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September Branch Meeting 2018-2019 Program Preview

Plan to celebrate our McLean Area AAUW 2018-19 program with new Branch Board members on

Sunday, September 16, 2:00 pm

Tysons Pimmit Library

7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA

You'll get **updates** on the branch annual **Used Book Sale** and the many **planned branch activities** and **projects for the year**. Branch high school junior **math** and **science award recipients will speak** about how the awards have inspired their academic pursuits. Women who have received our **local scholarships** at Trinity and Marymount Universities and our international fellow will also **share their accomplishments** and **dreams**. Bring a neighbor, a friend, or family member to introduce to our interesting group of diverse women. *Enjoy seeing your friends and meeting the new Branch Board!*

Branch Board Meeting: September

Branch Board meetings are held first Monday of the month, from 9:30 am-11:30 am, in the community room at McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean. Because Labor Day falls on the first Monday in September, the monthly meeting will be held:

Wednesday, September 5, 9:30-11:30 am

McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA

All branch members are welcome.

Book Sale



The [McLean Branch 49th Annual Used Book Sale](#) is set to kick off

Friday, August 31, 9:00 am – 7 pm

Saturday, September 1 from 10:00 am – 6 pm

Sunday, September 2 from 10:00 am – 3 pm

Spring Hill Recreation Center, 1239 Spring Hill Rd in McLean

If you haven't already committed to help at the Sale, you can still **volunteer**. Contact **Cheryl Williams** (cherylswilliams@verizon.net). *Even if you can't commit to volunteer, plan to attend and bring a friend.*

Presidents' Message

This is an exciting year for the McLean Area Branch AAUW as we **celebrate our 50-year anniversary**. **Caroline Pickens** will **lead the Anniversary Planning Committee**. Please read her article in this newsletter and consider being part of the planning committee.

We are experiencing **challenges** in **filling our board positions**. **Lynne Glikbarg**, who has served as **branch treasurer** for two years, agreed to continue until we can find a replacement. Anticipating the end of her term, **Lynne** has made extensive travel plans and will not always be available to perform the duties of treasurer. A replacement needs to be identified as soon as possible. **Lynne** will train her successor.

The branch also is **looking for a co-vice president for membership** to serve with **Deborah DeMasi**. The vitality of the branch depends on members actively participating in its leadership. Consider a leadership position or assisting a board member in her responsibilities. Contact **Myrtle** or **Betsy** for more information.

AAUW has launched a **new strategic plan**: [Beyond Aspirations: Advancing Equity for Women and Girls](#). Some of the strategic plan goals are to **achieve pay equity by 2030**, to **train 10 million women** in **salary negotiation** by **2022**, and to **improve workplace culture** to advance women.

All 170,000 AAUW members and supporters in every state, territory, and congressional district can make a difference to advance and achieve equity for women and girls. A great way to begin the celebration of our 50-year anniversary is to **become a Two-Minute Activist**. Go to the [AAUW website](#), click on [Two-Minute Activist](#) to join—it is easy, quick, and an excellent way for members to be effective in supporting the goals of AAUW.

We **begin** our **2018-2019** year with **anticipation of joyful celebrations** and **mindfulness to promote equity** for women and girls.



Co-Presidents Betsy Schroeder and Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales channeling Rosie the Riveter.

McLean Branch 50th Anniversary

If you like to plan events and parties and enjoy the fun of celebrating the rich history of local AAUW activities, then you're needed for the branch anniversary planning committee. This **May 9, 2019**, is **McLean Area Branch's 50th anniversary**, with a **plan to celebrate all year**. **Caroline Pickens** is **chairing** the committee. If you can help, contact **Caroline** by **September 30** at carolineaauw@gmail.com. Read **Carol Langelier's** article on her **memories** of the **branch's beginning**. (See [Page 4](#))

Branch By-Laws Update

On May 2, 2018, members of the Mclean Branch Board voted to recommend that branch members approve an **amendment redefining the length of elected officers' terms and staggering elections** of the **six offices** to **occur in alternate years**.

The amendment is proposed as follows:

Article VIII. Elected Officers, Section 1. Elected Officers

Section 1. Elected Officers. The elected officers shall be a president(s), vice president(s) of program, vice president(s) of membership, secretary(s), and treasurer.

Add the following:

CO-OFFICERS. Any officer position except treasurer may be held by more than one member.

EVEN-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS. The president(s), vice president(s) of program, and secretary(s) shall be elected in even-numbered years.

ODD-NUMBERED YEAR ELECTIONS. The vice president(s) of membership and treasurer shall be elected in odd numbered-years.

The transition to staggered terms will begin with the 2019 elections, which will include one-year terms for the president(s), vice president(s) of program, and secretary(s) and two-year terms for the vice president(s) of membership and treasurer.

The amendment is proposed as follows:

Article VIII, Elected Officers, Section 5. Terms.

Change 'one' to 'two' years in the second sentence. Delete the third sentence and replace with 'Elected officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.'

To read:

Section 5. Terms. The term of all officers shall begin on July 1. All officers shall serve for a term of *two* years or until their successors are elected and assume office. ~~They shall be eligible for re-election to the same office for one term only.~~ *Elected officers shall not serve more than two consecutive terms in the same office.*

The **vote** on the By-Laws change will be taken at the **September 16 branch business meeting**.

Starting the McLean AAUW Branch-Carol Langelier's Memories

Many years ago, the Langelier household moved from Fort Monmouth, New Jersey, to the McLean area. My husband's military commitment was completed, and he had taken a position at the Pentagon. We decided that McLean offered a reasonable commute to the Pentagon, the key factor in selecting where to live.

With three preschoolers and a first grader, **I was a home body who needed outside, interesting interactions.** A friend at Fort Monmouth had introduced me to AAUW before we moved, and I decided to reach out. I called AAUW's national headquarters in Washington D.C., inquiring about a nearby branch. I was given information on the Arlington and Alexandria Branches, but was **told that a woman named Elaine Weed was trying to organize a new branch in McLean.**

We moved to McLean in fall 1968. I was **sitting in Elaine Weed's McLean family room** with a **half dozen other women by early winter '69.** *The rest, as they say, is history.*

Twenty-five members was the **magic number we needed** to submit the paperwork to AAUW to **become a new branch.** **Each one, bring one,** inspired me to **ask my neighbor, Kathy Loveless,** to join us. **Kathy,** as I recall, was our **first Treasurer.**

The first major decision was to name the branch. **Mary Ann Curry,** a charter member and the **branch's second President,** lived in Oakton. Other interested members lived in Vienna. **To encourage new members** from **Vienna** and **Oakton** as well as **McLean,** we **selected McLean Area Branch.** Over the early years, many of our members lived in Vienna.

The **next big decision** was how to support AAUW's **fundraising** efforts for **graduate women's fellowships.** There was quick consensus to have **one fundraiser each year** as opposed to several. **Mary Ann Curry,** after researching other options, proposed we have a **Used Book Sale.** The idea quickly gained support and was formally adopted.

In the **early years,** **books collected** for the sale were kept in **members' basements.** One of my **children's finest memories** was **all the books in our basement that they could read.** I had to fumigate that area when the books left – who knew some had bugs?

We also did not have a permanent site for the Used Book Sale. **Each year was a new adventure:** **vacant storefronts** in McLean and Vienna, **a stall at Tyson's** Corner one year and the **open area in the McLean building with Café Tatti** another. Over the years we have been fortunate to have members who worked hard to ensure the sale's success. As a charter member, *I'm fortunate to have had the opportunity to be part of such a talented, energetic group of women.*

Carol Langelier

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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Public Policy Update

Pay Equity – An Update

The **Lilly Ledbetter Act**, signed into law by **President Obama**, defined how every employee can sue for equal pay, but was **only a first step** toward equity. Congress has since failed to pass a comprehensive equal pay act, though many states have legislation for equal pay. **Virginia supports equal pay but lacks protection against retaliation, comparable worth and 22 other categories** that AAUW has defined. AAUW Lobby Corps members have walked the halls of Congress, taking the message to elected officials and are supporting the proposed Paycheck Fairness Act, among others.

In addition, with the Senate hearings on the nomination of **Judge Kavanaugh** to begin on **September 4**, AAUW and its coalition partners have continued with strategies that elevate our voices in opposition to this nomination. Lobby Corps voices have and will continue to play a key voice in this fight.

AAUW members are invited to **join the Capitol Hill Lobby Corps on Thursday, September 6, as guests** for the day. We gather at **9:30 am** for a briefing on the Hill, deliver the message and are finished by noon. If you have questions or would like to participate contact **Mary Lou Melley** maryloumelley@gmail.com or **Carol Mournighan** clmourn@gmail.com.

If you prefer to participate in a day of lobbying, the **AAUW-VA Federal Lobby Day** is scheduled for **Thursday, September 27**. Travel to Capitol Hill, join for the morning and receive a briefing and visit congressional offices with a Lobby Corps member. Contact **Susan Burk** burksu@aol.com, **Mary Lou Melley**, or **Carol Mournighan**.

Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax County has announced candidate forums for each of the Congressional districts in our area. AAUW members have the opportunity to attend them and to volunteer to assist at the forums. All the certified candidates have been invited to participate.

District	Date	Incumbent	Candidate	
8	Wednesday, October 17, 7:00-9:00 pm	Don Beyer (D)	Thomas Oh (R)	
10	Wednesday, October 24, 7:30-9:00 pm	Barbara Comstock (R)	Jennifer Wexton (D)	Nathan Larson (I)
11	Sunday, September 16, 2:00-4:00 pm	Gerald Connolly (D)	Jeff A Dove Jr. (R)	Stevan Porter (L)

To **volunteer** and for complete information, go to the League of Women Voters website at <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum/>.



AAUW Funds I Branch Funds Allocation Committee

Funds raised at the 49th annual McLean AAUW **Used Book Sale** will be **used to support national level fellowships, grants, projects and leadership development**. **Locally**, branch funds support **scholarships** and **recognize outstanding high school female students**. At the **September branch business meeting**, **three branch members** will be **elected** to serve on the **branch Allocations Committee**. *Please consider putting your name forward to serve on the committee.* Other committee members include the Funds chairs, Book Sale chairs, university liaisons, and STEM chair. The committee will meet in late October/early November to recommend fund allocation. Contact chair **Elaine Lailas** (elailas@aol.com) or **Anjali Chadha** (Chadha.anjali@gmail.com) if you'd like to serve on the committee.

AAUW Empowers Women

AAUW Membership supports Strategic Initiatives through Education and Training, Economic Security, and Leadership. The Programs that make this happen are in:

- **Research**—gender equity issues in education and the workplace--pay equity, sexual harassment, underrepresentation of women in science and engineering.
- **Campus Initiatives**—AAUW Campus Action Projects allow students to take action on women's issues on campus.
 - **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)** unites college women from across the country to address important leadership issues of the day.
 - **Start Smart** salary negotiation workshops provide college women who are approaching the job market the knowledge and skills to negotiate salaries and benefits.
- **STEM Education**-- leveling the playing field for girls and women in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics through STEM Partners—AT&T, OSA Foundation, PPG, Symantec, and Legacy STEM Partners—Arconic Foundation, Schusterman, Dell, Green Works, Lockheed Martin, NSF, Northrop Grumman, Samsung, and Verizon Foundation.
- **Public Policy**--advocating for policies that advance equity for women and girls
- **Case Support**—The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace.
- **Education Funding**—provided \$3.9 million in funding for fellowships and grants to 250 outstanding women and nonprofit organization in the 2019-19 academic year. The McLean Area Branch sponsored four Awards—American Fellowships-1376, Career Development Grants-4267, Community Action Grants-4319, and International Fellowships-1815.
- **Global Connections**—following World War I supported the establishment of the International Federation of University of Women to promote peace and understanding among women in different countries. AAUW collaborates on a consultative status with the United Nations.
- **Member Leadership**—provides leadership essentials through resources, In-person Trainings, Member Trainers Program, Webinars, and Salary Negotiation Workshops.
- **Salary Negotiation**—through Start Smart and Work Smart fighting to close the pay gap one workshop at a time.

Start Smart Northern Virginia Consortium

The McLean AAUW Branch has taken the lead in the consortium that includes the Fairfax City branch, Reston-Herndon branch, Mount Vernon branch and Arlington branch, with the **goal to implement Start Smart in three Northern Virginia higher education institutions**. These institutions include **Marymount, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College**. Start Smart is a **two-hour seminar** developed and licensed by AAUW to train women before they graduate from college on **how to negotiate salaries** at the **start of their careers**, so they are not behind in the pay curve from the outset of their career. The consortium representatives have met three times to date, set goals, identified potential sponsors, developed draft informational materials and assigned committee liaison representatives to participating higher education institutions. The consortium steering committee **asks each AAUW member to talk up the initiative whenever and wherever possible** and assist in **identifying contact people** at the education institutions participating. If you have questions or need additional information, contact **Sue Christie** (suechristie@gmail.com) or **Barbara Sipe** (bfs4000@aol.com).

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

In time for the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial will be built close to the Workhouse near Occoquan**. This is **where suffragists were imprisoned in 1917 for picketing outside the White House for the right to vote**. Their treatment and forced feeding became national news and a turning point in public awareness. AAUW of Virginia became a charter member in 2013 when our Virginia members contributed more than \$2,000. Now **help is needed as the deadline is approaching to raise \$2 million by 2019**. The location of the stone memorial in a lovely park by the river will be a natural for large gatherings for the national celebration. If you would like to support the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, you can contribute at www.suffragistmemorial.org.

The Springfield/Annandale Branch is hosting **Ms. Patricia D. Wirth**, Executive Director/CEO of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association at their **September 15, 2018**, meeting at the **Kings Park Library, Burke, Va., from 1-4 pm**. The title of Ms. Wirth's talk is: *The Best Kept Secret in American History*. If you have questions or need additional information, contact **Sue Christie** (suechristie@gmail.com) or **Barbara Sipe** (bfs4000@aol.com).

Virginia Women's Conference

Senator Mark Warner's annual Virginia Women's Conference will be in **Roanoke** on **November 17**, from **9:00 am – 4:00 pm**. The conference location and agenda are to be determined. In the past, this has been a terrific event. All branches are urged to encourage their members to attend. The conference is free but requires registration.



Special Interest Groups: September (continued on page 9)

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, September 4, 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.

Bridge Group: The bridge group will meet on **Monday, September 10, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the **Community Room in McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, if you plan to attend.

Morning Lit Group: The Morning Literature Group will meet on **Friday, September 14**, at **9:30 am**, at the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA. **The group will discuss *Manhattan Beach*, by Jennifer Egan**. All members are welcome to attend. **If you have questions, contact Betsy Reddaway** (pbreddaway@verizon.net).

Evening Lit Group:

The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, September 17, 7:30 pm** at the home of **Dorothy Hassan, 7020 Hector Road, McLean, VA**. The group will discuss *Warlight*, by Michael Ondaatje. All members are welcome to attend. Contact Lynne Glikbarg (lynneglik@aol.com) if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions: Great Decisions will meet on **Tuesday, September 18, 9:30 am**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. Global Health: Progress and Challenges will be the focus of the discussion. New members are encouraged to attend to sample the discussion and determine potential participation in the new year, which begins in February. New books will be ordered in early October, so if you have not previously ordered the new book you can still do so by contacting **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, 703-893-3578.

Breakfast Group: The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, September 25, 9:00 am**, at the **McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean**. New members are welcome. RSVP to, **Suzanne Watts** at scwatts1@cox.net or 703-356-7926.



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Arena Stagers: The Arena Stage **2018-2019 Season** has begun. Please review the schedule 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. Wednesday matinees begin at noon; Saturdays and Sundays begin at 2:00 pm. The group can also meet for happy hour or a meal before the performance. **Descriptive information** for each performance can be found at www.arenastage.org.

- *Dick Gregory-Turn Me Loose*
- *Anything Goes*
- *Indecent*
- *Kleptocracy*
- *The Heiress*
- *JQA*
- *Junk*
- *Jubilee*

September 6-October 14, 2018
November 2-December 23, 2018
November 23-December 30, 2018
January 18-February 24, 2019
February 8-March 10, 2019
March 1-April 14, 2019
April 5-May 5, 2019
April 28-June 2, 2019

Connections | September Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
						1 Annual Used Book Sale,  10:00 am -6:00 pm, Spring Hill Rec Center
2 Annual Used Book Sale,  10:00 am -3:00 pm, Spring Hill Rec Center	3	4 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	5 Branch Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am, McLean House	6	7	8
9	10 Bridge Group, 10:00 am -2:00 pm, McLean House	11	12	13	14 Morning Lit Group, 11:30 am, McLean Government Center	15
16 Branch Meeting, 2:00 pm, Tyson's Pimmet Library	17 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Dorothy Hassan's Home	18 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	26	27	28	29
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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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202.841.0319**

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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