



McLean Area Branch  
AAUW of Virginia

# News

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**September Branch Meeting**  
Sunday, September 17, 3:00-5:00 pm  
American Legion  
1355 Balls Hill Road, McLean

**Celebrate Us!**

Come celebrate all that is McLean Area AAUW on Sunday, September 17, 3:00 pm, at the American Legion Hall, 1355 Balls Hill Road. We'll hear **updates** on our **annual book sale** and the many activities and projects of our branch: **Lobby Corps, Great Decisions, Book Group, STEM projects, and more.** Our high school junior math and science **award recipients will speak** of the meaningfulness of their awards. A highlight will be hearing from the women who have received our **local scholarships** at **Trinity, George Mason, and Marymount** Universities and applauding their accomplishments and dreams. **Bring a neighbor, a friend, or family member to introduce her or him to our fantastic branch.** Enjoy seeing your friends and meeting new ones--and **celebrate us!**

**Message from the Presidents**

We would like to welcome old and new members alike to the McLean Area AAUW Branch. **Together we are working to empower women and girls.** Since the first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. **The Board is calling 2017-18 our year of experimentation.** Our membership and program VPs are planning some exciting events and activities to grow our branch and increase its recognition in the community. We hope that each of you will find this stimulating and rewarding.

Aroona and Betsy  
Aroona Borpujari and Betsy Schroeder, Co-Presidents

**Board Meeting**

The **Branch Board** will meet **Wednesday, September 6, noon – 2:00 pm, at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA.**

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## 48<sup>th</sup> Annual Used Book Sale Underway!

Because we're in a **new site** with a **different room configuration**, more **volunteers** are needed to support a successful sale. **Any time you can give beginning with setup Thursday, October 5 through tear down Sunday, October 8 will be appreciated.** If you're not available Book Sale weekend, volunteer opportunities still exist leading up to the sale. A special added feature at this year's sale is a **raffle of a signed Max Scherzer Washington Nationals uniform shirt and cap.** A volunteer is needed to manage the raffle and others are needed to distribute flyers. **Marsha McMullin** ([mash48@gmail.com](mailto:mash48@gmail.com)) is coordinating volunteer scheduling. It's important to be **in touch with Marsha as soon as possible** to volunteer your time and to let her know of any restrictions to performing physical tasks. **Spouses, children, neighbors and friends are welcome to volunteer!**



**As the branch's only fundraiser, this is an important time for your participation as we continue to support graduate fellowships nationally and scholarships locally.**

### McLean Branch Annual Used Book Sale

**October 6-8**

**Spring Hill Recreation Center  
1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean.**

#### **Sale Hours**

**Friday, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, noon – 4:00 pm**

## Important Vote at the September Branch Meeting

At its last meeting, the Branch Board discussed ways to use accumulated reserve funds to support new branch activities and projects. In addition to **supporting efforts for strong programming** and **attracting new members**, the expenditures **assist** the branch in **adhering to IRS regulations for 501(c)(3) organizations reserve funds.** The following two actions require branch vote:

- The Board recommends that **up to \$3000 in a one-time expenditure** be allocated from the reserve fund for program and membership to allow us to **pay speakers who require a fee** and to fund membership **initiatives to increase branch recognition and demographics** through AAUW programs such as Start Smart and Work Smart.
- The Board recommends that **up to \$500 in a one-time expenditure** be allocated from the reserve fund for publicity, specifically for the **design and production of more professional displays** to represent our branch to the public at **events such as McLean Day, STEMtastics,** and the **Book Sale.**

**We urge everyone to attend the meeting so we can meet our quorum.** If you have any questions, please contact Co-Presidents **Betsy Schroeder** or **Aroona Borpujari.**

### If You Shop at Amazon

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.

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## New Volunteer Opportunity at STEMtastics 2018

STEMtastics is scheduled for **March 10, 2018**. It is an annual **career day event for middle school girls** sponsored by four Northern Virginia AAUW branches with Fairfax County Public Schools and NOVA Systemic Solutions. Planning will begin in mid-September. This year we're **looking for a volunteer to serve as the coordinator for student volunteers since there has been an increasing number of high school students assisting with this event.** The **adult volunteer will recruit and organize the student volunteers.** **Marlene Chivavibul**, overall volunteer coordinator, will provide support to the student volunteer coordinator.

Student Volunteer Coordinator tasks include:

- **Contact 4-5 schools to recruit student volunteers;**
- **Email contact with student volunteers to make assignments;**
- **Enter students into an online list of assignments,** potentially with assistance from a student volunteer; and
- **Check in student volunteers on the day of the event and oversee assignments.**

To volunteer or for more information, contact **Judy Page**, [judy.page@gmail.com](mailto:judy.page@gmail.com), 703-847-1950 or **Marlene Chivavibul**, [marlenechiv@yahoo.com](mailto:marlenechiv@yahoo.com), 703-948-9148.



Student and Adult Volunteers at STEMtastics 2017



**SAVE THE DATE**  
**MARCH 10, 2018**  
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**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP**  
**BEGINS IN DECEMBER**

## AAUW Funds Allocations Committee Needs Volunteers

For 48 years, the McLean AAUW Branch has raised funds in support of programs that enhance and advance women's place in society. Our 2017-18 Fellowship recipients are:

- **Amaka Okechukwu, PhD, American Fellowship, George Mason University.** Her work examines **how groups mobilize around racial politics** and her book project is **under contract with Columbia University Press**
- **Nadine Hejazin, MA, International Fellowship, George Washington University.** She works for **US AID in Jordan** where she **focuses on youth education**

The Branch Funds Allocation Committee reviews and recommends how the branch will allocate funds raised at the annual Used Book Sale to national fellowships and local scholarships. At the **September branch meeting, three branch members will be selected to serve on the committee.** One of the three branch members must have served on the committee the previous year. In addition to the three selected branch members, standing positions on the Allocations Committee include the Book Sale Chairs, University Liaisons, STEM chair and AAUW Funds Co-chairs. The **committee meets once in late October/early November.**

If you're **interested in serving** on this committee, **contact** one of the AAUW Funds Allocations Committee Co-chairs:

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### Public Policy Update

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in education and requires recipients of federal education funding to evaluate their current policies and adopt a policy against sex discrimination. AAUW members were recently asked to sign a letter to the Secretary of Education, addressing Civil Rights issue in relation to sex discrimination. **To add your signature to messages supporting**

**AAUW issues go to [VoterEd@aauw.org](mailto:VoterEd@aauw.org).**

**Walk the Walk** – For more than 40 years, members of the **AAUW Lobby Corps** have volunteered as citizen activists, **bringing AAUW's message to Congressional offices each Thursday** that Congress is in session. **A Fall Training Session will be held Thursday, September 7, 10:00 am, at the National AAUW office, 1310 L Street NW, suite 1000.** Learn the skills, rules and commitments required of a Lobby Corps volunteer. **RSVP required [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=9708](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=9708).**

**Lobby for a Day** – AAUW of Virginia members will be matched with experienced Lobby Corps members to bring the AAUW message to Congressional offices on **Thursday, October 5.** To participate, contact **Leslie Tourigny, the Virginia Public Policy VP, [ltourigny@gmail.com](mailto:ltourigny@gmail.com).**

**Election Day in Virginia – November 7.** This year **Virginians** will be **voting** for their **governor, attorney general, lieutenant governor, and district delegates.** The **League of Women Voters (LWV)** has announced **several candidate forums.** Those running in area districts are asked to participate in two forums. The first is **Sunday, September 17, 2:30 pm, at the Reston Community Center, Hunters Woods on Colts Neck Road in Reston.** A televised forum will be held **Monday, October 2, 8:00 pm, in Inside Scoop, Channel 10.** Citizens can pose questions at both forums. **Branch members are invited to help LWV with the forums.** To **participate contact Sidney Johnson, [Sidneyjohnson3@verizon.net](mailto:Sidneyjohnson3@verizon.net)**

## Special Interest Groups

**Arena Stagers I** Consider joining the AAUW Arena Stagers by reviewing the schedule below and contacting **Elaine Lailas** with your preferred dates. The group carpools to attend Sunday matinees. Call or text **Elaine** today at 305-281-5787 or [elailas@aol.com](mailto:elailas@aol.com) indicating your interest.

### Arena Stage 2017-18 Season Sunday Matinees:

**Native Gardens:** September 17, 24; October 1, 8, 15, 22

**The Pajama Game:** October 29; November 12, 19, 27; DEC. 3, 10, 17, 25, 31

**Nina Simone: Four Women:** November 12, 19, 26; December 3, 10, 17, 24

**Sovereignty:** January 14, 21, 28; February 4, 11, 18

**The Great Society:** February 11, 18, 25; March 4, 11.

**Hold These Truths:** February 25; March 4, 11, 18, 25; April 1, 8.

**Two Trains Running:** April 1, 8, 15, 22, 29

**Snow Child:** April 15, 22, 29; MAY 6, 13, 20

**The Price:** October 8, 15, 22, 29

**Current Events I** The Current Events Group will meet Tuesday, September 5, 9:00 am, at the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. All branch members are invited to attend and bring an article or web link to share and spark the discussion. If you plan to attend, RSVP to **Mary Lou Melley**, [maryloumelley@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com).

**Morning Lit Group I** The Morning Literature group will meet on Friday, September 8, 9:30 am, at the McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, to discuss *The Little Paris Bookshop*, by Nina George. Please bring your own coffee, tea, or water. Plenty of parking available in front of building. Contact **Reed Isbell**, [reedisbell@gmail.com](mailto:reedisbell@gmail.com) or **Mary de Tray**, [mdetray@gmail.com](mailto:mdetray@gmail.com).

**Bridge Group I** The bridge group will meet on Monday, September 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm, at Marge Degnon's home, 1340 Lancia Dr., McLean. The Bridge Group meets the second Monday of each month and new members are welcome. Players bring a sandwich and the hostess supplies beverages and a light dessert. Each player antes two dollars; half of which is donated to AAUW projects and programs and the other half awarded to the winning player. All skill levels are welcome. For more information and to sign up for this month's meeting, contact **Barbara Carr**, [barbaracarr@msn.com](mailto:barbaracarr@msn.com) or 703-356-3127.

**Great Decisions I** The last meeting of the Great Decisions program year, which will discuss Chapter 8, Nuclear Security, will be held on Tuesday, September 19, 9:30 am, at Lynne Glikbarg's home, 9113 White Chimney Lane, Great Falls, VA. The 2018 program year will begin in February, and books for that year will be ordered in early October. Anyone interested in learning more about Great Decisions is welcome to attend the September meeting. For more information and to order the 2018 book, contact **Angela Ehemann**, [acehemann@verizon.net](mailto:acehemann@verizon.net) or 703-893-3578.

**Breakfast Group I** The Breakfast Group will meet on Tuesday, September 26, 9:00 am, at the McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean. RSVP to **Suzanne Watts**, 703-356-7926 or [scwatts1cox.net](mailto:scwatts1cox.net).

## Connections

### September Calendar

| Sunday                                                   | Monday                                                    | Tuesday                                                  | Wednesday                                             | Thursday                                             | Friday                                             | Saturday |
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| 3                                                        | 4                                                         | 5<br>Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet      | 6<br>Branch Board Meeting, noon-2:00 pm, McLean House | 7<br>Lobby Corp Training, 10:00 am, AAUW National HQ | 8<br>Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Gov Center | 9        |
| 10                                                       | 11<br>Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Marge Degnon's home | 12                                                       | 13                                                    | 14                                                   | 15                                                 | 16       |
| 17<br>Branch Meeting, 3:00-5:00 pm, American Legion Hall | 18                                                        | 19<br>Great Decisions, 9:30 am, Lynne Gilkbarg's Home    | 20                                                    | 21                                                   | 22                                                 | 23       |
| 24                                                       | 25                                                        | 26<br>Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant | 27                                                    | 28                                                   | 29                                                 | 30       |

#### Save the Dates!

- October 5 | Book Sale Set up Day, Spring Hill Recreation Center
- October 5 | Virginia AAUW Lobby Day, Capitol Hill
- October 6-8 | Book Sale, Spring Hill Recreation Center
- November 7 | Election Day

**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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**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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