



Annual May Dinner May 13

Bob Ryan To Be Speaker at May Dinner

Climate, Weather, the Coming Summer, and the Next 100 Years

Bob Ryan has been a Washington broadcast meteorologist since 1980 serving the Washington area longer than any other broadcast meteorologist. He was chief meteorologist with NBC4 for 30 years and before retiring in 2013, was senior meteorologist and head of digital weather strategies at ABC7.

With a Bachelor of Science in physics and a Master of Science in atmospheric science from the University at Albany, Ryan began his career in the atmospheric sciences with Arthur D. Little Inc. (ADL) in Cambridge, MA where he conducted research in cloud physics. While at ADL Ryan began to work part time as a broadcast meteorologist in Boston. Eventually his broadcast career became full time and his research career part time. He became the principal meteorologist with Channel 5, WCVB-TV in Boston, and the first meteorologist to regularly appear on the "Today Show" from 1978-1980.

Ryan initiated and supported many one of a kind programs at NBC4. One example: he created a program called "4-WINDS" (Channel 4 Weather Interactive Demonstration Schoolnet) that, with corporate partners, placed more

than 400 interactive weather stations in area schools. The project, still active, gives students a "hands on" introduction to meteorology and provides opportunities for practical applications of their science, math, and geography studies.

During his career Ryan has remained actively involved in his science. He served the American Meteorological Society (AMS) in several positions, including as its president in 1996 (the only broadcast meteorologist elected president of the AMS). Additionally, Ryan has testified before congressional committees and served on boards or committees for the National Academy of Science, National Research Council, and the National Science Foundation. He co-chairs a new AMS Committee on Effective Communication of Weather and Climate Information.

He has spoken to 100s of groups about weather, climate, and science and received numerous awards including more than 10 regional Emmys for weathercasting and the Ted Yates Emmy for outstanding service to the community. He has received the University at Albany "Distinguished Alumni Award, the Charles Franklin Brooks Award from the AMS for his outstanding service, and was one of the 1996 "Washingtonians of the Year."

From the President ...

The AAUW Virginia State Conference was very successful. Over 100 members from around the commonwealth attended. The keynote speaker was AAUW Executive Director and CEO Linda Hallman. She spoke of the positive direction AAUW is going to achieve equity for women and girls. She also explained that after the

AAUW policy and program is developed by the elected member leaders, the plan of action is developed by the professional staff at Association headquarters with the approval of the elected board of directors.

Hallman also explained the importance of the unrestricted AAUW Fund for developing new programs to meet needs as they arise. Examples of some of these programs are Elect Her,

National Conference of College Women Student Leaders, STEM, and Legal Advocacy Fund.

Be sure to vote for National officers. Directions for voting and explanations of the proposed amendments and candidates are in your latest *AAUW Outlook* magazine. It is important to have your voice heard on these issues.

Peggy

What's Happening this Month?

Tuesday, May 5

9 a.m. Current Events

Would you enjoy a discussion with branch members about current events and happenings? If so, on the first Tuesday of each month 9 a.m., bring a news article to share to Star Nut Gourmet at 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. You must RSVP to Dawn Schulz (Portiau@verizon.net).

Deadline for Reservations for the May Dinner

Friday, May 8

9:30 a.m. Morning Literature

The Morning Lit group meets at the McLean Community Center to discuss *The Divide: American Injustice in the Age of the Wealth Gap*, by Matt Taibbi. All are welcome.

Wednesday, May 13

6:30 p.m. McLean Area Branch May Dinner

The May dinner will be held at the River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls. Social time begins at 6:30 with dinner served at 7:15

Thursday, May 14

9:30 – Noon Federal Lobby Day

AAUW of Virginia members will be matched up with experienced Lobby Corps members and assigned Congressional offices to visit and to lobby about legislation.

Arrive at Capitol Hill by Metro (suggested) and join the group for a briefing on the issue at 9:30 a.m. Finish by around noon and enjoy a lunch on the 'Hill' if you desire.

Contact Mary Lou Melley (maryloumelley@gmail.com) or AAUW State Public Policy Chair Leslie Tourigny, (ltourigny@gmail.com)

Noon, Great Decisions

The group discusses chapter 4 at the home of Connie Small. Because different chapters are being covered at the

meetings, you have a chance to make up a missed topic. Please be in touch with your host.

You are welcome to sample a meeting or join the group.

Saturday, May 16

11 a. m. – 5 p.m. McLean Day

The branch needs volunteers to promote AAUW in our community on McLean Day. We will have a table under a tent and ask for only two hours of your time. Contact Marjorie Broderick by May 8 (margiebroderick@aol.com or 703/883-8027).

Tuesday, May 19

9:30 a.m. Great Decisions

The group discusses chapter 3 at the home of Anne Studner. Because different chapters are being covered at the meetings, you have a chance to make up a missed topic. Please be in touch with your host.

You are welcome to sample a meeting or join the group.

1 p.m. Board Meeting at the McLean House

Wednesday, May 20

Deadline for the June newsletter

Tuesday, May 26

9 a.m. Current Events Breakfast

All are invited to breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. the last Tuesday of the month. RSVP to Suzanne Watts (scwatts1@cox.net).

Saturday, May 30

9 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. Book Collection at the Sun Trust Bank in Vienna

And in June ...

Tuesday, June 2

9 a.m. Current Events

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