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President's Corner

Peggy and I are like a pair of AAUW bookends. Peggy likes to borrow and buy books to read; I like to collect books to sell. However, without our branch's used book sale, its thousands of books and just as many volunteer hours, we bookends would be nothing more than dust catchers. You all are the folks that make a difference! Just think... about 1750 boxes of books offered for sale, approximately \$37,500 in gross income (almost 1/3 of that in credit card sales) and perhaps as much as \$29,000 for our branch allocation committee to distribute. A simple "Thank You" is an understatement!

Speaking of distributions, a huge thank you as well to our high school and college scholarship winners and American Fellow for joining us on September 28. *Not a Man in the House*, a parlour play staged by "our" troupe from the University of Virginia, had everyone in stitches, easily turning a fall meeting into a memorable event!

Next up, October. Did you know that Peggy and I have also served as lobbyists? That's a story for another day, but it reveals another of our interests and helps explain our strongly encouraging everyone to attend the October 9 League of Women Voters/ AAUW McLean Area Branch 8th and 10th District Candidates Meet and Greet, 7-9 p.m. at the McLean Community Center and AAUW VA's October 18 Northern District Meeting, "The Ups (and Downs) of



Photo by Richard MacEwen

Electing Women" at 1 p.m. at the Burke Center Library. Our elected officials are our mouthpieces, so it behooves us to take an interest in what they say!

Whether book sale, reception, meet and greet, district meeting, 2014-2015 membership directory, or even this alternate newsletter format, thank you to all who have helped create our branch's very own, spectacular fall color!

Nancy

Kudos

The bridge group has had a good year, and we are pleased to report that our annual contribution this year for AAUW programs and scholarships was \$110. The bridge group meets the second Monday of each month from 10 a.m., to 1 p.m. with a short break for our brown bag lunches. Interested? Contact Barbara Carr, 703/356-3127 or (barbaralcarr@msn.com).

Save the Date

The branch Holiday luncheon is scheduled for Saturday December 6 at the River Bend Country Club. Author and reporter Liza Mundy will be our speaker. Look for details in the November newsletter.

Aroona Borpujari
Chair, Special Events

What's Happening This Month?

Need a Ride to the Northern District Meeting?

If you can offer a ride or need a ride to the Northern District meeting, Saturday October 18, please call Sandy Sieber at 915/658-4006. Riders and drivers will meet at the McLean Community Center at noon.

Sandy Sieber, Co-VP Programs

Turn the page for more events

Ask Them Yourself!

Our branch is co-hosting a “**Meet and Greet**” with the League of Women voters on Thursday, October 9 from 7 to 9 p.m. at the McLean Community Center. You can ask your questions and interact with the candidates who want to represent the 8th and 10th Congressional Districts, or their representatives, in an informal setting.

Branch member *Anne Kanter* is the moderator, so the evening will be very well run and friendly.

Also co-hosting are AARP, the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia, and the McLean Citizens Association.

Morning Lit

The Morning Lit book group will meet on Friday, October 10, at 9:30 a.m., at

the McLean Community Center, to discuss the novel *Defending Jacob*, by William Landay. All are welcome!

Reed Isbell

Current Events

Are you interested in sharing information and joining a discussion about current events? Come to Star*Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean on Tuesday October 7 and November 4. We start at 9 a.m. Bring an article on your item of interest. If you plan to attend or have questions, contact *Dawn Schulz* (portia11@verizon.net).

Mary Lou Melley

Great Decisions

One group has completed all eight topics but the Thursday noon group will continue as follows: October 9,

chapter 7 hosted by *Mary Ellen Weber* (please let her know that you are coming by October 8, 703/790-5550); November 13, chapter 8 hosted by *Betsy Reddaway*.

Please let me know if you want a book for next session. New members are welcome.

Angela Ehemann, 703/893-3578

Decisions, Decisions

The **2014-15 Allocations Committee** will be meeting in October to recommend to the “board and the branch for approval how funds raised for educational purposes shall be allocated” and “recommending who shall be recognized in the ‘Names Honored’ category.”

Deborah DeMasi and Elaine Lailas, co-chairs AAUW Funds

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Tues, 7	9 a.m.	Current Events <i>Meeting</i> at the Star Nut Café in McLean *
	7 p.m.	Board Meeting at the Community Room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road
Thurs, 9	Noon	Great Decisions Discussion Group at Mary Ellen Weber's home
	7 p.m.	Meet and Greet the Candidates , McLean Community Center
Fri, 10	9:30 a.m.	Morning Lit Meeting , McLean Community Center
Sat, 18	1 p.m.	Northern District Meeting at the Burke Center Library
Mon, 20	Deadline for the November Newsletter	
Wed, 29	Deadline for Fairfax City Branch Book and Author luncheon reservations	

And in Early November

Sat, 1	11 a.m.	Fairfax City Branch Book and Author Luncheon at the Country Club of Fairfax
Tues, 4	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

October Calendar

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