

### McLean Area Branch

**AAUW of Virginia** 

## News



AAUW McLean Area Branch 45th Annual Used Book Sale

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  - \* Proceeds fund scholarships and fellowships.
    - \* We restock our displays regularly.
      - \* We take credit cards.
        - \* We price to sell!

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**Book Sale Collection Flyer** 

And More!

May 2014 Volume XLIII Number 8 Branch members, please make use of these talking points and the collection flyer enclosed in this newsletter. Used book donations will be accepted at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Avenue East, Vienna from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. on the following Saturdays: May 31, June 21, July 19, and August 9.

More, please volunteer to receive books, hand out receipts/publicity, and represent McLean Area Branch on one of the above dates. Phone or e-mail *Dianne Alden* to sign up. Dianne can be reached at 703/356-7452 or at bobalden@myexcel.com. Teenagers will be available to do the heavy lifting.

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### Nominees for Co-vice President for Program Diane Alden and Sandy Sieber

Diane and Sandy have been nominated to share the branch office of vice president for program. Branch members will vote on the nominees at the May dinner.

#### Diane Alden

Diane Alden, joined our branch in 1989; has served as co-president, co-vice president for program and co-vice president for membership. For several years she has recruited members to work at book collection for the branch annual used book sale.





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n May we reach the end of our program year and the beginning of a summer of work toward our book sale. This has been a very good year for McLean Area Branch,

thanks to our outstanding board. *Nancy Richardson* has been a most creative program vice president and we have had outstanding speakers at all of our programs. Membership Vice-president *Barbara Sipe* has welcomed all our new members and has been at every branch meeting ready to greet all of us, but particularly guests and new members.

Judy Page has not only been an excellent treasurer, she has organized new STEM initiatives for our branch. Some of us still miss the tutoring program at Pimmit High School which we participated in for years until this alternative high school's programs were distributed elsewhere. The STEM projects give us a chance to get involved again with students at local schools. I look forward to more opportunities of this kind.

Our secretaries *Virginia Dobozy* and *Margie Broderick* have done a great job of recording the essentials of branch business meetings and board meetings. This is not an easy job when you have presidents who don't always run meetings in the most coherent way.

Pam Bacher has not only continued to create our membership directory and our newsletter, she has taken responsibility for keeping up our new website! Judy Page has helped with the website too. But we need to get some of our new members involved with the website and maybe help Pam with the other publications. Mary Ellen Weber has done an outstanding job of getting articles about McLean Branch activities into the local newspapers.

Our special interest groups have provided many choices of interesting activities for us. Thanks to *Nancy Richardson* who has kept our Bridge group going, *Angela Ehemann* who heads up the Great Decisions discussions on international issues, and *Mary de Tray* and

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Reed Isbell who have led the ever-popular book discussions of the Morning Literature group. Jeanette Calland, Dawn Schulz, and Suzanne Watts share responsibility for the Current Events group.

Anne Studner organized three terrific "Around Town" events. I know they were terrific because I attended all of them. I wish we had had a few more of you go with us!

Last year's Book Sale Co-chairs Betsy Reddaway and Betsy Schroeder (aka "the Betsies") ran the very successful book sale in September which enabled us to give three scholarships to women at three local universities and \$13,260 to AAUW funds. I know that almost every member helped in some way with last year's sale and I hope that we will give Nancy Richardson and her three co-chairs even better support for this year's book sale. It is good to come on book sale weekend and work a couple of shifts. But preparation for the sale goes on from May through August! Plan to help with book sorting and boxing at least a few hours each week through the summer when you are in town.

Sincere thanks to *Mary Lou Melley* who, as always, has made sure we knew what was going on with AAUW public policy issues and Lobby Corps. And to our AAUW Funds Chair *Peggy Stotz*, who guides us in the decision of how to spend the money we make at our book sale. Thanks to *Linda Regan* for being co-president with me. And three cheers for *Peggy Stotz* and *Nancy Richardson* who have stepped up to be co-presidents of McLean AAUW in 2014-2015.

Ginger MacEwen

## What Happened

## AAUW of Virginia Conference

#### Northern District (ND) Meeting

The following items were presented at the ND meeting held at the AAUW VA conference:

The Summer Leaders Session will be held on July 26 at the English Inn, 2000 Morton Dr., Charlottesville in the Queen Ann room. More details to follow, but I hope every branch sends one or two leaders/members.

The 2016 state conference will be hosted by ND branches.

Voting for state officers, bylaws, and public policy continues. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 24 and on-line voting closes May 29 at midnight. Vote and make a suffragist smile.

ND co-representatives were elected. Congratulations to Jeanne Elmore (Woodbridge) and Caroline Pickens (McLean). I have worked with them on branch and state boards and I know they will do an outstanding job as your representatives. Please congratulate them when you see them.



From Left to right: Outgoing ND Representative Sandy Lawrence and Incoming ND Co-representatives Caroline Pickens and Jeanne Elmore



#### Thank You

Thank you for your support these past four years. I've enjoyed meeting so many members and seeing/hearing about the great things ND branches are doing. You are a member of a powerful, awesome, tremendous group and it has been an honor to serve you.

Sandy Lawrence Northern District Representative

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#### **Inspirational**

s a longtime member of McLean AAUW who has served in several officer positions, I once again attended an AAUW VA State Conference to give a membership workshop on behalf of the branch. I was quite excited about the positive differences I saw at this conference at Smith Mountain Lake compared to ones I previously attended. It was definitely worth the four hour drive!

I was fortunate to have my husband with me to ease the long trip. We started out early Friday morning

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#### 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 June News by May 20.

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#### "Nominees"

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Diane is also a member of the AAUW Bennington (VT) Branch where she organized that branch's monthly book group and created the North Shire Special Interest Group which meets once a month.

Diane volunteers as reading tutor in both McLean and Manchester (VT) and worked for Kingsbury Center in Washington, D.C. as a reading tutor for about 10 years. Earlier, she worked for 17 years as legislative assistant to Virginia State Senator Clive DuVal.

Family: married for nearly 56 years to Robert Alden. They have two sons, two daughters, two grandsons, two grand-daughters, and one great grandson.

Diane wrote, "I believe that AAUW is a wonderful way to make good friends and to support women's goals and issues. I look forward to working with Sandy. Happily, with help and suggestions from branch members, we will be able to come up with meaningful and exciting programs."

#### Sandy Sieber

In the McLean Area Branch Sandy has served as board secretary, co-vice president for program, co-vice president for membership, and co-president. At the state level she served as vice president for program.

Career: Sandra retired from the Department of the Army as the first director of the Army Contracting Agency (a member of the Senior Executive Service) in 2006 after 34 years of service as a civilian with the Army and Navy. She was a member of the Army Acquisition Corps and served by presidential appointment on the Committee for Purchase from the Blind and Severely Disabled. She also previously served on the Defense Acquisition Regulations Council and as a Navy contracting officer. She is a member of the National Contract Management Association and is a certified professional contract manager. She also served for six years on a non-profit board of directors of PRS Inc. (formerly Psychiatric Rehabilitation Services).

#### "The Book Sale"

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Then, as sure as summer follows spring, sorting follows collections! Sorting Chair *Wen Yi* is looking for casual workers, for category leaders, and for people to supply boxes. All we need to do is show up. Sorting takes place on Sun Trust Bank's third floor, accessible by elevator or stairway located just inside the bank's side door. The third floor will be open to sorters whenever the bank branch is open and no other activity is scheduled: Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday, and Friday from 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m., Thursday from 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m., and Saturday from 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. If you've never sorted before, not to worry. Instructions will be posted, plus anyone who has sorted previously will be happy to mentor a newcomer. If still feeling uncertain, simply bring a friend. What a great way to recruit new members!

Guaranteed benefits? Of course, every volunteer benefits by giving time to a worthy cause while enjoying the company of like-minded women. Member volunteers also benefit by having the opportunity to buy books while sorting. Another benefit ... be a sorter and be among the first to know our 2014 used book prices!

Please be among the first, be in the know, and be involved in our McLean Area Branch signature tradition, our AAUW Annual Used Book Sale!

Thank you,
Nancy Richardson, Phyllis Krochmal,
Marge Degnon, and Carol Langelier,
Used Book Sale Co-Chairs

#### 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.



## Public Policy Matters

n this newsletter last month you learned that if all persons share in a democratic government, then there would more likely be liberty and equality for all. (Aristotle)

But in a recent article in the *Washington Post* by Stein Ringen, the writer asks, is democracy itself in decay? In Athens when democracy took hold, the people ruled themselves and Athens grew in wealth and capacity. But when privilege, corruption and mismanagement took hold, the lights went out. The writer states that in the United States and Britain, democracy is disintegrating when it should be nurtured by leadership. The governments must deliver or decay. Each of us, as 'demos', has a responsibility to 'share in the government.' So be informed and let your voice be heard.

AAUW's mission is to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research and to speak to women's needs, aspirations, and concerns across the life span. We support government agencies administering programs through effective and accountable administration, and providing for citizen participation. We advocate public discussion to ensure enlightened decision on our principles and we work to increase the number of underrepresented populations in policy and decision—making positions. Be informed; give voice to your concerns and vote.

#### The Pay Gap

On April tenth, the *New York Times* had an editorial, "The truth about the pay gap." This was fortuitous, since the AAUW Lobby Corps members that day were visiting offices of representatives, most of whom are Republican, on the Paycheck Fairness Act. The *Times* supported measures to close the pay gap by citing additional research: the Pew Research Center found that women earned 84 percent of what men earn in its study of the hourly wages of all workers, including those who work part time. The Economic Policy Institute reviewed annual hourly wages for men and women with college degrees and found that men earned on average \$33.71 per hour and women \$25.35 an hour. Also cited were studies by AAUW and the Institute for Women's

Policy Research. (Your dues and book sale revenues at work)

The House had previously voted against the Paycheck Fairness Act, but the purpose of visiting the legislators' offices was to inform them of AAUW members' position and deliver a letter by Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy. With another lobby member, I spoke with three legislative aides. We had good and pleasant conversations and their responses included the problematic 'class action suits' that would follow. One of them was candid in saying that they must go along with the 'leadership.' The previous week we visited Republican senators.

Virginia's senators supported the Paycheck Fairness Act, as did the Democratic representatives in Northern Virginia.

#### And meanwhile in 'Old Virginia'

In April the legislators return to Richmond to hold the annual 'veto session' to complete work from the regular session that ended March 8. No action is expected on Medicaid expansion and the budget. At this point there will be no plan to fund schools, colleges, local governments, and state services. The hope is the deadlock will be broken by July 1, the start of the fiscal year. The General Assembly has never failed to pass a budget by July 1. In 2006, then Gov. Kaine wanted funds for transportation that the opposing party refused, thus delaying the budget approval. The delay and uncertainty is reflected in some counties who face indeterminate funding in their budgets, including planning for needed teachers for the coming year.

Some bills that might have been controversial were passed, on storm water management and Standards of Learning testing reforms. The mental health bill was passed. It originated as a response to the stabbing and shooting tragedy in Senator Craig Deeds' family.

Opportunities to share our voice and opinions include an important primary June 10 at your local precinct if you are in the 8<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. There are ten candidates vying for the Democratic nomination to replace Jim Moran who is retiring. On April 26 (now past by print time) voters will determine the Republican candidate to oppose Democrat John Foust in the bid to replace Frank Wolfe, 10<sup>th</sup> Congressional District. In November voters will have a great opportunity to impact Congress.

Be informed, give voice to your concerns, and vote.

Sources include the *New York Times*, *Washington Post*, *Connection* newspaper.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

#### "State Conference"

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after rush hour so we had time for stops (I like antiquing). The Smith Mountain area was gorgeous and we went at the first nice weekend this year. Along the way we discovered a well done D-Day military memorial with their cherry trees in bloom! The Smith Mountain Branch had listed this and other sights to see and there was time to do this Saturday afternoon since meeting time did not go into the late hours.

The first delight was the thoughtful and extensive (yummy) reception Friday since dinner places were not close by. Then we, including husbands, were treated to an entertaining speaker (Bureau of Alcohol, Tobacco, Firearms, and Explosives officer Jesse Tate) about moonshiners in the area during prohibition in days past and current alcohol related illegal operations. The homemade "poppycock" in moonshine jars was wonderful.

Saturday was the usual business meeting and workshops, but the highlight was at Saturday night's banquet: the 2014 Woman of Achievement Award for Virginia was presented to Barbara Ryder, the only woman among 54 named professorships at Virginia Tech's College of Engineering and head of the Department of Computer Science. She is a founding member of the National Center for Women and Information Technology Pacesetters program. She talked about how she became interested in this field, her mentors, and how she is now mentoring and encouraging young women to enter the STEM fields. We learned after her selection that she is a national member of AAUW, which made it even more special. What also impressed me about her was her support of the conference program: she stayed at the conference and attended the Sunday panel on the Civil Rights Act.

Sunday featured a panel on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act and its impact on Virginia. Caroline Pickens, the outgoing state president and former branch president, put together a talented and awe-inspiring panel: Milton Rowan, chair of the History and Social Studies Department at Ferrum College; Melissa Jackowski, AAUW Public Policy staff with experience in community-level organizing as well as presidential campaign field direction; and Carla C. Whitfield, superintendent of the Booker T. Washington National Monument housed near our conference site in the former Booker T. Washington Elementary School, a segregated school for African American children 1954-1966. Caroline also talked about her experience living close to the action during those times. It was quite insightful and emotional and we were all the richer for being present.

Outgoing AAUW VA President *Caroline Pickens* and the Smith Mountain Branch set the bar high for next year's

conference. If you have never attended a state conference I urge you to consider doing so next year.

Sandy Sieber

#### Well Planned, Interesting Conference

n April 4, I set out for Smith Mountain Lake, armed with a GPS, a Google Maps printout, and a map of Virginia. After I got past the initial congestion on Route 66, all went well and it took just under four and a half hours to arrive at the W.E. Skelton 4H Conference Center. The facility was quite nice, the conference was superbly planned, and every event ran like clockwork.

At the opening session on Saturday morning the keynote address was given by Rebecca Norlander who is a Distinguished Alumna of Boston University, a member of the AAUW Board of Directors, and runs her own technology company. Quite appropriately for the current focus on STEM careers for women, Rebecca has worked throughout her career to encourage girls and women to pursue technical careers.

The business meeting had a very long agenda but *Caroline Pickens* ran it so efficiently that we were finished in record time. Then it was on to the workshops. The first workshop session I attended was "Synergy of Programming & Membership." There were four presenters, including our own *Sandy Sieber*. Each presenter shared highlights from her branch's successful programs and thoughts on how to gain and retain new members. Ideas included have programs which support the mission of AAUW, remember why you joined, think about what people are interested in, include fun events. Someone recommended *not* planning your whole year's programs in advance—leave some space for special opportunities which arise during the year. Using some of the resources on the AAUW website was also recommended several times.

The second workshop I attended was "Promoting Pay Equity and STEM." I was amazed at the number of ways branches have found to promote pay equity. Examples were to give out cookies or M&Ms with the smaller size or lesser number used to illustrate women's smaller paycheck. Many examples of STEM projects were described, with girls from elementary to high school.

Saturday evening was of course the banquet and award program. The speaker was Barbara G. Ryder who is head of the Department of Computer Science at Virginia Tech. Ryder had had a distinguished career at Bell Labs and Rutgers University before coming to Virginia Tech. She has

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#### You Are Invited!

#### AAUW Fairfax City Branch End-of-the-Year Banquet

Thursday, May 22 Noon —3 p.m.

Springfield Golf & Country Club 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield

#### Speaker: Carole Herrick

"Dolly Madison's Rescue of White House Possessions in 1814, And Other Fascinating History of War of 1812"



#### Luncheon Menu

Green Salad (Raspberry Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing) Rolls and Butter

#### Choice of

Chicken Napa with Grapes, White Wine and Butter Sauce Oven Roasted Herb Potatoes Asparagus Parmesan

or

Fillet of Salmon with Tarragon Butter Sauce Parmesan Risotto, Asparagus Parmesan

Luncheon: \$35

Cash Bar: Wine \$9 a glass

Send check for \$35 by May 15 to

Kelly Espy

5814 Spruce Grove Ct., Haymarket, VA 20129

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received numerous awards and at the banquet she was given the Woman of Achievement Award by AAUW of Virginia. She was the first woman to head a technical department at Virginia Tech and I believe she is still the only one. She gave a very interesting talk about her own career path and how she has been able to encourage other young women and minorities who are interested in pursuing technical careers.

Sunday morning was busy with the district meetings followed by a panel discussing the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act. The closing speaker at the final business session was our keynote speaker, Rebecca Norlander. This time she

spoke to us from her AAUW role and told us about some new things coming up from the national AAUW.

All in all it was a very interesting and enjoyable weekend and I met many interesting AAUW members from around the state. I hope that more McLean AAUW members will take advantage of the opportunity to go to future conferences.

Ginger MacEwen

#### MORNING LIT

The Morning Literature book group meets on Friday, May 9, at 9:30 a.m., at the McLean Community Center. The group will discuss The Lady in Gold: The Extraordinary Tale of Gustav Klimt's Masterpiece, Portrait of Adele Bloch-Bauer, by Anne-Marie O'Connor.

All are welcome.

Reed Isbell

#### GREAT DECISIONS

At our last meeting we explored the political history of Turkey and the current unrest as they work to achieve a true democracy. In May, we will cover chapter 4, Islamic Awakening.

Choose your meeting place and please respond to your hostess: May 8 at noon at the home of Judy Page; May 20 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of Angela Ehemann.

Angela Ehemann

## Connections

#### CURRENT EVENTS

Join the discussion of Current Events on Tuesday, May 6 at 9 a.m. We meet at Star\*Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Bring a news clipping or item (national, state, local, or global) to discuss with the group. If you plan to attend or have questions, contact Dawn Schulz portan@verizon.net.

And that evening we will make our way to River Bend Country Club in Great Falls for a fun and informative event with Mary Jo White, chair of the Security and Exchange Commission.

Mary Lou Melley

#### Madge Karickhoff

Long time branch member *Madge* Karickhoff passed away on April 8 of leukemia. Madge was chair of the International Hospitality special interest group 1998-2000. When her health was better she often attended special interest group and branch meetings where she greeted others with a big smile and lively conversation. She will be missed by her friends in our branch.

The following information is taken from her obituary, April 6 in the Washington Post.

She was born on August 4, 1944 in Richmond, VA and grew up in Louisa County. Madge was a former high school English teacher and received a master's degree in high school guidance and counseling from the University of Virginia.

Madge was a member of the Washington, D. C. chapter of the Women's Auxiliary of the Salvation Army, communications chair of the Arlington County Medical Alliance Wives, a member of the State Society of Virginia, a member of The Army-Navy Country Club in Arlington, and a member of the National Press Club in Washington, D.C. For 23 years, Madge went every Tuesday afternoon as a volunteer to the Little River Glenn Retirement Center in Fairfax, where she led a current events discussion group. Madge is survived by her husband of 42 years, John Karickhoff, M.D. of Fairfax, and their daughters, Julie and Maggie of Los Angeles, California.

Donations in Madge's memory may be sent to Life with Cancer Family Center 8411 Pennell St. Fairfax, VA 22031.

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research.

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For membership information call Barbara Sipe 703/356-2385

#### MAY CALENDAR



Tues, 6 9 a.m. Current Events Meeting

at the Star Nut Café in McLean \*

6:30 p.m. McLean Area Branch

Annual May Dinner at the River Bend Country Club

Thurs, 8 Noon Great Decisions Discussion Group at Judy Page's home \*

Fri, 9 9:30 a.m. Morning Lit Meeting McLean Community Center

Tues, 20 9:30 a.m. Great Decisions Discussion Group at Angela Ehemann's

home \*

Deadline for the October News

Thurs, 22 Noon Fairfax City Branch End-of-Year Banquet at the Springfield

Golf and Country Club \*

Thurs, 29 Last Day of AAUW VA online voting

Sat, 31 9 a.m.-1:30 p.m. Book Collection at the SunTrust Bank, Vienna \*

#### AND IN EARLY JUNE

Tues, 3 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

<sup>\*</sup> More information appears in this newsletter