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AAUW of Virginia

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Branch Program February 18 Virginia's Forgotten Indian Tribes

Did you know there are still 11 Indian tribes in Virginia? Most Virginians have no idea about these present-day tribes, the issues they encountered in their historic past, or how they continue to thrive. We tend to think of Virginia's Indians as a thing of the past, and indeed about 100 years ago the state tried to render them invisible. Interestingly, the Supreme Court decision in *Loving v. Virginia* addressed many wrongs against Virginia's Indians.

For a fascinating look at this past and present, join us Saturday, February 18, at 10:00 a.m. to hear **Karenne Wood**, a member of the Monacan Indian Nation and director of the Virginia Indian Heritage Program at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. Dr. Wood, a linguistic anthropologist and also a published poet, has previously worked at the National Museum of the American Indian. In 2015 she was honored as one of Virginia's Women in History for her work. Visit with friends, meet new members, and enjoy delicious bites before the program.



Karenne Wood Photo by
Jessica Elmendorf

This event was originally our January program but rescheduled due to a family wedding for Ms. Wood.

I received a lovely post-Christmas surprise when **Betsy Schroeder** told me that at the holiday luncheon the branch had presented me a gift in recognition of my years editing the branch newsletter. It is a gift certificate, housed in an awesome box, to one of our favorite restaurants, *Chez Francois*. Although unexpected, it is very nice to be recognized by the branch. It is wonderful how things turned out so well this year: I could retire from doing the newsletter and Betsy could find a team to produce a wonderful new newsletter. Thank you all for your thoughtfulness.

Pam Bacher

Thank You

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Presidents' Corner

What a weekend! AAUW members were among the millions from coast to coast who marched last Saturday, January 21. Our branch and other local branches were well represented with our AAUW banner proclaiming that women's rights are human rights. One high school student, with whom Aroona had a good conversation, was holding an AAUW sign that read, "I March for EQUALITY." She is not a member, but she believes in what AAUW stands for. That was very encouraging. It is wonderful to know we all came together to raise our voices on issues important to women and girls—and thus, of course, to AAUW.

Aroona and Betsy

Aroona Borpujari and Betsy Schroeder, Co-Presidents

From the Editors

Newsletter Deadline the 15th of Each Month

The McLean Area Branch News is published September, November, February, April, and June. A shorter update, NewsBits, is published in October, December, January, March, and May. New deadline: 15th of the month.

We ask for your indulgence for a few months as we get into the rhythm of newsletter production. Dorothy or Fran edit submitted articles before handing the text over to Judy for layout, so there is less leeway for slippage. In addition, Judy is working with a new software program and AAUW Branding Guide—always a time-eating process. We hope to extend the deadline once we feel more on top of things.

Please send your news as a Word attachment to Dorothy, Fran, and Judy. Photos are always welcome! Thank you.

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Photos from Women’s March/AAUW

AAUW members across the nation took part in the **Women’s March on January 21**. Their messages were AAUW’s messages: women’s rights are human rights, pay equity for all, etc.

Gathering at the Newseum early that morning were AAUW members from the metro area. They marched from the Newseum, up Pennsylvania Avenue to 7th Street and on toward Independence Avenue. The dense crowd of like-minded ‘marchers’ stood close together for the next 4 hours to see and hear many speakers. A rousing, momentous experience for all.



Lisa Maatz, AAUW Vice President for Government Relations



Branch members Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Mary Lou Melley

For a further glimpse of AAUW at the march go to:

<http://www.aauw.org/2017/01/24/2017-womens-march/>

March Forward with AAUW

Our Members Are Asking What They Can Do to Support the 10 Actions/100 Days Campaign...

AAUW members and supporters were among the millions who marched worldwide to deliver the message that women’s rights are human rights. But our march forward does not end there. It’s more critical now than ever that we come together to raise our voices.

Join AAUW in the 10 actions/100 days campaign now! Add your name to the AAUW electronic postcard and make your voice heard. It will be sent to your senators and representative.

Go To:

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=20640&killorg=True



New AAUW Headquarters

Caroline Pickens, Elaine Lailas, Betsy Schroeder, Aroona Borpujari and Freida Tatem (not pictured) attended the open house for our new AAUW headquarters, located at 1310 L Street NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005. What fun to have a Photo Booth moment!

Your Branch Directory Entry?

We will update the branch membership listing in February. The update will be a complete listing but will be in a full-page notebook format and will be distributed via email.

So, if your entry in this year's McLean Area Branch Membership Directory for 2016-2017 is out of date, or incorrect, or not the way you want it, **you can update it for the February listing**. I have received some updates already, but if you have a new update or are not sure I have your update, please send your information by email to:

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Pam Bacher, Directory Editor



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Next time you make a purchase from Amazon, first go to our branch website, <http://mclean-va.aauw.net>, click on the Amazon link at the bottom of the home page and make your purchase. Amazon will give our branch up to a 10% rebate.



Inspiring Middle School Girls to Pursue STEM Careers

In partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools & NOVA Systemic Solutions
Presented by AAUW: Fairfax City, McLean Area, Springfield-Annandale & Vienna Area Branches



STEMtastics 2017

Saturday, March 11, 2017
NOVA – Annandale
8:15 AM – 12:00 PM

Please consider volunteering to help at **STEMtastics 2017** – a career day event designed to inspire middle school girls (6th through 8th grade) in Fairfax County to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

What: For the 4th year in a row, we are partnering with Fairfax City, Vienna Area, and Springfield-Annandale branches, as well as FCPS and Systemic Solutions at NOVA, to sponsor STEMtastics. This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday morning, March 11, 2017, at NOVA – Annandale**. We expect about 500 students and parents to attend.

Volunteers: Last year we had 70 volunteers on the day of the event, and we will be looking for that many or more for this year. We will be using SignUp Genius to describe almost 20 different assignments for which we need volunteers at the event. These include:

- Checking in students at registration
- Checking in presenters
- Greeting students and parents
- Serving as a student workshop assistant
- Helping with morning refreshments
- Serving as a theater usher
- And much more.

Assignments can last all morning or be for only 1-2 hours. At this point, please **SAVE THE DATE OF MARCH 11** and **EMAIL ME (judydpage@gmail.com)** to let me know if you are willing to help in some capacity. **If you have already notified me of your willingness to help, you don't need to respond again.** Marlene Chivavibul, our volunteer coordinator, will be in touch with all the volunteers later in January with more details. **Please consider helping out!**

Connections

Current Events

Do you think you'd enjoy sharing information, opinions, and laughs with Branch members? Bring some news that you find interesting to Current Events.

First Tuesday of the month | February 7

Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited, but RSVP to **Mary Lou Melley** (maryloumelley@gmail.com)

Last Tuesday of the month | February 28

Eat breakfast together at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. Everyone is invited, but RSVP to **Suzanne Watts** (scwatts1cox.net)

Bridge Group

The bridge group will meet on **February 13, 10 am - 2:30 p.m.** at Mary Ellen Weber's home. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com. Telephone | 703.356.3127.

February Branch Meeting | Saturday at 10 a.m.

February 18 | Karenne Wood, Director, Virginia Indian Heritage Program, Virginia Foundation for the Humanities.

Great Decisions

Another year of timely topics awaits as we begin this new session. The first meeting will be on **February 21 at 9:30 a.m.** at my home, 1725 Susquehannock Drive. The topic is in chapter one, the European Union. Please let me know if you can attend. Group members will receive an email reminder.

Call **Angela Ehemann** with any questions | 703.893.3578

STEMtastics Volunteers

Save the Date | **March 11** at NOVA - Annandale.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

For membership information call

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February Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
Tues, 7	9 a.m.	Current Events	Star Nut Gourmet
Mon, 13	10 a.m. - Noon	Bridge Group	Mary Ellen Weber's home
Sat, 18	10 a.m.	Branch Meeting Kareene Wood	McLean Community Center
Tues, 21	9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions European Union	1725 Susquehannock Drive
Tues, 28	9 a.m.	Current Events Breakfast	McLean Family Restaurant

Do you have any AAUW McLean Branch news, updates or information you wish to share with our local community?

Please email your publicity materials no later than three weeks before you wish to have it posted in our local newspapers |

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