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 (Continued on page 6)

November Branch Event Features Noted Author and Activist – Holly Kearl

Catcalls, 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 gender-based violence, including street harassment and sexual harassment in schools and on college campuses. She is the (Continued on page 6)
Things 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 prepare 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-be-missed event!

Wishing everyone a Happy Thanksgiving,
Peggy and Nancy

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 newsletter. 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

Yes, 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 books in 2013, and $1,016 for our culled and unsold books in 2014. The branch’s bridge group donated $110. During our pre-sale 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.

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@embarqmail.com.
Allocation Committee Report

Due 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 page 5, we recommend contributions to the following specific AAUW Funds in the respective amounts set forth on the worksheet. 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 monies 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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You read that correctly! The McLean Area (VA) Branch American Fellowship (#1376) and the McLean Area (VA) Branch International Fellowship (#1815) each yielded $18,000 to the recipient.

A Community Action Grant, (#4267) and the #4319 McLean Area 40th Anniversary Grant (#4319) together yielded $7,000.

You can read about some of the 2013-2014 and 2014-2015 recipients and the wonderful things they are accomplishing in the September McLean Area Branch newsletter. Look for more information in future newsletters.

The branch members' dedication to AAUW's mission in establishing these fellowships and grants will yield funds in perpetuity. Congratulations!

Deborah DeMasi and Elaine A. Lailas, AAUW Funds Co-Chairs

The members of the committee and others who provided input include Book Sales Chairs—Marge Degnon, Phyllis Krochmal, Carol Langelier, Nancy Richardson; University Liaisons—Juanita Cullen, Rahn Kim, Betsy Reddaway; STEM Chair—Judy Page; branch representatives—Aroona Borpujari, Bettie Clark, Mary Anne Graham; former AAUW Funds Chair—Peggy Stotz.

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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 Richardson (left) and Sandy Sieber (right)

Photos provided by Rahn Kim
“Holly Kearl” (Continued from page 1)

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, 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.


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.

Sandy Sieber, Co-VP Program

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**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

A 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 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

If You Shop at Amazon for the Holidays …

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 (portia11@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 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
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**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

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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.
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!)

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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

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