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May Dinner
Recipient of
2015 STEM
Excellence
Award
Honored



Ayesha Javaid, center, receives congratulations from Co-President *Peggy Stotz*, far left; Bob Ryan, meteorologist and keynote speaker; Ayesha's mother Naz Basit, second from right; and *Judy Page*, STEM coordinator, far right, at the branch's annual dinner on May 13.

Ayesha Javaid, a sophomore at Langley High School, was honored at the annual branch dinner as the 2015 recipient of the branch's STEM Excellence Award. The STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) Excellence Award is given to a female student from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering. The award, presented to Ayesha on May 13 at River Bend Country Club, recognized her project to purify contaminated

water into safe drinking water for under \$5.

While visiting family in Pakistan, Ayesha decided to undertake her water purification project after seeing people drinking

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Used Book Sale Better Than Ever! New Inventory Arriving Monthly

Sound vaguely familiar? If so, you've probably been watching too many television commercials — however, in our case, these claims are TRUE!

A few weeks ago, three leaders from Bethesda's Stone Ridge School Used Book Sale met with members of the McLean AAUW book sale team to help us breathe new life into our operation.

Before ending its run, the Stone Ridge sale regularly grossed \$250,000. Now it's McLean's turn!

We don't expect to earn anywhere near \$250,000, but we hope to make more money than we have in quite a while. The key is condition, condition, condition! Neatness counts. If a book doesn't

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So, in Conclusion...

Everybody, be sure to cast your AAUW and AAUW VA votes for our national and state leaders. In addition, you'll have a say about proposed resolutions that may re-shape AAUW as we know it. Take a look and take advantage of this opportunity!

New members, please join branch special interest groups, participate in branch projects, and attend branch events. Long-time members, please contact a new member, perhaps a person living near you, and be an AAUW friend!

If you enjoy books, use MapQuest to find Sun Trust's Maple Avenue East branch in Vienna and please show up during banking hours to help sort, cut boxes, price... whatever you would like to do! You'll find our book sale staging area on the third floor, a very safe place to work.

Finally, Peggy asked me to close our branch's May dinner event with a few words. A few words turned into more than any of us anticipated, I expect the result of speaking off the cuff and from the heart. Now Peggy has asked me to reprise that closing. So, to the best of my recollection, in conclusion ...

If you're lucky, this is the last time Peggy and I will stand before you as co-presidents :-)

I first heard of AAUW fifty years ago, when I graduated from college. Forty-five years ago Doug and I were married. Our wedding reception took place in Rochester, NY's AAUW house. Forty years ago,

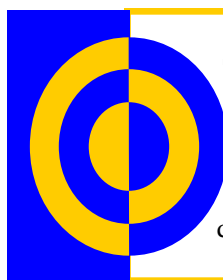
President's Corner

Peggy was already active in AAUW branches in Connecticut and California. Thirty-five years ago, I joined our AAUW McLean Area Branch. Twenty-five years ago, Loretta Scott, a beloved branch member, phoned Peggy and me to ask if we would be branch co-presidents. Peggy was already involved with AAUW Funds and Lobby Corps; I was already immersed in our branch book sale. We said yes. Our lighthearted tenure as branch co-presidents (Peggy was born witty!) led to our being asked to serve AAUW at the state level, an honor. Fifteen years ago, or thereabouts, we served as AAUW VA co-presidents and then as co-chairs of AAUW's national convention local arrangements committee here in Washington DC. Branch members threw a party and then helped in every possible way.

Now, here we stand as "co's" once again. But this story isn't just about us ... it's about all of us ... as a group, a group thoroughly committed to AAUW's mission and charge! As I said in a previous message, the best is yet to come. Jane and Bob, thank you for stepping up to lead us in 2015-2016.

More, thank you all.

Nancy and Peggy



This Summer, If You Shop at Amazon ...

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

Branch members go to Charlottesville

AAUW VA State Conference

Inspiring and Informative

More than 100 members and guests, including eight members of the McLean Area Branch, attended a very inspiring and informative Virginia – West Virginia State Conference in Charlottesville, VA on March 18 and 19.

According to AAUW President Patricia Fae Ho, “We are a single organization with many moving parts, but one mission—to help women and girls achieve their career and educational dreams.”

Caroline Pickens, Northern District Representative, introduced our first speaker, AAUW Archivist Suzanne Gould, who gave the keynote address: *Celebrating Our History*. Suzanne told the group that what was to become AAUW began in 1881 to overcome obstacles to women who wished to go to college. The first colleges involved were Oberlin, Vassar, Cornell, Smith, Wellesley, and Boston College. After several name changes, the group was officially called the American Association of University Women in 1921.

One of our biggest accomplishments was our fight to remove the poll tax

which was officially removed by 1965. We continue to fight for equal pay for equal work and other important women’s issues.

Next to speak was the AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman who gave an impressive speech on the *Impact of AAUW*. She said there is a constant flow of information among staff and board members on AAUW research, membership, connections, and programs. AAUW also partners with other organizations, mayors, and President Obama who is a supporter of women’s issues and considers us a go-to organization.

Following a buffet lunch, Geoffrey Skelly, from the University of Virginia Center for Politics, spoke on the 2014 midterm elections and pointed out that a higher percentage of voters are women. He then answered questions about a variety of political topics including the upcoming presidential election.

Following three workshop sessions, Executive Director Linda Hallman spoke on *Creating Our Future*. She showed a video, *My One AAUW*, which pointed out how research, advocacy, leadership, and education inspire further creation and innovation.

She concluded the daytime session by telling us that the way to get the most results is to 1. Act on important, not

urgent matters; 2. Go for the *extraordinary*; and 3. Schedule the big rocks, don’t sort the gravel. In other words do more with less. Challenges are 1. The yearly budget; 2. Taking too long to get the message out; and 3. Breaking through barriers.

Diane Alden

Preventing Campus Domestic Violence

This workshop, a panel discussion, included Mary Ann Sprouse from the George Mason University Women’s Center, Joann Bautti from the Old Dominion University Women’s Center, Claire Kaplan from the University of Virginia Women’s Center and two UVA undergrads, Sara Surface and John Stegner. Each presented the problems they find on campus and described their efforts to deal with violence against women.

Long standing bias about rape and sexual violence as the result of provocation by women still exists. Women are often blamed for sexual assaults by men for the clothes they wear or their attendance at bars and parties. The panel agreed that getting more information out to women and men on campus and law enforcement is the main strategy for this long hidden

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From the Editor

The McLean Area Branch News is published September, November, February, April, and June. A two-page update, *NewsBits*, is published in October, December, January, March, and May. Articles are due the 20th of the month preceding each issue. Articles should be in final form and identified as being for the newsletter. Guidelines for your articles are welcome as are suggestions for the newsletter.

Please note that the September newsletter will be issued 1 week earlier than usual; so please send your articles for the September newsletter by August 10.

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Recipients of High School Science and Math Awards Announced

The McLean Area Branch has partnered with counselors at McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools to award Science and Math Achievement awards to six female students finishing their junior year. This award, which is funded through our book sale net proceeds, consists of a certificate and a check for \$100 for each honoree. The awards were



Nancy Richardson (left) and Peggy Stotz present the Math Achievement award to McLean High School student Kathryn Howley.

approved as part of the branch policies in 2013 and are being awarded this year for the second time.

The awards process was managed by a committee consisting of Margaret Hines (Marshall HS contact), Margie Broderick (McLean HS contact), Barbara Sipe (Langley HS contact), Peggy Stotz, and Judy Page (STEM chair). Career center counselors at the schools were provided with the criteria for award eligibility from our policies and then managed the process of selecting the students. The following students are receiving the 2015 awards.

McLean High School – Math:
Kathryn Howley

McLean High School – Science:
Gulenay (Rose) Saydahmat



Two young women from George C. Marshall High School received the branch's STEM awards in math and science at a ceremony on May 26. Pictured from left are Peggy Stotz; Lydia Rees, recipient of the science award; Emma Fan, recipient of the math award; and Margaret Hines.

Langley High School – Math: Lyric Yu

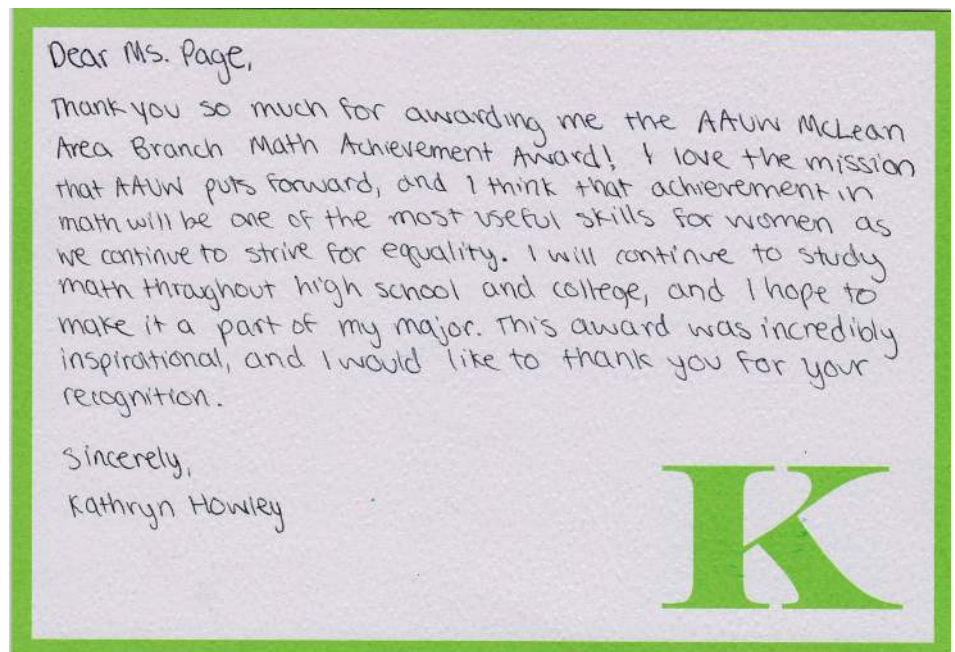
Langley High School – Science: Morgan Kuligowski

Marshall High School – Math: Emma Fan

Marshall High School – Science: Lydia Rees

The awards were presented at McLean High School by Nancy Richardson and Peggy Stotz on May 21 and at Marshall High School by Margaret Hines and Peggy Stotz on May 26. A presentation by Judy Page and Peggy Stotz at Langley High School is scheduled to occur on June 2.

Judy Page



“Book Sale”

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look almost new, we will not sell it. If a text-book, self-help tomb, or travel guide is too old, we will not sell it. If a mass market paperback is less than perfect, we will not sell it. Our ultimate goal is to discontinue mass market paperbacks altogether, right along with our romance category! If you are interested in more information about sorting and categories, open the *Stone Ridge Meeting Summary* attached to this branch newsletter email.

We plan to continue identifying books for special pricing and selling books on Sunday for \$10 a bag, but this year we are going to keep our \$3 and \$2 general prices in place both Friday and Saturday. Children’s book prices are increasing as well. Of course, for our new strategy to be successful, our inventory needs to be w-a-y above average.

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Please help make these dreams come true. Help sort the donations we receive, and then go home with your pick of the litter. Sorters may purchase books at a deep discount. More, we’ve discovered it may be possible to research a rare book’s value on site, so stop by more often or stay a little longer to learn to special price. All comers are welcome.

“The key is condition, condition, condition! Neatness Counts.”

The details. Book donations will be accepted at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, on the following Saturdays between 9 a.m. and 1:30 p.m.: May 30, June 20, July 18, and August 8. Sorting and pricing will begin the Mondays following donation days and continue until all books are categorized. We use Sun Trust’s third floor to store and stage our book donations. Sorters and pricers are welcome during banking hours every day except Thursday, when a duplicate bridge group uses this space. Be sure to sign in and out on the forms provided.

Sorting not for you, or not enough for you? Please contact *Mary Ellen Weber* at the.webers@verizon.net or by phone at 703/790-5550 to volunteer for another job. From Sept. 17-20, the book sale needs cashiers, credit card processors, sign makers, MCC hall monitors, and folks to help set up at the McLean Community Center (Sept. 17). More, the sale always needs folks to help with publicity.

Thank you,

Betsy Schroeder, Marge Degnon, Ginger MacEwen, Nancy Richardson 2015 Used Book Sale Co-Chairs

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from dirty puddles in the streets. She set up an experiment that created a solar cooker to boil water and tested before and after samples for purity. Her project finished in first place in the materials and bioengineering category at Langley High School, and at the Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair, she was recognized as a Second Place Winner in the environmental engineering category.

Her work was commended by keynote speaker Bob Ryan, a Washington broadcast meteorologist since 1980. He was chief meteorologist with NBC4 for 30 years and, before

retiring in 2013, served as senior meteorologist and head of digital weather strategies at ABC7. During his career Ryan has remained actively involved in the science of meteorology. He served the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in several positions, including as its president in 1996 (the only broadcast meteorologist elected president of the AMS). He co-chairs a new AMS Committee on Effective Communication of Weather and Climate Information, and his presentation included a discussion of numerous weather trends.

Judy Page

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problem. They seek to encourage more women to report these violations. They are trying to promote more action rather than cover-up about these incidents. Often a victim may be unconscious and the only source of help is a third party. They are providing more information about how many of these problems can be prevented by third parties if they will only speak up.

As in bringing an end to many problems, information is the key. Reporting by victims and witnesses and a serious response by law enforcement can create an atmosphere on campuses where this kind of behavior is not tolerated because it is recognized not as a fraternity prank, but as a crime.

Each campus has a staffed office to work with women in overcoming the shame and stigma of this violence and to provide *information campus wide on a no tolerance policy for this crime.*

Jane Schmidekamp

Human Trafficking: Yes, It Happens in Virginia, Too

The workshop I chose at the recent state convention was *Human Trafficking: Yes, it happens in Virginia, too.* It was presented by Lara Powers, a hotline manager and program specialist with Polaris, an organization working to eliminate human (labor and sex) trafficking.

Though we may think it happens only outside our borders, it is clear that it occurs daily, hourly, in our own country. In fact, there has been a great deal of attention paid recently to sex trafficking of children and teenagers right here in Fairfax County.

Traffickers exploit people for profit gained from forced labor and commercial sex trafficking by manipu-

lating and exploiting their vulnerabilities. Powers introduced us to the National Human Trafficking Resource Center, which offers services and resources for identifying and combating trafficking where we suspect it is taking place.

The hotline number is 1 (888) 373-7888. It is answered 24/7 by highly trained individuals. The conversation is strictly confidential. Call the number for assistance evaluating a situation for human trafficking indicators; to request referrals to anti-trafficking services in your area or another state; to connect with law enforcement trained in trafficking or to offer a tip that you think it's going on; to access training and technical assistance; or to request comprehensive anti-trafficking resources.

You can text BeFree (233733) or email nhtrc@polarisproject.org.

The web portal is at www.traffickingresourcescenter.org.

Powers advocates for a Safe Harbor Law, not yet passed in Virginia, that would help to protect our youth if they are arrested for sex crimes when they are being trafficked.

The entire PowerPoint presentation is available on the AAUW website.

Fran Sullinger

Archives Matter

AAUW Archivist Suzanne Gould, who had been the keynote Speaker earlier in the day, spoke at a workshop session on archives.

Why Preserve Archives was her topic. She spoke of the archives at AAUW headquarters in Washington, D.C. with some of the following examples of content.

Mary Church Terrell, who integrated the Washington D.C. AAUW, was the first African American in the District of Columbia AAUW.

The traveling art exhibits which were begun in the 1930s.

Esther Bruar who began the War Relief Fund — the AAUW War Relief Fund being the first foreign AAUW activity.

An historic letter from Rachel Carson of *Silent Spring* fame; Carson was thanking AAUW for the award which she would use for her next book.

Gould then listed the items branches should save:

- Founding documents
- Newspaper clippings
- Audits and budgets
- Minutes
- Bylaws
- Press releases
- Directories of members
- Photographs
- Artifacts and memoirs
- Scrapbooks

She then mentioned items that could be tossed:

- Drafts
- Routine correspondence
- Duplicates
- Externally created publications
- Old forms, receipts, requests, orders
- Notes, telephone messages, Post-its
- State and national publications.

She advised that the overall condition of documents, scrapbooks, etc. should be checked and items being preserved should receive proper storage. She also said that branches might consider donating records to local historical societies or local libraries.

Archives do indeed matter.

Bob Alden

Ash Lawn-Highland

The 2015 AAUW of Virginia Conference concluded with a guided tour of Ash Lawn-Highland, one of the homes of James Monroe. When Monroe and his family lived there, their home was a very modest home which he called

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NUMBERS:

Twelve workweeks of **unpaid** leave a year is given to eligible employees for family and medical purposes under the Family and Medical Leave Act. It requires group health benefits to be maintained and that employees can return to their same or an equivalent job at the end of the FMLA leave. That's a bit of good news.

However: 40 percent of private sector workers in the United States **do not have paid sick** days. AAUW, on your behalf is lobbying for the Healthy Families Act (Senate bill 631) that would ensure workers in businesses with 15 or more employees earn up to seven job-protected paid sick days each year for illness, preventive care, or care for a sick family member.

Only three states currently require paid sick leave. Connecticut was the first state to require private sector employers to provide paid sick leave to their employees, with a law enacted in 2011. California became the second state to enact paid sick leave requirements, with the passage of the law that becomes effective in July 2015. Massachusetts was the third state when voters approved a ballot measure in the 2014 general election.

A possible option to address this inequity on the Federal level follows. One dollar and fifty cents per week for the average worker would be deposited in an insurance fund by the employee and employer as proposed in the Family and Medical Insurance Leave Act (H.R. 1439). It builds on the success of FMLA and creates a national paid family and medical leave insurance program. It would provide all workers with up to 12 weeks of partial income

replacement for time off for serious health conditions or caregiving purposes. Again, AAUW on behalf of its members is lobbying for passage of this legislation, which had 88 cosponsors on May 14. A federal paid leave program for all employees would be structured in a way similar to Social Security.

Twelve percent of engineers are women. The number of women in computing has fallen from 35 percent in 1990 to just 26 percent today. The representation of women in engineering and computing matters. Diversity in the workforce contributes to creativity, productivity, and innovation. AAUW on behalf of its members is urging Representatives to co-sponsor the STEM Gateways Act (H.R. 840). It would award competitive grants to provide professional development for teachers, provide after-school activities and summer program to deepen the skills and interest of students in STEM.

WORDS:

Your Public Policy staff in action:

From Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations.

To United States Commission on Civil Rights - April 15, 2015
I am please to share AAUW's comments on the Briefing on Workplace Discrimination Against LGBT Americans. AAUW's member-adopted Public Policy Program strongly opposes 'all forms of discrimination' and supports 'equitable economic opportunities.' It affirms commitment to 'vigorous protection of and full access to civil and constitutional rights' as well as 'freedom in definition of family and guarantee of civil rights in all family structures.

To Debra Carr, Director Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs— April 14, 2015
Re: Discrimination on the Basis of Sex
I am pleased to share AAUW's com-

ments on the proposed regulations for the U.S. Department of Labor's Office of Federal Contract Compliance Programs. In order to achieve economic self-sufficiency for all women, AAUW advocates "pay equity and fairness in compensation" as well as "equitable access and advancement in employment, including vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination status." As it currently stands, on average, women who work full-time earn about 78 cents for every dollar a full-time male worker earns. With so many families relying on women's income, it is absolutely necessary to end pay discrepancies in a woman's earning potential.

AAUW members, state public policy chairs, the AAUW Public Policy Committee and staff in action:

The proposed 2015-17 AAUW Public Policy Program principles for action and priorities has changes to emphasize and clarify sexual assault, reproductive health care, meaningful campaign finance reform, and passage of the Equal Rights Amendment. This is your opportunity to vote on-line, up or down, on the draft changes described in the *Spring/Summer Outlook* or on the AAUW website.

Finally, as written in *Outlook*, the work of AAUW builds upon more than 130 years of responsible public participation, and the principles provide a basis for AAUW members' actions at the local, state, national, and international levels.

So, be informed—go to the AAUW web site and sign up to receive the *Washington Update* and *Two-Minute Activist* and then let your voice be heard.

Mary Lou Melley

Sources include the *National Conference of State Legislators (paragraphs)*, AAUW web site *Issues/resources*, *Lobby Corps briefings*, *Outlook*.



SPECIAL
INTEREST GROUP
MEMBERS HAVE
MORE FUN!

Reed Isbell (l) and Mary de Tray (r) with guest author Peggy Hanson show a fascinating display at Morning Lit's April Author Luncheon



Around Town in April
Peter and Betsy Reddaway and Nancy Mangione wait for the performance to begin at 1st Stage.

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Highland. The name, Ash Lawn, was added by a subsequent family; but that name stuck in most tourist information. On our tour, we saw recent excavations and the inside of their home, simply furnished but reflecting his and his wife's international style, and American connections. Our house tour also emphasized Monroe's many and varied contributions to our nation's early history. Known for his two-term presidency, James Monroe held many political offices, including roles in the Continental Congress and the U.S. Senate, and multiple terms as Governor of Virginia.

The tour was followed by a box lunch before everyone headed home.

Mary Ann Graham



BRANCH MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Congratulations to branch member Kay Bransford for being named Outstanding Volunteer for 2014 by the McLean Community Center. The 2014 H. Gordon Randall Outstanding Volunteer Service was presented to

Kay for her contributions to the Center's Lifetime Learning 50+ Program.

GREAT DECISIONS

Both groups will be discussing Chapter 4 on India in June. The meetings are as follows: Thursday, June 11 at noon at the home of *Connie Small* and Tuesday, June 16 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of *Raji Brahman*.

Thursday group will not meet during July and August.

The Tuesday group will meet at 9:30 a.m. as follows: July 21 at the home of *Dawn Schulz*; August 18 at a place to be announced.

Please contact your host early. Low participation may result in a meeting cancellation.

Angela Ehemann

CURRENT EVENTS

Discussion

Is there some happening in the world you are just dying to talk about? Bring your news and enjoy a discussion with other branch members and their topics to Star Nut Gourmet at 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. We meet the first Tuesday of each month (June 2, July 7, and August 4) at 9 a.m. You must RSVP to *Dawn Schulz*. Portiau@verizon.net.

Connections

Breakfast

All are invited to breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. the last Tuesday of the month (June 30, July 28, and August 25). Just come and order coffee and ... Please RSVP to *Suzanne Watts* (scwatts1@cox.net).

Mary Lou Melley

MORNING LIT

The Morning Lit group will meet on Friday, June 12, from 11 a.m. to 1:30 p.m., at Kazan's restaurant near the McLean Giant, to select our reading list for the coming year. The cost is \$30, payable in cash only at the luncheon (price includes tax and tip). Reservations are required—please email *Reed Isbell* at rwisbell@verizon.net no later than June 5.

The group also meets for two informal summer sessions, Friday, July 10 and August 14, at 10 a.m. at the McLean Community Center (bring your own coffee). Books for these sessions will be announced later.

Reed Isbell

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Lucy McGowan

We are saddened to report the death on April 24 of *Lucy McGowan*. Lucy was a branch charter member and the branch president in 1974-76. She participated in branch special interest groups and cheerfully helped at many branch events, especially the book sale. She distributed the branch newsletter during the time all copies, well over 130, were mailed via the post office. Lucy was an enthusiastic supporter of all things AAUW and a lovely person. She will be missed.

Memorial donations may be made to So Others May Eat at www.some.org.

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.

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June

- Tues, 2** 9 a.m. *Current Events Meeting* at the Star*Nut Café, McLean*
- Thurs, 11** noon *Great Decisions Meeting* at Connie Small's home*
- Fri, 12** 11 a.m. *Morning Lit Book Selection Meeting* at Kazan restaurant, McLean*
- Tues, 16** 9:30 a.m. *Great Decisions Meeting* at Raji Brahmam's home*
- Sat, 20** 9 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. *Book Collection* SunTrust Bank, Maple Ave., Vienna*
- Tues, 30** 9 a.m. *Current Events Breakfast* at the McLean Family Restaurant*

July

- Wed. 1** *Branch Annual Dues to Treasurer**
- Tues. 7** 9 a.m. *Current Events Meeting* at the Star*Nut Café, McLean*
- Fri. 10** 10 a.m. *Morning Lit Meeting (informal)* at the McLean Community Cen.*
- Sat, 18** 9 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. *Book Collection* Sun Trust Bank, Maple Ave. Vienna*
- Tues, 21** 9:30 a.m. *Great Decisions Meeting* at the home of Dawn Schulz*
- Tues, 28** 9 a.m. *Current Events Breakfast* at the McLean Family Restaurant*

August

- Tues, 4** 9 a.m. *Current Events Meeting* at the Star*Nut Café, McLean*
- Sat, 8** 9 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. *Book Collection* at the Sun Trust Bank on Maple Ave. in Vienna*
- Mon, 10** *Deadline for articles to be in the September News*
- Fri. 14** 10 a.m. *Morning Lit Meeting (informal)* at the McLean Community Cen.*
- Tues, 18** 9:30 a.m. *Great Decisions Meeting* place TBA *
- Tues, 25** 9 a.m. *Current Events Breakfast* at the McLean Family Restaurant*

* More information in this newsletter