



McLean Area Branch AAUW of Virginia

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October Branch/Northern District Meeting

The October Branch meeting will be held in conjunction with the AAUW Northern District Meeting on

Sunday, October 20, 2018, 1:00-4:30 pm

Burke Centre Library

5935 Fred Oaks Road, Burke, VA

The program speakers include McLean Branch member **Sue Christie** with an update on **Start Smart/Work Smart** efforts in Northern Virginia; Arlington Branch member **Chioma Eni** who will share her *personal story about salary negotiations*; McLean Branch member **Caroline Pickens** with an update on the **AAUW new Strategic Plan**; and **Brian Canon** of VA2021 who will discuss **how to prevent gerrymandering in 2021**. Information on upcoming branch and state events will be provided. *Plan to attend and bring a friend and potential new member.*

College Scholarship Recipients Honored at September Branch Meeting

Our 2018 Scholarship Recipients were recognized at the September meeting. **Markerra Rinfrow** and **Jusstin Hazer**, from Trinity Washington University, and **Mahnaz Ghaffari**, from Marymount University, spoke about their journeys toward their anticipated graduations and how our branch scholarships have supported their success. Rinfrow and Hazer will both graduate in May with majors in Business Administration/Accounting. Ghaffari will graduate in December with a Bachelor of Arts in Interior Design.

Trinity Washington University Executive Director, Office of Development and Alumnae/i Relations, **Kristin Heller**, and Director of Development, **Marisel Morales**, expressed appreciation for our branch's support and stated how important these scholarships are in the recipients' lives.

The Local Scholarship Funds, funded by our annual book sale, are available for women returning to complete their education. We have working relationships with George Mason University (liaison, **Marjorie Broderick**), Marymount University (liaison, **Betsy Reddaway**), and Trinity Washington University (liaison, **Juanita Cullen**).

(See Photo Gallery Page 2)

Photo Gallery: September Branch Meeting



Eileen Wen, far left, and Gwyneth McNamara, second from right, were recognized at the September branch event for their Science Achievement Awards. Shown with the students are Myrtle Hendricks Corrales, second from left, co-president and STEM awards contact for McLean HS, and Betsy Schroeder, far right, co-president.



High School STEM Awards Recipients Honored at Branch Meeting

Two of the six students receiving the branch's 2018 Science and Math Achievement Awards were recognized at our September meeting. **Eileen Wen**, who received the Science Award for Langley High School, and **Gwyneth McNamara**, who received the Science Award for Marshall High School, both spoke of their interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

In addition to Wen and McNamara, the following students also received the 2018 awards:

McLean High School – Math: **Kelly Zhang**

McLean High School – Science: **Lora Zhou**

Langley High School – Math: **Rose Lee**

Marshall High School – Math: **Madeleine Kienzle**

For the **last five years**, the McLean Area Branch has **partnered with counselors at McLean, Langley, and Marshall High Schools** to award Science and Math Achievement Awards **to six female students finishing their junior year**. Each award is funded through the branch's annual book sale. It consists of a certificate and a \$100 check presented to the awardee in the spring at each high school. The branch instituted the awards **to encourage young women to pursue STEM-related educational opportunities**.

The criteria for the awards include a demonstrated record of overall academic success, as well as a distinguished record of achievement in either math or science. Career center counselors at the schools manage the process of selecting the students.

Presidents' Message

Our McLean Area Branch celebrates **another successful book sale!** After an arduous search for a venue, infinite hours of collecting, sorting, collating, and boxing books, and members and their spouses working numerous hours at the three-day book sale, **we raised more than \$40,000**. *Thank you to all our members whose commitment and hard work ensured this success.*

The book sale enables our efforts to advance equity for women and girls. Again, we will fund scholarships for women in local colleges and grants and fellowships to women pursuing postgraduate degrees through endowments established by our Branch. Further, we will continue to provide awards in math and science to local high school girls and fund National AAUW programs such as the Legal Advocacy Fund, campus initiatives to promote women in leadership roles, STEM initiatives, and the AAUW Start Smart and Work Smart programs.

Reflect for a moment: Today we stand on the shoulders of those strong women who have gone before us and paved the path for our greater participation in society. The goal of equity for women and girls is not complete—there is still more work to be done, progress to be achieved, and paths to be made. **Through our AAUW membership, Lobby Corps, Start Smart, Book Sale and other programs, we join the efforts of women past and present to create a society where equity for women and girls is a reality.**



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

Branch Board Meeting: October

This month's Branch Board meeting will be held:

Monday, October 1, 9:30 -11:30 am

Community Room

McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA

All branch members are welcome.

Branch Directories

The branch directories for 2108-19 are ready and will be at branch meetings for you to pick up. Contact **Deborah DeMasi** if you will attend an interest group meeting, so she can arrange for you to get it. If you have any **corrections**, please email **Pam Bacher** at pbacher@outlook.com.

Branch Treasurer Needed

The branch is **still in need of a treasurer**. **Lynne Glikbarg** continues to serve but would appreciate an assistant. She will do the financial statements/reports; but needs someone to take over the duties of **writing checks** and **managing new members** and **renewal dues**. No special knowledge or skills required beyond those that we all have for managing our personal finances. Please contact **Betsy Schroeder** or **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales** if you can help. Lynne is happy to answer any questions about the assistant position.

Book Sale

This year's Used Book Sale resulted in **gross receipts of \$40,175, thanks** to the work of branch **members** that included managing collection days, sorting books, setting up the sale, and staffing three sale days followed by several hours of clean up. The Book Sale continues to be successful because so many branch members donate their time and talents.

(See Photo Gallery Pages 5 & 6)

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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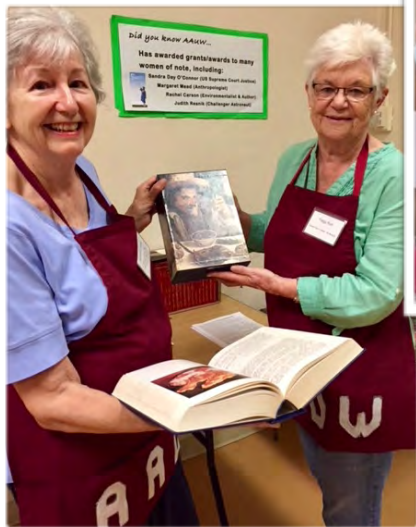


Photo Gallery: 2018 Used Book Sale (1 of 2)



Pam Bacher, Marge Degnon, Book Sale Co-Chair, and Cheryl Williams: Happy with Book Sales.

Mary Ludden and Barbara Sipe: Quick Look at the Book before it is Sold.



Margaret Hines and Peggy Stotz: Specialty Books.



Marian Harvey, "Guardian of the Clothes Pins" used to Reserve Purchased Books.



Sue Christie pushing book sales.

Juanita and Paul Cullen at the AAUW book sale welcome table.



Photo Gallery: 2018 Used Book Sale (2 of 2)



Happy customer.



Chris Ehemann Helping a Customer Box Books.



Cheryl Williams and Caroline Pickens: Scholarship Money for Women!



Children's Books.



The Long and Short of It: Betsy Schroeder and Carol Langelier, Book Sale Co-Chairs.



Exhausted after Three-Day Book Sale: Nina and Tom McVeigh (top); Our energetic clean-up crew (right).



Where do these funds go?

For **130 years**, AAUW has supported scholars and activists to overcome barriers to their education and advancement. In **2018-19**, 250 women and community projects serving women and girls will receive **\$3.9 M from AAUW**. AAUW has provided more than \$155M to more than 13,000 women and projects from all 50 states and more than 145 countries.

The **2018-19 recipients for the McLean Area Branch** endowed **Fellowships and Grants** are:

AMERICAN FELLOWSHIP #1376- Carol Daniel, George Mason University, Social Sciences, Ph.D. Conflict analysis and resolution.

Project Name: The Effects of Nonviolent Everyday Resistance on Relations of Power in the Occupied Palestinian Territories

INTERNATIONAL FELLOWSHIP #1815- Edidiong Raphael Usoro, Nigeria, University of the District of Columbia, Biology.

Degree and Specialization: MS, Cancer biology, prevention and control

COMMUNITY ACTION GRANT #4319 & #4267- Arlington Partnership for Children, Youth, and Families Foundation

Project Director: **Lauren Stienstra**, Arlington, Virginia

Project Name: HERricane Arlington: The Aftermath

The **McLean Area Branch endowments** have the following values:

McLean Area 40th Anniversary (2007-08) #4319 - \$75,000;

McLean (VA) Branch (2003-04) #4267 - \$38,597.50;

International Fellowship #1815 (1992-93) - \$100,675.48; and

American Fellowship #1376 (1985-86) - \$103,600.00

The value of the branch endowed fellowships and grants is added to other endowed funds to fully support the fellowships/grants. AAUW staff has told us that there are **sufficient funds available for fellowships and grants**. Current programs such as **Start Smart, STEM, Public Policy, Campus Initiatives and the Legal Advocacy Fund** require additional funding going forward.

McLean Branch 50th Anniversary

Do You Remember 1969?

- Richard Nixon was president.
- Golda Meir became the first female prime minister of Israel.
- Apollo 11 made the first landing on the moon.
- The Beatles recorded "Abbey Road," their last album.
- Women were allowed to join the Future Farmers of America.
- Woodstock attracted 350,000 rock-n-roll fans.
- Sesame Street, The Brady Bunch, and Scooby Doo all had their first broadcasts.
- Barbra Streisand ("Funny Girl") and Katherine Hepburn ("The Lion in Winter") won the Oscar for Best Actress in a tie.
- The average cost of a new house was \$15,550 and gas was 35 cents a gallon.
- Jennifer Anniston, Steffi Graff, Renee Zellweger, Jennifer Lopez, Mariah Carey, and Catherine Zeta-Jones were all born in 1969 and will turn 50 next year.
- And, "born" in 1969 was the McLean Area Branch! Mark your calendar now for a big celebration on May 11, 2019!



Public Policy Update

AAUW Public Policy Priorities

While AAUW is a nonpartisan organization, there are certain issues that we support with our time and talent.

When voting this fall, every AAUW member should

know what these issues are and where the candidates stand. AAUW Public Policy Priorities:

- **Civil Rights.** AAUW advocates for equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society. Issues include [Affirmative Action](#), [Equal Rights Amendment](#), [federal judicial nominations](#), [hate crimes prevention](#), [human trafficking](#), [lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender issues](#), and [reproductive rights](#).
- **Education.** AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity. Education issues include [career and technical education](#), [common core standards](#), [education and training in welfare/Temporary Assistance for Needy Families](#), [higher education](#), no public funding for [School vouchers](#), [Science, technology, engineering and mathematics \(STEM\) education](#), and [sexual harassment and violence in school](#).
- **Economic Security.** AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency. Economic issues include affordable [health care](#), [pay equity](#), [retirement security](#), [Social Security privatization](#), and [paid leave](#).
- **Title IX.** AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of Title IX and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education. Title IX issues include [equity in school athletics](#) and [sexual harassment and violence in school](#).



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Last Day to Register to Vote

October 15, 5:00 pm in person or Online, 11:59 p.m

Early Absentee Voting

October 13 - November 3

McLean Police Station, 1437 Balls Hill Road McLean, VA 22101

Monday thru Friday, 3:00-7:00 pm

Saturdays, 9:00 am -5:00 pm

Sundays are closed

General & Special Elections

November 6, 2018

Polls are open from 6:00 am-7:00 pm

Remember to bring a current picture I.D. when you vote.

Candidate Forums

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area has announced a candidate forum for **District 8**. It will be held on **Wednesday, October 17, 7:00-9:00 pm**, with incumbent **Don Beyer** (D) and **Thomas Oh** (R).

AAUW members have an opportunity to attend and **volunteer** to assist the District 8 forum. To volunteer and for complete information, **go to the League of Women Voters website**, <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum/>.

The **scheduled forum** for **District 10** candidates, **Barbara Comstock** (R) and **Jennifer Wexton** (D), has been **cancelled**. Representative Comstock was non-responsive to the forum invitation.

All the certified candidates were invited to participate at these forums.



Equal Rights Amendment

AAUW of Virginia announced at the Summer Leadership Meeting on July 28, in Harrisonburg, that there will be **two main areas of focus** for the state this year: **Pay Equity** and the **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)**. Regarding **ERA**, **only one more state is needed to ratify**; and, Virginia could be that state! Coalitions have formed, and the campaign is on. AAUW is in the middle of this push. Many Richmond legislators believe the votes for ratification are there if it gets out of committee.

There will be much written and talked about the ERA from now until the General Assembly session convenes January 9, 2019. On the way to being ratified in the 70's, the movement was **stymied**, in part, **in the 80's** by traditionalist's organizations in **Illinois** literally delivering bread, jam, and apple pies to Illinois legislators. They used slogans like "Preserve us from Congressional jams, vote against the ERA sham." And, "I am for mom and apple pie." They had little girls parading with signs saying, "Don't draft me." That was then. This is now: **Illinois recently became the 37th state to ratify the ERA!** Though the deadline for ratification is long past, the hope is that if 38 states now ratify the ERA it can again be considered.

Even though women won the right to vote in **1920**, when the Nineteenth Amendment became law, the Virginia General Assembly shamefully withheld ratification until **1952**.

Who will be the final state to ratify the ERA? Let's work to make sure it will be Virginia!

"Certainly, the constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't." --Justice Scalia, 2010, UC Hastings College of Law.



Women Who Changed America Walking Tour

Cheryl Williams, a tour guide for Washington Walks, will lead a walking tour titled **Women Who Changed America** on **Wednesday, October 24, at 10:00 am**. The cost of the tour, **\$10 per person**, will support the work of Washington Walks, a small, woman-owned DC company. The tour lasts two hours. It **begins** at the **Archives/Navy Memorial Metro stop** and **concludes** at the **Belmont/Paul House on Capitol Hill**, so it is a **significant walk**. If you would like to participate, contact **Cheryl** at cherylswilliams@verizon.net or 301-518-2773 **by October 22**.



**FRIDAY,
NOVEMBER
16, 2018
MERTEN HALL**

**KEY NOTE
SPEAKER:**
Talitha LeFloria
Award winning
author of "Chained in
Silence: Black Women
and Convict Labor in
the New South"

**POLITICS OF GENDER & JUSTICE: THE INTERSECTION
OF IDENTITY & DISCIPLINE**

This one-day conference, hosted by the Women and Gender Studies Program at George Mason University, brings together scholars, students (both graduate and undergraduate), policymakers, artists, and activists to wrestle with ideas and strategies to move forward toward a just world in theory and practice.

We will be featuring presentations, workshops, a silent auction, and creative pieces through our art exhibit.

Free Admission. Register by Friday, November 2nd!
wgstconference.gomason.com

GEORGE MASON UNIVERSITY | Women and Gender Studies

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.



VIRGINIA
Women's
CONFERENCE

**NOV
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2018**

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No Fee.
Registration Required.

www.warner.senate.gov/2018/VirginiaWomensConference

**SAVE
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DATE**

Special Interest Groups: October

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, October 2, 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 for the discussion. RSVP to **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Bridge Group: The bridge group will meet on **Monday, October 8, 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.

Morning Lit Group: The Morning Literature Group will meet on **Friday, October 12, at 9:30 am**, in the Conference Room of the McLean Government Center, 1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA. The group will discuss ***God Save Texas: A Journey into the Soul of the Lone Star State* by Lawrence Wright**. All members are welcome to attend; bring your own beverage. If you have questions, contact **Betsy Reddaway** (pbreddaway@verizon.net).

Evening Lit Group:

The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, October 15, 7:30 pm** at the home of **Mary Lou Melley, 1825 Freedom Lane, Falls Church, VA**. The group will discuss ***The Sandcastle Girls* by Chris Bohjalian**. All members are welcome to attend. Contact **Mary Lou Melley** maryloumelley@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions: The new session of Great Decisions will begin in February 2019. Contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, 703-893-3578 by **October 8** to order the new Great Decisions book.

Breakfast Group: The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, October 30, 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.

Connections | October Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Branch Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am, McLean House	2 Current Events Group, 9:00am, Star Nut Gourmet	3	4	5	6
7	8 Bridge Group, 10:00 am -2:00 pm, Nancy Richardson's Home	9	10	11	12 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Government Center Conference Room	13
14	15 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Mary Lou Melley's Home	16	17	18	19	20 Branch/Northern District Meeting, 1:00-4:30 pm, Burke Center Library
21	22	23	24 Women Who Changed America Walking Tour, 10:00 am, Archives Metro Stop	25	26	27
28	29	30 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant				

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 |

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