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November Program

Spotlight on the McLean Symphony and Local Talent

Dingwall Fleary, conductor and music director of The McLean Symphony and the Reston Community Orchestra, will be our speaker at the branch meeting at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, Nov. 17 at the McLean Community Center.

An accomplished pianist, he has performed in chamber music ensembles around the world and is well known throughout the greater Washington, DC area. He has received numerous honors for his musical leadership and awards from prestigious professional organizations. In 1976 Maestro Fleary was the first person to receive the

McLean Community Center Arts Award presented by the McLean Citizens' Association.

At our meeting, he will present an overview of the history of The McLean Symphony, its mission, its on-going support of youth and education, and its achievements as it enters its 44th year as the community's only all-volunteer orchestra.

Maestro Fleary will be joined by fourth grade violinist Serenna Semomsen, citing her as an example of the exceptional talent he has discovered among the

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Holiday Luncheon Speaker

"You Go, Girl"

Gary Lloyd, award-winning storyteller and two-term president of the Virginia Storytelling Alliance, has told stories to over 1,000,000 listeners in more than 1,000 locations over the last 17 years. While he has an extensive range of topics, at our December 5th holiday lunch he will be sharing tales of courageous young women, because — as he put it — "I am not speaking to the AAUW!"

Prepare to settle in for a session of the oral tradition's boldest tales of brave intelligent women. His

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Another great book sale! So many people who bought books commented on how much they look forward to this event every year. One woman came on Sunday and bought a bag of books she will read to shut-ins. A man who wants to go to law school bought a box of law books. Parents and children shopped together to share the love of reading. One couple who had their books carried to the car by a student helper said the books they bought will be their winter reading and then they will return them to the AAUW collection next spring. People with typed lists searched for books by their favorite writers.

It was a feel good event and it brought together the McLean AAUW membership in an effort not to help themselves individually or collectively but to benefit others, specifically other women. It is a gesture of hope that each year the branch organizes itself to move forward with another book sale. Having a book sale this large requires many volunteers: collecting and sorting books, pricing books, providing publicity, planning with the community center and Sun Trust Bank, planning to discard books, planning to move books from the bank to the community center, organizing volunteers for all the work involved in the three days of the sale. I'm sure the leaders of this year's sale could add to this list, but we all know the sale requires a lot of organizing.

This year's book sale committee and all those who worked on the sale did a wonderful job in continuing the tradition of making this event a community favorite and in earning money to help women and girls. Please be thinking about the book sale and consider if you have time

President's Corner

to contribute to the effort for next year. It can't happen unless we have the volunteers to take on the leadership! Congratulations to all of you who made this happen again this year!

Jane

A survey conducted at our September meeting produced the following responses.

Who should be on the \$10 bill?

Susan B. Anthony,
Sojourner Truth,
Eleanor Roosevelt,
No need to change.

What should be top focus for AAUW nationally?

To be more active in the local community,
To support pay equity,
Elect more women to congress,
Secure women's health care and reproductive services.

Which women have made the most important contributions in the 20th and 21st Centuries?

Marie Curie,
Frances Perkins,
Angela Merkel,
Virginia Gildersleeve,
Indira Gandhi,
Margaret Thatcher,
Hillary Clinton,
Dorothy Day,
Eleanor Roosevelt,
Susan B. Anthony.

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 are welcome as are suggestions for the newsletter.

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

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youth in our community. She has won a number of first-place prizes in music competitions and has performed at Carnegie Hall in New York as well as at Sidney Harman Hall in Washington, DC. She was thrilled to have been chosen to perform with The McLean Symphony this past March.

Serenna will perform for us and will be accompanied by Maestro Fleary at the piano. A few members of the symphony will be present at the meeting and will be given the opportunity to comment on what the orchestra means to them.

Diane Alden, Co-VP Program

“Holiday Luncheon Program”*(Continued from page 1)*

stories feature strong savvy successful women who are worthy of historical mention, and then some! Sure Ginger Rogers did everything Fred Astaire did, backward and in high heels — but she was not the only woman to outperform a man.

Gary has two daughters - a librarian and an attorney - and two young granddaughters, both of whom WILL grow up to be president one day!

Join us for this entertaining and informative program on Saturday, Dec. 12, at the River Bend Country Club.

Judy Page

**What's Current?****Family matters**

Recently you may have read the famous phrase spoken (or whispered) “I cannot and will not give up my family time.” Paul Ryan, the speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives, stated that as one of the conditions to be met before he could accept that position. At this time, it may be a fact that no woman can say that, only a man, a powerful man, can say that and expect to be taken seriously. (*Washington Post* 10/23/15 op-ed.)

Did you know that a portion of your dues to AAUW national support the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps? The Corps has brought your message to Congress regarding the goal of equity in the workplace for women.

In 1993 the Family and Medical leave Act provided coverage to workers who need time off work for medical or family caregiving purposes with no reimbursement. Recently the Corps delivered the message to House members to support the Family and Medical Insurance Leave (FAMILY) Act that creates a national **paid** family and medical leave program. This country remains outside of the majority of developed countries, which provide paid family leave for women and for men.

Vouchers Again

You may remember that John Boehner announced that one accomplishment he desired was to present and pass legislation to provide vouchers for private schools in the District of Columbia school system. Again, AAUW members were walking the halls to inform legislators, that the District voucher program is flawed and unaccountable to the taxpayers. In addition, it has been shown that students in the program do not have better outcomes. Please contact me if

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**Corinne
Mertes**

Corinne is a long-time Northern Virginia resident and a dual member with the Vienna-Oakton branch. She graduated from Northwestern University with a degree in journalism. After time out to raise her daughter, Corinne did

contract work in writing, primarily in the fields of health and gerontology. Corinne traveled extensively with her husband, an accomplished photographer who passed away in July. She took up watercolor painting after retiring and also enjoys bridge, reading, and the theater.

Betsy Schroeder, Co-VP Membership

Branch Co-Hosts Meet and Greet Night for Local Candidates

On Oct. 14 in the evening approximately 100 citizens came to the McLean Community Center to meet the candidates running for Fairfax County supervisor and school board member for the Dranesville District.

John Foust (incumbent) is running for Fairfax County Board of Supervisors. His opponent, Jennifer Chronis, had a conflict and was not present. Janie Strauss (incumbent) and Peter Kurzenhauser are running for the Fairfax County School Board.



Branch members Mary Lou Melley and Marjorie Broderick reviewing questions submitted by audience members.



Audience members meet candidates for county supervisor and county school board.

Questions ranged from affordable housing, a firearms store location in McLean, a meals tax to address the budget gap, school testing, and overcrowded classes.

AAUW McLean Area Branch members assisted the League of Women Voters in planning for and presenting the evening. Many members helped with timekeeping, greeting, setting up, and collecting and organizing written questions from the audience. Additional sponsors included the Fairfax County Council PTA and Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.

Pat Nelson-Douvelis, of the League of Women Voters directed the evening and *Anne Kanter* was moderator. Pat and Anne are also McLean Area branch members.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

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you would like more information.

Open House

On Oct. 15, AAUW provided a morning introduction to the Lobby Corps program for members and potential lobbyists. It's always so informative to hear the public policy staff, this time Erin Pringley, talk about legislative priorities for AAUW and describe the hot button issues.

Fairfax County Votes

It's one of those years where we have great decisions to make when we vote on Nov. 3. Vote for your candidate for chairman, Fairfax Board of Supervisors; school board at-

large members (vote for three); Dranesville District school board member; Dranesville District supervisor; state senator (two districts in our branch area, 31 and 32); state delegate (four districts in our branch area, 34, 35, 48, and 53); Clerk of the Court; commonwealth's attorney; sheriff; Northern Virginia Soil and Water Conservation District directors (vote for 3). There are two bond votes, which if approved would provide financing for public safety and for costs of school improvements.

Sources include *The Washington Post*, AAUW briefings and writings.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair



Allocation Committee Makes Recommendations for Funds

The Allocations Committee met Oct. 16, to determine the distribution of funds raised at the most successful used book sale. See how the funds were distributed in the allocations chart. The committee spent a good amount of time discussing the possibilities and deciding where the money could be most effectively used. This proposal will be presented to the branch board of directors at the Nov. 3 meeting for their recommendations. It will then be presented at the Nov. 17 branch meeting for approval by the members.

The total amount available after expenses is \$34,000. Fifty percent (\$17,000) is earmarked for AAUW Funds as directed in our branch policies. Of that, \$10,000 is designated to help complete the Anne Bryant Fellowship Endowment. Anne was the executive director of AAUW for many years and helped bring AAUW into the forefront of women's organizations. Anne has spoken several times to our branch. The endowment needs \$26,000 more to be completed before it will be ready to produce funds for a

fellowship. Money is in this endowment but not being used because the fund isn't complete and doesn't produce the revenue needed to sustain a fellowship. The committee felt strongly that it was time to help complete the fellowship so it will become an endowed fellowship to help women with their graduate work. The remaining \$7000 will go to unrestricted funds to be used by Association in the area of most urgent need.

The other 50 percent (\$17,000) will be divided among our local concerns: 1. scholarships for women reentering the university, 2. recognition of high school girls' achievement in the fields of math and science, and 3. leadership development for branch members.

Allocations Committee: Co-chairs *Elaine Lailas* and *Peggy Stotz* and members *Nancy Richardson*, *Betsy Schroeder*, *Marge Degnon*, *Ginger MacEwen*, *Betsy Reddaway*, *Margaret Doole*, *Juanita Cullen*, *Bettie Clark*, *Naz Basit*, and *Adarsh Trehan*

BOOK SALE ALLOCATIONS 2015

Available Funds for Disbursement	\$ 34,000.00	
Allocation of Available Funds		
Allocation Category		
AAUW Funds	\$ 17,000.00	
AAUW Unrestricted Funds	\$ 7,000.00	
Anne Bryant Endowment	\$ 10,000.00	
Total		\$ 17,000.00
Local Scholarships, HS Awards and Leadership	\$ 17,000.00	
George Mason University	\$ 5,200.00	1 student
Trinity of Washington University	\$ 5,200.00	1 student
Marymount University	\$ 5,200.00	1 student
High School Awards		
Langley	\$ 200.00	2 students
Marshall	\$ 200.00	2 students
McLean	\$ 200.00	2 students
Total		\$ 16,200.00
Conferences and Conventions	\$ 800.00	(\$2000. in reserves)
		\$ 800.00
Total allocated		\$ 34,000.00

AAUW McLean Area Branch

Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 12—At Noon with lunch served at 1 p.m.

River Bend Golf and Country Club

375 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA

**Guest Speaker: Storyteller Gary Lloyd:
“Tales of Courageous Young Women”**

Lunch

Salad

Regency Salad with Raspberry Vinaigrette and Balsamic Vinaigrette

Entree Choice of:

Chicken Françoise Served with a Blend of White and Wild Rice and Vegetable Medley

OR

Pecan Encrusted Salmon with Sundried Tomato Pesto Sauce Served with Blend of White and Wild Rice and Vegetable Medley

OR

Potato Gnocchi with Asparagus and Grilled Sweet Bell Pepper Drizzled with Cilantro Oil

Dessert

Mixed Berry Tartlet

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)

**Make check payable to AAUW - McLean Area Branch. Please respond before or by
December 2** to Aroona S. Borpujari, 1225 Meyer Ct., McLean, and VA 22101

CURRENT EVENTS

So much information, so many issues these days in the news. If you would like to share your information with other branch members and enjoy insightful discussions, come to the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue McLean, next to the fire station. We meet the first Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. RSVP to Dawn Schulz (portia11@verizon.net) and choose and bring your topic to the meeting Nov. 3 (election day).

Breakfast and conversation for all branch members – monthly at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. The last Tuesday of every month – this month Nov. 24. RSVP to Suzanne Watts (scwatts1@cox.net).

Mary Lou Melley

MORNING LIT

The Morning Lit group will meet on Friday, Nov. 13, at 9:30 a.m., in the **McLean House** conference room, 6800 Fleetwood Road. We will discuss *Hard Revelation: A Novel*, by George Pelecanos. All AAUW members are welcome to attend.

Reed Isbell

Connections

GREAT DECISIONS

The discussion topics for this year have been completed. The books for the session beginning February 2016 have been ordered. They should arrive in late December and I will notify you when they arrive.

There will be only one group next year and it will meet on the third Tuesday of the month at 9:30 a.m. New participants are welcome and individual books can be ordered.

Angela Ehemann

BRIDGE

The Bridge group will meet Nov. 9 at Beverly George's home. Contact Barbara Carr, www.barbaralcarr@msn.com.

Barbara Carr

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Branch Directories

The McLean Area Branch membership directories have been either delivered or mailed to all members. If you have not received one, please contact Betsy Schroeder (icu43@cox.net or 703/356-4352).

Please report any errors to me (prbacher@verizon.net or 703/281-2595). Additions and corrections will be included in an updated directory, which will be distributed in February.

Pam Bacher, Directory Editor



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.

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.

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NOVEMBER CALENDAR



**HAPPY
THANKSGIVING!**

Tues, 3	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star Nut Café in McLean *
	1 p.m.	Board Meeting at the Community Room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road
ALL DAY ELECTION DAY		
Mon, 9	10 a.m. – 2 p.m.	Bridge at Beverly George's home *
Fri, 13	9:30 a.m.	Morning Lit Meeting Mclean House Community Room 6800 Fleetwood Road *
Tues, 17	7 p.m.	Branch Meeting at the McLean Community Center
Fri, 20		Deadline for the December News
Tues, 24	9 a.m.	Current Events Breakfast at the McLean Family Restaurant *

AND IN EARLY DECEMBER

Tues, 1	9 a.m.	Current Events Meeting at the Star Nut Café in McLean *
	1 p.m.	Board Meeting at the Community Room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road
Wed, 2		Deadline for Reservations to the Holiday Luncheon *
Sat, 12	Noon	McLean Area Branch Holiday Luncheon at the River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA *



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