



A \$42,000 Used Book Sale!

Wow, but why?! Was it collections? Stone Ridge sorting tips (fewer and cleaner books)? Pricing? Pre-sales? Ability to take credit/debit cards? Publicity? Book sale subcommittee chairs? Branch volunteers? Help from friends and spouses? Student/scout help? Refreshments? Customers and business partners? Location? Our cause?

Excellent weather? MCC signs? Or was it our membership display/donation jar?

Answer. Our success was attributable to all of these things but, most of all, our success was due to a TREMENDOUS GENEROSITY OF SPIRIT!! Thank you, everyone!

*Betsy/Carol, Ginger, Marge, and Nancy
46th Used Book Sale Co-Chairs*

Public Policy

Working toward a safe campus

The Lobby Corps recently urged House members to co-sponsor the 'Hold Accountable and Lend Transparency on Campus Sexual Violence Act' (HALT) (HR 2680).

This bill, recently introduced, calls for instituting a biennial climate campus survey to help understand the scope of sexual harassment and violence. The bill would expand requirements for the public posting of students' legal rights and obligations under Title IX and increase penalties for schools that violate both transparency and civil rights laws.

Open House

So, the next step, for local AAUW members is to consider joining the Capitol Hill Lobby Corps. To find out more, there will be an Open House on Thursday, Oct. 15 (see calendar on page 2 for details). This is a chance to learn more, especially from AAUW's Public Policy Staff about the issues and also from current Lobby Corps members about the activity. Lunch is free! RSVP is required. AAUW website or email me, maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Reminder: Candidates night

Come to the McLean Community Center on Wednesday Oct. 14, and meet those candidates who are anxious to talk with you.

For district supervisor, John Foust (D) and Jennifer C. Chronis (R) have been invited. Likewise Peter Kurzen-

hauser and Janie Strauss, candidates for the school board, have been invited. School board candidates are not identified by political party.

This is your chance to make your concerns known and increase your knowledge about the candidates and your issues. The better to make that 'educated' choice on November 3.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

AAUW Funds

AAUW funds allocations committee will meet on Oct. 16 (see calendar on page 2 for details) to discuss the allocations of funds to AAUW Funds; local scholarships for returning women students at George Mason, Marymount, and Trinity Washington Universities; STEM; and dollar amount of awards for female high school students excelling in STEM programs from Langley, McLean, and Marshall High Schools. The recommended allocations will be presented to the general membership for approval at the Nov. 17th branch meeting. The committee shall also recommend the "Names Honored" candidates to the branch board by Dec. 31 for final approval.

The committee members are *Elaine Lailas* and *Peggy Stotz*, co-chairs; *Marge Degnon*, *Betsy Schroeder*, *Ginger MacEwen*, and *Nancy Richardson*, book sale co-chairs; branch liaisons to local universities—to George Mason University, *Betsy Reddaway*, to Marymount University, *Margaret Doole*, and to Trinity University, *Juanita*

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Cullen; three members elected at the Sept. 27th branch meeting, *Bettie Clark*, *Adarsh Trehan*, and *Naz Basit* (replacing *Mary Lou Melley*).

Elaine Lailas, AAUW Funds Co-chair

Bridge Contributes

We are pleased to report that the bridge group's contribution this year for AAUW programs and scholarships was \$110 for the second year in a row. The bridge group meets the second Monday of each month from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m. with a short break for our brown bag lunches. We have been consistently having two tables, and twice this past year we had three tables. If you would like to join the

group please contact me: *Barbara Carr*, barbaralcarr@msn.com, 703/356-3127.

New and Prospective Members Coffee

The board will host a coffee for new and prospective members on Sunday, Oct. 18 (see calendar below for details). Please RSVP to *Betsy Schroeder* (icu43@cox.net) if you would like to bring a guest.

Great Decisions Next Year

Please contact *Angela Ehemann*, (703/893-3578, acehemann@verizon.net) before Oct. 15 if you want a book for next year.

What's Happening this Month?

Saturday, October 3

2 p.m. Northern District Fall Meeting at Kings Park Library

Tuesday, October 6

9 a.m. **Current Events:** the Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue McLean (next to the fire station). RSVP to *Dawn Schulz* (portia11@verizon.net).

1 p.m. **Branch Board Meeting** in the community room at McLean House.

Thursday, October 8

Noon Great Decisions: The group meets at the home of *Ginger MacEwen* to discuss Chapter 6 on Syria. Ginger will host this meeting only if five or more members attend. It is imperative that you decide early and let her know: 703/970-3940, vmacewen@alumni.duke.edu.

Friday, October 9

9:30 a.m. **Morning Literature:** The Morning Lit group will meet at the McLean Community Center, to discuss *Being Mortal*, by Atul Gawande. All are welcome. Contact: *Reed Isbell* reedisbell@gmail.com, 703/734-3385.

Monday, October 12

10 a.m. – 2 p.m. **Bridge:** Place TBA. Contact: *Barbara Carr*, barbaralcarr@msn.com, 703/356-3127.

Wednesday, October 14

7–9 p.m. **Meet the Candidates Night:** McLean Community Center.

Thursday, October 15

10 a.m. – 1:30 p.m. **Lobby Corps Open House:** AAUW's offices, 1111 Sixteenth Street NW in Washington.

Friday, October 16

1 p.m. **AAUW Funds Meeting:** at *Peggy Stotz's* home, 1006 Kimberwicke Road, McLean.

Sunday, October 18

2–4 p.m. **New and Prospective Members Coffee:** at *Betsy Schroeder's* house (8441 Holly Leaf Drive, McLean). Please RSVP to *Betsy* (icu43@cox.net).

Tuesday, October 20

9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions:** The group will finish the year with Chapter 8, Brazil. The meeting place will be announced later.

Deadline for the June newsletter

Tuesday, October 27

9 a.m. **Current Events Breakfast:** We meet for breakfast and conversation the last Tuesday of every month at the McLean Family Restaurant at 9 a.m. RSVP to *Suzanne Watts* (scwatts1@cox.net).

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