



McLean Area Branch  
AAUW of Virginia

# News

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<http://mclean-va.aauw.net>

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## March Branch Meeting

Tuesday, March 20, 6:00 pm  
McLean House Community Room  
6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101

## Celebrate Women's History Month at Our Branch Annual Meeting & Potluck



### March is Women's History Month.

The McLean Branch Annual Business meeting and potluck dinner will salute women who came before us and celebrate branch members. **Each branch member is asked to share something about herself** as described below and send to **Carol Mournighan** at [clmourn@gmail.com](mailto:clmourn@gmail.com). The information will be shared at the meeting.

**\*\*Share an accomplishment or an event of which you are proud.** It can be **related to your professional life**, your **family**, or your **hobbies**. Perhaps you were one of the first women to hold a certain position, or helped someone realize her or his potential, or introduced a new work model, or overcame discrimination, or raised a family—nothing is too small or insignificant. **Don't be modest; share your personal story as we recognize every woman's accomplishments.**

## Potluck Dinner-What to Bring

If your **name begins with:**

- **A-G:** side dish/salad
- **H-O:** dessert
- **P-Z:** main dish

**Remember to bring appropriate serving pieces labelled with your name.**

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](mailto:bfs4000@gmail.com).

## Northern District Meeting

Saturday, March 3

Gather at 1:30; Program starts promptly at 2:00

Kings Park Library

9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke

Two presentations include:

- **Kendra Davis**, **AAUW Senior Vice President**, heads up the team for member dues and contributions, major donors, corporate donors, and planned giving. Kendra will share very interesting statistics from her work.
- **Sue Christie**, **Co-Membership Vice President, McLean Branch**, will provide information on Smart Start and Work Smart and how branches can work together on these workshops to promote AAUW's major focus on pay equity.

**Plan to attend and bring announcements to share on your branch's upcoming programs and events.**

## Branch Board Meeting: March

Wednesday, March 7

Noon – 2:00 pm

McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA.

### 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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## Photo Gallery: February Branch Meeting on Mount Vernon's Ladies Association

Rebecca Baird is 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. She shared stories of the women who saved Mount Vernon.



Carol Mournighan (Program Co-VP) introduces Ms. Baird.

## Presidents' Message

**Elections for the new board of directors** will be held at the **March branch meeting**. The nominating committee is preparing a slate of officers for 2018-19. Nominations can also be made from the floor. **Please think about how you can contribute to the branch.** Board service is one way to become involved.

**Plan now to attend the 2018 AAUW State Conference, April 20-22**, at the Renaissance Hotel in the lovely Olde Towne section of **Portsmouth**. The theme of this year's conference is: **Changing the Climate for Women and Girls**. Registration information is included in this newsletter.

**Aroona and Betsy**

## Branch Webmaster Needed

**Jane Schmiedekamp**, who has been maintaining the branch website, is ready to step down. **A member with some knowledge of software and basic programming is needed to take over.** The website uses **WordPress**. The branch has a contract with **National to assist**, but some of the branch updates must be done by us. Examples of this are updating the calendar and posting new information or photos. Please contact **Betsy Schroeder** ([icu43@cox.net](mailto:icu43@cox.net)) or **Jane Schmiedekamp** ([Alphajanebryant@gmail.com](mailto:Alphajanebryant@gmail.com)), if you are interested or have questions.

## Membership Dues Increase

The AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to enact the **first dues change in almost a decade**. Effective March 16, 2018, **national dues** will increase from **\$49 to \$59**. As a result, **our dues including national, state, and branch will be \$85.00**. Of the national dues, **\$56 is tax deductible**.

Annual dues currently **account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget**. It helps to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to support AAUW's [salary negotiation workshops](#), groundbreaking [research](#) and [advocacy](#) efforts, [campus leadership programs](#), and so much more.

To hear more about this, **listen to a short YouTube video** featuring **Kim Churches**, AAUW CEO, and **Julia Brown**, AAUW Board Chair. Here is the video link: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/>.

You may **renew your dues for 2018-19** at the **Branch's Annual Meeting on March 20**. Additionally, you may **send an \$85 check** to our **Treasurer at P.O. Box 1002, McLean, VA 22101**, or by going to the **National AAUW website**, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), making sure you also indicate that you want to renew your branch membership. **Checks should be made out to McLean Area Branch AAUW.**

## Annual Used Book Sale

This year's Annual Used Book Sale is at **Spring Hill Recreation Center** on **August 31-September 2**, with setup on August 30. **Sorting** will continue at the **Sun Trust Bank** in Vienna, where we have already received more than 300 boxes of books. Sorting will begin on **Thursday, April 19**. **Saturday collections** will be on **May 12, June 2, June 23, and July 14**. **Diane Alden** is **recruiting member volunteers** to staff the collections. Please help. If you are available, **call Diane** at **703-356-7452**. Students will be hired to do the heavy lifting.

Besides collecting and sorting there are a few areas that **still need leadership**:

**Category Leaders:** decide what should be kept in a given category, price books that are more valuable, and box the books. Information sessions on pricing and how to streamline the process are being scheduled.

**Book Sale Signs:** help update current sale site signs and create new ones as needed.

**Volunteer Recruitment:** solicit member volunteers for the sale. A template to work from is provided.

**Office Manager:** oversee member and volunteer sign in during the sale, and collect pre-sale payments (i.e., books purchased by members during sorting).

**Box Acquisition:** get boxes and deliver to the bank. Good sources are Total Wine on Tuesdays or Wednesdays and grocery stores for fruit flats (at least the depth of a paperback).

## Don't Delete That eMail

**AAUW members received an important email on February 22** from the National Board of Directors that presented three important proposed AAUW Bylaws amendments that must to be voted on this spring. **You have UNTIL MARCH 22** to **(a) comment on the proposals, (b) amend them, and/or (c) propose you own amendment to anything in the AAUW Bylaws.**

The **proposed amendments** are:

1. Change the structure of the national board to staggered three-year terms, beginning with elections in 2019 (the primary reason for voting this year on amendments is to put this in place).
2. Delete the requirement that national board members must be AAUW members. The board composition of 15 must have at least 10 AAUW members, so no more than five can be non-members. Non-members could serve in all board positions, including board chair.
3. Delete the degree requirement, opening membership to all who support our mission.

The **AAUW website has a thorough explanation** of the rationale for each of the proposed amendments. **As members**, it is important to review the proposed amendments, comment or amend. Consider if there are other places in the AAUW Bylaws where you want to submit an amendment. **VOTE between April 25 and June 9** (May 21 for paper ballots). **If you submit an amendment, follow the instructions carefully.** If you **comment** on a proposed amendment, type your comment **in the "Comment" box.**

To find the bylaws, go to AAUW website, [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), and **click on the yellow book that says "Bylaws."** Missed or deleted the email? Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click on "National Bylaws Amendment VOTE" on the home page.

**Caroline Pickens, AAUW Governance Committee Member**, [carolineaauw@gmail.com](mailto:carolineaauw@gmail.com)





Plan to attend the  
**2018 Virginia State AAUW  
Conference**  
**Changing the Climate for Women and  
Girls**  
Friday-Sunday, April 20-22, 2018  
Portsmouth, Virginia

**Join your fellow Virginia AAUW members at the state-wide conference in Portsmouth, Virginia.**

Attend discussion sessions, workshops, inspiring programs and meet with members from around the state.

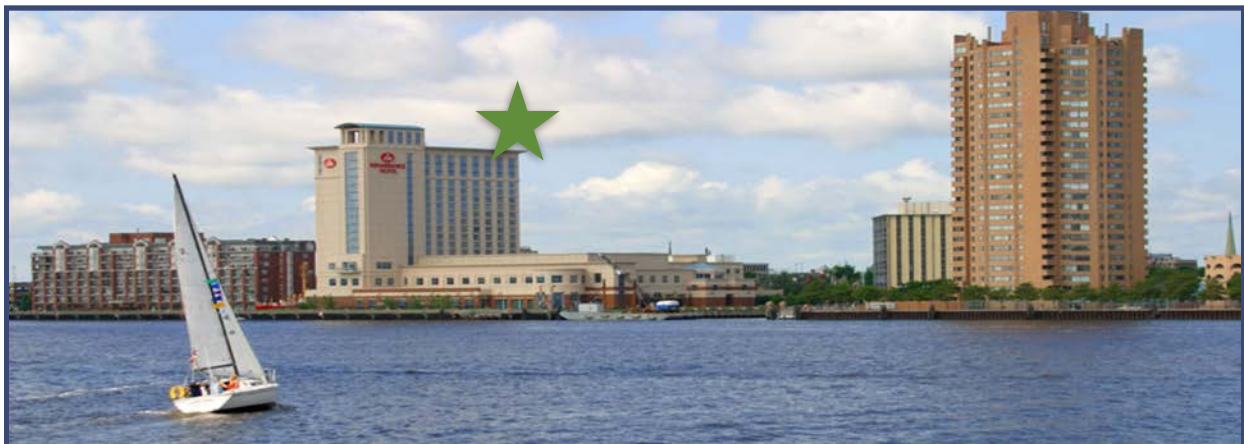
**Conference Registration**

To register for the Conference, go to <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2018-aauw-of-va-state-conference>. Early registration fee is \$80 and includes the Saturday lunch. After April 1, registration is \$95. The Saturday banquet dinner is \$40.

**Hotel Registration**

To reserve your hotel room at The Renaissance Portsmouth-Norfolk Waterfront Hotel at \$129 per night go to <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference> and click the online hotel room registration, or call the hotel at 1-888-839-1775 and identify you are attending the AAUW conference April 20-22 to get the special group room rate. Last day to book a room is March 20, 2018.

**Note:** *Regardless of information on the hotel website, our group rate entitles us to a self-parking rate of \$5/day.*



## Special Interest Groups

**Current Events:** The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, March 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](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com).

**Morning Lit Group:** The Morning Literature group will meet on **Friday, March 9, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Governmental Center Conference Room, 1437 Balls Hill Road**, to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow*, by Amor Towles. Please bring your own coffee, tea, or water. Plenty of parking available in front of building. Contact **Betsy Reddaway**, [pbreddaway@verizon.net](mailto:pbreddaway@verizon.net) or 703-448-9195.

**Bridge Group:** The bridge group will meet on **Monday, March 12, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Debra Wah, 7656 Buford Drive, McLean, VA 22102**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, [barbaralcarr@msn.com](mailto:barbaralcarr@msn.com) or 703-356-3127, if you plan to attend.

**On the Town:** **Wednesday, March 14**, On the Town will feature a visit to **The Kreeger Museum, 2401 Foxhall Road, Washington, DC 20007**. In 1959, David and Carmen Kreeger began to amass a formidable collection of modern art. For the next fifteen years, they assembled most of the Museum's holdings.

Modern art historian Harry Cooper guest curated the reinstallation of the permanent collection of The Kreeger Museum. This introduces works that have not been on view for several years, while offering fresh perspectives on collection favorites by Claude Monet, Pablo Picasso, Vincent Van Gogh, and other modern and Impressionist masters. The visit will include a **docent tour** that **begins at 10:30 am** for a **suggested donation of \$8**. **Car pools will meet in McLean at 9:15 am**. If you have questions and to RSVP, contact **Mary Lou Melley**, [maryloumelley@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com).

**Evening Lit Group:** The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, March 19, 7:30 pm**, at **Sue Christie's home, 6638 Midhill Place, Falls Church, VA 22043**, to discuss *Sing, Unburied, Sing*, by Jesmyn Ward. RSVP to **Sue Christie** at [suechristie@gmail.com](mailto:suechristie@gmail.com).

**Great Decisions:** Great Decisions will meet **Tuesday, March 20, 9:30 am**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**, to discuss Chapter 2, Russia's Foreign Policy. New members can still join the group. Contact **Angela Ehemann**, [acehemann@verizon.net](mailto:acehemann@verizon.net) or 703-893-3578, for details.

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

## Connections I March Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
				1	2	3 <b>Northern District Meeting, 1:30 pm, Kings Park Library, Burke</b>
4	5	6 <b>Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet</b>	7 <b>Branch Board Meeting, noon-2:00 pm, McLean House</b>	8	9 <b>Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Gov Center</b>	10 <b>STEMtastics</b> <b>Cancelled</b>
11	12 <b>Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Debra Wah's Home</b>	13	14 <b>On the Town, 9:15 am McLean carpool meet, The Kreeger Museum</b>	15	16	17
18	19 <b>Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Sue Christie's Home</b>	20 <b>Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House</b> ----- <b>Branch Meeting/ Annual Business Meeting &amp; Potluck Dinner, 6:00 pm, McLean House Community Room</b>	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <b>Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant</b>	28	29	30	31



**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  
Sue Christie  
703.241.5646  
or  
Barbara Sipe  
703.356.2385**

**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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