



McLean Area Branch AAUW of Virginia

News

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April Branch Meeting

Tuesday, April 17, 7:00 pm
Dolley Madison Library
1244 Oak Ridge Ave, McLean, VA 22101

April's program will feature a discussion of **political gerrymandering** and how it has contributed to the **current polarized political climate**. If you live in Virginia's 8th or 10th

Congressional District, you are a victim of gerrymandering. The discussion will be led by **OneVirginia2021**, a civic non-profit organization founded to advocate for a non-partisan redistricting of the Commonwealth of Virginia. **One Virginia 2021** promotes an independent redistricting commission with non-partisan criteria and is co-patroned by Virginia Senators **Jill Vogel** (R) and **Louise Lucas** (D).

May Branch Dinner Meeting

Tuesday, May 8, 6:30 pm
River Bend Golf and Country Club
375 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA

Last fall's election resulted in **women gaining 12 seats** in the **Virginia House of Representatives**, bringing the total number of women in the House to 28 out of 100. These women have had a big impact on the

way the chamber operates. Speakers **Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola** (D) and **Delegate Kathleen Murphy** (D) will share the evolving role of women in the 399-year old commonwealth legislature.

Senator Favola represents the **31st Senate District**, which includes parts of Arlington, Fairfax, and Loudoun. She is a **strong advocate** on issues important to **children, families, wage-earners**, and the **environment**. Including other Committee assignments, she chairs the Women's Health Care Caucus in the Senate.

Delegate Murphy represents the **34th House of Delegates District**, which includes McLean, Vienna, Wolf Trap, Great Falls and parts of Eastern Loudoun. She is a **long-time advocate** for issues benefitting **women and families**. Delegate Murphy is a member of the House Finance and the Privileges and Elections Committees and belongs to the Military and Veterans Caucus and the Virginia Environment and Renewable Energy Caucus. She serves on the Board of Veterans Services and chairs the Women Veterans Workgroup.

Reserve your place for the annual dinner meeting using the form included in this newsletter. Reservations are due by **April 30, 2018**. Guests are welcome.

AAUW McLean Area Branch Spring Dinner

Tuesday, May 8 6:30 pm, dinner served at 7:00 pm
River Bend Country Club 375 Walker Rd, Great Falls, VA 22066

Guest Speakers

Virginia State Senator Barbara Favola and Delegate Kathleen Murphy
"The Evolving Role of Women in the 399-Year-Old Legislature"

Menu

Salad

Napoleon of Sliced Tomatoes and Fresh Mozzarella on a Bed of Arugula,
Basil Vinaigrette and Toasted Pine Nuts

Choice of Entrée

Breast of Chicken stuffed with Prosciutto & Boursin Cheese, Chicken Veloute,
with Grilled Asparagus and Red Bliss Potatoes

or

Honey Mustard Crusted Salmon, with Sautéed Garlic Spinach,
and Saffron Jasmine Rice

or

Grilled Vegetables in Phyllo with Truffle Red Pepper Sauce and Asparagus

Dessert Crème Brule

Reservations All Members & Friends Welcome!

Name _____

Entrée Choice _____

Name _____

Entrée Choice _____

Name _____

Entrée Choice _____

Cost: \$44 per Person
Make Check payable to: AAUW
– McLean Area Branch

Reserve by April 30
Margie Broderick
7040 Arbor Lane
McLean, VA 22101

Presidents' Message

To accommodate our newsletter editors' schedule, **this issue** of the newsletter has information on branch **activities for April and May**. **We'll be providing updates by email** over the next couple of months as necessary, particularly about events such as our **May dinner** when our guest **speakers** will be **Kathleen Murphy** and **Barbara Favola**.

The **State Conference is April 20-22 in Portsmouth, VA**. Details are on the state website. **Deadline** for the **early bird registration is April 1st**. **Branch funds are budgeted to reimburse expenses for those who attend**. Please notify Aroona or Betsy if you plan to go.

Do not forget to **vote on the AAUW proposed Bylaws changes between April 25 and June 9. May 21 is the deadline for paper ballots**. For detail and the rationale for each amendment, visit www.aauw.org and click on "National Bylaws Amendment Vote" on the home page.

Aroona and Betsy

Let's Carpool!



SHARE A CAR

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 Meetings: April and May

Wednesday, April 4

Wednesday, May 2

Noon – 2:00 pm

McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA.

Membership Update

At the Northern District meeting, **Sue Christie** provided an update on the McLean Branch *Start Smart* initiative that provided salary negotiation training to graduating seniors in Northern Virginia colleges. After a "test run" at Trinity College, the McLean Board agreed to **move forward** with providing **district wide training to support making *Start Smart* available to all graduating seniors in the Commonwealth of Virginia.**

At the meeting, McLean branch invited other branches to join a steering committee to plan the implementation of the initiative through the next several years. The Steering Committee will provide regular updates to the McLean Board and the Northern District.

Don't forget to **renew your annual AAUW dues** by either mailing a check made out to McLean Area Branch AAUW to Treasurer, P.O. Box 1002, McLean, VA 22101 or by visiting the National AAUW website. The **annual dues for 2019 are \$85.**



Changing the Climate for Women and Girls

Come One, Come All!

AAUW of Virginia 2018 Conference
Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel
April 20-22

There is no better time to visit Portsmouth, Virginia than in the spring! In this beautiful location, the AAUW of Virginia Conference offers a gathering of AAUW members, workshops, speakers and other activities that have come to make this event a wonderful tradition. Meet **Edith Mayo**, an expert on women's political history; **Dr. Zoe Spencer**, an LAF plaintiff; and **Dr. Christine Darden**, a hidden figure from NASA and our Woman of Achievement. You will also meet members of the AAUW staff when they update us on AAUW news, and hear great presentations at the workshops

Join us for a two-day meeting of excitement, renewal and synergy.

Read the [brochure](#) for details.

Registration increases from \$80 to \$95 on April 1.

Click below to register for the conference now!

<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2018-aauw-of-va-state-conference>.

Ctrl+Click below to reserve a room at the Renaissance:

[Book your room for AAUW of Virginia State Conference](#)

Or call

1.888.839.1775

Mention AAUW VA

Volunteers Needed For



May 19, 2018

Please offer to help promote AAUW to our community ~ just tell folks what we do!

We will have a table in a tent (out of the weather!) and are only asking **2 hours** of your time: **11am-1pm, 1-3, or 3-5**

It is a **lot of fun** (even if it rains!),

makes you feel good, and

is in a **great atmosphere filled with friendly people**.

Sign up with a friend! You will be glad you did ~

Just call or email Margie Broderick *by MAY 10th*
703.883.8027 or margiebroderick@aol.com

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AAUW Funds Recipients

The AAUW Mclean Branch has four endowments. **The Branch Funds Committee is proud to introduce this year's recipients.**



The **McLean Area (VA) Branch (#1376) American Fellowship** recipient is **Amaka Okechukwu**, a student at **George Mason University**. She is currently working on her book project *To Fulfill These Rights: Political Contention Over Affirmative Action in Public Universities*.

The **McLean Area (VA) Branch (#1825) International Fellowship** recipient is **Nadine Hejazi** from Jordan. She is completing her master's degree in international education at **George Washington University**.



The **McLean Area (VA) Branch (#4267) Community Action** recipient is **Shannon Darroch**, who is studying at the **University of Virginia**, the **Society of Women Engineers**.

The **McLean Area (VA) Branch 40th Anniversary (#4319) Career Development** recipient is **Myeshia Shelby**, a master's degree candidate in Genetics and Human Genetics at **Howard University**.



Annual Used Book Sale

Reminder and Call for Volunteers

Sorting for the annual Used Book Sale will begin on **Thursday, April 19**. **Saturday** collections will be on **May 12, June 2, June 23, and July 14** at the **Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna**. **Diane Alden** is recruiting member volunteers to staff the collections. There will be **two shifts** on each of the Saturday dates: **9-11:30 am** and **11:30 am-2 pm**. We need two volunteers and three substitutes for each shift. If you are available, call **Diane** at **703-356-7452**. **Students will be hired to do the heavy lifting.**



Public Policy Update

Virginia General Assembly

At a recently closed session, the House and Senate were unable to resolve their budget disagreement over Medicaid expansion. The House included the expansion; however, the Senate budget did not. The governor will reconvene a special legislative session once the

budget conferees work out their differences.

Metro funding at the \$154 million level is included in the budget, which fulfills Virginia's contribution to the \$500 million the Metro system needs. Maryland and the District of Columbia are required to match Virginia's contribution; however, at press time DC was backing away from their share of funding, putting the future of Metro at risk.

Delegate **Rip Sullivan** (D-48th district) introduced a bill to create violent threat restraining orders in response to the shooting in Parkland Florida. No action was taken by the leaders in the legislature.

U.S. Congress

The Lobby Corps has been active on the Hill, delivering AAUW's message to House members. They urged support for the paid Family Medical Leave Act and for STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) initiatives and advocated for officials to oppose an education bill, PROSPER, which conflicts with AAUW's policy. Members who want to join Lobby Corps will receive training and personal direction on the Thursday Lobby Days. For more information, contact **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com or 703-536-6498.

Important AAUW Votes

You have two voting opportunities this spring: one on Bylaws amendments at the national level and the other for Virginia state officers.

AAUW National Bylaws Amendments

- Watch for *Outlook* in April with the proposed amendments and your voting number. There are three important amendments. The first changes the national board structure to a staggered 3-year term. The second allows up to five non-AAUW members on the 15-member AAUW Board (non-members could serve as officers of the board, including chair). The third provides opening membership to all who support AAUW's mission. Members' comments on these amendments are at www.aauw.org; click on bylaws.
- Online voting starts **April 25** and closes **June 9** at 9:00 p.m. ET.
- If you need a paper ballot, request by **May 7** at connect@aauw.org or 202-785-7700.

AAUW of Virginia Voting

- The spring Virginia *Vision* has the slate of state officers to elect and the proposed 2018-2020 Public Policy Priorities. Any changes to the latter after discussion at the April 20-22 state conference will be emailed to members on April 23.
- Online voting begins **April 24** and concludes on **May 14** at 9:00 p.m.
- Note that no paper ballots are provided for Virginia AAUW. A laptop will be available at the May 8 Branch Dinner meeting for those who do not have access to email.

If you have questions, contact **Caroline Pickens** at carolineaauw@gmail.com.

STEMtastics – What Happened and What's Next?

STEMtastics 2018, a career day event designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue careers in STEM scheduled for March 10, 2018, was cancelled by the Planning Committee around two weeks prior to the event. The committee took this action with deep regret due to problems with delivery of registration materials to the students. This problem resulted in an unexpectedly low number of registrations, making it impossible to proceed with the event. The committee determined we needed a minimum of 375 registrations to have a viable number of students in each workshop. After registration was open for four weeks, only 190 registrations were received. This was unexpected since in 2017 we got almost 400 registrations in the first two weeks.



In 2017, the registration process ran very smoothly when FCPS sent out one central email that we distributed to parents and guardians of students at all 26 FCPS middle schools. In 2018, FCPS did not want to send one central email and instead used three different communications, none of which were effective. Critical to the success of a future event will be an agreement with FCPS about how to communicate the event to parents.



However, prior to any discussions with FCPS, the Planning Committee determined that there is an URGENT need to identify enough AAUW volunteers to serve in leadership positions on the committee. There are currently five key positions that need to be filled, including one co-chair. Each of the sponsoring branches has been tasked to fill certain positions. The McLean Area branch needs to identify one person to work as part of a three-person subgroup responsible for the parent workshops. **If the key committee positions are**

not filled by April 9, the Planning Committee will disband and the event will not be held going forward. Anyone interested in serving on the committee or in learning more about the position should contact **Judy Page** (judy@page@gmail.com, 703-847-1950) or **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales** (myrtle@hencor@gmail.com, 703-760-9568).

Special Interest Groups: April/May (continued on page 10)

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, April 3**, and **Tuesday, May 1, 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: The Morning Literature group will meet on **Friday, April 13, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Governmental Center Conference Room, 1437 Balls Hill Road**, to discuss *Paris 1919: Six Months That Changed the World* by Margaret McMillan. On **Friday, May 11, 9:30 am**, the group will discuss *Hillbilly Elegy: A Memoir* by J.D. Vance. 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: The bridge group will meet on **Monday, April 9, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Marge Degnon, 1340 Lancia Drive, McLean, VA 22102**. In May, the Bridge Group will meet on **Monday, May 14, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Nancy Richardson, 336 Club View Drive, Great Falls, VA 22066**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, if you plan to attend.

On the Town: Unfortunately, the March trip to the Kreeger Museum was cancelled because it was closed suddenly for two days.

On **Wednesday, April 11, at 6 pm**, On the Town will feature an early dinner at a local restaurant, **Brio Tuscan Grille, at Tysons Corner Center**. The menu includes entrees in the \$20 range and small plates.

On **May 9**, a trip to **George Washington's Mount Vernon** and the **Fred W. Smith National library** is planned.

Other events may be proposed, especially a trip to the movies at Angelica on a Tuesday morning. Members who have signed up to receive notices will get email reminders. If you want to be on the list or If you have questions and to RSVP, contact **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Evening Lit Group: The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, April 16, 7:30 pm**, at **Lynne Glikbarg's home, 9113 White Chimney Lane, Great Falls, VA 22066**, to discuss *Everything I Never Told You*, by Celeste Ng. RSVP to **Lynne Glikbarg** at lynneglik@aol.com.

In May, the group will meet **Monday, May 21, 7:30 pm** at **Cheryl Williams' home, 510 N Street, SW, #N317, Washington, DC 20024**, to discuss *Personal History*, by Katharine Graham. RSVP to **Cheryl Williams** at cherylswilliams@verizon.net.

Special Interest Groups: April/May (continued from page 9)

Great Decisions: Great Decisions will meet **Tuesday, April 17, 9:30 am, at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**, to discuss *China and America: the new geopolitical equation*. Contact hostesses, **Ginger MacEwen**, vmacewen@alumni.duke.edu, and **Doris Shank**, cdshank34@outlook.com, if you plan to attend.

In May, the group will meet **May 15, 9:30 am, at McLean House** to discuss *Media and Foreign Policy*. Contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, 703-893-3578, for details.

Breakfast Group: The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, April 24, and Tuesday, May 29, 9:00 am**, at the **McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean**. RSVP to, **Mary Lou Melley** at maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Arena Stagers: If you are interested in seeing the **Arena Stage** production of *Snow Child*, a musical set in the 1920's and based on the Eowyn Ivey novel, on **May 19 at 2:00 pm**, contact **Elaine Lailas** at elailas@aol.com, or 305-281-5787.

Connections I April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	4 Branch Board Meeting, noon-2:00 pm, McLean House	5	6	7
8	9 Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Marge Degnon's Home	10	11 On the Town, 6:00 pm, Brio Tuscan Grille	12	13 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Gov Center	14
15	16 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Lynne Glikbarg's Home	17 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House ----- Branch Meeting, 7:00 pm, Dolley Madison Library	18	19	20	21
22	23	24 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	25	26	27	28
29	30					

Connections I May Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
		1 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	2 Branch Board Meeting, noon-2:00 pm, McLean House	3	4	5
6	7	8 Branch Spring Dinner Meeting, 6:30 pm, River Bend Country Club	9 On the Town, Time TBD, Mount Vernon	10	11 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Gov Center	12
13	14 Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Nancy Richardson's Home	15 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	16	17	18	19 Arena Stagers, Snow Child, 2:00 pm, Arena Stage
20	21 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Cheryl Williams's Home	22 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	23	24	25	26
27	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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