



McLean Area Branch AAUW of Virginia

News

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AAUW McLean Area Branch Annual Dinner

Featured Virginia State Legislators and STEM Excellence Award Recipient

Virginia State Senator **Barbara Favola** and Delegate **Kathleen Murphy** were the featured speakers at the AAUW McLean Area Branch's Annual Dinner on May 8, 2018, at River Bend Country Club. They discussed issues currently in front of the state Senate and House, as well as the evolving role of women in the state legislature.

At the dinner, the branch recognized **Sydney Roberts**, a **George C. Marshall High School junior**, as the **2018 recipient of the Branch's STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) Excellence Award**. The STEM Excellence Award is given to a female student or team from a McLean area high school with an outstanding science fair project in Engineering. Sydney received a certificate and a \$100 award.

This year's award recognized Sydney's work on **her project, "The Potential Generation of Electricity by Ambient Sound."** She demonstrated unusual creativity in looking at a convenient clean option for generating small amounts of useful energy in everyday settings. She examined locations where teenagers make a lot of noise, such as basketball games, and then used it as a source of electricity. Sydney credits her parents and friends for providing guidance and support throughout the course of her project.

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Branch Board Meeting: June

Incoming and outgoing Branch Board members will meet over lunch

Wednesday, June 6
Noon – 2:00 pm

McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA.

Photo Gallery: AAUW McLean Area Branch Annual Dinner (continued from page 1)



Sydney Roberts, a Marshall High School junior, was presented with the AAUW McLean Area Branch 2018 STEM Excellence Award at its Annual Dinner on May 8. Shown from left to right are Betsy Schroeder, Branch Co-President; Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, Co-Vice-President, Programs; Judy Page, Branch STEM Chair; Senator Barbara Favola; Sydney Roberts; Shelby Roberts, Sydney's mother; and, Aroona Borpujari, Branch Co-President.

At the AAUW McLean Area Branch's Annual Dinner, State Senator Barbara Favola, left, and Delegate Kathleen Murphy, right, discussed issues including K-12 education, women's health and gun safety, as well as the role of women in the state legislature.



Presidents' Message

It has been a wonderful experience to serve the McLean Branch as co-presidents for the last two years. **Thank you for your trust and help in moving the branch forward.** We could not have reached this point without our enthusiastic and hard-working board, and the work of the entire branch membership's cooperation, support, kind words and encouragement.

Five branch members attended the 2018 State Conference in Portsmouth, Virginia. We were inspired by several women leaders, including **Edith Mayo**, curator Emeritus in Political and Women's History at the Smithsonian; **Zoe Spencer**, AAUW LAF plaintiff; **Dr. Christine Darden**, 2018 Woman of Achievement awardee and **Paula Coughlin**, former Lieutenant, U.S. Navy and whistle blower/plaintiff in the Tailhook scandal in 1991. They shared their personal stories of challenges and achievements.

Sharing the annual spring dinner with all of you was a lovely way to end the year, along with the talks from our guest speakers **Delegate Kathleen Murphy** and **State Senator Barbara Favola**.

Join us in **welcoming the new board** and sending **congratulations to all who contributed to our successful year.**

Aroona and Betsy

Photo Gallery: AAUW Virginia State Conference

Five Branch members attended the Virginia State Conference, April 20-22, in Portsmouth, Virginia. From left to right, Caroline Pickens, Betsy Schroeder, Aroona Borpujari, Nancy Richardson and Mary Lou Melley.



Keynote speakers, Dr. Christine Darden and Betsy Schroeder's daughter Kat Schroeder.

Dr. Christine Darden and Mary Lou Melley.



Branch Officer Update

The following are forthcoming changes to our branch board officers: **Naz Basit** will move from **co-Membership VP to co-Program VP**, sharing the position with **Milia Ali**; and **Deborah DeMasi** has agreed to be the **co-Membership VP** with **Bethany Jones**.

We are **still in need of a treasurer**. **Lynne Glikbarg** will train anyone willing to come forward. Some accounting skills are preferred.

A formal election will be held at the September branch meeting.

Annual Dues

Dues are due! Please renew your membership online or mail your check for **\$85** payable to **McLean Area AAUW, P. O. Box 1002, McLean, VA 22101**. Renew your membership **before the end of June** to have up-to-date branch membership information included in the annual directory.

Branch ByLaws and Policy Update

At its May meeting, members of the Board amended Branch policy and recommended changes to the Bylaws to be voted on by Branch members at a future Branch meeting.

Policy: Branch program speakers currently receive thank you gifts. The branch can now provide an honorarium to speakers as part of the program budget. Clarification was added that the branch may not contribute to a charity or organization in the speaker's name. This is consistent with national AAUW policy.

Bylaws: To improve branch board candidate recruitment, the Board voted to recommend that the terms of elected officers be changed from one to two years and that officers not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office. Additionally, to create staggered terms to avoid a full board turnover, three officers will be elected one year and two officers the following year. Branch members will have the opportunity to discuss the proposed amendments to the bylaws and vote at the branch meeting in the fall.

Book Sale

The first collection day was a big success! Three more **collection days** are planned – **June 2, June 23 and July 14**. **Volunteers** are needed to **sort and box** the newly arrived books on collection days or during the week. Contact **Diane Alden** at **703-356-7452** to volunteer.

The **book sale** is on **Friday, August 31 – Sunday, September 2**. **Volunteers** are needed for set up on August 30 as well as throughout the sale, so plan to contribute as much of your time as you're able. Contact **Cheryl Williams** at **301-518-2773** or cherylswilliams@verizon.net to **schedule** your volunteer **time for setup and sale days**.

Summer Leadership Conference, July 20, Harrisonburg, Virginia

Virginia State Summer Leaders Meeting will be on **July 28** at the **James Madison University Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Conference Center in Harrisonburg, VA**. A program agenda and hotel information are included in this newsletter. A **walking tour** of the downtown area conducted by AAUW member **Rosemarie Palmer**, noted local historian, is scheduled for **Friday evening**. **Saturday's program will address leadership, feature international and national grant recipients and showcase other information that our members need to know about AAUW as it heads towards 2020.**

AAUW-VA Summer Leadership Meeting

July 28, 2018

Pre-Meeting Activities July 27

Harrisonburg, VA

July 28, 9:00 AM - 4:15 PM

Hotel Madison and
Shenandoah Valley
Conference Center

710 South Main Street
Harrisonburg, VA 22801



Hotel Reservations
phone: 540-564-0200

or <https://goo.gl/4e6P8n>
Reserve by July 5

All rooms in AAUW block \$119
plus tax and fees per night.

Harness the Energy!

AGENDA

July 27 Pre- Meeting Activities 7:15 - 8:00 **Walking Tour** of downtown Harrisonburg
Space limited. Pre-registration required at
the link below.

8:30 - 10:00 **Social Hour** (cash bar) at Hotel
Madison

July 28 Summer Leadership Meeting at Hotel Madison and Shenandoah Valley
Conference Center

9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration/Check in
9:30 - 9:45 am	Welcome, Introductions
9:45 - 10:30 am	Keynote
10:30 - 11:15 am	Session 1
11:25 - 12:10 pm	Session 2

12:15 - 1:30 pm EAT SHARE LEARN

1:30 - 2:00 pm	Group and Branch sharing
2:00 - 2:45 pm	Session 3
2:55 - 3:45 pm	Session 4
3:45 - 4:15 pm	Tidbits and Wrap-Up

REGISTER ONLINE AT <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/summer-leadership-meeting/> **by July 15.** Reserve room at hotel by July 5, 2018.



Be the energy that you
want to see in others!

Harness the Energy



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Summer Leadership Meeting

July 28, 9:30 - 4:15 Pre-meeting
events July 27, 7:15 - 9:30 PM

Hotel Madison and Shenandoah
Valley Conference Center in
Harrisonburg, VA

Come join us for important information to help energize your branch for the upcoming year!

Name _____ Branch _____

Email _____ State Board Member? yes/no

Position you serve in your branch _____

_____ I will attend the Summer Leadership Meeting which includes Box Lunch (\$20) \$ _____

_____ I will attend the 45 min. walking tour (7:15 pm on Fri.) , wear comfortable shoes

_____ I will attend the Social 8:30 -10:00 p.m. on Fri. at Hotel Madison (Cash Bar)

PLEASE CHECK ONE SANDWICH CHOICE BELOW : bag of chips, whole fruit, drink and cookie included

_____ Vegetarian (grilled marinated veggies and fresh mozzarella on whole wheat)

_____ Smoked Turkey Breast (Bacon, Avocado, Tomatoes, Chipotle Aioli on Ciabatta)

_____ Roast Beef (Sliced Roast Beef, Marinated Red Onions and Peppers, Whole grain mustard, Provolone Cheese on Sourdough)

PLEASE CHECK ONE BEVERAGE CHOICE AND ONE DESSERT CHOICE

_____Pepsi _____Diet Pepsi _____Sierra Mist _____Dr.Pepper _____Water

_____Granola Bar _____Cookie _____Brownie

TOTAL AMOUNT ENCLOSED (make check payable to AAUW of VA) \$ _____

FORM AND CHECK MUST BE RECEIVED BY JULY 15, 2018.

MAIL TO: TAMMIE MULLINS-RICE, 1010 Barnacle Ct, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

RESERVATIONS AT THE HOTEL MADISON can be made on-line at: <https://goo.gl/4e6P8n> or by calling (540) 564-0200 and requesting the AAUW group rate of \$119 plus tax per night for either a double queen, king, or king with sofa room. Rooms are available on July 27 and July 28, and the block of rooms will be held **until July 5th**. Parking is \$5 per night.



Public Policy Update

June 12 is Primary Election Day

Vote on June 12 at your usual precinct, **7:00 am to 6:00 pm**. In Virginia, **eligible voters may vote in either the Democratic or Republican primary** since we do not register with a party.

In **District 10**, six **Democratic candidates** are running: **Lindsey Stover, Jennifer Wexton, Paul Pelletier, Alison Friedman, Dan Helmer, and Julia Biggins**. The **Republican candidates** are **Barbara Comstock** (incumbent) and **Shak Hill**.

In **District 8**, Democrat **Don Beyer** (incumbent) is running unopposed in the general election.

In **District 11**, Democrat **Gerald Connolly** (incumbent) will run against Republican **Jeff Dove, Jr.** in the general election.

For the **Senate** seat, three candidates are running in the **Republican primary**: **Corey Stewart, Nick Freitas, E.W. Jackson**. The winner will face incumbent **Senator Tim Kaine** in the fall.

The League of Women Voters and other organizations will be sponsoring candidate forums over the summer and into the fall.

During May, the **Virginia EEC** committee **sponsored a campaign forum in coordination with the Lutheran Church of the Redeemer in McLean**. The evening included discussions by members of the Church's social concerns committee, Share, Inc. and other nonprofits in the area.

AAUW Lobby Corps

AAUW continues to support its volunteer Lobby Corps. Recently, **20 members visited nearly 100 offices** with messages to **support legislation for paid sick leave**, a proposal to establish a **permanent fund for leave related to child and family care**.

Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, McLean Area Branch, US Representative Thomas Reed for New York 23rd Congressional District, and Becky Gaul, Falls Church Branch during AAUW Lobby Corps visit.



Photo Gallery: On the Town



May On the Town travels to George Washington's Mount Vernon and the Fred W. Smith National library from left, Barbara Sipe, Margaret Hines, Mary Lou Melley, Betsy Schroeder, and Aroona Borpujari.

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.

Price. Selection. Convenience.
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Special Interest Groups: June (continued on page 10)

Evening Lit Group:

Since the Evening Literature Group May meeting was cancelled due to weather conditions, the Group will meet to discuss the Katharine Graham memoir, *Personal History*, on **Monday, June 4, 7:30 pm at Cheryl Williams' home, 510 N Street, SW, #N317, Washington, DC 20024**. In addition to discussing the book, the Group will choose titles to read in the year ahead. Please let **Cheryl** know if you plan to attend at cherylswilliams@verizon.net. If you would like to carpool, contact **Betsy Schroeder** at icu43@cox.net.

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, June 5, 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 at Mylo's restaurant in the Chesterbrook Shopping Center on Old Dominion Road on **Friday, June 8, 11:30 am**, to select books for the coming year. Attendees can order from Mylo's main menu. If you plan to attend, contact **Reed Isbell** at rwisbell@verizon.net. *Note: All are welcome but those voting on the books to be read should commit to attending sessions from September 2018 to May 2019.*

Bridge Group: The bridge group will meet on **Monday, June 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Bettie Clark, 8212 Hunting Hill Lane, McLean 22102**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions: Great Decisions will meet **Tuesday, June 19, 9:30 am**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. Chapter 5 on Turkey will be the focus of the discussion. An email with hostess information will be sent to all participants. The group will continue to meet throughout the summer with this year's session ending in September. An email reminder will be sent to members each month. For more information, contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, 703-893-3578.

Special Interest Groups: June (continued from page 9)

On the Town: A **morning at the movies** is planned for **Wednesday, June 20**. The film choice will depend on what is available and suggestions from Branch members. Emails will be sent to members who have signed up to be notified. The group **may also visit the Textile Museum** in June. If you want to join the group and/or be included in the email announcement, contact **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Breakfast Group: The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, June 26**, at the **McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean**. RSVP to, **Suzanne Watts** at scwatts1@cox.net or 703-356-7926.

Arena Stagers: The Arena Stage **2018-2019 Season** has been announced. Please review the list below and contact **Elaine Lailas** at elailas@aol.com or 703-779-8679 (h), 305-281-5787 (c) to let her know which matinees you'd like to attend. **Descriptive information** for each performance can be found at www.arenastage.org.

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| • <i>Dick Gregory-Turn Me Loose</i> | September 6-October 14, 2018 |
| • <i>Anything Goes</i> | November 2-December 23, 2018 |
| • <i>Indecent</i> | November 23-December 30, 2018 |
| • <i>Kleptocracy</i> | January 18-February 24, 2019 |
| • <i>The Heiress</i> | February 8-March 10, 2019 |
| • <i>JQA</i> | March 1-April 14, 2019 |
| • <i>Junk</i> | April 5-May 5, 2019 |
| • <i>Jubilee</i> | April 28-June 2, 2019 |
| • <i>Dave</i> | July 13-August 19, 2019 |

Connections | June Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Cheryl Williams's Home	5 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	6 Branch Board Meeting, noon-2:00 pm, McLean House	7	8 Morning Lit Group, 11:30 am, Mylo's Restaurant	9
10	11 Bridge Group, 10:00 am-2:00 pm, Bettie Clark's Home	12	13	14	15	16
17	18	19 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	20 On the Town, Time TBD, Morning at the Movies	21	22	23
24	25	26 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	27	28	29	30

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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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 |

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