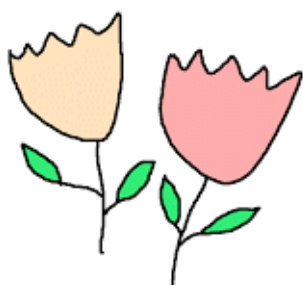


News



Spring Dinner Anne Speckhard to Discuss Her Book "Bride of ISIS"

We are delighted to have branch member *Anne Speckhard* as our speaker at our annual spring dinner.

Anne Speckhard is an adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at the Georgetown University School of Medicine and is director of the International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism. She has been working in the field of post-traumatic stress disorder since the 1980s and has had extensive experience working in Europe, the Middle East, and the former Soviet Union.

She has provided expert consultation to European and Middle Eastern governments as well as to the U.S. Department

of Defense regarding programs for the rehabilitation of individuals committed to political violence and militant jihad.

Speckhard has been a consultant to NATO, the Organization for Security and Co-operation in Europe, foreign governments and the U.S. departments of State, Defense, Justice, Homeland Security, Health and Human Services, and the CIA and FBI.

The author of seven books, she will speak to us on one of her most recent, "*Bride of ISIS*."

You won't want to miss this outstanding and knowledgeable speaker at our annual dinner to be held at 6:30 p.m. on Wednesday, May 25 at the River Bend Country Club. A reservation form is included in this newsletter. Please note, this date has changed from the one listed in the branch directory.

Margaret Doole and Diane Alden,
Co-VPs Programs

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CALLING ALL MEMBERS

Many hands make light work. There are many opportunities to not only enjoy the rewards of belonging to our wonderful organization, but to find ways to contribute to its success. Please look at the opportunities below to find the best fit for you. Ask not how your branch can serve you, but how you can serve your branch.

Branch

Newsletter editor: The newsletter is an all branch communication that

arrives in every member's email inbox once a month for 10 months during the active membership year. The McLean Area Branch has had a newsletter for most of its 47-year existence. *Pam Bacher* has been editor for more than 20 years. She is more than ready to move on. This job could be shared. Pam will teach you how to do it and be there as a backup advisor.

Please contact Pam at prbacher@verizon.net if you are curious, interested, or have questions.

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After the 19th Amendment affirming women's right to vote was ratified in 1920, suffragist leader Alice Paul introduced the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) in 1923 as the next step in bringing "equal justice under law" to all citizens. In 1972, the ERA was finally passed by Congress and sent to the states for ratification. Lacking three votes, it was never ratified. Women have been waiting a long time for equality in wages and equality as citizens. Our political process this year has proven we still have a long way to go for women to be taken seriously as equals to men. Some men seem especially concerned about wom-

President's Corner

en's looks and voice tone, access to birth control, and abortion rights. We cannot be complacent in this election. Nothing can help women more than a well-informed active group of women who speak up for women's rights. If not now, when?

Jane

Congratulations!

The following members were elected to branch offices for the 2016-17 branch year at the March branch business meeting.

Co-Presidents

Betsy Schroeder

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March business meeting

LAF Basket and Silent Auction

Thanks to the generosity of our members who donated items for the silent auction held at the March meeting and to those who bid on the items, the branch raised \$272! The money will be put in the branch's operating fund.

Thanks also to those who contributed money for the LAF basket. The total for the LAF basket was \$27. *Jane Schmiedekamp* ordered clippers and a gardening spade from Amazon for \$33.79. The difference will be Jane's donation and she has a few extra things to go in the basket. In addition, *Caroline Pickens* contributed a book for the basket.

Mary Anne Graham

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 news-

letter. Guidelines for your articles are welcome as are suggestions for the newsletter.

Please send your **articles for the May newsletter by April 20.**

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BRANCH MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Our New Members

Anne Speckhard

Anne is a research psychologist and writer, adjunct associate professor of psychiatry at Georgetown University School of Medicine and director of the International Center for the Study of Violent Extremism. She has interviewed almost 500 terrorists and will be our May dinner guest speaker.

She has three grown children, one granddaughter who is the light of her life. In her free time Anne likes to play tennis, dance, laugh, eat with friends, swim, and travel, particularly in Europe.

Edna Weitzman

Edna hails from New York City and attended Tufts University and University of Michigan obtaining degrees in mathematics. She moved to McLean three and a half months ago, but has lived in Northern Virginia for the most part since 1975. Her career began as a software engineer and morphed into a systems engineer. She is married with two adult children. Her interests include cultural events, travel, and lobby corps.

"Calling All Members"

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Book Sale

The various jobs and tasks for the book sale are described below along with contacts for more information.

Category Leaders: Go through the books that have been sorted into your category, discard unsellable books, identify higher value books, and box up the rest. This job can be done at your convenience, but completed prior to each book collection. Call or email *Betsy Schroeder* 703/209-5003 or icu43@cox.net.

We need leaders for the following categories: art (two people – have one); business/law/economics (two people – have one); hardback fiction (two people – have one); paperback fiction (two people – have one); gardening; health & fitness; military history; history (two people); how to; large print; media/journalism; hardback mystery (two people – have one); pets & animals; philosophy/religion (two people); reference; romance; travel & geography; and specially priced books (many people).

Saturday Book Collections: Help with donated items when they are dropped off at the Sun Trust bank in Vienna May 21, June 18, July 16, and Aug. 13 from 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. split into two shifts. Teen helpers do the heavy lifting. Call *Diane Alden* at 703/356-7452.

Publicity: Help with placing articles/ads in publications, manage existing customer email list, signage. Contact *Juanita Cullen* at 703/759-5112 or juanitacullen@gmail.com.

Sorting/Boxing: Come any time during bank hours to sort and box books. If you are new to this activity, contact *Wen Yi* to find out when an experienced member will be at the bank: wwyi@cox.net or 703/759-4929.

Boxes: Collect suitable boxes to store our books and bring them to the bank. Large grocery store fruit boxes and computer paper boxes are the best, but all sturdy boxes are useful.

Pricing Books: Learn how to price books. We will probably streamline the process this year. Contact *Peggy Stotz* at 703/734-8932 or pstotz@aol.com.

Processing credit/debit cards at the book sale: You will receive a tutorial/refresher on this very easy process. You need to have an iphone or ipad. Contact *Pat Nelson-Douvelis* at 703/790-1092 or gpdouvelis@aol.com.

Volunteer during the book sale: Contact *Naz Basit* 703/356-6365 or nazbasit@yahoo.com.

Subcommittee chairs: wall and table signs for MCC, set up, and clean up.

Mark Your Calendar
47th McLean AAUW Book Sale
Important Dates

Book Sale Collection Saturdays,
9 a.m. - 1:30 p.m.
May 21, June 18, July 16, August 13
Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East, Vienna

Book Sale, Sept. 16, 17, 18, 2016
McLean Community Center



AAUW State Conference Still Time To Register

You still have time to register for the 2016 AAUW VA Conference, April 15 – 17. The registration price is \$100 and you can register for the conference at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>. You can also get the form from the *Winter/Spring 2016 Vision* and follow the directions on the form to pay by check. Some of the conference events and speakers are outlined below.

AAUW of Virginia will present Kathryn C. Thornton its 2016 Woman of Achievement Award on April 16. Thornton is a former astronaut and now University of Virginia professor of aerospace engineering. The “Women Breaking Through” panel on April 17 will feature Allyson Hamlin, the quarterback of the national champion Divas who is also a homicide detective and Sheriff Stacey Ann Kincaid who is the first woman to lead the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office in its 273 year history. The third panelist is

Rear Adm. Sandy Daniels who is a naval aviator and flew specially configured research P-3 Orions worldwide for the Oceanographic Research Squadron 8.

Other speakers and workshop presenters include Ryan Burwinkel, public relations manager for AAUW, who previously worked on six political campaigns. Angela J. Hattery, a professor and director of the Women & Gender Studies Program at George Mason University. Mollie Lam is the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund senior manager and manages LAF's case support program. Rebecca Norlander's goal is to change the world for the better through technology. Christopher Ulrich has a multi-disciplined approach to educating an audience about body language and building rapport and trust.

There will be a new member reception on Saturday, April 16 for members who have joined in the past two to three years. There will be a prize drawing for first time attendees.

Susan Conklin VP for Communications
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STEMtastics *Inspiring Middle School Girls to Pursue STEM Careers*

Keynote speaker Swetha Prabakaran, a junior at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology, spoke to a capacity crowd of over 500 middle school girls and parents attending STEMtastics 2016 at NOVA-Annandale Ernst Center auditorium on Saturday, March 12, 2016. Students from 36 schools, including almost thirty McLean students from Longfellow and Cooper Middle Schools, attended the career day event designed to educate and inspire the students to consider careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). Swetha provided advice and inspiration as she described her non-profit organization “Everybody Code Now!” intended to encourage young women to consider computer science and other STEM-related activities. Following opening ceremonies, 40 female presenters from across STEM fields ran interactive breakout workshops for the students. Parents had the opportunity to attend informational workshops on resources, financing options, and supporting their daughters.

The event was sponsored by AAUW Fairfax City, McLean Area, Springfield-Annandale, and Vienna Area branches in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools and NOVA Systemic Solutions. The event was co-chaired by Suzanne Mahoney (Fairfax City) and *Judy Page*, and *Mary Lou Melley* also served on the Planning Committee and led the effort to arrange the opening session and parent workshops.

In total, 13 volunteers from our branch – including *Pam Bacher*, *Sue Christie*, *Juanita Cullen*, *Ethel Hansan*, *Amalia Iglesias*, *Sherry Joslin*, *Ginger MacEwen*, *Jane Schmiedekamp*, *Betsy Schroeder*, *Edna Weitzman*, and *Wen Yi* – supported the event both in advance and on March 12. They were part of a group of over 80 volunteers, including 60 AAUW members, eight Langley High School students, spouses, and friends who ensured the event ran smoothly. A photo gallery from the event is available at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net/stemtastics/stemtastics-2016-photo-gallery>. Branch members interested in volunteering for future STEM events should contact *Judy Page*.

Judy Page judypage@gmail.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>, 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.



Above: Judy Page, right, worked with Ida Portland, left, from Fairfax City branch to answer questions at the Information Desk.

STEMtastics



Above: Sherry Joslin (left) and Jean Feeney (Vienna Area) checked in presenters at the NOVA-Annandale Campus Ernst Center, where the opening session was held for parents and students.



Above: Mary Lou Melley, center, is shown with keynote speaker Swetha Prabakaran, second from left, her parents, and sister Sanjitha, far right, who attended the student workshops.

Below: An AAUW membership table staffed by Joan Dimengo (Fairfax City), Juanita Cullen, and Martha Nichols (Vienna Area) (left to right) was a popular stop for many parents.





Pay Gap Playoffs: NCAA Brackets

Did you know that about 40 million people filled out brackets in hopes of predicting the NCAA basketball tournament outcome?

The AAUW public policy staff looked at the bracket lineups of 64 teams before the first round of the NCAA basketball March madness tournament. AAUW guided **their** bracket picks on the **gender pay gap** between female and male graduates of the competing schools.

The message: pay discrimination continues to be a very real problem that directly affects students and their earnings.

In the men's bracket analysis, Hampton University was the only school in the entire tournament with an earnings ratio in which female grads earn more on average than male graduates— 109 cents for every dollar a male graduate earns. Two of the picked final four teams in the women's bracket, Alabama State and North Carolina A&T, were next with an earnings ratio of 99 percent and 89 percent respectively based on the male graduates' earnings. The data comes from the post-college mean earnings data of women and men, who received federal aid, 10 years after their entry to the college or university.

While there is a narrowing of the pay gap at historically black colleges or universities the pay gap has gender and racial components. Compared to a white man's earned dollar, African-American women make only 63 cents, while Latinas make just 54 cents. African-American men also face a racial pay gap when compared with the earnings of white men.

The Washington Post of March 19 had a column, 'On Leadership' that described AAUW's analysis and included an interview with Lisa Maatz. Recently Lisa Maatz testified on behalf of AAUW before the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) on a new rule that seeks to tackle the persistent gender and racial pay gap through improved data collection. From the first AAUW report on pay equity (1913) to the current efforts to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act, AAUW is committed to this issue.

April 12 is Equal Pay Day. Look for AAUW's emails and click to respond and let your voice be heard.

Congressional Voting Record Report Card Time

AAUW has published the charts and scores of legislators on their votes for or against and 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.

On the Senate side, votes were tallied on the Paycheck Fairness Act, K-12 Education, human trafficking, campaign finance, campus advisor, and Planned Parenthood. Senator Kaine's score was 83, with a no vote on campaign finance. Senator Warner was 67, with no votes for campus advisor and campaign finance. On the House side votes included those for Paycheck Fairness, Student Success Act, DC Vouchers, Campus Sexual Violence, Planned Parenthood, human trafficking, and campaign finance. Rep. Byer scored 100 percent; Rep. Comstock 14 percent, voting yes only on human trafficking; and Rep. Connolly earned 86 percent with a no vote on Campus Sexual Violence.

If you want to see more, go to the AAUW web site and/or see me for the hard copy report.

Virginia – 2016 Session Adjourned

The state has had its own Supreme Court drama. The governor had appointed Jane Roush to fill a vacancy on the Virginia Supreme Court. Republican leadership objected and the General Assembly ultimately elected Stephan McCullough for the job.

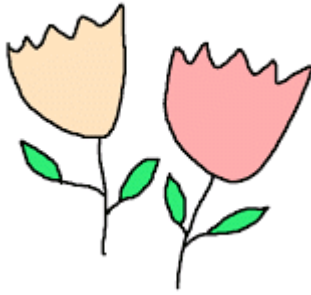
The budget includes much needed funding for Virginia's public schools and the Assembly passed a budget that includes money to increase tax credits to support economic development. The Assembly did pass a bill to keep guns out of the hands of domestic abusers.

Fairfax County – Happiness

Chairman Sharon Bulova recently writes that the General Assembly passed a new 2016-2018 biennium budget that contains very good news for Fairfax County and Fairfax County Public Schools. The budget restores about 11 million dollars for K-12 support staff for the two years. You can receive the emailed 'Bulova Byline' by emailing chairman@fairfaxcounty.gov or go to the website fairfaxcounty.gov/chairman.

Sources include: AAUW Lobby Corps Briefing, *Washington Update*, *The Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *Bulova Byline*, Rep. Rip Sullivan report.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair



AAUW McLean Area Branch Spring Dinner

Wednesday, May 25, 6:30 p.m.

Dinner served at 7:15 p.m.

River Bend Country Club

375 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA 22066

Guest Speaker: Anne Speckhard

Adjunct Associate Professor of Psychiatry, Georgetown University School of Medicine

Director, International Center for Study of Violent Extremism

Menu

Baby Arugula and Baby Greens with Sliced Strawberries and Sliced Toasted Almonds, Raspberry Dressing

Choice of Entree

Chicken Breast Stuffed with Grilled Vegetables and Herbed Goat Cheese, Burgundy-Basil Essence
Mashed Potatoes and Vegetable Du Jour

OR

Sesame Encrusted Mahi Mahi, Rice Noodles and Sliced Asparagus, Ginger Soy Reductions

OR

Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Grilled Vegetables and Light Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

Key Lime Pie

Rolls & Butter

Coffee, Tea and Soft Drink

Reservation: *(Friends, colleagues from other branches, and others are welcome!)*

Name:

Entrée Choice

1.

2.

Cost is \$44 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax) (Cash Bar is available)

Make check payable to AAUW - McLean Area Branch

Reserve by May 18: to Aroona S. Borpujari, 1225 Meyer Ct., McLean, VA22101

Connections

CURRENT EVENTS

Lots happening these days — bring your article of interest to the Current Events gathering at StarNut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean and share discussion with members. Everyone is invited, but RSVP to Dawn Schulz (portia11@verizon.net). We meet at 9 p.m. the first Tuesday of each month, April 5, May 2, and June 7.

Current Events – Breakfast

Everyone is invited to eat together at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. on the last Tuesday of the month. RSVP to Suzanne Watts (scwatts1cox.net) April 26, May 30, and June 28.

GREAT DECISIONS

The next meeting will be on Tuesday, April 19 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Connie Small. The topic, “The Future of

Kurdistan,” is found in chapter 3. Please notify Connie (703/759-8606) if you plan to attend.

Angela Ehemann

BRIDGE

The bridge group will meet on Monday, April 11, 10 a.m. at Nancy Richardson's home. Contact me at (barbaralcarr@msn.com) if you plan to attend.

Barbara Carr

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MORNING LIT

Annual Author Luncheon

The Morning Literature book group invites all AAUW members and guests to its annual Author Luncheon on Friday, April 8, 11:30 a.m., at the McLean Community Center.

The speaker will be Todd Moss, author of the thrillers *The Golden Hour* and *Minute Zero*. Moss, a senior fellow and COO at the Center for Global Development in Washington, is a former top U.S. State Department official for West Africa.

The luncheon will be catered by the Gourmet Basket, and the speaker's books will be available for sale and signing.

Reservations are required, no later than Monday, April 4. Send checks for \$30 per person (payable to Angela Ehemann) and send to Angela at 1725 Susquehannock Drive, McLean, VA 22101.

Mary de Tray and Reed Isbell

Membership Dues 2016-17

You can pay your dues for our next membership year (July 1, 2016 – June 30, 2017) online at the AAUW national website (<http://www.aauw.org>) or by sending a check payable to AAUW McLean Area Branch to *Mary Anne Graham*, branch treasurer at P.O. Box 211, Round Hill, VA 20142. Annual dues are \$75 (\$49 for national, \$15 for state, \$11 for the branch). Paid life members' dues are \$26.

Dual member (national and state paid at another branch) \$11. If you have any questions, please contact Mary Anne at 540/338-7738. If mailing a check to Mary Anne, please use the form on the right and include any changes to your information listed in the branch's directory.

Mary Anne Graham, Treasurer

What About Your Branch Directory Entry?

Updated membership information in the AAUW national database will not automatically appear in our branch directory.

So, if your entry in this year's March McLean Area Branch Membership Directory update is out of date, or incorrect, or just plain not the way you want it, you can update it for the 2016-17 directory coming out next October in a few ways.

If you mail your dues to Treasurer *Mary Anne Graham*, she will forward your updated form to me.

If you pay your dues online, use the form on the right to write your information as you want it to appear in our branch directory and mail it to me, 1442 Towlston Rd., Vienna VA 22182. You can also send your information by email to prbacher@verizon.net.

Be sure to pay your dues by July 1 so that your name will appear in the 2016-2017 McLean Area Branch Membership Directory.

Pam Bacher, Directory Editor

Membership Application/Renewal Form AAUW McLean Area Branch 2016-17

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Mobile Phone: _____

email: _____

Colleges and Degrees (1st listed goes on AAUW national record): _____

Interests: _____

Signature: _____

ANNUAL DUES payable by July 1 (Check one):

New or Renewal \$75*

Paid life members \$26

Dual Member \$75

(Nat. & state dues pd. at McLean Area Branch)

Dual Member \$11

(Nat. & state dues pd. at _____ Branch)

*Consists of \$49 for national, \$15 for state, and \$11 for branch; **\$46 of national dues is tax deductible.**

Please send check payable to AAUW McLean Area Branch to Mary Anne Graham, P.O. Box 211, Round Hill, VA 20142.

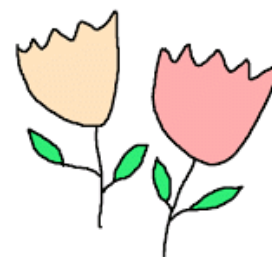
You may also pay dues online using a credit or debit card at the national AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org>.

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.

For membership information call
 Juanita Cullen
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 or
 Betsy Schroeder
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APRIL CALENDAR



Tues, 5	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star Nut Gourmet in McLean *
	1 p.m.	Board Meeting at the Community Room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road
Fri, 8	11:30 a.m.	Morning Lit Annual Author Luncheon at the McLean Community Center*
Mon, 11	10 a.m.	Bridge at Nancy Richardson's home*
Fri-Sun 15-17 AAUW VA State Conference at the Hyatt Regency Dulles*		
Tues, 19	9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions Discussion Group at Connie Small's home *
Wed, 20		Deadline for the October News
Tues, 26	9 a.m.	Current Events Breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant*

AND IN EARLY MAY

Tues, 3	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star Nut Café in McLean *
	1 p.m.	Board Meeting at the Community Room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road

* More information in this newsletter.



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