



## McLean Area Branch AAUW of Virginia

# News

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### October Branch/Northern District Meeting

Saturday, October 21, 2017, 1:30-4:15 pm  
George Mason Regional Library  
7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA

The October Branch meeting will be held in conjunction with the AAUW Northern District Meeting, where **Kim Churches, AAUW's new CEO, will provide an organizational update.** Churches, a young, dynamic, articulate leader, will also share her vision for AAUW's future as a leading organization for women's equity and education. Ample time for members to ask questions and add comments will be provided following her remarks. At the meeting, information on upcoming exciting branch and state events will be provided. **Plan to arrive by 1:15 pm to enjoy refreshments and to network before the meeting starts.**

### Message from the Presidents

The branch annual used book sale is on **October 6-8 at the Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA 22102.** A special feature at this year's sale is a raffle of a signed Max Scherzer Washington Nationals uniform shirt and cap. We hope all branch members will participate in our annual fund-raising event to support scholarships for women's higher education.

We start the new year with a **request to our entire membership to join a branch committee.** Every interest group leader and branch officer could use other branch members' support. We think this is another way to grow our future leaders while providing a support system for those currently in leadership roles. The directory is the best resource to learn about activities and board roles, and the names of those who are currently serving as leaders. As one of the largest branches in Virginia, we can continue supporting a robust program with a little contribution from everyone. To paraphrase JFK's famous words, **"Ask not what your branch can do for you, ask what you can do for your branch"**

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

### Board Meeting I November

October's meeting is cancelled. The **Branch Board** will meet **Wednesday, November 1, noon – 2:00 pm, at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA.**

## Report from the September Board Meeting

September Board meeting highlights include:

- **Marian Harvey** will coordinate hospitality for this year's Branch meetings;
- New monthly financial reports have been developed to more accurately show financial status;
- Membership VPs announced two upcoming programs at Trinity University: Start Smart (November) and Work Smart (March or April); and
- Membership VPs are pursuing contacts with local business/corporate leaders to discuss options for future collaborations.

## The Book Sale is Here!

### New place and new date!

Invite your neighbors, friends and colleagues to come buy books to support scholarships and fellowships for women and girls.

- If they are Nationals fans, tell them about the raffle of a signed Max Scherzer jersey and cap. Tickets of \$10 or 3 for \$20 for the jersey and \$5 or 3 for \$10 for the cap are a bargain. These items are listed online for \$400 and \$200!
- Our books are a bargain too. There is something for everyone —more children's books this year than ever, current and recent novels, fabulous specially priced books. On Sunday, most books are \$10 a bag and most specially priced books are half-price.
- **Spread the word!**



If you aren't already working at the sale and now find that you can, contact **Marsha McMullin** at [mash48@gmail.com](mailto:mash48@gmail.com).

### McLean Branch Annual Used Book Sale

**October 6-8**

**Spring Hill Recreation Center  
Intersection of Spring Hill & Lewisville Roads  
Sale Hours**

**Friday, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm**

**Saturday, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**

**Sunday, noon – 4:00 pm**

## Membership Update

### Be a New Member Mentor

The McLean Branch is launching a mentorship program for its new branch members and is looking for volunteers to serve as mentors. Each mentor will be asked to contact a new member mentee; introduce her to branch activities; answer questions about branch initiatives and opportunities; offer rides to branch meetings and activities; and introduce her to others in the branch. If you're interested in being a new member mentor, contact **Barbara Sipe**, [bfs4000@aol.com](mailto:bfs4000@aol.com), 703-356-2385, or **Sue Christie**, [suechristie@gmail.com](mailto:suechristie@gmail.com), 703-241-5646.

## New Member Outreach Events

### Start Smart, November 4, Trinity University

In partnership with Trinity University, the McLean Branch is sponsoring **Start Smart, a workshop on pay negotiation for the next generation AAUW members who are starting their careers**. Other northern Virginia branches have been invited to join us with the goal of training graduating college seniors from across the area.

This event is part of a focused, **assertive membership strategy** that is in its beginning stages. The goal is to move AAUW towards being the **go-to organization for women of all ages** who are interested in supporting women educationally, economically and personally to achieve pay equity and career advancement. Branch leadership is working to build new partnerships with local businesses and service clubs to support additional activities that will promote greater empowerment for women in education and employment. Future events could include periodic "lunch bunch" networking, discussion opportunities and a seminar series specifically addressing critical work issues confronting GenXers. For questions and other ideas around this new membership outreach, contact **Sue Christie**, [suechristie@gmail.com](mailto:suechristie@gmail.com), 703-241-5646, or **Barbara Sipe**, [bfs4000@aol.com](mailto:bfs4000@aol.com), 703-356-2385.

### 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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## STEM Awards

At the September 17 Branch meeting **five local high school girls were recognized with STEM awards**. To encourage young women to pursue educational opportunities related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math), the Branch partners annually with McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools to present one Science and one Math Achievement Award at each high school.

The students recognized at the event for 2017 were:

- **Ashley Zhang**, Math Achievement, Langley High School;
- **Emily Buckingham**, Science Achievement, Langley High School;
- **Helen Oker**, Math Achievement, Marshall High School;
- **Tatiana Kennedy**, Science Achievement, Marshall High School;
- **Nour Khachemoune**, Science Achievement, McLean High School

The Math Achievement Award, McLean High School, was presented earlier this year to:

- **June Chang**

Each awardee shared her strong interest in pursuing STEM fields in high school, as well as plans for future college studies.

The high school awards process is managed by a committee that includes **Sherry Joslin** (Marshall HS contact), **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales** (McLean HS contact), **Barbara Sipe** (Langley HS contact), **Peggy Stotz**, and **Judy Page** (STEM chair). Career center counselors at the schools are provided with award eligibility criteria from our Policies, and they manage the process of selecting the students.



Peggy Stotz, third from right, member of the McLean Area Branch Local Awards Committee, introduced five local high school students who were recognized with Math and Science Achievement Awards at the branch's 2017-2018 kick-off event. Students receiving the award are, from left to right: Nour Khachemoune (McLean High School), Tatiana Kennedy and Helen Oker (both Marshall High School), and Ashley Zhang and Emily Buckingham (both Langley High School).



**SAVE THE DATE  
MARCH 10, 2018**

**VOLUNTEER SIGN-UP  
BEGINS IN DECEMBER**



## Public Policy Update

Activity on Capitol Hill is impacting issues critical for AAUW policy.

### The Dream Act

**President Trump had ordered an end to the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals (DACA) program implemented by the Obama administration in 2012.** The program had provided 800,000 recipients

the ability to attend school and work without fear of deportation. Note: Changes regarding the Act are occurring as you read. More than 40 lobby corps members brought AAUW's message to Representatives on September 14.

On behalf of AAUW members and supporters, lobby corps members urged the representatives to pass a 'clean' Dream Act (with no amendments), a bipartisan bill that would provide undocumented young individuals conditional permanent residents status for eight years if: they have been here four years prior to the enactment of the Act; entered the US before the age of 18; earned a high school diploma, or have been admitted to an institution of higher education; have not been convicted of a crime; and have passed required security and background checks. In 2015, 51 percent of all DACA applicants were women most of whom were working and contributing to our economy.

Go to [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org), click 'get involved' and 'action' to send an email, or email your representative to vote 'Yes' on the Dream Act.



**Pamela Yuen, of the public policy staff, briefs 40 AAUW Lobby Corps members about bringing our message to members of Congress to support The Dream Act.**

## Title IX

**Secretary of Education Betsy DeVos** announced the **intention to rescind a letter on Title IX and sexual violence**, taking the first step to roll back the progress made toward preventing sexual violence in our schools. AAUW stands with the survivors of campus sexual violence, and remains committed to protecting and defending Title IX and to pursuing vigorous enforcement.

If you would like to join the Lobby Corps for a day on October 5, sign up with **Leslie Tourigny**, the Public Policy Chair for VAAAUW, [ltourigny@gmail.com](mailto:ltourigny@gmail.com).

## Special Interest Groups



**New Special Interest: Group-On the Town I** All branch members are invited to the first outing of the new On the Town interest group on **Wednesday, October 11, 11:30 am**, at the **National Portrait Gallery**. Current Gallery exhibits include antebellum portraits by Matthew Brady; “Marlene Dietrich: Dressed for the Image”; and “One Life: Sylvia Plath”, that includes personal letters and family photographs from the Smith College archives. The Gallery is located **between 7<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> Streets, NW, at the Gallery Place Metro stop on the Red Line**. The group will plan to join the 12:00 noon Highlights Tour. Those who are interested can stay for lunch at the Gallery café. RSVP to **Mary Lou Melley**, [maryloumelley@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com) by Wednesday, October 4, and additional information will be provided.

**Current Events I** The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, October 3, 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, October 13, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Governmental Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road**, to discuss *News of the World* by Paulette Jives. Please bring your own coffee, tea, or water. Plenty of parking available in front of building. Contact **Betsy Reddaway**, [bpbreddaway@verizon.net](mailto:bpbreddaway@verizon.net) or 703-448-9195 for more information.

**Bridge Group I** The bridge group will meet on **Monday, October 16, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at **Elaine Lailas’ home, 18252 Cypress Point Terrace, Leesburg, VA**. For more information and to sign up for this month’s meeting, contact **Barbara Carr**, [barbaralcarr@msn.com](mailto:barbaralcarr@msn.com) or 703-356-3127.

**Arena Stagers I** Arena Stagers will be attending *The Price*, a rediscovered American classic, on **Sunday, October 24, at 2:00 pm**. Attendees should **meet at McLean House between 12:30-12:45 pm for carpooling**. To purchase tickets, call **Arena Stage**, 202-488-3300, and request a seat near **Elaine Lailas**. To RSVP, contact **Elaine** at [elailas@aol.com](mailto:elailas@aol.com), 703-779-8697 or 305-281-5787.

**Breakfast Group I** The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 31, 9:00 am**, at the **McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean**. RSVP to **Suzanne Watts**, 703-356-7926 or [scwatts1@cox.net](mailto:scwatts1@cox.net).

## Connections | October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	4 Branch Board Meeting, noon, McLean House <b>Cancelled</b>	5 Fed / AAUW Lobby Corps Day, 9:30 am, Capitol Hill ----- Book Sale Set Up, Spring Hill Rec Center	6 Book Sale Spring Hill Rec Center	7 Book Sale Spring Hill Rec Center
8 Book Sale Spring Hill Rec Center	9	10	11 On the Town, 11:30 am, National Portrait Gallery	12	13 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Gov Center	14
15	16 Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Elaine Lailas' home	17	18	19	20	21 Branch/ Northern District Meeting, 1:30-4:10 pm, George Mason Regional Library ----- The Prince, Arena Stage, meet at McLean House, 12:30 pm
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant				

### Save the Date!

- 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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