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AAUW of Virginia

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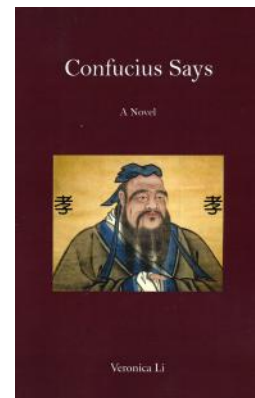
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What Does Confucius Say?

We'll find out at the November 15 branch meeting when author Veronica Li shares the story in her comic-drama novel *Confucius Says*, based on her experience caring for her elderly parents. The book explores Chinese-American culture and Confucius' philosophy on elder care and our own aging, but also universal truths that are still relevant to all of us. A serious subject, but Ms. Li reveals humor in this journey, too. Cary, the daughter in the novel, was brought up to believe that children should be ready to shed blood for their parents—the Confucian principle of filial piety. After a fair amount of bloodletting, she discovers what that ancient sage really said. To her surprise, Confucius says the first rule of filial piety is to avoid injuring ourselves. The second and third rules astonish her no less. The subject is timely because November is National Family Caregivers Month.



Bring a Friend!
Hear Veronica Li
Branch Meeting
November 15
7:00 PM
McLean Community Center



Veronica Li

Ms. Li immigrated to the U.S. from Hong Kong as a teenager and holds degrees in English and international affairs. A journalist in her first career, her second was with the World Bank in international projects. *Confucius Says* is her third book and is an Eric Hoffer Book Award finalist. “By turns hilarious and searing, mystery novel and textbook on aging, at its core this is a love story . . .” comments Vilma Seeberg, director of the China Studies Project at Kent State University. Ms. Li has spoken to other AAUW branches, which have enthusiastically recommended her to us.

Holiday Luncheon
December 10th



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Presidents' Corner

Our first 2016-17 branch meeting was held on September 25 with 55+ members and guests in attendance. It was wonderful to hear our high school and college awardees tell us how our recognition has impacted them. Their remarks inspire us to continue the hard work of holding a used book sale. And, if that was not enough, Aroona overheard a conversation between a mom and her daughter shopping at the sale. The daughter asked her mom, if she could buy a particular book. The mom replied, "Why not? Where else can you get that book for \$1 or \$2?" Comments like this make it all worthwhile.

To that goal we must find a new site for our 2017 and possibly 2018 book sale while the McLean Community Center is under renovation. Please contact us if you have any suggestions.

The AAUW National Convention will be held in Washington, D.C. on June 15-17, 2017. Money will be set aside to support branch members who want to attend. Check the national website for information. If you would like to be considered for financial reimbursement, please let us know by March 1, 2017.

Aroona and Betsy

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

From the Editors

New Newsletter Deadline the 15th of Each Month

The McLean Area Branch News is published September, November, February, April, and June. A shorter update, NewsBits, is published in October, December, January, March, and May. New deadline: 15th of the month.

We ask for your indulgence for a few months as we get into the rhythm of newsletter production. Dorothy or Fran edit submitted articles before handing the text

over to Judy for layout, so there is less leeway for slippage. In addition, Judy is working with a new software program and AAUW Branding Guide—always a time-eating process. We hope to extend the deadline once we feel more on top of things.

Please send your news as a Word attachment to Dorothy, Fran, and Judy. Photos are always welcome!

Thank you,

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Directory Updates!

Everyone should have received the directory. If you have not received yours or if you have a correction, please email or call by November 15th:

Pam Bacher

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703.281.2595 by November 15th.

After that date she will send out the corrections. Thanks.

Northern District Report

The Northern District meeting was held October 22 with 51 attendees and all branches represented except Greater Manassas. The program was, “Gender Bias in Politics: Is it Real?” The panel was excellent: Melissa Richmond, Vice President of Running Start (which collaborates with AAUW on Elect Her), and Melissa Jackowski, formerly AAUW Grass Roots Advocacy manager and now with TargetSmart, which uses data to assist candidates in their campaigns. Both young women are committed to getting more women into politics and have campaign experience (both were active in the 2008 campaign, Richmond with Mitt Romney and Jackowski with Joe Biden). They had fascinating insights into gender bias, which often comes from within the candidate herself (less confidence in her own skills and self-downplay of her achievements). Encouraging and training young women is crucial. One interesting theory is that the point at which legislatures reach 30% female members

is when the universe for women candidates expands quickly—critical mass. Another interesting fact is that due to the extensive use of data, you may see a political ad on TV and your neighbor may see a different one on the same channel—a factor both horrifying and awesome.

Shout-outs for branches were given for new members (12 for **Reston-Herndon**), filling officer positions (100% for **every branch**), fundraising (\$50,300 grossed at **McLean Area’s** book sale), three new Honorary Life members (**Peggy Stotz**, McLean Area; **Frances Campbell**, Arlington; **Diane Watts**, Mt. Vernon), and special recognition for **Anne Peabody** in the Falls Church Area Branch, who joined AAUW 75 years ago in 1941. State co-presidents Sandy Lawrence and Patsy Quick presented **Dianne Blais** with her **Legacy Circle** pin and announced **Marion Stillson** had also recently joined the **Legacy Circle**.

Legacy Circle members are those who have put AAUW in their will or trust, no matter what the amount.

Susan Burk and Caroline Pickens, Northern District Co-Representatives



Holiday

Luncheon | December 10th

Women Artists and their Washington Connections

Erin Garland, a docent at the National Museum for Women in the Arts (NMWA), will present a program about a collection of paintings from the museum, all of which have connections to the Washington area. Their stories will interest, fascinate, and even amuse you—a perfect holiday program combined with an elegant lunch in the beautifully decorated Riverbend County Club (*see lunch details and reservation form on page 10*).

Erin, a graduate of Loyola University, has been a NMWA docent for three years. Among her favorite NMWA paintings is Lilla Cabot Perry’s “Lady with a Bowl of Violets,” shown here.

AAUW is a charter member of the NMWA, made possible by member contributions when the museum was created in 1987. It is the only major museum in the world dedicated to women’s creative contributions. Those who visit the museum will see “American Association of University Women” at the top of the list of charter members on the large marble plaque at the entrance. And those of you who have been around for some years will remember Wilhelmina Cole Holladay, founder of the NMWA, speaking to our branch about the importance of building this museum to honor women artists.



Lilla Cabot Perry, *Lady with a Bowl of Violets*, c. 1910, NMWA, Gift of Wallace and Wilhelmina Holladay.

McLean Area Branch Allocations Committee Report

Kudos to All for the Success of the 47th Used Book Sale—2016! \$50,000+

The Branch's Allocations Committee met on October 20, 2016, to recommend "to the Board and the branch for approval of how funds raised for educational purposes shall be allocated: who shall be recognized in the 'Names Honored' category; oversight of the implementation of local scholarships; and to propose dollar amounts for conference and convention spending."

To begin the meeting, we familiarized ourselves with branch policies in preparation for deliberating the responsibilities of the Allocations Committee. We reviewed the four McLean Area Branch Endowments—the American and International Fellowships and the two Community Grants, with a discussion that followed regarding their stipend-producing qualities. The celebration of the Branch's 50th Year Anniversary in 2019 was discussed. This topic will be determined at a future board meeting.

Branch policies are very specific about allocation guidelines, which state that the net proceeds of the book sale shall set aside seed money for the next book sale, allocate no less than 50 percent of said proceeds to AAUW FUNDS or other AAUW 501(c)(3) entities, allocate the remaining proceeds for local scholarships and awards, and allocate monies for state and national conventions and conferences.

AAUW Funds

Of the \$20,500 to be contributed to AAUW FUNDS, the Allocations Committee recommends that we help to complete the Anne Bryant Fellowship in the amount of \$6,100. The committee also recommends contributing: \$10,000 to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), which

provides scholarships for college women to attend leadership training in Washington, D. C.; and, \$1,900 to the Public Policy Fund, which serves as an advocate at the local, state, national, and global level promoting favorable policies to break through educational and economic barriers for women. The remaining amount of \$2,500 will be earmarked in the Unrestricted category. An anonymous donor sent in a check for \$1,000, which also goes to AAUW FUNDS, in accordance with branch policy.

Local Scholarships and Awards

This year's book sale was a great success with the largest gross receipts ever—over \$50,000. Thus, the Allocations Committee recommends that each of the universities receive \$5,500 for scholarships—George Mason, Marymount, and Trinity.

To continue our recognition of High School female students for academic excellence in STEM, we will fund two \$100 awards to each of the three area public high schools—Langley, Marshall, and McLean—in the total amount of \$600. For the STEM Excellence Award, \$200 is designated for one recipient to receive a \$100 award, and the remainder to cover expenses.

Conferences and Conventions

In order to promote and encourage members' attendance at the National AAUW Convention to be held in Washington, D. C., June, 2017, the Allocations Committee recommends adding an additional \$2,200 to the monies established for this purpose.

Elaine A. Lailas and Naz Basit,
AAUW FUNDS Co-Chairs

Committee Members and Others Who Provided Input Book Sale Chairs

Marge Degnon, Carol Langelier, Marsha McMullen,
Nancy Richardson, and Betsy Schroeder

University Liaisons

Juanita Cullen, Margaret Doole, and Betsy
Reddaway

STEM Chair

Judy Page

Branch Representatives

former AAUW FUNDS Chair Peggy Stotz, Anjali
Chadha, and Caroline Pickens, branch co-
President Aroona Borpujari

Book Sale Allocations 2016 Recommendations

	2016	2015
AVAILABLE FUNDS FOR DISBURSEMENT	\$40,000*	\$34,000
AAUW FUNDS	\$20,500	\$17,000
ANNE BRYANT FELLOWSHIP	\$ 6,100	\$10,000
NCCWSL	\$10,000	—
PUBLIC POLICY FUND	\$ 1,900	—
AAUW UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	\$ 2,500	\$ 7,000
LOCAL SCHOLARSHIPS, HS AWARDS	\$19,500	\$17,000
GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,200
MARYMOUNT UNIVERSITY	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,200
TRINITY OF WASHINGTON UNIVERSITY	\$ 5,500	\$ 5,200
HIGH SCHOOL AWARDS		
LANGLEY	\$ 200	\$ 200
MARSHALL	\$ 200	\$ 200
MCLEAN	\$ 200	\$ 200
STEM EXCELLENCE AWARD	\$ 200	\$ —
CONFERENCES AND CONVENTIONS	\$ 2,200	\$ —

*To be voted upon at the November 4, 2016, McLean Area AAUW Board Meeting and at the November 15, 2016, McLean Area AAUW Branch Meeting.

Mystery Donation

Our branch received an anonymous donation of \$1000 to the book sale. It is with great appreciation and deep gratitude that we accept this very generous gift.

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International Fellow, Dr. Kamla Patel

At the September Branch meeting, an International Fellow was introduced to the audience of members and guests. We acknowledged Dr. Kamla Patel and read the letter from Gloria Blackwell, the AAUW vice-president of Fellowships and Grants.

In 1971, Dr. Patel, who had completed her PhD in India in psychology, had applied for and received an international grant from AAUW. This enabled her to come to the United States. She completed her studies at the University of Utah, where she then served on the faculty. Later she was employed by the Department of Defense. She lives in the McLean area and is appreciative of the support she received to come to this country and make it her home.



Dr. Kamla Patel, Mary Lou Melley, member McLean Area AAUW



Now is the Time! Tuesday, November 8

Election Day provides the opportunity for all citizens to make their

voices heard. This year we have a presidential election and a Congressional election.

What You Need to Know About the Incumbents

The AAUW Action Fund has produced a Congressional Voting Record for this session of Congress. AAUW scores legislators on their votes for or against or co-sponsorship of key legislation. Each legislator earns a percentage rating, although that rating does not indicate the full extent of her or his support of AAUW positions.

For Senators, the following votes are counted:

- Co-sponsorship of the Paycheck Fairness Act
- Opposition to a resolution to block regulations to protect retirement savings
- A vote to approve an amendment to update K-12 law
- A vote to support student safety on campus
- Support of federal funding of Planned Parenthood
- Support for victims of human trafficking
- WASP burial rights
- Campaign finance

The resulting Virginia Senators' scores:

- Senator Warner | 75 %
- Senator Kaine | 88%

This election, however, neither senator is up for re-election since their terms are six years.

Maybe get up early on November 8! You can be at your precinct to vote at 6 a.m. if you like; or wait until just before 7 p.m.

For our local members of the House, the following votes are counted:

- Paycheck Fairness Act
- Protection of retirement savings
- Students' civil rights
- Vouchers for private schools
- Protection against campus sexual violence
- Defund of Planned Parenthood
- Support for victims of human trafficking
- WASP burial rights
- Campaign finance reform

The resulting local Representatives' scores:

- Beyer | 100 %
- Comstock | 22 %
- Connolly | 89%

All representatives are up for reelection. If you want additional information, this record is available from AAUW and Mary Lou Melley (maryloumelley@gmail.com).

Sexual Violence

For many years AAUW and the Lobby Corps have delivered the message to Congress: support legislation that protects men and women from sexual violence on every street and in every school. Over the course of many years, our voices were heard but not accepted to any successful extent. In addition, many other organizations have been attacking the violence and intimidation that exists. Holly Kearsal's books are excellent resources. Recently there has been a 'great awakening' about this topic. More people are aware of its existence and will react, hopefully, by supporting measures to improve attitudes and actions concerning sexual violence.

Election Stress

A recent 'Top Story' from AAUW included the results of a new study by the American Psychological Association; it shows that "52 percent of surveyed Americans report that this election is a very or somewhat significant source of stress in their lives". The anxiety is bipartisan.

Conclusion

It's essential to be informed and to vote. If you have a good excuse, vote absentee at the McLean Government Center weekdays and Saturdays up to November 5.

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Be Prepared

While you're voting, you have to choose whether or not to support two questions and four referendum and bond issues.

Currently, Virginia's right to work law provides that any agreement between an employer and a labor union whereby nonmembers of the union are denied the right to work for the employer, or membership in the union is made a condition of employment or the union acquires an employment monopoly is illegal. A yes vote will place this provision into the Constitution of Virginia.

Another proposed amendment would authorize the General Assembly to enact a law

allowing a locality to exempt from taxation the real property of the surviving spouse of any law-enforcement officer, firefighter, search and rescue personnel or emergency medical services personnel who is killed in the line of duty.

You will also vote yes or no for the following:

- A 4% meals tax
- 70 percent of which would support public schools
- bonds for transportation improvement
- bonds for parks and park facilities
- bonds to finance human services facilities.

Actions Taken

Some AAUW members have been coordinating with the League of Women Voters to register voters throughout northern Virginia. They also participated in a candidate forum for District 8. It was televised in September on Channel 10.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair
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Sources include Fairfax County voter information, League of Women Voters 'What's on the Ballot', AAUW Washington Update and Action Fund.



District 8 Candidate Forum from the left | Mary Lou Melley, Pat Nelson-Douvelis, Sara Anderson (Arlington) Leslie Tourigney (Alexandria), Susan Burk (Springfield-Annandale), and Betsy

AAUW Funds Committee Announces Fellowship & Grant Recipients

2016-17 McLean Area Branch International Fellowship Recipient

HUONG NGUYEN, from Vietnam, studying at the College of William and Mary, Williamsburg, Virginia.

Her Degree and Specialization | M.B.A., Business analyst and consulting.

Her aspiration | to improve the quality of life of women through education and life-skills training.

Sponsors beside the McLean Area Branch of AAUW #1815, include | #1188—the Adelaide Stegman and #1164—the Janet McDonald International Fellowships.

2016-17 McLean Area Branch American Fellowship Recipient

MONISHA RAO, studying at the American University, Washington, DC.

Her Degree and Specialization | J.D., Criminal Law.

Her goal | to work as a prosecutor on litigating sexual assault and domestic violence cases.

Sponsors | #1376—McLean Area (VA) Branch, #4209—Falls Church Area (VA) Branch 50th Anniversary, and #1004—Bertha Sheppard Adkins.

2016-17 McLean Area 40th Anniversary Career Development Grants Recipient

SALLY SCUDDER, studying at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Her Degree and Specialization | M.S., Security studies—U.S. national security policy.

Her goal | to serve as a leader for change and collaboration in the Department of Defense.

Sponsors | #4319—McLean Area 40th Anniversary, #1207—Ohio Division/May Carlgren Bana, #1843—Utah State, #1423, Mary Owen Bass, #1842—Ruth E. Baughman, #4239—Natalie Baumash and #1631—Hayward-Castro Valley (CA) Branch.

2016-17 McLean (VA) Branch Career Development Grants Recipient

CELESTE CARANO, studying at Georgetown University, Washington, DC.

Her Degree and Specialization | M.A., Global human development. Prior to her graduate study, she worked with an education start-up for girls in Monrovia, Liberia.

Her goal | to return to work overseas on educational reform and improvements.

Sponsors | #4267 McLean (VA) Branch, #1292—Salt Lake City (UT) Branch, #1202—Lilyan Mae Alspaugh, #4134—Alice Cole, #4224—San Ramon (CA) Branch 25th Anniversary, #4105—Redlands (CA) Branch/Bernice Black Johndrew, and #1615—Berkeley (CA) Branch/Florence Noyce Wirtz.

#4319 McLean Area 40th Anniversary (2007-08)	\$75,000	RESEARCH & PROJECTS
#4267 McLean (VA) Branch (2003-04)	\$38,597.50	RESEARCH & PROJECTS
#1815 McLean Area (VA) Branch (1992-93)	\$100,675.48	INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP
#1376 McLean Area (VA) Branch (1985-86)	\$103,600.00	AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP

Note: AAUW has a Local Scholarships Program with approximately 16 states participating, including Virginia. The AAUW Fairfax City Branch offers an undergraduate scholarship up to \$2,500.00. Applicants apply directly to the respective branches or states. The AAUW National Office does not provide information; however, the website lists the states and branches with details of the specific scholarship amounts and eligibility criteria.

McLean Area Branch AAUW Funds Co-Chairs Naz Basit and Elaine A. Lailas



Holiday Luncheon

December 10 - at noon with lunch served at 1 pm

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

Guest Speaker: Erin Garland
Docent, National Museum for Women in the Arts
“Women Artists with Washington Connections”

Menu

Roasted Red Pepper Bisque

Entrée, choice of

Chicken Francoise Served with a Blend of White and Wild Rice and Vegetable Medley

or

Mahi Mahi with Pineapple Chutney Served with a Vegetable Couscous
and a Vegetable Medley

or

Asparagus Ravioli Served with Grilled Vegetables and a Pesto Cream Sauce

Pear Belle Hellene

Rolls and Butter

Coffee, Tea, and Soft Drinks

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

Connections

Current Events – Save the Dates!

Do you think you'd enjoy sharing information, opinions, and laughs with branch members? Bring some news that you find interesting to Current Events:

First Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. | November 1, December 6

Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean

Everyone is invited, but RSVP to Mary Lou Melley | maryloumelley@gmail.com

Last Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. | November 29, December 27

Eat breakfast together at the McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean

Everyone is invited, but RSVP to Suzanne Watts | scwatts1@cox.net

Morning Literature

Morning Lit will meet on Friday, November 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the McLean Community Center, to discuss *My Name is Lucy Barton*, by Elizabeth Strout. All are welcome to attend - no RSVP is required.

Reed Isbell | 703.734.3385 | reedisbell@verizon.net

Morning Bridge

The bridge group meets on the second Monday of the month. This month's meeting will be on November 14 from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. at the McLean House.

For more information, contact Barbara Carr | barbaralcarr@msn.com

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.



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 |

Marie Briones-Jones (brionesjonesm@yahoo.com) and Cheryl Scott Williams (cherylswilliams@verizon.net)

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
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 703.241.5646
 or
Barbara Sipe
 703.356.2385

November/December Calendar

Date	Time	Event	Location
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November

Tues, 1	9 a.m.	Current Events	Star Nut Gourmet
Tues, 8	All Day	Vote!	Your precinct
Mon, 14	10 a.m. to 2 p.m.	Bridge Group	McLean House
Tues, 15	7 p.m.	Branch Meeting	McLean Community Center
Fri, 18	9:30 a.m.	Lit Group	McLean Community Center
Tues, 29	9 a.m.	Breakfast	McLean Family Restaurant

December

Tues, 6	9 a.m.	Current Events	Star Nut Gourmet
Sat, 10	Noon	Holiday Luncheon	Riverbed Country Club
Tues, 27	9 a.m.	Current Events	McLean Family Restaurant



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