

January Program

Crime Victims: Dealing with the Press and Legal System



Karen Bune, a nationally recognized expert counsellor for victims of traumatic stress and domestic violence crimes before, during, and after their time in court rooms, is the featured speaker for the McLean Area AAUW Branch Event at 10 a.m. on Saturday, Jan. 17 at the McLean Community Center. Bune has a wealth of insight that she will share on dealing with the challenges faced by victims of crime.

Bune is an adjunct professor at George Mason University teaching victimology in the Criminal Justice Department. She serves as a consultant for the Office for Victims of Crime, U. S. Department of Justice and is a nationally recognized public speaker and trainer. She is board certified in traumatic stress and domestic violence. She received an official citation of congratulations from the Maryland General Assembly for her extraordinary public service on behalf of domestic violence victims in Prince George's County Maryland and for the cause of justice in Maryland. Bune worked in public service for 33 years and has been recognized with numerous awards. She received a master's degree (with distinction) and a Bachelor of Arts Degree (Cum Laude) from American University, Washington, D.C.

Mary Ellen Weber

STEMtastics We Need Your Support!

For the second year, we are partnering with other Northern VA AAUW branches to sponsor **STEMtastics**, a career day event designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue careers in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) fields. STEMtastics 2015 will be held on March 21, 2015, at Northern Virginia Community College in Annandale from 8:15 a.m. to noon. Female presenters will lead hands-on STEM-related workshops for students, and parents will attend informational workshops on topics such as high school resources and college financing. More information on the event, which is being planned by the McLean Area, Fairfax City, Springfield-Annandale, and Vienna Area Branches and cosponsored by Fairfax County Public Schools and SySTEMic Solutions, is available at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net/stemtastics/>.

So, how can you help support STEMtastics?

Volunteers are needed on the day of the event, March 21, to help with items such as registration, setting up breakfast, guiding presenters to their classrooms, collecting student surveys, handing out souvenirs, and so on. This year we will also be assigning one volunteer per classroom to

assist each presenter as requested and to gather information on the workshop.

We also need some volunteers to work with members of the planning committee in advance, primarily during the week prior to March 21. We will need help with making signs, arranging student materials, creating name tags, putting together the student surveys, etc.

Anyone interested in helping before or at the event should send an email to *Judy Page*, judy@page@gmail.com, and she will ensure you are contacted by our volunteer coordinator, Olga Burns from Fairfax City Branch. You can work with Olga to get matched to a volunteer position that meets your interest and availability. Please consider offering your support for this event!

Do you know a potential workshop presenter? Last year our branch provided several great leads and we will be back in touch with those presenters for this year. However, we especially need to find additional presenters in careers related to math, computer science, and engineering. Please send your ideas to *Caroline Pickens*, caroline@aaauw.com, who is coordinating the effort on student workshop presenters on behalf of the four branches involved.

Judy Page

McLean AAUW Needs YOU

The Nominating Committee has been unsuccessful to date in filling the position(s) for president and a co-vice presi-

dent for both membership and programs. Won't you please volunteer! If you have any questions or wish to volunteer, please contact a member of the committee: *Elaine Lailas* (703/779-8679), *Diane Alden* (703/356-7452), or *Mary Anne Graham*, (540/338-7738).

What's Happening this Month?

Tuesday Jan. 6:

9 a.m. Current Events

Are you interested in sharing in a discussion about current events? Come to Star*Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean on the first Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. Bring an article about your item of interest. If you plan to attend or have questions, contact *Dawn Schulz* (portiau@verizon.net).

7 p.m. Branch Board Meeting at the Mclean House

All Day, Election for Virginia Assembly 34th District

There will be an election – **January 6** – in the 34th District precincts to elect a new delegate to replace Barbara Comstock, recently elected to the U.S. Congress.

The Republican candidate, Craig Parisot, is chief executive of the Aperio International consultant group in Washington and president of the Volunteer Fairfax philanthropy group.

The Democratic candidate, Kathleen Murphy, serves on the Human Services Council, the Health Care Task Force for Fairfax County, the board for the Cystic Fibrosis Foundation, and on the McLean Community Foundation.

Friday Jan. 9:

9:30 a.m. Morning Literature

The Morning Lit group will meet at the McLean Community Center. We will discuss *Pompeii: A Novel*, by Robert Harris. All are welcome.

A winter weather note: When Fairfax County Public Schools are CLOSED all day, we will not meet. If Fairfax County Public Schools open TWO HOURS LATE, we will meet as usual.

Saturday Jan. 17:

10 a.m. Branch Event at the McLean Community Center with Speaker Karen Bune

2:30–4:30 p.m. Town Hall

It's My Voice – I will be heard

Senator Janet Howell will hold a town hall meeting at the McLean Community Center She wants your views on the issues facing Virginia as the General Assembly starts its session.

Tuesday Jan. 20:

Deadline for the February newsletter

Tuesday Jan. 27:

9 a.m. Current Events Breakfast

Everyone is invited to have breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant the last Tuesday of every month. RSVP to *Suzanne Watts* (scwatts1@cox.net).

And in February ...

The new session of Great Decisions will begin for everyone in February. The new books are available for pick up. Let me know what arrangement will work best for you. All are invited to join this group and I can provide information on how to order your book from the Foreign Policy Association.

Angela Ehemann 703/893-3578

Many thanks to all those members at the Holiday Luncheon who demonstrated wonderful generosity by donating \$785 to SHARE! This has no doubt been greatly appreciated by SHARE in helping them assist so many families during the Holiday Season.

Margie Broderick

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