 (retired member or full-time graduate student). Your membership in WELV will be good until March 31, 2017.

After completing your registration ONLINE on the WELV website, you will be invoiced.

The Registration Fee is non-refundable. If you are unable to attend the conference, please send someone in your place and notify Liza Scallet (lizascallet@welv.org).

REGISTRATION FEES FOR EDUCATORS & GOVERNMENT OFFICIALS

Thursday (March 17) ONLY	\$175	\$200 after February 12, 2016
Friday (March 18) ONLY	\$125	\$150 after February 12, 2016
BOTH DAYS	\$250	\$300 after February 12, 2016

REGISTER NOW! Seating Is Limited To 150 Participants

REGISTER ONLINE @ www.welv.org

HOTEL INFORMATION

THE HOLIDAY INN

1901 Emmet Street

Charlottesville, VA 22901

(888) 737 - 3995

Ask for Group Rate: WEL

Room Rate: \$115

**RESERVATION
DEADLINE:**

February 12, 2016

**REGISTER FOR
CONFERENCE BY
FEBRUARY 12 and you will
receive Early-Bird
DISCOUNT!**

Dr. Carol Ann Tomlinson, Author

Keynote Presenter for the 2016 WELV Conference



[Carol Ann Tomlinson](#), the Keynote Presenter for the 2016 WELV Annual Conference, is the William Clay Parrish, Jr. Professor and Chair of Educational Leadership, Foundations, and Policy and co-director of the Institutes on Academic Diversity at the Curry School of Education, University of Virginia.

Dr. Tomlinson works throughout the United States and internationally with educators who want to create classrooms that are more responsive to a broad range of learners.

She spent 21 years as a public school teacher, working with preschoolers, middle school students, and high school students. She has taught English, language arts, German, and history at the secondary school level, and has administered district-level programs for struggling and advanced learners.

Dr. Tomlinson was Virginia's Teacher of the Year in 1974.

At the University of Virginia, Dr. Tomlinson teaches undergraduates, masters degree students, and doctoral students, predominantly in the areas of curriculum design and differentiated instruction.

She was named Outstanding Professor at Curry School of Education in 2004 and received an All-University Teaching Award in 2008.

In 2014's EducationNext Edu-Scholar Public Presence rankings, Dr. Tomlinson was named one of the two most influential higher education voices in the United States in Psychology and the 16th most influential in all education-related fields.

Dr. Tomlinson has written more than 300 books, book chapters, articles, and other materials for educators, and her books have been translated into 12 languages.

[Click here for Dr. Tomlinson's page on Amazon.](#)

WELV AWARDS

WELV is pleased to open nominations for awards which acknowledge the wonderful work and distinctive achievements of women educators in Virginia. We encourage you to read the brief descriptions below then view specific award details for submitting nominations at welv.org.

The Nomination Deadline for all 2016 Awards is February 5, 2016.

The Nominations Committee of the WELV Board will review completed nomination packets for each of the awards and make recommendations to the full WELV Board based on stated criteria. The WELV Board will make all final decisions and will confer awards as appropriate. Awards are only given as qualified recipients are identified.

The Outstanding Service to Education Award

A role model and mentor to emerging female leaders who has made a particularly significant and unusual contribution to education in Virginia.

The Breaking the Glass Ceiling Award

A woman who, by her accomplishments and her appointments, has provided new pathways for other women to follow by being the first woman selected or appointed to a significant position of leadership not previously held by a woman in Virginia.

The Rising Star Female Leader

An educator who demonstrates the traits of an outstanding leader and is viewed by her colleagues as an individual with great potential to contribute significantly to education in Virginia.

The WELV Spirit Award

A leader who has had a significant role in supporting the mission of WELV and who has helped the participation of women in higher levels of educational administration.

“Public Education Is Always a Political Issue”

Dr. Linda Reviea
WELV Board, Region V Representative
Superintendent, Staunton City Public Schools

Public education is always a political issue. Never have we heard a candidate or elected official deny their support of public education, but

What follows the “but” can be quite significant for our schools, students, teachers and staff—and it is critical that we listen carefully.

You don’t have to be a fanatic to become an informed and engaged advocate for public education. In fact, if we do not actively advocate for our profession, elected officials will often make decisions without accurate information, causing undue hardship and failing to achieve their original intentions.

Virginia’s General Assembly has convened and there are hundreds of bills that have been submitted related to school issues – calendar start dates, weapons on school property, accountability measures, testing requirements, and licensure criteria . . . just to name a few. How can you keep track?

Listed below are a few pointers to help you become an effective constituent and voice of reason in our political process.

1. Find out who your state & federal elected officials are so you can follow their work.
 - [Virginia General Assembly](#)
 - [US Senate](#)
 - [US House of Representatives](#)
2. Time is precious, so access resources which give you succinct, timely information (see examples below for GA).
 - [VSBA Legislative Blog](#)
 - [VEA General Assembly Daily Reports](#)
 - [Richmond Sunlight](#)
3. Identify bills/issues that are important to you.
4. Contact your senator/delegate/representative via phone calls, emails, and letters.
5. Work on potential legislation occurs throughout the year, so continue to make contacts.

Because politicians often serve large populations, make your contacts direct and share how the issue impacts you personally. While form letters are good for volume, your personal point of view often resonates more deeply. Engage in conversations and voice your opinion. It matters! YOU matter!

“Work Smarter”

Dr. Paula Lichiello
Associate Dean, Lynchburg College

As we start a new year, we often search for ways to work smarter. For women currently working in higher education or interested in pursuing that profession, Jossey Bass (a Wiley brand) offers a plethora of resources at [Women In Higher Education](#). This website provides information about other website resources as well as subscriptions to newsletters and journals.

Of particular interest is “[IN HER OWN WORDS: 3 Reasons to Time-Log—Even If You Don’t Have To](#).” In this article, author *Dr. Katie Rose Guest Pryal* discusses the benefits of time-logging particularly as it relates to the *Pareto Principle*. If you are looking for a new time management strategy, this option may be worth checking out.

WELV REGIONAL AFFILIATES

REGION I UPDATE

<https://www.facebook.com/WELVRegion1/>

The Region I affiliate serves the Greater Richmond Area. We are made up of members from neighboring counties and cities across the metropolitan area. WELV's secretary, Dr. Kim F. Evans, is a member of our region. Regina Turner is the region's representative. We're proud to introduce Kendall Hunt, who serves as the region's ambassador. Region I consists of public school leaders as well as leaders within the Department of Corrections - Division of Education and Department of Juvenile Justice – Division of Education. We welcome participation from all divisions.

Unfortunately, the meeting featured in the following invitation had to be cancelled because of the big snowstorm, but we have included the invitation anyway to show you what Region I is up to. Come and join us this spring!

Region 1
WOMEN EDUCATION LEADERS IN VIRGINIA
<http://www.welv.org/>

PUT THIS on YOUR CALENDAR!

Saturday, January 30, 2016

2016 Winter Meeting

Region 1 Counties	Charles City	Hanover	Prince George	Cities & Towns
	Chesterfield	Henrico	Surry	Colonial Heights
	Dinwiddie	New Kent	Sussex	Hopewell
	Geochland	Powhatan		Petersburg
				Richmond

For more information, contact your Region 1 Representative: Regina F. Turner, MBA – Mathematics Specialist
804-420-2336 rturner31@gmail.com P.O. Box 253, Hopewell, VA 23860

WALL (REGION IV) UPDATE

Women Administrators Leading Loudon (Region IV) had our latest development and networking meeting on January 28. As the invitation below makes clear, more is happening this spring and summer. Join us!

save the date

Women Administrators Leading Loudoun

quarterly meetings

Our next professional development and networking event will take place on **January 28, 2016**.

[When] 5:15–6:15 PM
[Where] Ashburn Elementary

Join us for a book talk on *Multipliers: How the Best Leaders Make Everyone Smarter* and for our quarterly business meeting. Social to follow from 6:30–7:30 PM!

Future Meeting Dates
Thu. March 31, 2016
Tue. June 21, 2016

social events

All social events begin at 5:00 PM unless otherwise noted.
February 18th — Clyde's
April 15th — Creek's Edge 4PM
May 19th — Quattro Goomba's

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