

News



AAUW McLean Area Branch Initiates Its Awards for High School Girls

STEM Excellence Award Announced

Eloise Larose, a junior at McLean High School, was honored at the branch's May 6 Annual Dinner as the first student to receive the AAUW McLean Area Branch STEM Excellence Award. The STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award (a certificate plus a check for \$100) was established this year to recognize and encourage a female student from a McLean Area high school with an outstanding science fair project in the field of engineering. In the photo on the left Eloise (left) is shown with May dinner featured speaker SEC Chair Mary Jo White (center) and branch member *Suzanne Watts*.

With the encouragement of her father, Eloise decided to undertake a science fair project on "Electro-Conductive Concrete." The purpose of her experiment was to create a concrete that would allow for electrically heated concrete floors. Eloise worked with a mentor, as well as her physics teacher, to better understand the scientific procedures to use and how to verbalize and demonstrate the results of her experiment.

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Math and Science Achievement Recipients Named

The McLean Area Branch has partnered with counselors at McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools to award science and math achievement awards to six female students finishing their junior year. This award, which is funded through our book sale net proceeds, consists of a certificate and a check for \$100 for each honoree. The awards were approved as part of the branch policies in March 2013 and are being awarded for the first time this year.

The awards process was managed by a committee consisting of *Margaret Hines* (Marshall HS contact), *Joan Katz* (McLean HS contact), *Barbara Sipe* (Langley HS contact), *Peggy Stotz*, *Mary Ellen Keene*, *Elaine Lailas*, and *Judy Page* (chair). Career center counselors at the schools were provided with the criteria for award eligibility

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What a great year this has been for our McLean Area Branch of AAUW! Ginger and I want to thank everyone who made it one of the best. Thanks to hard-working branch board members for their commitment to AAUW goals and moving the branch forward. Thanks also to the standing committee chairs and support service chairs who have contributed so much to our success. The special interest groups continued in popularity under the leadership of their enthusiastic chairs.

We've continued to make a reality of our mission of advancing equity for women and girls, through scholarship, lobbying, education, and much more. With Treasurer *Judy Page* taking the lead, we have significantly increased our local STEM activities. Our branch participated with two others in holding a daylong program for middle school girls to present information about math and science careers. If you attended the May 6th dinner, you met our high school student STEM Excellence Award recipient. And of course, there are the awards that our branch is awarding to junior girls in the local high schools. This is a "first" for our branch.

A "second" is coming up on June 23, and that's participating in the Kent Gardens Elementary School Science Fair. A number of us were there last year, talking to the students and evaluating their projects, and it was a great experience. It was surprisingly educational, sometimes hilarious. You can participate this year; read more about it in *Judy Page's* article on page 1.

President's Corner

Another "first," at least in a long time, was our participation in McLean Day, May 17. *Peggy Stotz* and *Marjorie Broderick* took the lead and did a great job. And of course, there are already ideas for next year.

So we can look forward to the summer feeling quite satisfied with all we've accomplished. However, not too much resting — book sale collections start on May 31, to be followed by sorting! I hope to see many of you while sorting at the bank, and for sure in September.

Take care, and really, have a wonderful summer!

Linda Regan, Co-president



2014–15 Co-president Nancy Richardson thanks 2013–14 Co-presidents Linda Regan (left) and Ginger MacEwen (right) for a job well done

From the Editor

The McLean Area Branch News is published monthly, September through June, except for a single issue for December and January. 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 are welcome as are sugges-

tions for the newsletter.

Please send your **articles for the September News by August 20.**

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McLean Area Branch Summer Headquarters Is Open!

Sorting Underway, Everyone Is Invited

Our McLean branch summer headquarters is not only a great place to sort books, it's also a great place to discuss current events, study Great Decisions, review books you've read, and play bridge! Special interest groups are welcome to meet at the Sun Trust Bank branch in Vienna. In fact, all branch members and friends are welcome. The third floor is not only choc-a-bloc with books to sort, but also perfectly outfitted with comfortable furniture, card tables, and chairs, and even our very own restroom. The third floor is accessible when sorting takes place: Mondays, Tuesdays, Wednesdays, and Fridays, 9 a.m. to 4:30 p.m.; Thursdays, 1:30 p.m. to 4:30 p.m.; and Saturdays, 9 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. Please sign in and out.

There are only two catches. One, do yourself and our branch a favor. Please sort some books while you're at the bank. Members might even find some books to buy now, or decide they'd like to learn more about identifying treasures. We're looking for category leaders as well. Two, if possible, please bring some "strawberry" or other sturdy boxes with you. These are important for storing, transporting, and displaying sorted books at our September 19-21 sale.

Questions? Please contact one of the following book sale co-chairs:

Phyllis Krochmal (703/281-4592, phylfred71@aol.com) about sorting, treasures, boxes, MCC set-up, and moving books to MCC;

Marge Degnon (703/448-8766, marge@degnon.org) about publicity, sale volunteers, hospitality, and supplies;

Nancy Richardson (703/759-4789, nrichardsn@aol.com) about book collection, teen workers, disposal, and MCC clean-up;

Carol Langelier (703/536-4683, clangelier@verizon.net) about the book sale budget, cash counting, charge cards, and statistics.

Of course, for one stop meeting, enjoying like-minded company, sorting, shopping (prices will be posted), and answers, be sure to visit our branch's summer headquarters, Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave East, Vienna! See you there.

Nancy Richardson, Book Sale Co-chair



Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave East, Vienna



The spacious third floor sorting site
at the Sun Trust Bank



Asma Iqbal, right, assistant vice president and branch manager, and Sammi Trimmer, left, client service specialist welcome branch members

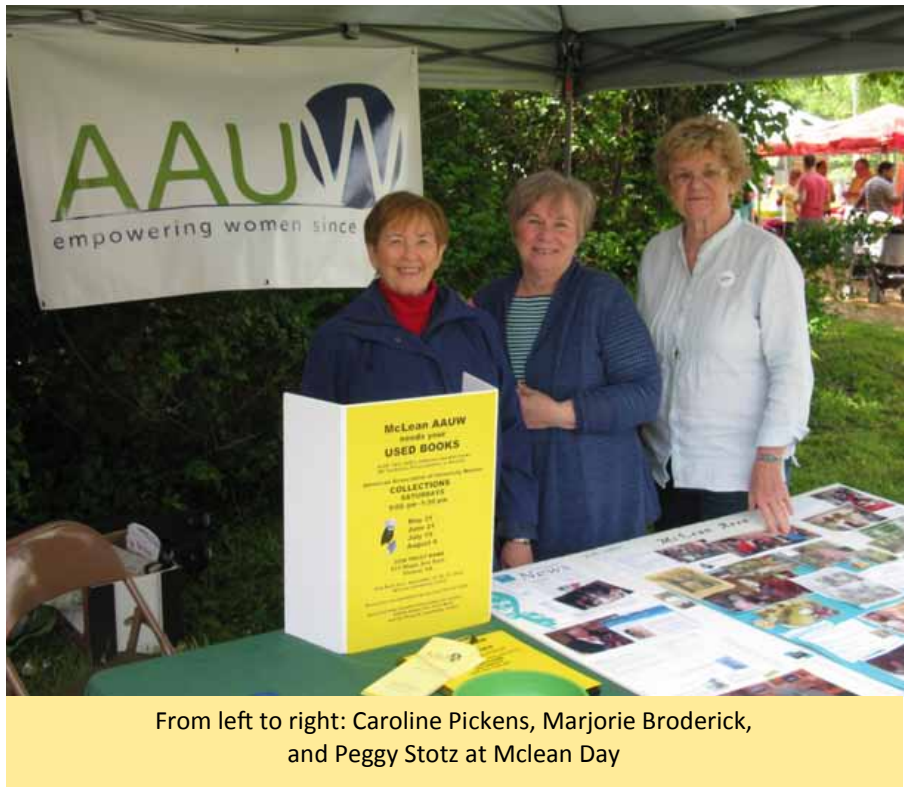
We Were There! McLean Day

McLean Day was May 17 and McLean Area AAUW was there in all our glory.

Margie Broderick, Diane Alden, Betsy Schroeder, Caroline Pickens, Linda Regan, and Peggy Stotz staffed the booth that day. We gained two new members, several “maybe, please call in September” possibilities, and gave out many flyers for book sale collections and the sale dates.

The best part was that we talked to many, many people that never heard about us and now they know exactly who we are. It was a fun day for the workers.

Peggy Stotz



From left to right: Caroline Pickens, Marjorie Broderick, and Peggy Stotz at Mclean Day



Don't Forget!

We are mesmerized by the outstanding spring: long days of sunshine and comfortable temperatures, peonies in full bloom, and roses becoming riotous. Lest we relax too much, there are a few events and issues to keep in mind the next three or four months.

Elections

In November, we will elect three representatives in Northern Virginia. One Virginia senator will also be elected.

Jim Moran is retiring from the 8th Congressional District. On May 15, six of those who want to be the Democratic candidate in November assembled at the McLean Community Center for an extremely informative meeting. If you live in this district you may vote on June 10 at your local

precinct for one of them. The Republican candidate is Edmond Micah.

In the 11th Congressional District, the incumbent Gerry Connolly (D) will probably be facing Suzanne Scholte (R) in November.

In the 10th Congressional District, John Foust (D), a Fairfax county supervisor, will be running against Barbara Comstock (R), a state delegate.

Incumbent Senator Mark Warner (D) will probably be facing Ed Gillespie (R), a former chair of the Republican National Committee, in November.

Note: our branch will be working with the local League of Women Voters to sponsor an event so that we can hear from most of these candidates before the election.

In addition, AAUW is helping AAUW VA public policy chairs plan and implement Get Out the Vote (GOTV) initiatives for this year's elections.

Equal Pay?

Recently, the *New York Times* management abruptly fired Executive Editor Jill Abramson. Columns and reports continue in the media about this event because of one of the

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Bylaws Updated

The IRS and Washington DC code mandated changes to the national AAUW bylaws. Consequently, AAUW President Patricia Ho requested state and branch presidents to make changes to their bylaws to comply with the updated AAUW bylaws.

But not to worry — the branch bylaws committee members followed the directions for the mandatory changes, sent a draft to AAUW VA and after additional editing, completed the changes.

The changes only impact the wording of Article V., Membership and Dues. The committee briefed the board on the revisions at the May meeting and then sent the updated bylaws to AAUW national.

The newest version dated 4/15/14 is on our web site.

Questions? Committee members are *Mary Lou Melley*, chair, *Judy Page*, and *Caroline Pickens*.

A Few Additions to Branch Policies

The branch is fortunate to be able to meet the challenges of change, both in focusing on our community outreach and finding additional revenue sources.

The bylaws committee had drafted some additions to

branch policies to accommodate our growing activities in promoting STEM fields for girls and women.

Our policies already provide direction for monetary awards to girls who excel in math or science in high school. The additions provide recognition for girls who excel in local area STEM projects in workshops and science fairs. A nominal cash award up to \$100 each may accompany these awards. These funds come from Amazon purchases made through the branch's website, from donations, or from other sources.

In order to coordinate the various local awards, the policies now define a STEM chair who, with her committee, ensures the planning and implementation of the high school awards and additional STEM awards each year. The chair will also identify volunteer opportunities for STEM projects in the area and coordinate and encourage branch members to participate.

The board reviewed and approved the additions to the policies at its May meeting. The updated policies document, dated 5/13/14, is on our website.

Direct any questions to *Mary Lou Melley*, *Judy Page*, or *Caroline Pickens*.

Mary Lou Melley

What Is New for Branch Programs Next Year?

Diane Alden and I are pleased to be next year's Co-vice presidents for program. We have done several planning activities and coordinated with outgoing VP *Nancy Richardson*. Since many of the branch monthly meetings feature speakers or special events, and aside from the March business meeting, have very little "meeting" content, we decided to call our monthly gatherings of the entire branch "Branch Event of the Month." If we need to communicate information or take a vote at any event, the newsletter article about that event will specify a brief business session before or after the event.

We plan to have speakers in September, November, December, January, February, and May. If we have a snow cancellation, we will reschedule in conjunction with the March business meeting and potluck.

In October, the branch event will be the AAUW VA North-

ern District Meeting (*Caroline Pickens* is the new Northern District co-representative). Car pools will be available for those who want to attend.

In April, as in past years, the branch event will be the author luncheon and book signing arranged by the Morning Literature Special Interest Group. Look for the initial schedule of these branch events in the 2014- 2015 branch membership directory.

For our first event on September 28, *Peggy Stotz* has arranged a Victorian Parlour Theater event put on by Ann Mazur, McLean Area Branch American Fellow. Members will also be able to meet our branch's local scholarship recipients. We hope to see you all there.

Look for more details in the September newsletter.

Sandy Sieber, Co-VP Programs

McLean High School Juniors Receive AAUW McLean Area Branch Awards

Eliza Price and Hye In (Lauren) Yeom, both juniors at McLean High School, were recognized by the McLean Area Branch at an awards ceremony on May 20.

Eliza, who received the AAUW McLean Area Branch Math Achievement Award, is a member of the Math Honor Society, Computer Science Honor Society, and the National Honor Society. She has been encouraged in her studies by her family, including her father who is a statistician and her mother who worked in corporate finance. She is currently completing classes in advanced placement (AP) BC calculus and AP computer science. Eliza plans to continue her pursuit of a STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) field in college by majoring in engineering, math, or computer science.

Lauren was the recipient of the AAUW McLean Area Branch Science Achievement Award based on her accomplishments in biology, chemistry, and physics. This year she won first place in McLean High School's Science and Engineering Fair and received honorable mention at the Fairfax County Regional Science Fair. Lauren was also recognized with a President's Volunteer Award for tutoring elementary school children in academic subjects including science. After high school,

she plans to major in biology or chemistry and would like to attend medical school.

The selection of the students was coordinated by Dawn Allison, career center specialist at McLean High School. The students were selected by a McLean High School committee, following an application process by the students. The awards presentation was made by *Peggy Stotz*, incoming co-president, and *Judy Page*, STEM coordinator for the branch.

Judy Page



Eliza Price, second from left, and Lauren Yeom, second from right receive academic achievement awards from the McLean Area Branch, presented by *Peggy Stotz*, far right, and *Judy Page*, far left.

“STEM Excellence Award”

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Eloise's hard work paid off when her project finished in first place in the engineering category of materials and bioengineering at McLean High School. As a result, she was invited to present her work at the Fairfax County Regional Fair held in March where over 700 outstanding projects in fields such as biochemistry, computer science, physics, and engineering were presented. There her work was judged and further recognized by several organizations. Her project was one of those selected as a second prize winner in the materials and bioengineering category. She also received a 1st prize from the Society of Manufacturing Engineers, Washington D.C. Chapter, and a Certificate of Merit from the Society of Women Engineers, Baltimore-Washington Section. The McLean Area Branch STEM Excellence Award honor was also announced at the science fair.

Eloise describes herself as always having been interested in discovering new things and understanding how they work. After high school, she would like to continue her discoveries through studies in civil engineering and then pursue her goal of traveling around the world.

Judy Page



Eloise Larose, McLean High School junior, is shown working on her science fair project, “Electro-Conductive Concrete.”

Volunteers Needed

Kent Gardens Science Fair – June 23

Kent Gardens Elementary School has once again asked for AAUW members to assist with evaluating student projects at their annual science fair (last year called Dimensions of Inventions). We are still seeking a few more volunteers – please consider participating!

This year's event is much shorter than last year's. About 100 students (in grades 3 to 6) will exhibit their projects between 9 and 10:30 a.m. on Monday, June 23. AAUW volunteers will talk to the students one-on-one, asking each student to explain his or her project. We will be given a checklist to use to provide feedback to each student, along with words of encouragement, and leave that with each student as we finish.

In order to provide coverage in a short period of time, only one volunteer will speak with each student. In order to reach all the students, each volunteer will talk to 10 to 13 students during the hour and a half.

This is a wonderful way to encourage young students to think creatively about science. There is no need to have a scientific background to serve as a volunteer — just a willingness to speak to the students, ask questions, and provide some feedback.

Please email or call *Judy Page* to sign up or for more information – at judydpage@gmail.com or 703/847-1950.

Judy Page

“Public Policy”

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underlying causes, i.e., the complaint of women employees who realize they have not received the same pay as men in the same position. (Lilly Ledbetter?) Recent columns have been written in the *Washington Post*: Amanda Bennett, a former editor at the *Philadelphia Inquirer* (May 20) and author Janice Kaplan (May 25).

Meanwhile, on Equal Pay Day, President Obama signed two executive orders to increase pay protections for women. One bans federal contractors from retaliating against workers who talk about their salaries. The second orders the U.S. Department of Labor to collect wage data from federal contractors, including the race, sex, and national origin of employees, to help identify patterns of discrimination. Attending the ceremony were AAUW's Lisa Maatz and Lilly Ledbetter, of course.

Opposing Vouchers

AAUW believes a strong, free public education system is the foundation of a democratic society and opposes diverting public funds to private or religious elementary and secondary schools. The AAUW Lobby Corps recently visited senate offices to express opposition to an appropriations bill that may contain continued funding of the District of Columbia voucher program. Your dues and donations are at work.

Sources include the *Washington Post*, *New York Times*, *AAUW Issues*, and Lobby Corps Briefing.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

“science and math achievement awards”

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from our branch policies and then managed the process of selecting the students. The following students are receiving the 2014 awards:

McLean High School – math: Eliza Price

McLean High School – science: Hye In (Lauren) Yeom

Langley High School – math: Rachel Wu

Langley High School – science: Maddie Shaw

Marshall High School – math: Leila Noble

Marshall High School – science: Ruhi Parvatam

The awards are being presented to the students according to each school's preference. See the article on page 6 in this newsletter on the recent ceremony conducted at McLean High School on May 20.

Judy Page

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AROUND TOWN

National Gallery Cassatt/Degas Exhibit

On Tuesday June 10, join us for a visit to the National Gallery to see the Cassatt/Degas exhibit. We will meet at the McLean Community Center at 10 a.m.

So that we know to watch for you on June 10 or provide any updates, please e-mail or call Anne, 703/938-9251, by June 8. Also, please call with any suggestions or questions.

Anne Studner

MORNING LIT

Morning Lit Book Selection Luncheon

The Morning Literature book group meets for our annual book selection luncheon on Friday June 13, at 11 a.m., at Kazan's restaurant near the McLean Giant. We will discuss book ideas for the coming year (which begins in September).

Reservations are required; please e-mail *Reed Isbell* at rwisbell@verizon.net no later than Monday, June 9. The cost is \$30 per person, payable only in cash at the luncheon. A choice of three entrees will be offered at that time.

Reed Isbell

GREAT DECISIONS

Note that the Thursday noon group will not be meeting during the months of July and August. If some of you are not traveling, you are welcome to join the Tuesday group for those months.

June: Chapter 5, Energy Independence, will be discussed on Thursday June 12 at noon at the home of *Connie Small* and on Tuesday June 17 at 9:30 a.m. at the home of *Miriam Howard*.

The meeting on Tuesday July 15, 9:30 a.m. will be at the home of *Dawn Schulz* and Chapter 6; the topic will be Food and Climate. August 19 will find us at the home of *Mary Lou Melley* and the focus will be on Chapter 7.

Enjoy the summer and I hope to see many of you around town.

Angela Ehemann

CURRENT EVENTS

Join the discussion of Current Events on the first Tuesday of every month at 9 a.m. We meet at Star*Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean. Bring a news clipping or item (national, state, local, or global) to discuss with the group and enjoy the lively conversations. The dates to put on your calendar — all first Tuesdays of the month: June 3, July 1, August 5, and September 2. If you plan to attend or have questions, contact *Dawn Schulz* portiau@verizon.net.

Mary Lou Melley



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.

What About Your Directory Entry?

If your entry in this year's February McLean Area Branch Membership Directory update is out of date, or incorrect, or just plain not the way you want it, you can update it for the 2014-15 directory coming out in September. When you pay your dues simply put your information on the renewal form as you want it to appear in the directory. If you mail your dues to Treasurer *Judy Page*, she will forward your form to Data Administrator *Mary Ellen Keene*. If you pay your dues online, you can mail the form to *Mary Ellen Keene*, 1549 Westbury Rd., McLean VA 66545 or send by e-mail to maryellenkeene@msn.com

Be sure to pay your dues by July 1 so that your name will appear in the 2014-2015 McLean Area Branch Membership Directory.

Pam Bacher, Directory Editor

If You Would Like Renew Online ...

The instructions for renewing online are given below – they are also on our website at <http://mclean-va.aauw.net/membership/>. Information on the amounts for annual dues is given on the form on the right.

1. Go to the Member Services Database at www.aauw.org/resource/member-services-database/ — then click on “Enter the MSD.”
2. It will ask you for your AAUW member ID — you can find it on the mailing label of a national or state mailing OR you can click on the link provided on the login page to look it up.
- If you are logging in for the first time, you will need to register — there is a link for registering on the login page.
3. Once logged in, click on “Enter Member Services Database” and then on “Renew My Membership” in the left-hand menu.
4. This will take you to a page that shows the current and new expiration dates for your membership, and the amount of the renewal dues. Here you can enter your credit card information. After you click “Next,” you will be able to review the information and then click “Submit” for payment.

Any questions or problems with online renewing – please e-mail *Judy Page*, treasurer, at judypage@gmail.com.

Please Note: After July 1, the branch treasurer will be *Mary Anne Graham*, P.O. Box 655 Round Hill, VA 64586. Her e-mail address is Maryannegraham@comcast.net.

Membership Application & Renewal Form AAUW McLean Area Branch 2014-15

Name: _____

Address: _____

Home Phone: _____

Cell Phone: _____

e-mail: _____

Colleges and Degrees (1st listed goes on AAUW national record):

Interests:

Signature: _____

ANNUAL DUES payable by July 1 (Check one):

☐ New ☐ Renewal \$75*

☐ Paid life membership \$26

☐ Dual Member \$75
(Nat. & state dues pd. at McLean Area Branch)

☐ Dual Member \$11
(Nat. & state dues pd. at _____ Branch)

*Consists of \$49 for national, \$15 for state, and \$11 for branch; **\$46 of national dues is tax deductible.**

Please send check payable to AAUW McLean Area Branch to: McLean Area Branch Treasurer, P.O. Box 1002, McLean, VA 22101.

You may also pay dues online using a credit or debit card at the national AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org> See <http://mclean-va.aauw.net/online-membership-renewalfor> online renewal instructions.

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
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703/356-2385

June

Tues, 3 9 a.m. **Current Events Meeting** at the Star*Nut Café, McLean *

Tues, 10 10 a.m. **Around Town National Gallery visit** meet at McLean Community Center

Thurs, 12 noon **Great Decisions Meeting** at Connie Small's home*

Fri, 13 11 a.m. **Morning Lit Book Selection Meeting** at Kazan restaurant, McLean *

Tues, 17 9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions Meeting** at Miriam Howard's home *

Sat, 21 9 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. **Book Collection** at the SunTrust Bank on Maple Ave. in Vienna *

Mon, 23 9:30 a.m. **Kent Gardens Science Fair** *

July

Tues, 1 9 a.m. **Branch Annual Dues to Treasurer** *

Tues, 8 7 p.m. **Current Events Meeting** at the Star*Nut Café, McLean *

Tues, 8 7 p.m. **Board Meeting** at the Community Room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean

Tues, 15 9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions Meeting** at the home of Dawn Schulz *

Sat, 19 9 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. **Book Collection** at the Sun Trust Bank on Maple Ave. in Vienna*

August

Tues, 5 9 a.m. **Current Events Meeting** at the Star*Nut Café, McLean *

Sat, 9 9 a.m.– 1:30 p.m. **Book Collection** at the Sun Trust Bank on Maple Ave. in Vienna*

Tues, 19 9:30 a.m. **Great Decisions Meeting** at Mary Lou Melley's home *

Wed, 20 **Deadline for articles to be in the September News**

* More information in this newsletter