

**MCLEAN AREA BRANCH
ANNUAL POT LUCK AND BUSINESS MEETING
TUESDAY, MARCH 15, 6 P.M. MCLEAN COMMUNITY CENTER**

The March branch meeting will include good food, our yearly branch election, and time to reconnect with friends.

For the pot luck supper, please bring a dish as follows. If your last name begins with

A-G — a side dish or salad
H-O — a main dish
P-Y — a dessert

In addition, we are planning a silent auction — for the fun of it and to make some money for the branch. Look through your closets and find special items (very gently used) you can part with. Think about how much each item is worth. Call *Diane Alden* or *Margaret Doole* to let them know what you will contribute to the auction.

When you come to the meeting, place your items on the auction table. Yel-

low pads will be provided. Take a sheet for each item and write the minimum bid price on it. Leave it next to the item. If you can provide a service to auction, please let Diane or Margaret know (a meal or special dish or floral arrangement, etc.). We hope members will enjoy the activity while they also get to take home special "treasures."

Margaret Doole, Co-V. P. Program

The Nominations Committee Submits ...

"I learned to always take on things I'd never done before. Growth and comfort do not coexist."—Ginni Rometty, CEO of IBM

As always, one can count on AAUW members to take on something new, even if they have had a similar experi-

ence. We know that every new experience is a challenge.

The nominations committee submits the following slate of nominees for membership to consider for election at the March business meeting.

Co-Presidents
Betsy Schroeder
Aroona Borpujari

Co-Program V P
Margaret Doole
Caroline Pickens

Co-Membership V P
Sue Christie
Barbara Sipe

Secretary to the Board
Betsy Reddaway

Secretary to the Branch
Adarsh Trehan

Treasurer
Lynne Glikbarg

Respectfully submitted,

Elaine A. Lailas, Diane Alden, Naz Basit, Adarsh Trehan

Don't Forget YOUR GETAWAY



WEEKEND!

Don't forget to register for the AAUW VA Conference April 15-17 at the Hyatt Regency

Dulles. If you register by April 1 it is \$90, after April 1 registration is \$100. Registration includes Saturday lunch. For the registration form and details go to the state website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>.

Attention Members

The AAUW of Virginia State Conference at the Hyatt Regency Dulles April 15-17 is approaching fast. We particularly need volunteers to work at the registration table. Registration will be Friday April 15, 3-8 p. m. and Saturday April 16, morning and afternoon. Note that you do not have to be attending the conference in order to volunteer. The shifts will be two- hours increments. It will be great if you can give two hours of your time. This is a wonderful opportunity to meet members from the other branches as well. If you are interested and willing please contact *Aroona Borpujari* (aborpujari@cox.net) or *Mary Anne Graham* (maryannegraham@comcast.net).

President's Message

A few years ago, my granddaughter went with her government class to the Supreme Court for a session with Antonin Scalia. He appeared in his robe at a podium in a small conference room, and the students asked questions and he commented on his views of the law. I was able to find the session on C-span this week and again hear these students questioning the judge. We live in an amazing place which allows us access to so many opportunities that would never be available to others. I was struck by one thing he said. He told the students they should get a copy of the Constitution and memorize it. In this year of elections, our Constitution is at the forefront of many arguments and yet it stands. I don't have the memory I had when I was in high school, but I think I may take this as a challenge and try to commit as much as I can to memory. Being a citizen of the U.S. means honoring our laws and working to keep our way alive for those who follow us. Think about the challenge and consider Justice Scalia's suggestion to the students. Meanwhile, on an easier civic duty, don't forget to vote in the primary March 1.

Jane

Proposed Bylaws Amendment Correction

The proposed bylaws amendment as previously printed in the February newsletter is being withdrawn because it appeared under the Article titled "Membership and Dues" (which is not the right place) and because we received clarification from the AAUW of Virginia bylaws chair on the limited use that can be made of the term "affiliate." The branch bylaws committee will continue its work in this area and present a new proposal to the branch board as an update to our policies later this year.

Morning Lit to Hold Annual Author Luncheon

On Friday, April 8, at 11:30 a.m., we will hold our annual catered **Author Luncheon** at the McLean Community Center. Our speaker will be former assistant secretary of state **Todd Moss**, author of the thrillers *Minute Zero* and *The Golden Hour*. **Reservations are required** — please send checks for \$30 per person to *Angela Ehemann*, 1725 Susquehannock Dr., McLean, VA 22101. Checks should be payable to Angela. Please join us and bring a friend!

What's Happening this Month?

Tuesday, March 1

9 a.m. Current Events: Insightful discussion with branch members at the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Bring your news item and topic and RSVP to *Dawn Schulz* (portia11@verizon.net).

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

All Day. Primary Election Day

Friday, March 11

9:30 a.m. Morning Literature meets at the McLean Community Center to discuss *All the Light We Cannot See*, by Anthony Doerr. All are welcome.

In case of snow, we'll meet as usual if the Fairfax County Government offices are open all day. But if their offices delay their opening, we will *not* meet. (We do not follow the decision of the Fairfax County Public Schools.)

Saturday, March 12

8:15–noon. STEMtastics 2016 at NOVA - Annandale.

Monday, March 14

10 a.m. to 2 p.m. The bridge group will meet at *Marge Degnon's* home. Contact *Barbara Carr* (barbaralcarr@msn.com).

Tuesday, March 15

9:30 a.m. Great Decisions will meet at *Angela Ehemann's* home to discuss chapters 1 and 2. These closely related topics can be handled

together. There also will be two videos presented. Please let Angela know if you will be attending ([703/893-3578](tel:7038933578)).

6 p.m. Branch Potluck and Annual Meeting at the McLean Community Center.

Sunday, March 20

Deadline for the April newsletter

Tuesday, March 29

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).

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