

News

March Annual Business Meeting Program **Theatre Coming to Us... Amelia Earhart Lives!**



**Mary Ann Jung as Amelia Earhart
at the Smithsonian Institution's Air and Space Museum**

and women's rights in this fun recounting of Amelia Earhart's fascinating life" as photographer, truck driver, aviatrix, and more.

Finally, relive with Earhart the last days before her dramatic disappearance. You won't want to miss Mary Ann Jung's educational and entertaining portrayal.

Of course, all the best shows begin with a pre-performance surprise, and our show is no exception. Ann Mazur, an AAUW Fellow supported by our McLean Area Branch, is going to join us as well.

Ann is working toward a doctorate degree in English literature at the University of Virginia. She will talk with us during dinner about her area of expertise, "The 19th Century Home Theatre." Ann's dissertation "recovers the nineteenth-century phenomenon of the parlour play, a genre that became an important outlet of theatre and acting for the Victorian woman."

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And More!

All the world's a stage, including our AAUW meeting room! If you enjoy theatre, you'll love our March annual business meeting program. Award winning actress and Smithsonian scholar Mary Ann Jung, who has appeared on CNN, the Today Show, and Good Morning America, is going to perform one of her *History Alive* shows for us ... *Amelia Earhart: Dreams Take Flight*. "Soar with the spirited heroine of both aviation

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Our potluck dinner will start at 6:30 p.m. It is sure to be delicious! In order to provide some balance to the menu, we suggest that if your last name starts with A - G you bring a dessert; last names H - P bring main dishes; S - Z bring side dishes or salads.

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President's Corner

Are we at a crossroads or ... ?

The McLean Area Branch was founded in 1969. That is 45 years ago and this coming September we are scheduled to hold our 45th annual used book sale. So our 25 charter members must have been enthusiastic and hard-working from the start! Over those forty-five years we have raised hundreds of thousands of dollars from our book sales. We have raised for AAUW enough money to establish an International Fellowship, an American Fellowship, a Career Development Grant, and Research and Project Grants. Now these grants provide funds to talented young women every year. Money we have raised in recent years has been given to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, and the AAUW Public Policy Fund. We have also supported leadership development for undergraduate women through the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and Elect Her—Campus Women Win. Most recently we have increased the funds we give for local scholarships. This year three young women at local universities will each receive a scholarship in the amount of \$4,220 from our branch.

For many years branch members regularly tutored students at the Pimmit Center, an alternative high school. Through the years, quite a few young people achieved their high school degree in part because of the additional help they received from McLean Area Branch members. We were very sorry when that program was shut down a few years ago. Now we are finding new ways to reach out to schools in our area. This spring we plan to give \$100 awards to six local young women in their high school junior year who are achieving in the STEM fields (science, technology, engineering, and math). We also want to give a special award at the regional science fair.

In our branch directory you can see a description of all our activities, including Around Town, Great Decisions, Current Events, Morning Lit, and Bridge. We also have members who take part in Lobby Corps, going to congressional offices every Thursday when Congress is in session.

My point in reviewing all of the above is to say that the branch has a strong history and a strong present with 118 members, a number of interesting activities, and very interesting programs at our branch meetings. However, we are struggling to find leadership to preserve our future! We have twenty members who have served as president in the past (some for more than one term). Not surprisingly, they seem to feel that someone else should pick up the mantle of leadership. We also have twenty-two new members this year but they do not feel they are ready to serve on our board yet. That still leaves a large number of members who can be called on—but our nominating committee has called many of them to no avail. Hopefully, several of you will yet decide to step up and be candidates for board positions. In addition to needing a president and a vice-president for programs, we must also find candidates for treasurer and branch secretary. This is the moment to let us know that you care enough about our branch to pitch in and help with its leadership.

I hope that our branch is at a crossroads where we can find new opportunities and will thrive—after 45 years we still have many active members and we are finding new ways

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to be involved in our community. There are changes we could make that might make our branch stronger. We need to create more opportunities for members who work full time to participate in branch activities. If there is enough interest we could have, for example, a Great Decisions group or a Current Events discussion group that meets in the evening. Or, would holding our regular branch meetings slightly later in the evening make it possible for more working members to attend? Perhaps we could have a dining out group that meets on a regular day each month. We could create a new governance structure which requires fewer board members. But I am beginning to be afraid that instead of a crossroads, McLean Area Branch may be approaching the end of the road. Please don't let that happen! Send an e-mail or make a phone call to the branch officers with your ideas. After the potluck dinner and program on March 18, the annual meeting will give us the chance to discuss the future of our branch.

Ginger MacEwen

From the Editor

The McLean Area Branch News is published monthly, September through June, except for a single issue for December and January. Articles are due the 20th of the month preceding each issue. Articles should be in final form and identified as being for the newsletter. Guidelines for your articles are welcome as are suggestions for the newsletter.

Please send your **articles for the April News by March 20.**

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Our Destination April 4-6 is Smith Mountain Lake!

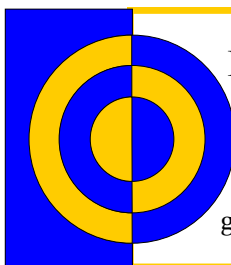
It is time to register for the 2014 AAUW of Virginia conference, which will be held April 4-6 at Smith Mountain Lake. You may register by March 15 for \$70 or after March 15 for \$80. Lodging is additional—refer to the winter/spring edition of the AAUW of Virginia *Vision* for details and a registration form. You can also link to the *Vision* and the registration form on the state website, <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>.

AAUW of Virginia Elections

Caroline Pickens, AAUW of Virginia state president, reminds us that voting for new state officers, as well as for proposed bylaws amendments and the 2014/2016 *Public Policy Priorities*, will be done online this year.

In late April or early May instructions for voting will be e-mailed to each member whose e-mail address is in the AAUW Member Services Database. Voting will be done in May.

If you want a paper ballot you must request it by contacting Mary K. Johnson no later than April 9 (703/913-9790 (johnsons7703@verizon.net; 7703 Griffin Pond Ct, Springfield, VA 22153).



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.



New Member Spotlight

Deborah De Masi

Educated in the New York City area at Seton Hall University for her Bachelor of Arts, *summa cum laude*, and at Fordham University School of Law for her Juris Doctor degree where she served on the

Law Review. For over 30 years she has been in private law practice, most recently at the law firm of Nixon Peabody LLP, with a primary focus on transactional matters. She is a professional lecturer on the law at The George Washington University Law School where she teaches international project finance.

A co-author of a book entitled, *International Project Financing*, Deborah lectures governmental officials and corporate officers on public private partnerships and project finance matters, such as raising private capital for infrastructure projects. She will be traveling to Tanzania on a teaching assignment for the Tanzania Housing Authority in March. A leading finance and project finance lawyer, she is a member of both the District of Columbia and New York Bar Associations. She is also on the board of directors of the Northeast-Midwest Institute, a nonprofit, nonpartisan research institution promoting economic development and environmental stability in the United States.

On a personal side, Deborah moved to McLean over 20 years ago. She has been married for over 30 years and has a 21 year old son who is a junior at the University of Pennsylvania. She enjoys traveling, reading, biking, and spending time at her beach house at Bethany Beach in Delaware.

Karen Walborn

I was born in Canandaigua, NY, graduated from high school in Chatham, NJ. I earned a Diploma in Nursing from a hospital affiliated school of nursing. After a few years of work, I entered the University of Virginia and earned a Bachelor of Science in nursing followed by a master's degree in nursing at Emory University, and finally a doctorate degree from George Mason University. I was able to use my knowledge and skills in the Turks and Caicos Islands as a consultant with the Pan American Health Organization and in China as a consultant with Project Hope. I practiced nursing at the bedside as well as in administrative positions. I also was on the faculty of three universities. I had a wonderful, diverse, stimulating career in nursing. My passions are kind, competent, and appropriate care for the elderly and a "good death" for each person.

For 30 years I lived primarily in McLean with my husband. However, in 2005 we chose to live in a quieter and calmer environment, so we moved to Carlisle, PA. There I served on the township planning commission for four years and The Cumberland County Advisory Board for Aging and Community Services. Currently I am a volunteer community member of a Closure Project which is educating community members to develop a plan to educate citizens of the surrounding Carlisle area about informed end of life care options.

In 2013 my husband and I purchased a condominium in Ashburn, VA at Potomac Green so I could experience fine cuisine and terrific shopping, and live closer to good friends once again. We travel between our two homes about twice per month, depending on our social life. I enjoy knitting, reading, writing, traveling, cycling, walking, socializing with friends, and jigsaw puzzles. Now that we live closer to Dulles Airport, we also serve as a stopover for our niece who lives in France.

We Get Letters

Dear Members of the McLean AAUW,

This letter gratefully acknowledges the receipt of your very generous donation as a group of \$600, including \$40 in grocery certificates plus food donations. This wonderful gift was put to immediate use in our holiday celebration and food distribution.

Your gift is making a difference to many families. All of us at SHARE truly appreciate your generosity.

Sincerely,
Roberta O. Barnes
Treasurer, SHARE Inc.



Public Policy Matters

AAUW of Virginia: Wow!!!

In conjunction with our State Lobby Day activities earlier in the month in Richmond, we dropped off a copy of our signed Equal Pay Petition in the Governor's Office. The exciting news is that Governor McAuliffe will be signing an Equal Pay Day Proclamation on April 8, 2014, at 1 p.m. in Richmond, and we can have representation at the signing event.

So that we can gauge interest in how many people are interested in attending the event, please send an e-mail me by March 21. I'll work with the governor's office to try to accommodate as many people as possible and get back in touch with further information as it becomes available.

Thank you very much.

Leslie Tourigny
AAUW of VA Public Policy VP

Letter to Public Policy Chair Mary Lou Melley

Dear Mary Lou,

This past week the major item of the 2014 session, the state budget for the next two years, took several steps forward. Governor McDonnell submitted his budget before the session began in January, and the General Assembly members had a chance to propose amendments to change specific funding items in that budget. Last Sunday, the money committees for both the House and the Senate reported out their amendments, and on Thursday, the full House and Senate debated their money committees' budgets, with a series of votes on individual items and proposed changes.

In one major respect the House and Senate budgets couldn't be more different.

The principle area of disagreement is whether to extend health care coverage to hundreds of thousands of Virginians through the expansion of the Medicaid program. The House refused to support Medicaid expansion. The House budget includes 81 million dollars to hospitals to adjust for the cost of inflation, as well as \$6 million to free clinics and community health centers.

On the Senate side, things are a little different. The Senate Budget includes a program called "Marketplace Virginia" which would help around 250,000 Virginians buy private health insurance. The Senate plan would include cost-sharing by recipients, and unemployed recipients would have to show they were looking for work. The Senate adopted the "Marketplace Virginia" proposal on a bipartisan vote of 23 to 17, while the House rejected it on almost straight party lines.

In the next step of the process, members of the two money committees will try to reconcile differences between the House and Senate bills. If they're successful, they'll report back to us in a few weeks and we'll have a budget by our scheduled adjournment date of March 8. But there's a lot to be resolved before that time.

There are several ways of keeping track of important issues:

Go to the General Assembly website where you can access the legislative information system where you can look up legislation by subject, patron, or bill number;

Link to live video of the House sessions weekdays at noon;

Link to Richmond Sunlight, an independent website that tracks introduced bills as they work their way through the legislative process. To date 1338 bills have been filed in the House for consideration in the 2014 session.

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"March Annual Business Meeting"

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Be sure to attend this humdinger of a McLean Area Branch meeting at the McLean Community Center on Tuesday, March 18 at 6:30 p.m. Potluck dinner details appear on page 1 and ride share information follows.

The McLean Community Center is located at 1234 Ingleside Avenue. Bring a friend and your questions. Need a ride to

attend? Phone *Barbara Sipe*, 703/356-2385, and she will look for a member who can give you a ride to and from the meeting.

Nancy Richardson VP Program

McLean Area Branch

Six-Month Financial Update

As required by our branch bylaws, I presented a six-month financial review to the board at the February 4, 2014, meeting for the period from July 1, 2013, through December 31, 2013. I want to share the highlights of my report here with all branch members.

Our Statement of Financial Positions shows

We have net assets of \$10,032.16 in our book sale account, compared to \$9,906.33 as of June 30, 2012. This difference of \$125.83 shows we managed our income, expenses, and allocations from the 2013 book sale to balance very closely. In addition to the net assets, we have \$13,260 set aside to fund local scholarships and high school awards (\$600).

Our fund for conferences and conventions has assets of \$4,872.47, compared to assets of \$5,639.67 as of June 30, 2012. Members are encouraged to request monies to attend events such as the AAUW of Virginia Conference on April 4-6 at Smith Mountain Lake.

We have operational net assets of \$19,605.94, compared to \$16,515.15 as of June 30, 2012. The positive difference is largely due to an improvement in our Vanguard account. The board approved moving \$6,000 into this account over the course of six months, and the net increase since June 30 (after accounting for the \$6,000) was \$2,040.

In terms of our annual budget, we find that

We have realized actual revenues from membership dues, contributions, and interest of \$1,315.02 compared to a budget of \$1,300. Additionally, we had net proceeds from the December luncheon of \$7.60.

We had unplanned revenue from our initiative to make purchases on Amazon through our website of \$518.05, which was heavily influenced by December holiday shopping. The board approved the use of the Amazon funds collected through June 30, 2014, for STEM initiatives. The branch will be asked to approve a donation of \$250 from this fund for the STEMtastics Conference at the March meeting (delayed from the February meeting that was cancelled due to bad weather).

Our year-to-date operational expenses total \$772.88, or 59 percent of the budgeted amount of \$1,300. There is no indication at this time that we will exceed our budgeted level.

Finally, we collected some outstanding revenue for the book sale in December, giving the 2013 book sale a total gross income of \$35,046.69 and a net income after expenses of \$26,641.31. This compares to the 2012 results of \$37,039.53 gross income and \$28,329.46 net income.

I would be happy to answer any questions about our financials; please feel free to call me, send me an e-mail, or ask me at a branch event.

Judy Page, 2013-2014 Treasurer

Northern District News

Northern District Representative(s) Needed

When asked to be the Northern District (ND) representative, some members have told me that I'm a tough act to follow. But I think being the ND representative is not an act, but an improvisation; an original performance that depends on its main character to bring it to life. Like any performer, my time as ND representative is winding down and will soon close. But there is another AAUW performer, waiting for her time on the stage. The stage time has particular requirements, like attending state board meetings, but many of the actions and activities are based on what the performer thinks is important and needed. There is no set script on what a district representative does. An opportunity to do it "your way" is waiting.

So be that next ND representative and **send your biography**

to me by March 20. The elections will be held at the district meeting at the AAUW VA conference.

Lobby Days

State Lobby day was an awesome experience and it was great to see so many Northern District members, even with the bad weather. (Check out the pictures at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>) **May 18 is Federal Lobby Day** and it would be great to have an even bigger turn out of ND members. You team up with Lobby Corp members; the AAUW staff does an outstanding job to prepare lobbyists to hit the halls of Congress. We also need members to open their home to members coming in from other parts of the state. More information to come.

Sandy Lawrence
Northern District Representative
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MORNING LIT

The Morning Literature book group meets at the McLean Community Center on Friday, March 14, at 9:30 a.m. to discuss *Citizens of London: The Americans Who Stood with Britain in Its Darkest, Finest Hour*, by Lynne Olson. All are welcome.

Reed Isbell

GREAT DECISIONS

Our first meetings were well attended and we are off to a good start. The video has a new format and gave an excellent presentation on the military budget and the importance of advanced technology for future conflicts.

The subject of chapter 2 is Israel and the U.S. The meeting dates are as follows: Thursday, March 13 at noon at the home of *Mary Ellen Weber* and Tuesday, March 18 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of *Anne Studner*. New members can still join the group; please let me know if you are interested.

Angela Ehemann

BRIDGE

AAUW McLean's Bridge Group is different. Interested members simply join, wait for the next game to be announced by e-mail, and then sign up to play if the

date and location suit them.

The usual game date is the second Monday of each month. Members volunteer to host, but don't need to recruit players or even fix lunch. Players bring their own sandwich, while the hostess simply supplies beverages and maybe a little something for dessert. The group plays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. Each player antes \$2; the bulk of the kitty is donated to AAUW Funds and scholarships. A few people win a little bit, but everybody has a lot of fun!

All player levels welcome. Please contact me for more information.

Nancy Richardson

CURRENT EVENTS

Please join the discussion of Current Events on Tuesday, March 4, 2014, at 9 a.m. We meet at Star*Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Bring a news clipping or item—national, state, or local—to discuss with the group. If you plan to attend or have questions, contact *Jeanette Calland* at mamerec@gmail.com or at 703/942-6201, so an accurate reservation count can be given to the restaurant. This is an informal AAUW group and all members are welcome to attend.

Jeanette Calland

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Morning Lit Special Event

In April, author Jefferson Morley will be the guest speaker at a special luncheon hosted by the Morning Literature group. Morley will discuss his book *Snow-Storm in August: Washington City, Francis Scott Key, and the Forgotten Race Riot of 1835*. Members and guests are welcome, and reservations are required. Please send checks for \$25 per person to *Angela Ehemann* by April 5 – payable to Angela.

Time and Place: Friday, April 11, 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m. at the McLean Community Center

Reed Isbell

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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MARCH CALENDAR



Tues, 4	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star Nut Café in McLean *
	7 p.m.	Board Meeting at the McLean House (6800 Fleetwood Rd., McLean) Community Room
Wed, 5		Trip to National Geographic photography exhibit *
Thurs, 13	Noon	Great Decisions Group at Mary Ellen Weber's home *
Fri, 14	9:30 a.m.	Morning Lit Meeting at the McLean Community Center *
Sat, 15		Deadline for discounted AAUW VA conference registration fee*
Tues, 18	9:30 a.m.	Great Decisions Group at Anne Studner's home *
	6:30 p.m.	Branch Annual Potluck and Business Meeting at the McLean Community Center *
Thurs, 20		Deadline for the April News

* Information inside this newsletter

AND IN EARLY APRIL

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