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February Branch Meeting

Saturday, February 24, 10:00 am

McLean Community Center Temporary Space

6645 Old Dominion Drive, McLean, VA 22101

Located in the shopping center with Balducci's

Mount Vernon's Ladies Association A Presidential Home Saved and Restored



"If the men of America have seen fit to allow the home of the most respected hero go to ruin, why can't the women of America ban together to save it?"

Louisa Bird Cunningham,
1853.

Inspired by her mother's words captured above, **Ann Pamela Cunningham**, founded the Mount Vernon Ladies' Association (MVLA). **MVLA**, the **first national historic preservation society in the United States**, purchased Mount Vernon and **restored it to life as a national monument to our first president**. Ms. Cunningham lived in an era when women did not have many rights, including the control of their own money. **Many laughed when she announced that the Association would raise \$200,000.**

Join us during the birthday month of our first president to learn how this group of determined women saved Mount Vernon for posterity. **Rebecca Baird** will share the fascinating story of the **courageous and resourceful women who turned a decrepit mansion into the beautiful landmark we know today**. **Ms. Baird** is a project archivist for the **Fred W. Smith National Library for the Study of George Washington** and archivist for the **Mount Vernon Ladies' Association** and the **Washington Library**.

Photo Gallery | January Branch Meeting on Leadership of Women in Islam



Leaders from the Greater Washington, DC Area Office of the Muslim Women's Coalition shared their experiences with initiatives to build strong interfaith relationships.



Thanks to Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Carol Mournighan (Program Co-VPs) for organizing, and St. Luke Catholic Church for hosting the event!



Uzma Farooq, moderated the panel, composed of Sabira Qureshi, Ambereen Shaffie, and Mehreen Farooq.



Let's Carpool!



Need a Ride?

If you **need a ride to the monthly Branch meeting**, feel free to contact Membership Co-Vice President, **Barbara Sipe**, **703-356-2385** or bfs4000@gmail.com.

Branch Board Meeting I February

The **Branch Board** will meet **Wednesday, February 7, noon – 2:00 pm**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA**.

Save the Dates

- **Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 pm, Annual Branch Business Meeting and International Potluck**, McLean House Community Room, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101, featuring *Profiles of Women Past and Present in the World and in the McLean Branch*. If your last name begins with: A-G, please bring a side dish/salad; H-O, a dessert; and P-Z, a main dish. Bring your own serving pieces, marked with your name.
- **Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, AAUW of Virginia Conference**, the Renaissance Hotel, Portsmouth, VA. (See announcement below.)
- **Friday-Sunday, August 31-September 2, McLean Branch Annual Used Book Sale**, Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Road, McLean, VA.

Announcement from the National AAUW Office

If you would like to receive a hard copy of *Outlook*, contact AAUW headquarters at 202-785-7700 or connect@aauw.org.

If You Shop at Amazon

Next time you make a purchase from **Amazon**, first **go to our branch website**, <http://mclean-va.aauw.net>, click on the Amazon link at the bottom of the home page and make your purchase. Amazon will give our branch up to a 10% rebate.

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**It is never too soon to begin planning to
attend the 2018 AAUW of Virginia
Conference!
Changing the Climate for Women and Girls**

**April 20-22, 2018
Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel**



Location, Location, Location!

The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth River flowing between Portsmouth and Norfolk.

Two easy blocks away is the downtown area with shops, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride gets you to Norfolk.

Hotel Reservations 855-214-4563

Group Rate \$129

Parking \$5 per night

100% Water view rooms

Indoor pool, whirlpool, sundeck, and complimentary exercise facilities.

Watch for more information and conference registration form in the VISION.

Inspiring Middle School Girls to Pursue STEM Careers

In partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools & NOVA Systemic
Presented by AAUW: Fairfax City, McLean Area, Springfield-Annandale & Vienna Area Branches



STEMtastics 2018

Saturday, March 10, 2018
NOVA – Annandale
8:00 AM – 12:15 PM

It's **not too late to volunteer** at the **STEMtastics 2018** – a career day event designed to inspire Fairfax County middle school girls (6th through 8th grade) to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields. Boys are welcome to attend.

This year's event is scheduled for **Saturday morning, March 10, 2018, at NOVA – Annandale**. We are expecting about 700 students and parents, compared to 500 in 2017. So, your help is more critical than ever!

Volunteer **assignments** include:

- serving as a **student workshop assistant in a classroom**;
- **helping with morning refreshments**;
- serving as a **theater usher**;
- **greeting parent workshop presenters and checking them in**
- and much more.

If you have not signed up and are willing to help, please email **Judy Page** ([judypage@gmail.com](mailto:judy@judypage@gmail.com)) – you can also specify an assignment preference. **If you have already signed up, you don't need to email again.** **Marlene Chivavibul**, volunteer coordinator, **will be in touch with all the volunteers later with more details.** Please consider helping!



Public Policy Update

A new year brings new sessions in Congress and in the Virginia General Assembly.

In Virginia, the **General Assembly** meets from **January 10 to March 10**. **Leslie Tourigny**, State **Public Policy Chair**, keeps us informed by email and **suggests visiting**:

- <http://viriniageneralassembly.gov> and
- <http://lis.virginia.gov>

for **up-to-date information** on **legislative actions**.

Of note, there are **now 28 women in the House of Delegates** along with **10 in the state Senate**, the **largest number ever in Virginia**. New members include **transgender lawmaker Delegate Danica Roem**, **gay Delegate Dawn Adams**, the **first Latina Delegates Hala Ayala** and **Elizabeth Guzman**, and the **first Asian-American woman Delegate Kathy Tran**. There **may be increased legislative support** for priorities, such as ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) and a **pay equity bill** prohibiting employers from relying on prior salary history to set future wages.

Rules changes will increase transparency and accountability in the House. According to the *Richmond Reporter*, **some Delegates are setting out to break down barriers for immigrant youth**. Additionally, the Women's Equality Coalition is putting **paid family and medical leave, free birth control, and equal pay at the top of its list** for lawmakers.

However, **proposed Senate bills** include one that would **allow anyone to conceal and carry a gun without a permit**. This repeals the section prohibiting weapons in churches and allowing blanket concealed carry on college campuses include sporting events.

Wednesday, February 7, is **Virginia AAUW annual State Lobby Day**. Responses to attend were due January 25. The AAUW **Greater Richmond Branch members** are **opening their homes** to host attendees. The **League of Women Voters** of Virginia has **invited participants** to join them for **lunch** after attending the House and Senate galleries in the morning.

On the **Federal level**, **AAUW** has **identified four major issues**:

- **Civil rights**
- **Education**
- **Economy**
- **Title IX**

Go to www.AAUW.org for up-to-date information on those policies and actions. **Express your concerns** by clicking on **Take Action** and **sign up for Two-Minute Activist** to **connect with your Senators and Representative**.

Special Interest Groups

Current Events I The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, February 6, 9:00 am**, at the **Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean**. All branch members are invited to attend and bring an article or web link to share and spark the discussion. RSVP to **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Morning Lit Group I The Morning Literature group will meet on **Friday, February 9, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Governmental Center Conference Room, 1437 Balls Hill Road**, to discuss *My Brilliant Friend*, by Elena Ferrante. Please bring your own coffee, tea, or water. Plenty of parking available in front of building. Contact **Betsy Reddaway**, pbreddaway@verizon.net or 703-448-9195.

Bridge Group I The bridge group will meet on **Monday, February 12, from 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at **Betsy Schroeder's home, 8441 Holly Leaf Drive, McLean, VA 22102**. For more information and to sign up, contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127.

On the Town I On **Wednesday morning, February 14**, the group will go to a movie. Members who have signed up to receive notices will get an email suggesting films and locations. If you want to receive On the Town notifications, email **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com. All are welcome.

Evening Lit Group I The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, February 19, 7:30 pm**, at **Dorothy Hassan's home, Hector Road, McLean** to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. Everyone is invited. RSVP if you plan to attend, to **Dorothy Hassan**, at dshassan@aol.com or 703-407-2828.

Great Decisions I Great Decisions will hold its new sessions **Tuesday, February 20, 9:30 am**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. **Angela Ehemann** and **Marian Harvey** will host the meeting on "*Waning of Pax Americana?*" Discussions are based on topics provided by the Foreign Policy Association, which was founded by President Wilson in 1917. New members are welcome to join the group. Contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net or 703-893-3578, for more details.

Breakfast Group I The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 27, 9:00 am**, at the **McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean**. RSVP to, **Mary Lou Melley** at maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Connections I February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5	6 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	7 Branch Board Meeting, noon-2:00 pm, McLean House	8	9 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Gov Center	10
11	12 Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Betsy Schroeder's Home	13	14 On the Town, Morning Movie am, TBD	15	16	17
18	19 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Dorothy Hassan's Home	20 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	21	22	23	24 Branch Meeting, Mount Vernon Ladies' Association, 10:00 am, McLean Community Center Temporary Space
25	26	27 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	28			

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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Do you have any AAUW McLean Branch news, updates or information you wish to share with our local community?

Please email your publicity materials no later than three weeks before you wish to have it posted in our local newspapers |

Cheryl Scott Williams (cherylswilliams@verizon.net)



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