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Science and Math Awards

The McLean Area Branch has partnered with counselors at McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools for the third year in a row to award Science and Math Achievement Awards to six female students finishing their junior year. This award, which is funded through our book sale proceeds, consists of a certificate and a check for \$100 for each honoree.

The awards process was managed by a committee consisting of *Margaret Hines* (Marshall HS contact), *Margie Broderick* (McLean HS contact), *Barbara Sipe* (Langley HS contact), *Peggy Stotz*, and *Judy Page* (STEM chair). Career center counselors at the schools were provided with the criteria for award eligibility from our policies and then managed the process of selecting the students.



At McLean High School left to right:
Caroline Pickens, Lauren Hassi (Math Award),
Caroline Lewis (Science Award), Peggy Stotz



At Marshall High School left to right:
Margaret Hines, Inga Schlier (Math Award),
Amelia Barberis (Science Award), Judy Page

The following students are receiving the 2016 awards:

McLean High School
Math: Lauren Hassi
Science: Caroline Lewis

Langley High School
Math: Emily Wallach
Science: Emily Stranne

Marshall High School
Math: Inga Schlier
Science: Amelia (Emma) Barberis

The awards were presented at Marshall HS by *Margaret Hines*

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President's Corner

Women in the U.S. Congress 2016

**Over 50 percent of the population;
20 percent representation**

As members of AAUW, we share a common interest in women and girls. We still want equal rights and equal pay in our United States of America. We want to see women advance in their professions. We particularly want to see women participate in the highest levels of government. Over half of the population in our country are women. In 2016, 104 (76 D, 28 R) women hold seats in the United States Congress, comprising **19.4 percent** of the 535 members; 20 women (**20 percent**) serve in the

United States Senate, and **84 women (19.3 percent)** serve in the United States House of Representatives.

Women should not be elected to office just to prove a point of fairness, but we know there are plenty of very smart, capable women who could ably serve in government. Women bring a unique viewpoint and generally advocate for issues of importance to women and girls. So are you satisfied with 20 percent representation by women in the major bodies of government in our country? If not, get involved this year.

Jane

McLean Area Branch

Hospitality Coordinator Needed

A volunteer or a couple of volunteers are needed to serve as hospitality coordinator (coordinators) for some branch meetings (2016-2017). Although there are seven branch meetings during the year,

the hospitality coordinator would be responsible for only four meetings: November, January, February, and March. The job entails recruiting two or three other members to bring refreshments and help with beverage set up. Please call *Betsy Schroeder* (703/209-5003) or *Aroona Borpujari* (703/556-9693), if you can help with one or all of the meetings.

Good News From the Editor

There is good news to report. The branch will have a new newsletter team starting with the September newsletter. *Dorothy Hassan* and *Fran Sullinger* will serve as co-copy editors and *Judy Lettes* will serve as the layout editor. This is great news for the branch because I know this team will produce a first class newsletter. More details on deadlines and submitting articles will be communicated

later this summer.

I want to take this short space to thank all of the branch officers, committee and group chairs, and other branch members who have diligently written and submitted wonderful and informative articles for the newsletter over the 20 plus years that I have been editor. It has been a privilege to be editor of our branch newsletter; I have enjoyed and benefited from the experience and hope our new newsletter team will as well.

Pam Bacher

2016 Book Sale

Making Hay While the Sun Shines!

Might McLean Branch's 47th used book sale be its last, at least for a while? If the McLean Community Center closes for renovations as scheduled, our 2017 book sale could find itself homeless. Please contact *Betsy Schroeder* (icu43@cox.net, 703/356-4352) if you're willing to help search for our next book sale site.

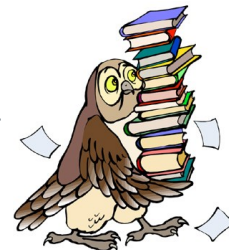
Meanwhile, let's make hay while the sun shines! Most pre-sale leadership positions are filled,* so let's sort and price books and have fun. No appointment or reservations are required. Simply start by showing up at SunTrust's Vienna East Branch third floor during banking hours on Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, Friday, and Saturday and jump right in. If you'd like, bring a friend for company in case no one else is sorting when you arrive. Bringing an empty box or two is also helpful. All instructions are posted at the sign in/out table. Not only will you enjoy wallowing in our

books, you may also buy them at a discount!

Not enough? Want more? Of course you do. This summer, *Naz Basit* (nazbasit@yahoo.com, 703/356-6365) will be recruiting and scheduling members for 'book sale weekend' duty, Sept. 16, 17, and 18. In this phase of our fundraiser, be sure to volunteer to be a cashier, hall monitor, display refresher, credit/debit card processor, sign hanger, setter-upper, or even cleaner-upper. With all hands on deck, let's make our 47th sale one for the books... a fun \$50,000 year! Now that's hay that will make the sun shine.

*There is always room and need for members who would like to learn more about our book sale workings. Please contact *Nancy Richardson* (nrichardsn@aol.com, 703/759-4789).

Nancy Richardson



BRANCH MEMBER SPOTLIGHT

Meet Our New Members

Anjali Chadha

Anjali has lived with her husband in the McLean area for over 20 years and has three grown daughters. She received her Executive MBA from George Mason University in 2000. Her work career was mainly in positions at the World Bank Group primarily in the resource management area. Since taking early retirement from the World Bank, she has accepted part time management consulting while developing new hobbies including playing bridge, going hiking, participating in a book club, learning golf, and overall being more social while embracing spirituality.

Ruth Nowjack-Raymer

Ruth retired in April following an exciting 30-year career with the National Institutes of Health where she was an epidemiologist and director of the Health Disparities Research Program for National Institute of Dental and Craniofacial Research. She has a Bachelor of Science degree from the Ohio State University, a master's degree in Public Health from the University of Michigan, and a Doctorate in Epidemiology from University College London, UK. Ruth is passionate about health care equity and social justice. She looks forward to having more time with family, traveling, reading, cross-stitching, volunteering with AAUW, and developing new interests and friendships.

Najwa Hashem

Najwa was born in Damascus, Syria and came to the United States as a teenager. She has lived in several European countries where she studied Italian and French. She returned to the U.S. for graduate work in literature at Kent State University. Najwa has three grown children and five grandchildren. She is an avid reader and travels frequently. Her family and friends are the center of her life.

Wendy Reinsel

Wendy is a new member originally from Arnold, MD and now residing in McLean for the past 16 years and in Falls Church previously for 15 years. Wendy is married and has one son Max, graduating from the University of Virginia this month, and a daughter Madeline who will be a junior at UVA in the fall. Wendy is a long time employee of Northrop Grumman and loves to cycle, hike, and do gardening all in good weather! Wendy is looking forward to working on the book drive in July and meeting lots of new people in AAUW.

Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales

Myrtle is originally from rural North Carolina; she attended University of North Carolina, Chapel Hill, with a bachelor's degree in psychology and then earned a master's degree in ethics from Washington Theological Union. Myrtle has lived in McLean for 50 years. She worked as a writer/editor, taught high school social ethics, and then retired as head of middle school at a private all-girls school. She is a community activist who has been involved in homeless shelters for women, soup kitchens, and social justice issues. Myrtle enjoys travel, hiking, reading, and her grandchildren.



Science/STEM and Equality for All

AAUW members are committed to and work for equality for girls and women, but it is sometimes a difficult journey – as noted by the still unpassed Equal Rights Amendment and the Paycheck Fairness Act. In the recent edition AAUW's *Outlook*, the leading message asks, "It's 2016, so why aren't there more women leaders?" Even though women now earn more than half of college degrees and nearly half of professional degrees in business, law, and medicine, men are more likely to be recognized and appointed as leaders. AAUW's newest research report, "*Barriers and Bias*," breaks down the facts about women's underrepresentation in positions of leadership.

Here's the good news, though: progress has been made.

First, a news flash. Redonda Miller, senior vice president of medical affairs for the Johns Hopkins Health System will assume the role of president of the Johns Hopkins Hospital on July 1. She was chosen following an extensive national search by the dean of the medical faculty and the vice president for medicine.

In addition, I personally was uplifted by my experience at the graduation of my grandson, Sam, from Virginia Tech (VT) last weekend. Let me tell you about the noted speakers and awardees – mostly women!

At the engineering department graduation the ceremony was repeated for each half of the engineering department. The award for the outstanding senior was named Lauren. Two out of the three graduates noted for 4.0 grade point records were women.

The distinguished alumna award was presented to Lori Wagner, Bachelor of Science and Doctorate in chemical engineering. During her employment she was project leader for the advanced fibers group and commercialized new hard armor products used by U.S. soldiers in Iraq. Her name appears on more than 30 patents.

Because the motto of VT is "ut prosim," and means "that I may serve," the overarching theme of the graduation speakers emphasized that value. At the larger graduation ceremony, the speaker's scholar award recipients were Marc Edwards, professor of civil engineering and Dr. Mona Hanna-Attisha, director of the Pediatric Residency program and assistant professor of pediatrics at Michigan State University.

They were chosen because each of them were uniquely involved in leading the effort to identify, prove, and respond to the presence of dangerously high levels of lead in the water in Flint Michigan. Marc Edwards, with a team of students and researchers, worked in conjunction with Flint residents and Dr. Hanna-Attisha to uncover that infamous story of lead contamination. Edwards is serving on the Governor's Coordinating Committee and Hanna-Attisha is director of the Michigan State University initiative, a public health program to research, monitor, and mitigate the impact of lead in the Flint water system. They were named to *Time* magazine's list of the world's 100 most influential people for their work.

To further my satisfaction that there is progress toward equality for women, particularly in the STEM fields, I had the chance to speak with a sophomore at VT at the recent STEMtastics that our branch supported. She told me that the school has a dormitory exclusively for women in the engineering department for their freshman year and beyond, resulting in collaboration, support and community.

That's the good news.

A Recent Supreme Court Decision

The Supreme Court opted not to answer important legal questions in *Zubik v. Burwell*, a critical case dealing with women's access to birth control. AAUW is disappointed that women who work for religious nonprofits will continue to lack clarity on their access to contraception. No matter where women work or go to school, they deserve access to health care regardless of their employer's beliefs. The court opted to send this case and other related ones back to the lower courts.

AAUW supports choice in the determination of one's reproductive life and increased access to health care and family planning services. AAUW has signed on to several amicus briefs opposing these lawsuits and supports women's right to accessible contraceptive health care.

Finally, as the summer progresses, voters must continually be informed of the candidates running for office and their platforms. Be sure your voting registration is up to date and, if you have the chance, help promote voter registration, communication about the candidates, and 'get out the vote.'

Don't forget, AAUW's volunteer lobbyists spread the word on the Hill on Thursdays until Congress goes on recess. You're invited.

Sources include commencement documents from VT, *AAUW Outlook*, and *AAUW Today*.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

McLean Area Branch Joins Federal Lobby Day

On Thursday, May 12, five McLean Area Branch members joined nineteen Lobby Corps members and staff and eight other AAUW of Virginia members to lobby on Capitol Hill regarding H.R. 448 – Women's Health Protection Act of 2015. Each guest was paired with a regular Lobby Corps member to visit six different members of Congress.

The bill currently has 128 co-sponsors, all Democrats. The purpose of the bill is to provide for equal access to women to meet their reproductive health needs regardless of their state or zip code. At the end of lobbying the group met with Congressman Don Beyer from Virginia's 8th District.

Betsy Schroeder



At Federal Lobby Day, Left to right: Raquel LiPuma, Betsy Schroeder, Erica May Scherzer, Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, Aroona Borpujari, and Congressman Don Beyer

AAUW VA Conference in Herndon What Does the AAUW Legal Advocacy FUND Do?

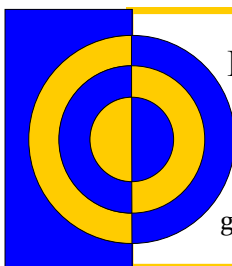
Did you ever wonder what LAF does or how people access it? At the annual AAUW Virginia State Conference those questions were answered. Requests may be submitted through the AAUW website. The LAF committee reviews the cases under consideration for support. The cases must address gender discrimination in the workplace or academia, have potential for significance beyond the individual case, i.e. set precedent for future cases, and must be filed at the state or federal court level. The litigant(s) must be willing to engage in AAUW activities such as speaking at branch meetings and allow AAUW to publicize its involvement in the case. Once AAUW accepts a case, funds will be provided to support the litigant's filing fees, transportation costs, deposition related fees, etc. It does not pay attorney fees or provide legal advice. AAUW members may accompany the litigant to court to provide moral support

and AAUW may file an amicus brief. The Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education is a case that has been adopted by LAF.

Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education

Adopted 2015 Aileen Rizo is a math consultant for the Fresno County Office of Education (FCOE) in Fresno, California. She filed suit against the FCOE under equal pay and gender discrimination laws after discovering she was paid less than her male colleague who had less experience and seniority. Knowing that the use of prior salary history is one underlying factor of the gender wage gap, Rizo challenged the FCOE's practice of basing pay exclusively on an employee's prior salary history. The case was originally filed in 2014, and Rizo is awaiting the California court's ruling on summary judgment before moving ahead toward trial.

Betsy Schroeder



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“Awards”

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and Judy Page on May 19, at Langley High School by Peggy Stotz on May 25, and at McLean HS by Caroline Pickens and Peggy Stotz on May 26.



**Langley High School students
Emily Wallach (Math Award),
Emily Stranne (Science Award)**

STEM Excellence Award Announced

Oksana Vickers and Mandy Smith, both freshmen at Langley High School, have been selected as the 2016 recipients of the branch’s STEM Excellence Award. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award is given to a female student or team from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of engineering. This year’s award recognized the work done by Oksana and Mandy on the project, “The Effect of Desalination Method on Overall Efficiency.”

Each student receives an award certificate, half of a \$100 award, and recognition at a branch event. Oksana was recognized for her contribution at the branch’s annual May

dinner on May 25 at River Bend Country Club, while Mandy will attend our fall kick-off event on Sunday, Sept. 25.

The students’ project was motivated by a critical lack of drinkable water worldwide. The purpose of their experiment was to find the most efficient method of desalination in terms of time, reduction in salinity, and water loss. The students evaluated three different methods and defined a measure of efficiency to compare the three. Their results showed that the amount of time required was the most critical factor, and as they had originally hypothesized, the method of reverse osmosis was the most efficient method of the three they analyzed.

Oksana first became interested in desalination of water through her participation in Langley’s Model United Nations club and then pursued learning about the science required for its implementation. She has won awards at the Ivy League Model United Nations Conference, as well as regional and state science fairs. Mandy has an interest in both environmental science and engineering and chose this project because it combined her interests and could help others at the same time. She has also won awards at Langley High School’s science fair and the Fairfax County regional science fair.



**STEM Excellence Award recipient
Oksana Vickers with Peggy Stotz at
the McLean Area Branch
May Dinner**

Judy Page

Looking to Get Involved with a New Activity? Join the STEMtastics Planning Committee!

STEMtastics, the annual career day event for middle school girls sponsored by four Northern VA branches together with the Fairfax County Public Schools and NOVA Systemic Solutions, is designed to educate and inspire the students to consider careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math). We will start planning STEMtastics 2017 targeted for March 11, 2017, in October. But we are getting organized now and would love to identify one or two McLean Area Branch members who would be willing to serve as members of the planning committee.

The two positions that we are especially trying to fill are (1) co-chair of the parent workshops (working to plan the sessions held throughout the morning for the parents) and (2) co-chair of the online registration process (which requires some technical skills such as the use of Excel and familiarity with downloading files or a willingness to learn). STEMtastics has received outstanding feedback from students and parents – please consider supporting this community outreach activity! To volunteer or for more information, contact me, judy.page@gmail.com, 703/847-1950.

Judy Page

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 PO 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 members (national and state paid at another branch) pay only our branch dues, \$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 this September 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, email your information to me at prbacher@verizon.net. You also can 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.

The deadline for submission of information for the directory is Aug. 15.

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> See <http://mclean-va.aauw.net/online-membership-renewal> for online renewal instructions.

MORNING LIT

The Morning Lit group will meet on Friday, June 10, at 11 a.m., at Kazan's restaurant in McLean, for our annual Book Selection Luncheon. **Reservations are required**, by emailing *Reed Isbell* no later than Monday, June 6. The price is \$30 cash, payable at the door. We will discuss and select books to read in the year beginning in September 2016.

Also, during the summer, the Morning Lit group will meet *informally* at the McLean Community Center, on Friday, July 8 and Aug. 12, at 9:30 a.m. We will select books for these sessions on June 10 at Kazan's. Bring your own coffee for the July and August meetings!

Reed Isbell and Mary de Tray

GREAT DECISIONS

We will continue to meet during the summer months. On June 21, we will meet at the home of *Marge Degnon* at 9:30 a.m. We will cover Chapter 5. Please let Marge know if you are coming.

I will send the members a reminder for the remainder of our meetings this summer.

Angela Ehemann

BRIDGE

The June bridge game will be on June 13, 10 a.m. at *Beverly George's* home. If you plan to play, Contact Barbara Carr, (barbaralcarr@msn.com).

Barbara Carr

CURRENT EVENTS

Do you think you'd enjoy sharing information, opinions, and laughs with branch members? Bring some news that you find interesting to Current Events at Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Everyone is invited, but RSVP to *Dawn Schulz* (portia11@verizon.net).

Connections

We meet the first Tuesday of the month at 9 a.m. (June 7, July 5, Aug. 2, Sept. 6)

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 (June 28, July 26, Aug. 30, and Sept. 27). Please RSVP to *Suzanne Watts* (scwatts1cox.net).

ARENA STAGERS

Come Join the Arena Stagers

The Arena Stage 2016-17 Season is listed below. This will be our fifth season going as a group. If you are interested in joining us to see some of these plays, please let me know. Some of us pick four plays, some six, and some pick eight. Once I know which plays people wish to attend, a second round or third round of dates is sent to organize carpools, etc.

Please note that we do not get the additional group discount since we wish to be able to exchange dates for tickets later on. However, Arena Stage does give us a discount, just not the group discount.

Please let me know of your interest by email: Elailas@aol.com or cell or text, 305/281-5787.

We are looking forward to a great AAUW McLean 2016/17 program year.

Arena Stage 2016/17 Season

Play #1 "*The Little Foxes*," part of the Lillian Hellman festival, Sept. 23–Oct. 30, 2016

Play #2 "*Carousel*," a gold-standard musical, Oct. 30–Dec. 24, 2016

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Arena Stage

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Play #3 **"Moby Dick,"** Nov. 18–Dec. 24, 2016

Play #4 **"Roe,"** a world-premiere drama, Jan. 12–Feb. 19, 2017

Play #5 **"Watch on the Rhine,"** part of the Lillian Hellman festival, Feb. 3–March 5, 2017

Play #6 **"Intelligence,"** a world-premiere political thriller, Feb. 24–April 2, 2017

Play #7 **"A Raisin in the Sun,"** a beloved American classic, March 31–April 30, 2017

Play #8 **"Smart People,"** an insightful comedy, April 14–May 21, 2017

Plus Exclusives:

"Born for This: The Bebe Winans Story," an inspirational musical, July 1–Aug. 28, 2016

"The Year of Magical Thinking," a poignant drama with Kathleen Turner, Oct. 7–Nov. 20, 2016

Elaine A. Lailas

SUMMER CALENDAR

June

Tues, 7	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star*Nut Café, McLean*
	1 p.m.	Joint Board Meeting in the Community Room at McLean House
Fri, 10	11 a.m.	Morning Lit Book Selection Meeting at Kazan restaurant, McLean*
Mon, 13	10 a.m.	Bridge at Beverly George's home
Sat, 18	9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Book Collection SunTrust Bank, Maple Ave. East, Vienna*
Tues, 21	9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions Meeting at Marge Degnon's home*
Tues, 28	9 a.m.	Current Events Breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant*

July

Fri. 1		Branch Annual Dues to Treasurer*
Tues. 5	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star*Nut Café, McLean*
Fri. 8	9:30 a.m.	Morning Lit Meeting (informal) at the McLean Community Cen.*
Sat, 16	9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Book Collection Sun Trust Bank, Maple Ave. East, Vienna*
Tues, 19	9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions Meeting place TBA*
Tues, 26	9 a.m.	Current Events Breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant*

August

Tues, 2	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star*Nut Café, McLean*
Fri. 12	9:30 a.m.	Morning Lit Meeting (informal) at the McLean Community Cen.*
Sat, 13	9 a.m.–1:30 p.m.	Book Collection at the Sun Trust Bank on Maple Ave. East, Vienna*
Mon, 15		Deadline to submit information for the branch directory
Tues, 16	9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions Meeting place TBA *
Tues, 30	9 a.m.	Current Events Breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant*

* *More information in this newsletter*

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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