



McLean Area Branch AAUW of Virginia

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November Branch Meeting | Human Trafficking

Tuesday, November 14, 7:00 pm
Redeemer Lutheran Church
1545 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA

In 2016, **Virginia ranked 15th nationally** for the most reported cases of **human trafficking**. It is on the rise in Northern Virginia, **targeting 12-14-year olds**. The November branch meeting will feature an **expert panel on human trafficking** with

- **Dr. Elizabeth Payne**, Fairfax County Public Schools Coordinator of Health, Physical Education, and Family Life Education;
- **Detective William Wolfe**, Fairfax County Police Department, Child Exploitation Unit; and
- **Ms. Deepa Patel**, Certified Sex Offender Treatment Provider.

The panel will address **how teens are being targeted in public venues, bus stops, shopping malls, and through social media**. **Traffickers can be business professionals, family members, students or teens known by the victims**. They will also share how to combat human trafficking, to protect our children, and to offer support for the survivors. Branch family members, neighbors and friends are invited and encouraged to attend this important, informative event.

Message from the Presidents

The annual fund-raising **book sale** for 2017 **went very well** at the new location at Spring Hill Recreation Center. The **Rec Center staff was very accommodating and supportive**. Thanks to all of them. Our book sale co-chairs and all committee leaders did a remarkable job guiding us through new territory. This event **represents thousands of hours** of time spent by dedicated branch members. A special thanks to **Nan Finken** who connected us with her cousin at Fairfax County Parks and Recreation. This was pivotal to our ability to find affordable space in our own community.

Aroona Borpujari and Betsy Schroeder, Co-Presidents

Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 1, noon – 2:00 pm
McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA

Another Great Book Sale!

Thanks to all the hard work and time committed by branch members (and several spouses), the 48th Annual Used Book Sale successfully raised more than \$37,200. This includes the raffle of the Max Scherzer jersey and cap, which added almost \$1,100 to the proceeds. While we don't have a final figure from Discover Books for our discards, we know it is more than \$1,200. Additionally, the bridge group is contributing \$100. We can all be proud of the contribution we will be making to AAUW Funds, our local college scholarships, and the awards we give to high school girls excelling in math and science. The book sale enables us to make a real impact in their lives.

It was a challenge to move to a new location while the McLean Community Center is being renovated: rooms on two floors instead of one; sharing the Center with classes, swimmers, and exercisers; directing confused customers; new publicity and signs. But everyone rose to the occasion with a smile, even if feet and backs were a little sore. There is **no group that can organize and run an event like AAUW members!**

The Allocations Committee will present recommended allocation of the proceeds to the branch for a vote at an upcoming branch meeting. Our branch is fortunate to have such a successful fundraiser—and you make it happen. **Thank you!**

Co-Chairs Marge Degnon, Carol Langelier, Marsha McMullin, and Caroline Pickens

Raffle Winners

McLean Area Branch member **Carol Langelier** won the Max Scherzer autographed jersey. **Mike Rugel**, whose mother is a member of the Reston-Herndon Branch, won the autographed cap. **Congratulations Carol and Mike!**



Caroline Pickens, Marsha McMullin, Aroona Borpujari, Marcellous Cooper, Juanita Cullen, Marge Degnon, and Betsy Schroeder.



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Book Sale Funds Allocation Committee

Once the net income from this year's Used Book Sale is determined, the allocation of fundraising proceeds will be recommended by the Allocation of Funds Committee for a Branch vote. The members of the 2017 McLean Branch Funds Allocation Committee include:

- AAUW Funds chairs--**Elaine Lailas, Naz Basit, Anjali Chadha**
- Book Sale chairs--**Caroline Pickens, Marge Degnon, Marsha McMullin, Carol Langelier**
- Liaisons to area colleges/universities--**Juanita Cullen, Betsy Reddaway, Margaret Doole**
- STEM Chair--**Judy Page**
- Three Branch members elected at the first branch meeting of year
 - **Peggy Stotz**--member from last year according to branch policy
 - **Deborah DeMasi**
 - **Milia Ali**
- Branch co-Presidents serve ex officio--**Aroona Borpujari, Betsy Schroeder.**

According to the Branch Policies, **fifty percent** of net proceeds go to **AAUW Funds** or other AAUW 501(c)(3) entities and **fifty percent** to **local scholarships, awards, conferences and conventions**. The committee also recommends the "Names Honored" candidates to the Board by December 31 for final approval.

Branch members will vote at the November Branch business meeting on the recommendations of the Allocation of Funds Committee. A separate email will be sent to branch members with committee recommendations for approval at the November meeting.



Dad and daughters reading books they bought at the book sale.



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

## Branch Nominating Committee

To comply with branch bylaws a Nominating Committee must be selected three months prior to the annual business meeting in March. A board member serves as chairperson and two additional members are required. **If you're interested in serving as a committee member**, which is a **short-term commitment**, contact either **Aroona** or **Betsy**. The branch will vote on the committee members at the December branch meeting.

## Membership Update

Please **welcome** the following **new members** into the McLean Area Branch:

- **Lori Fellela**
- **Nawal Abu-Hamdeh**
- **Bethany Jones**
- **Carol Ruppel**

## Invitation to Special Event

### HONOR THE SUFFRAGISTS' "NIGHT OF TERROR"

Sunday, November 12, 2:00-5:00 pm  
Workhouse Arts Center, Building W-16  
Lorton, VA

One hundred years ago on November 14, 32 women were arrested for picketing at the White House for the right to vote. They were beaten, chained, and force-fed at the Occoquan Workhouse. It became known as the "Night of Terror." You are **invited to celebrate and honor these women whose sacrifice was a turning point in efforts to pass the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment**. Suffrage historian **Dr. Elisabeth Griffith** will speak, and music presentations will include the world premiere of "Silent Sentinels." Registration is free but seating is limited. **Register at** [www.suffragistmemorial.org](http://www.suffragistmemorial.org).



In 2013, AAUW of Virginia members and branches contributed more than \$2,000 to become a charter supporter of the Turning Point Memorial, which will be built near the Workhouse.

## 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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## Public Policy Update

### Women's Work

U.S. women working full time earn an average 80 cents for every dollar earned by men, and it's worse for minority women.

Recently, the AAUW Lobby Corps delivered a message to

Representatives to **support** two bills: the **Pay Equity for All Act** and the **Fair Pay Act**.

American women are roughly half the nation's workforce, with four in 10 mothers working as primary breadwinners. Consequently, pay inequity has enormous financial implications for women and for families. **Achieving equal pay for women is critical to ensuring our nation's economic future.**

The **Pay Equity for All Act** protects job seekers from having to disclose salary history to be interviewed, to be considered for a job offer, or as a condition of employment.

The **Fair Pay Act** requires employers to provide equal pay for work of equal value. The Equal Employment Opportunity Commission will issue guidelines to determine whether a job is dominated by a gender, race or national origin. Under this bill: (1) Employers will be prohibited from reducing wages to comply with these requirements; (2) Employers are prohibited from retaliating against workers who inquire about employers' wage practices or disclose their own wages; and (3) Collection of pay information and increase training will improve.

The **Paycheck Fairness Act**, an **earlier bill** proposed during previous sessions of Congress, **did not garner enough votes to pass.**

### Latinas' Equal Pay Day, November 2

**November 2 marks Latinas' Equal Pay Day, the day Latina women's earnings "catch up" to non-Hispanic men's earnings from the previous year.**

AAUW highly encourages you to act to close the gender pay gap on Latinas' Equal Pay Day. Urge your member of Congress to support effective legislation to close this gender pay gap. **Click on [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org) to learn more and find the latest actions you can take.**

### Other Updates

The **Trump administration** has announced its **intention to weaken the requirement for employer insurance plans to cover birth control.** Although contraception was included in this coverage, with exemptions for certain groups, including houses of worship, these exemption rules have widened. AAUW strongly supported this coverage and opposes the announced changes.

In early **October**, the **House passed an anti-choice bill** that would limit women's access to abortion care with extremely narrow exceptions. It passed in the House 237-189. **Senator Lindsey Graham (R-SC) introduced the bill with 45 cosponsors, but will need to gain 60 votes for passage in the Senate.**

The U.S. Department of **Justice** said it **interprets Title VII of the Civil Rights Act** as **not protecting transgender employees from discrimination** based on their gender identity, leaving these workers at risk for workplace discrimination.

### Election Day in Virginia, November 7

Be sure to **VOTE on Tuesday, November 7**, for the next **Virginia governor, lieutenant governor and attorney general**, as well as your district's delegate to the Virginia Assembly. **Vote early** at the **McLean Government Center November 2 and 3, 3:30 to 7:00 pm and November 4<sup>th</sup> 9:00 to 5:00 pm.**





AAUW McLean Area Branch  
**Holiday Luncheon**

**December 9 - At noon with lunch served at 1 pm**

Riverbend Golf and Country Club  
375 Walker Rd., Great Falls, VA

**Guest Speaker: Helene Cooper**  
*NY Times* Correspondent, frequent *Meet the Press* guest, and Author

**Menu**

**Butternut Squash Bisque**

**Entrée, choice of**

**Chicken** Marsala Served with Red Bliss Potatoes and Vegetable Medley  
or

Pecan Encrusted **Salmon** with a Sundried Tomato Sauce, Served with Spinach Risotto  
and Vegetable Medley

or

Penne **Pasta** with Seasonal Vegetables, Served with Wild Mushrooms and a Pesto Cream  
Sauce

**New York Cheesecake Garnished with a Strawberry and Strawberry Sauce**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Coffee and Hot Tea**

**Cash Bar Available**

**Reservations**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_  
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**Cost** | \$34 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax)

**Make check payable to** | AAUW – McLean Area Branch

**Respond before or by** | December 1 (***firm deadline***)

**To** | Margie Broderick, 7040 Arbor Ln, McLean, VA 22101

## Special Interest Groups

**Current Events I** The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, November 7 (Election Day), 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. RSVP to **Mary Lou Melley**, [maryloumelley@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com).

**On the Town I** All branch members are invited to experience local area museums, restaurants, and events **every second Wednesday** of each month. In October, Branch members enjoyed the National Portrait Museum. This month it's on **November 8, for an early supper in McLean, TBD**. To include your name on the email list for further information on this month's event, email **Mary Lou Melley**, [maryloumelley@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com).

**Morning Lit Group I** The Morning Literature group will meet on **Friday, November 10, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Governmental Center Conference Room, 1437 Balls Hill Road**, to discuss *The Sympathizer* by Viet Nguyen. 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.

**Bridge Group I** The bridge group will meet on **Monday, November 13, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at **Mary Ellen Weber's home, 7306 Hooking Road, McLean 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** Branch members are invited to attend **Nina Simone: Four Women**, on **Sunday, November 26, at 2:00 pm**. Attendees will meet at **McLean House between 12:30-12:45 pm for carpooling**. To RSVP, contact **Elaine Lailas** at [elailas@aol.com](mailto:elailas@aol.com), 703-779-8679 or 305-281-5787.

**Breakfast Group I** The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, November 28, 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 I November Calendar

| Sunday                                                                                                          | Monday                                                                       | Tuesday                                                                                                            | Wednesday                                                               | Thursday | Friday                                                               | Saturday |
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|                                                                                                                 |                                                                              |                                                                                                                    | 1<br><b>Branch Board Meeting,</b><br>noon-2:00 pm, <b>McLean House</b>  | 2        | 3                                                                    | 4        |
| 5                                                                                                               | 6                                                                            | 7<br><b>Current Events Group,</b><br>9:00am, <b>Star Nut Gourmet</b><br>-----<br><b>Election Day</b>               | 8<br><b>On the Town,</b><br>Time TBD, <b>Early Supper in McLean TBD</b> | 9        | 10<br><b>Morning Lit Group,</b><br>9:30 am, <b>McLean Gov Center</b> | 11       |
| 12<br><b>Honor the Suffragettes "Night of Terror",</b><br>2:00-5:00pm, <b>Workhouse Arts Center, Lorton, VA</b> | 13<br><b>Bridge Group,</b><br>10:00 am-2:00 pm, <b>Mary Lou Weber's home</b> | 14<br><b>Branch Meeting,</b><br>7:00 pm, <b>Redeemer Lutheran Church,</b><br>1545 Chain Bridge Road, <b>McLean</b> | 15                                                                      | 16       | 17                                                                   | 18       |
| 19                                                                                                              | 20                                                                           | 21                                                                                                                 | 22                                                                      | 23       | 24                                                                   | 25       |
| 26<br><b>Nina Simone: Four Women, Arena Stage, meet at McLean House,</b><br>12:30 pm                            | 27                                                                           | 28<br><b>Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant</b>                                                    | 29                                                                      | 30       |                                                                      |          |

### Save the Date!

- December 1 | Holiday Luncheon RSVP Due
- December 9 | Holiday Luncheon, River Bend Country Club



**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.**

**For membership information call  
Sue Christie  
703.241.5646  
or  
Barbara Sipe  
703.356.2385**

**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 |

**Cheryl Scott Williams (cherylswilliams@verizon.net)**



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