

# NewsBits

## McLean Area Branch **AAUW of Virginia**

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# **Annual Spring**

**POTLUCK DINNER & BUSINESS MEETING** 

March 17, 2015-6 p.m. McLean Community Center

After dinner we will be treated to Judy Page telling us about her Around-the-World Adventure: 10 Countries in 24 days!

# Please share a favorite recipe

If your last name begins with A through G, bring a side dish or salad H through O, bring a dessert P through Y, bring a main dish

# And, for the **Business Meeting**

The branch will vote on the 2015-16 board of directors and a bylaws change at the March annual business Alden, Mary Anne Graham, Elaine meeting. These are described below.

#### **Nominations Committee Presents** Nominations for 2015-16 **AAUW Mclean Area Branch Board of Directors**

Co-President: Jane K. Schmiedekamp Co President: To Be Determined

**Co-Vice President Program:** Diane Alden and Margaret W. Doole

Co-Vice President Membership: Betsy Schroeder and Juanita Cullen

Branch Secretary: Margaret Hines,

Board Secretary: Linda Regan

Treasurer: Mary Anne Graham

Brief bios for each candidate are attached to this newsletter.

Nominations Committee: Diane Lailas

#### **Proposed bylaws Change**

At a November meeting, the members of the Budget and Finance Committee and the Bylaws Committee decided that there is a need to clarify the use of the term 'budget' in the bylaws. The board has voted to present the amendment to the bylaws to branch members for their approval at the March business meeting.

The full text of the bylaws change is attached to this newsletter.

# Save the Date!

## April 10 Morning Lit Announces Annual Author Luncheon

The author luncheon is set for April 10, 11:30 a.m. - 2:30 p.m. The author, Peggy Hanson, is a writer who lives in McLean and has written two murder mysteries one set in Istanbul, Deadline Istanbul, and the other in Yemen, Deadline Yemen. Peggy has lived overseas many years and has worked with the Peace Corps in Turkey, lived in Yemen and worked at the Yemen America Language Institute and as a reporter for Voice of American. Books will be available for purchase. The price for the luncheon is \$27.

#### Reservations required by April 6.

Please send checks made out to Angela Ehemann and sent to her at: 1725 Susquehannock Drive, McLean, Va. 22101.

## April 18-19 Time Is Ticking Away Until the AAUW VA Conference

The AAUW-VA Conference in Charlottesville on April 18-19 is getting close and time will be running out to get the discounted registration rate by 27 March. The conference speakers will focus on our state priorities and issues that are relevant to women and girls. Get all the information you need at

http://aauw-va.aauw.net/. Already decided to go? the registration form is attached to this email. Remember, AAUW McLean Area Branch will help with your expenses.

# Save the Date!

### Saturday, April 25 Join Around Town at a **1st Stage Matinee**

Did you know that Tyson's Corner has its own live, professional theater? 1st Stage was founded in McLean as a nonprofit enterprise and it has been nominated for nine Helen Hayes Awards. Each season, the theater offers five productions running over four weekends apiece. The seating is intimate; all seats have excellent sightlines and acoustics. The lobby boasts a gallery of curated local artists, which changes monthly.

Join us on Saturday, April 25 for the 2 p.m. matinee of "Old Wicked Songs" written by Jon Marans. This play explores personal and cultural conflicts between a stalled American piano prodigy and his new European teacher. Their only common bond is music. Will it be enough to overcome their ingrained differences?

Following the performance, the director 1:45 p.m. before the April 25 perfor-(who for this production also happens to be 1<sup>st</sup> Stage's new-this-year artistic director), Alex Levy, and the actors will lead a discussion about the play and its creation.

To buy your tickets, please call 1<sup>st</sup> stage

at (703/854-1856) or buy online at http://iststagespringhill.org then notify Nancy Mangione at

nlmangione@gmail.com by Friday, April 24. You can pick up your tickets at will call and Nancy will arrange for us all to sit together. Tickets are \$23 for seniors age 65 and over. Other adult tickets are \$28. We will meet in the theater lobby at 1524 Spring Hill Road at mance.

The theater website offers directions and further information: http://iststagespringhill.org

Nancy Mangione

# March Events

#### **Tuesday March 3:**

#### 9 a.m. Current Events

March's first Tuesday coffee and discussion will be at the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Bring an article that interests you and join the conversation. If you plan to attend RSVP to Dawn Schulz (portiau@verizon.net).

#### Monday March 9

#### 10 a.m—2p.m. Bridge

The bridge group meets at *Betsy* Schroeder's.

#### **Tuesday March 10**

11 a.m. Branch Board Meeting at Peggy Stotz's home

#### Thursday March 12

#### Noon Great Decisions

The group meets at the home of Ginger MacEwen, to discuss Chapter 2. Please let your host know that you are coming.

#### Friday March 13:

#### 9:30 a.m. Morning Literature

Morning Lit will start with coffee at 9:30 a.m. and the book discussion at 10 a.m. The meetings are held at the McLean Community Center.

The book this month is titled Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie and will be reviewed by Betsy Reddaway.

#### Sunday March 15

2-4 p.m. New Member Coffee At Betsy Shroeder's home

#### **Tuesday March 17**

#### 9:30 a.m. Great Decisions

The group meets at the home of Ange*la Ehemann*, to discuss Chapter 1. Please let your host know that you are coming.

#### 6 p.m. Branch Potluck & Annual **Business Meeting**

#### Friday March 27

Deadline for discounted AAUW VA **Conference Registration** 

#### **Tuesday March 31**

#### 9 a.m. Current Events Breakfast

McLean Family Restaurant is the venue for breakfast for any one who would like to come. We gather the last Tuesday of every month, this month March 31 at 9 a.m. RSVP to Suzanne Watts (<a href="mailto:scwattsi@cox.net">scwattsi@cox.net</a>)

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