



## January Program Fairfax County Sheriff Kincaid to Speak at January Branch Meeting

The McLean Area AAUW branch event on Saturday, Jan. 16 features Sheriff Stacey Ann Kincaid, the first woman to lead the Fairfax County Sheriff's

Office in its 273-year history. She won a special election in 2013 to fill the balance of a term through 2015. On Nov. 3, 2015, she was re-elected to a full four-year term. The meeting is at the McLean Community Center at 10 a.m.

Sheriff Kincaid is a graduate of Langley High School in McLean, Virginia. She received her bachelor's degree in political science/criminal justice from Frostburg State University in 1987. Her summer internship at the sheriff's office sparked her interest in a career as a sheriff. Sheriff Kincaid serves Fairfax County, the City of Fairfax, and the Towns of Herndon and Vienna. She is a 28-year veteran of the sheriff's office. In 2008, she received the agency's highest honor, the Distinguished Service Award, which recognizes a career of sustained, exemplary performance. Throughout her career, she has taken an active leadership role in community relations, especially concerning the safety and well-being of children, seniors, and individuals suffering from mental illness. In 2014, *Lawyers Weekly* presented her with an Influential Women of Virginia award. The honor recognizes women in all fields who are making notable contributions to their chosen professions, their communities, and society at large. She is a graduate of the Leadership Fairfax Program, a 10-month curriculum focused on community issues that is designed to build a diverse pool of skilled, enthusiastic leaders in the public and private sectors.

Come hear about her innovative leadership initiatives in this position, and what her experience has been as the first female sheriff in Fairfax County's history.

*Sandy Sieber*

## STEMtastics - We Need Your Support!

Once again, we are partnering with Fairfax City, Springfield-Annandale, and Vienna Area Branches to sponsor STEMtastics, a career day event designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. **STEMtastics 2016** will be held on **March 12, 2016**, at NOVA - Annandale from 8:15 a.m. to noon. Female presenters will lead hands-on STEM-related workshops for students, and parents will attend informational workshops on topics such as high school resources and college financing.

How can you help support STEMtastics?

Volunteers are needed on the day of the event, March 12, to help with items such as registration, setting up breakfast, guiding presenters to their classrooms, collecting student surveys, handing out souvenirs, and so on. We also assign one volunteer per classroom to evaluate the workshops and collect student evaluations. In addition, we need a few volunteers the week before the event to help arrange student materials, put together surveys, etc.

*Anyone interested in helping before or at the event should send an email to Judy Page, [judypage@gmail.com](mailto:judypage@gmail.com), and she will ensure you are contacted by our volunteer coordinator, Marlene Chivavibul. You can work with Marlene to get matched to a position that meets your interest and availability. Please consider offering your support for this event!*

## Public Policy New Year's Ruminations

Reminder: AAUW is based on advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. As we work together on this mission, we each have a personal mission to become better educated about our communities – local, state, and national.

We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decisions on AAUW principles, such as high-quality public education, economic well-being of all persons, the right to privacy, freedom from violence, affirmative action, human rights, sus-

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tainable development, gender equality, and mutual security.

AAUW Vice President of Government Relations Lisa Maatz in her final message of the year says “we are so thankful for the local AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps, celebrating 40 years of tenacious lobbying on Capitol Hill, including a congratulatory toast from Minority Leader Nancy Pelosi.” She continues, “we are overwhelmed by the over 250,000 emails sent by Action Network subscribers to their legislators, and proud of the more than 1,000 comments submitted to the U.S. Department of labor by members nationwide that led to the prohibition of pay secrecy by federal contractors.”

You have a chance to continue this advocacy and increase your understanding of issues that face every citizen. You can hear Lisa present a discussion of current trends in the fight to end sexual assault incidents on campus at the National Press Club in Washington on Jan. 14, 10 a.m.

Come to the Lobby Corps orientation and welcoming session on Thursday, Jan. 21 from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at headquarters. A free lunch is included!

For more information contact *Mary Lou Melley* [maryloumellely@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumellely@gmail.com).

## Great Decisions News

Our group will start a new session on Feb. 16. The new books will be available in early January and I will try to bring them to the Morning Literature meeting on Jan. 8. The cost is \$23.80. Note that this year the group will only meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. New members are still able to join and can purchase the books from the Foreign Policy Association. Questions? Please call me: *Angela Ehemann* at 703/893-3578.

### What's Happening this Month?

**Tuesday, January 5**

**9 a.m. Current Events:** So many issues these days in the news. If you would like to share your information with branch members and enjoy insightful discussions, come to the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Bring your topic and RSVP to *Dawn Schulz* ([portia11@verizon.net](mailto:portia11@verizon.net)).

**1 p.m. Branch Board Meeting** in the community room at McLean House.

**Friday, January 8**

**9:30 a.m. Morning Literature** will meet on at the McLean Community Center, to discuss *The Boys in the Boat*, by Daniel James Brown. All are welcome to attend.

**Monday, January 11**

**10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Bridge** at *Bettie Clark's* home. Contact *Barbara Carr* ([barbaralcarr@msn.com](mailto:barbaralcarr@msn.com)) for info.

**Wednesday, January 13**

*General Assembly opens in Richmond*

**Saturday, January 16**

**10 a.m. Branch Meeting** at the McLean Community Center featuring Fairfax County Sheriff Stacey Ann Kincaid.

**Wednesday, January 20**

*Deadline for the February newsletter*

**Thursday, January 21**

**10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. AAUW Lobby Corps Orientation** at AAUW headquarters.

**Tuesday, January 26**

**9 a.m. Current Events Breakfast** for all branch members at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. Please RSVP to *Suzanne Watts* ([scwatts1@cox.net](mailto:scwatts1@cox.net)).

### And in February...

**Tuesday, February 2**

**9 a.m. Current Events** at the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue McLean (next to the fire station). Bring your topic and RSVP to *Dawn Schulz* ([portia11@verizon.net](mailto:portia11@verizon.net)).

**1 p.m. Branch Board Meeting** in the community room at McLean House

**Wednesday, February 3**

*State Lobby Day in Richmond for AAUW members*

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