

McLean Area Branch

AAUW of Virginia

News



Liza Mundy at Holiday Luncheon

Our AAUW McLean Area Holiday Luncheon speaker, Liza Mundy will discuss the revolution underway in America since women have become the major breadwinners in the majority of homes.

Liza Mundy is a journalist and book author who has written widely for publications including *The Atlantic, TIME, The New Republic, Slate, Mother Jones, Spectator* (UK), and *The Guardian.* She is a former staff writer for *The Washington Post,* where she wrote long-form narrative articles on topics including family life, parenting, politics, science, reproductive technology, and popular culture. Her work at the *Post* won a number of

awards. Her 2012 book, The Richer Sex: How the New Majority of Female Breadwinners is Transforming Sex, Love and Family (Simon and Schuster), documents the growing number of women who are the primary earners in their households, and explores the impact of women's rising earning power and academic achievement on marriage, dating, child well-being, single parenthood, social inequality, family formation and workplace culture. The Richer Sex was named one of the top non-fiction books of 2012 by The Washington Post, and a noteworthy book by The New York Times Book Review. Her 2008 book. Michelle (Simon and Schuster), a biography of First Lady Michelle Obama, was a New York Times best-seller and has been translated into 16 languages. Her 2007 book, Everything Conceivable (Knopf), explored the impact of reproductive technology on family life and American culture, and received

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atcalls, sexual and sexist comments, following, flashing, and groping. Most women in the world have experienced unwanted sexual harassment in public spaces by strangers, or "street harassment." More than half of harassed women say it began when they were a teenager.

Holly Kearl, an author and leading advocate for stopping street harassment, will speak about this issue – and what we can all do about it – at the AAUW McLean Area November Branch Event on Tuesday, November 18 at 7 p.m. at the McLean Community Center.

Kearl is an expert on the topic of genderbased violence, including street harassment and sexual harassment in schools and on college campuses. She is the

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hings have quieted down since our successful book sale but the money we raised keeps on working. The November event speaker will be Holly Kearl who is one of the authors of AAUW's Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School. Kearl formerly managed the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF). AAUW McLean Area has been a longtime supporter of LAF, and many book sale dollars have gone from our branch to help fund important research that has addressed sexual harassment at school, in the workplace, and on the street. Come to the November event and learn about the success and continued need for support of the Legal Advocacy Fund.

November is also a month for voting. November 4 is Election Day. Two events in October helped prepare us. On October 9, AAUW McLean Area and the League of Women Voters participated in a very successful candidate "Meet and Greet" at the McLean Community Center. Over 150 people attended, including 15-20 from our branch. Thank you to all! One of

the candidates we met and greeted was Dianne Blais, former AAUW VA President. On October 18, AAUW members attending our Northern District meeting learned the ups (and downs) of electing women and running for office. Do you know that women often need to be asked to run for public office seven times before accepting?

At our branch's November 18 meeting we will elect a nominating committee to pre-

Presidents' Corner

pare a slate of officers for the March annual business meeting. This is a great branch with a long history of serving the community and particularly women and girls. Think hard about *volunteering* or stepping up the *first* time you are asked to serve on the nominating committee and/ or the branch board. You will work with a grand group of women!!

Also in November, be sure to send in your reservations for the holiday luncheon at River Bend Country Club on Saturday December 6. Invite a friend to join you. Our guest speaker will be Liza Mundy, award winning journalist and best-selling author of *Michelle*, *Everything Conceivable*, and *The Richer Sex*. Thank you program committee for another not-to-bemissed event!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving, *Peggy and Nancy*



McLean Area AAUW Branch members gather at the October 9 "Meet and Greet"

From the Editor

The McLean Area Branch *News* is published September, November, February, April, and June. A two-page update, *NewsBits*, is published in October, December, January, March, and May. Articles are due the 20th of the month preceding each issue. Articles should be in final form and identified as being for the news-

letter. Guidelines for your articles and suggestions for the newsletter are welcome.

Please send your articles for the December newsletter by November 20.

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Book Sale Facts for Book Sale Fans

es, our AAUW McLean Area Branch's 2014 Used Book Sale is over, but are any of our book sales ever far from our minds? The branch's book sale proceeds Allocation Committee will report in November and the 2014 book sale team has already begun morphing into a 2015 book sale team. Any interested member is welcome!

Here are some juicy tidbits to whet folks' appetites. Our branch's 45th used book sale grossed about \$36,500. Costs came in under budget, leaving almost \$29,000 for our Allocation Committee to distribute. Discover Books, our reselling/recycling partner, paid us \$576 for our unsold



The busy main room on Friday

books in 2013, and \$1,016 for our culled and unsold books in 2014. The branch's bridge group donated \$110. During our presale period, 29 member sorters purchased books totaling \$775. Lastly, \$11,148 in charge card income cost the sale only \$307 in fees.

Thanks to Wen Yi, Judy Page, Mary Ellen Weber, and Betsy Schroeder we also have box and volunteer counts. Overall, we offered 1,747 display boxes of books for sale and sold 49 percent. The main room sold 43 percent of its inventory, the treasures room sold 66 percent of its inventory, and the children's room sold 74 percent of its inventory. We sold 100 percent

of our media due to a last minute clearance sale that brought in \$140.

empowering women since 188

Phyllis Krochmal, Juanita Cullen, and Barbara Sipe work the information table during the book sale

Believe it or not, 46 branch volunteers spent 943 hours working at our SunTrust collection and sorting site, and 66 branch volunteers spent 701 hours working at the McLean Community Center. Branch volunteers include members, spouses, and friends. twenty students worked alongside us. What will remain a mystery, though, is how many hours the book sale co-chairs and subcommittee chairs worked while off the clock. Right now we're calling it lots, seasoned with good humor and great satisfaction. Join us!

With a huge thank you to all,

Marge Degnon, Phyllis Krochmal, Carol Langelier, and Nancy Richardson, Co- Chairs

Photos on this page by Robert Clark

Call for Nominations for State Board of Directors

Wanted: AAUW members willing to serve on our state board.

Recording Secretary: Responsible for the minutes from both board and state meetings. Files all written reports and maintains record books of state board documents and minutes.

Vice President for Finance: Collects dues, disburses funds per the board of directors, and prepares an annual budget.

Vice President for Membership and Branch

Development: Endeavors to increase and retain membership in the state by assisting branch membership chairs.

For detailed descriptions of these positions please see www.aauw.org and click "Bylaws."

Nominations must be submitted by December 1, 2014 to Julie Kause, nominating chair, jkause@embargmail,com.

Allocation Committee Report

ue to the hard work of our book sales chairs and all of our branch members who spent a considerable amount of their time and energy collecting, sorting, boxing, organizing, and selling books, we are happy to report that the book sale was a great success, raising net revenues available for allocation of \$28,900. That amount is almost \$2,400 more for allocations than we had raised in 2013.

We submit the following recommendations for consideration by the board and the branch membership.

Our branch policies require that we contribute at least one half of the net book sales proceeds to AAUW Funds. Consistent with that policy, the Allocation Committee recommends that we contribute \$14,500 to AAUW Funds, with the remaining \$14,400 to be contributed to local scholarships and high school awards, consistent with past practices.

AAUW Funds

Of the \$14,500 to be contributed to AAUW Funds, the Allocation Committee recommends that we contribute the same amount to various AAUW Funds as we did last year, but in addition, we would contribute \$1,250 to Elect Her— Campus Women Win. Our branch had contributed to Elect Her in years prior to 2013. We did not do so in 2013, because a number of our members had separately contributed to that program and we decided that an additional contribution last year was not necessary. However, this year our members have not made such contributions to Elect Her so we recommend that the excess revenues go to that program.

As indicated in the worksheet that appears on page5, we recommend contributions to the following specific AAUW Funds in the respective amounts set forth on the work sheet. We have included a comparison with similar contributions for 2013.

Eleanor Roosevelt Fund: supports AAUW research to provide analysis, data, and accurate information about issues that are important to women and girls. It also awards honors to an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls, including for classroom teaching, research, and legal and legislative work in equality matters.

Legal Advocacy Fund: Works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.

Leadership Programs Fund: supports programs that develop women's potential to lead in their schools, communities, and country.

Elect Her: The only program in the country that encourages and trains college women to run for student government and future political office.

Public Policy Fund: Advocates at the local, state, national, and global level to promote favorable policies to break through educational and economic barriers for women.

Local Scholarships and Awards:

Our increased net book sales revenues this year has also permitted us to recommend an increase in our local scholarships compared with the amount we were able to contribute in 2013. This year we recommend that we contribute a total of \$13,800 to local scholarships (compared to a total of \$12,660 in 2013), with each of George Mason University, Trinity of Washington University, and Marymount University receiving \$4,600. We further recommend that we contribute a total of \$600 to be used to fund awards to local high schools, with each of Langley, Marshall, and McLean receiving \$200, comparable with our contribution in 2013.

Conferences and Conventions:

In some past years, we have used a portion of the book sales revenues to fund conferences and conventions. The Allocation Committee believes that attendance at conferences and conventions is an important part of our branch's standing with AAUW. However, our branch has previously set aside \$4,000 for conferences and conventions. The Allocation Committee decided that because of the high cost of education and the need to fund the various programs that support the development of young women and young women leaders we would not recommend an additional amount to the budget to fund conferences and conventions. However, we do recommend that if additional moneys are needed to permit our members to attend conferences and conventions in the 2014-2015 fiscal year that the board and membership authorize the branch to provide such funds from its operating budget. This reallocation of operating funds is consistent with prior practices.

The Funds that Keep on Giving

Finally, although it is not a formal part of the Allocations Committee report, we wanted to mention that in addition to funding various programs from our book sales proceeds this year, fellowships and grants endowed by the branch in the past provide ongoing financial support to individuals and organizations.

McLean Area Branch Fellowships yield \$18,000 each!

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Allocations Committee 2014 Recommendations (Continued from page 4)			
	2014	2013	You read that correctly! The McLean Area (VA) Branch American Fellow- ship (#1376) and the McLean Area
Available Funds for Disbursement	\$28,900	\$26,520	(VA) Branch International Fellowship (#1815) each yielded \$18,000 to the
Allocation of Available Funds			recipient.
Alloca-			A Community Action Grant, (#4267)
tion of Available			and the #4319 McLean Area 40th An-
Funds Category			niversary Grant (#4319) together yielded \$7,000.
AAUW Funds	\$14,500	\$13,260	V 1.1
Eleanor Roosevelt			You can read about some of the 2013- 2014 and 2014-2015 recipients and the
Fund	\$3,000	\$3,000	wonderful things they are accomplish-
Legal Advocacy Fund	\$2,000	\$2,000	ing in the September McLean Area
Leadership and Training Institute Leader-			Branch newsletter. Look for more
ship and			information in future newsletters.
Training			
Institute Conference (NCCWSL)X			The branch members' dedication to
Scholarships	\$7,000	\$7,000	AAUW's mission in establishing these
Elect Her	\$1,250		fellowships and grants will yield funds in perpetuity. Congratulations!
Public Policy Fund	\$1,250	\$1,260	in perpetuity. Congratulations:
			Deborah DeMasi and Elaine A. Lailas, AAUW Funds Co-Chairs
Local Scholarships	\$14,400	\$13,260	The members of the committee and
George Mason University	\$4,600	\$4,220	others who provided input include
Trinity of Washington University	\$4,600	\$4,220	Book Sales Chairs— Marge Degnon,
Marymount University	\$4,600	\$4,220	Phyllis Krochmal, Carol Langelier,
High School Awards			Nancy Richardson; University Liaisons — Juanita Cullen, Rahn Kim, Betsy
Langley	\$200	\$200	Reddaway; STEM Chair — Judy Page;
Marshall	\$200	\$200	branch representatives— <i>Aroona</i>
McLean	\$200	\$200	Borpujari, Bettie Clark, Mary Anne Graham; former AAUW Funds Chair—
Conferences and Conventions			Peggy Stotz.
Total	\$28,900	\$26,520	reggy stotz.

Branch members greet local scholarship recipients at September 28 branch event.



Tooba Khan, GMU recipient, with Mary Lou Melley, Rahn Kim (left) and Peggy Stotz (right)



Monica McCall Matey, Trinity University recipient with Nancy Richarson (left) and Sandy Sieber (right)

Photos provided by Rahn Kim

"Liza Mundy"

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the 2008 Science in Society Award from the National Association of Science Writers, as the best book on a science topic written for a general audience. A Washington Post article on a deaf couple who used reproductive technology to conceive a deaf child was selected by Oliver Sacks for inclusion in Best American Science Writing 2003. She has spoken widely about her work, including in Japan, Denmark, France, Australia, and Brazil. Her June 2013 cover story in The Atlantic presented social science findings about the ways in which same-sex marriages may be stronger and happier than heterosexual ones, and explored what straight couples can learn from gay ones. She has appeared on numerous television and radio shows.

She is one of the foremost journalists writing on family, gender and work

issues. New America's Work and Family Program, which she directs, seeks to reframe the conversation to reflect the enormous changes that have taken place within families, workplaces, and the lives of men and women during the past several decades. The program seeks to vigorously explore the new challenges confronting workers, children, students, parents, and families; describe the strengths and stresses of life in 21st century America; and push past ideology to construct a vision for how we as a society can better enable men and women to fulfill the quintessential human endeavors of breadwinning and caregiving. She has a Bachelor of Arts from Princeton University and a Master of Arts in English literature from the University of Virginia. She lives in Arlington, Virginia, with her husband and two children. At various points she has worked full-time, part-time, all-night, at home, in the office, remotely, in per-

son, on trains, in the car, alone, with other people, in dangerous places, under duress, and while simultaneously making dinner.

The McLean Area Branch Holiday Luncheon will be held Saturday, December 6, Noon, with lunch served at 1 p.m., at the River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls. The reservation form is on page 9 of this newsletter. Come and enjoy a fascinating speaker, good company, and good food. Oh yes, and bring some friends. See you there.

Information in the above article on Liza Munday was taken from the New America Foundation website: www.newamerica.org.

Mary Ellen Weber, Publicity Chair

"Holly Kearl"

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founder of the nonprofit organization Stop Street Harassment and a consultant for organizations like the United Nations, the State Department, One World Education, and Change in our Lifetime.

She also works as a part-time facilitator for the Op-Ed Project's Public Voices Fellowship at Northwestern University, and an adjunct professor of women's studies at George Mason University in Fairfax, Virginia.

Tired of strange men whistling and honking at her, calling out to her, following her, and grabbing her when she was alone in public, Holly wrote her master's thesis in 2007 at George Washington University on gender-based street harassment and how women were using online websites to combat it.

She has authored two books, * 50 Stories about Stopping Street Harassers (2013) and *Stop Street Harassment: Making Public Places Safe and Welcoming for Women (2010) and two national studies, Unsafe and Harassed in Public Spaces: A National Street Harassment Report (2014) and Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment in Schools (2011) (published by AAUW).

Kearl received a master's degree in public policy and women's studies from George Washington University and bachelor's degrees in history and women's studies from Santa Clara University.

*Books will be available at the event.

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Holly Kearl

Sandy Sieber, Co-VP Program

Something New About You?

If your address, phone number, or email address has changed, please add us to that long list of friends you need to inform. Just email or mail the changes to *Pam Bacher*, prbacher@verizon.net; or 1442 Towlston Rd., Vienna, VA 22182. Thank you (in advance) for helping us keep our branch member information current and correct.



College Sexual Assaults

headline on the front page of the October 20th Washington Post

reported, "U.S. Probes into College Sex Assaults Rise Sharply." In May, the

U. S. Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights (OCR) released the first public list of colleges and universities under scrutiny for possible violations of federal law in their responses to sexual violence allegations. At the time, 59 cases were pending at 55 schools. As of the week of October 20, 89 cases are pending at 85 schools. More students are turning to OCR for help as they become aware that the government is willing to intervene to guarantee fair treatment.

Here's where AAUW fits in. In 2013, with the help of the lobbying efforts of AAUW, its Lobby Corps, as well as many other organizations, Congress reauthorized the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act and included provisions to improve campus safety. Many provisions were taken from a piece of legislation called the Campus SaVE Act. Under Campus SaVE, schools are required to report additional crime statistics (on domestic violence, dating violence, and stalking), update their policies regarding procedures after an instance of sexual violence, and provide prevention and bystander-intervention training. These new requirements are in addition to the longstanding obligations under Title IX and the Clery Act.

In 2011, the U.S. Department of Education issued guidance to the colleges and universities under Title IX. It requires them to define sex discrimination and publish a policy, distribute procedures for students to file complaints, and appoint a Title IX coordinator to oversee activities and complaints and to deal with systemic problems.

Investigations may begin either through a complaint from an individual or through a government decision to examine records and policies.

As for compliance and enforcement, much of OCR's power stems from its authority to halt federal funding to colleges found to be in violation of the law. The agency, however, has never had to take that step.

AAUW Action Fund's Congressional Voting Record

Hot off the presses, this document is available in hard copy and online at AAUW.org. Important? Yes. Take a look at voting records and co-sponsorship of legislation of your member of Congress on issues important to AAUW. Each is given a percent rating, the higher the better.

On the Senate side, the listed ten votes include a budget resolution that would have replaced harmful sequestration cuts with responsible deficit reduction. Although it passed in the Senate it differed significantly from the House budget. Other votes

recorded include the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Minimum Wage Fairness Act, the Employment Non-discrimination Act, and the Violence against Women Reauthorization Act, as well as a private school voucher bill.

Our Virginia Senators, Mark Warner and Tim Kaine, each earned a 90 percent score, lacking only the co-sponsorship of the High School Data Collection Act, in support of Title IX.

On the House side, the nine votes include the budget resolution, the Paycheck Fairness Act, Working Families Flexibility Act, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, a commission to study the potential creation of a national women's history museum, and the High School Data Transparency Act/co-sponsorship.

Of our local Representatives, Jim Moran and Gerry Connolly each scored 100 percent, while Frank Wolf's score was 33 percent. He voted to support only to reopen the Government and the Workforce Innovation and Opportunity Act.

Planning Ahead

The League of Women Voters of Virginia is holding a pre-session Women's Legislative Round Table in Richmond on Wednesday December 3. The agenda includes Legislation in the 2015 General Assembly and election management.

AAUW will hold its annual Lobby Corps Open House in November, date to be announced.

Sources include *The Washington Post*, AAUW website, and the *AAUW*

Action Fund's Congressional Voting Record.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

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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.

CURRENT EVENTS

Are you interested in sharing in a discussion about current events? Come to Star*Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean on the first Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. This month it's November 4 – Election Day! Bring an article about your item of interest. If you plan to attend or have questions, contact *Dawn Schulz* (portau@verizon.net).

Mary Lou Melley

MORNING LIT

The Morning Lit group meets at the McLean Community Center on Friday, November 14, at 9:30 a.m. We will discuss *Founding Gardeners*, by Andrea Wolf. All are welcome.

Reed Isbell

GREAT DECISIONS

The last meeting for this session will be held at the home of *Betsy Reddaway* on November 13 at noon. Please let Betsy know if you plan to attend (703/448-9195, pbreddaway@verizon.net). The books have been ordered for next year and the meetings will begin in February.

Angela Ehemann

BRIDGE

It's in the Cards

AAUW McLean's bridge group is different. Interested members simply join, wait for the next game to be announced by email, and then sign up to play if the date and location suit them. The usual game

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date is the second Monday of each month and the group plays from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. 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. 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.

Barbara Carr <u>barbaralcarr@msn.com</u> 703/356-3127

ARENA STAGE

After attending a wonderful Arena Stage production of "Shoplifters" in October, the McLean Area Branch Arena Stage special interest group looks forward to attending the future performances on our schedule. Please note, all days and times are Sundays at 2 p.m.

"Our War" November 2:

"Fiddler on the Roof" November 16 or December 14;

"5 Guys Named Moe" December 7

"Baskerville: A Sherlock Holmes Mystery" February 1; and

"Vanya and Sonya and Masha and Spike" April 26.

If you would like to join the subscribers to one or two shows, please call or email me.

Elaine Lailas, 703/779-8679, Elailas@aol.com

Cyril Leland

We are saddened to write that long-time branch member *Cyril Leland* passed away in September. She had been a dedicated member for over 40 years, helped at many book sales, and was active in the Current Events group. We enjoyed her company for many years and will miss her very much.

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AAUW McLean Area Branch Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 6—At Noon with lunch served at 1 p.m. River Bend Country Club 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA

Guest Speaker Liza Mundy, Author and Journalist

Lunch

Salad

Regency Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Choice of Entree:

Honey Lemongrass and Ginger Glazed Chicken Brochette Served with Couscous and Vegetable Medley

Pecan Encrusted Salmon with Sundried Tomato Pesto Sauce Served with Steamed Basmati Rice and Vegetable Medley

Wild Mushroom Ravioli with Grilled Vegetables and a Light Roasted Red Pepper Sauce

Dessert

Warm Apple-pie with Vanilla Ice Cream

Rolls & Butter Coffee, Tea and Soft Drink

Reservation: (Friends, colleagues from other branches, and others are welcome!)		
Name:	_ Entrée Choice	
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Cost is \$33 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax):

Deadline for Reservations November 25: Make check payable to AAUW - McLean Area Branch Send to Aroona S. Borpujari, 1225 Meyer Ct., McLean, and VA 22101

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 Barbara Sipe 703/356-2385 Or Betsy Schroeder 703/356-4352

NOVEMBER CALENDAR



AND IN EARLY DECEMBER

Tues, 2 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