



McLean Area Branch  
AAUW of Virginia

# News

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## November Branch Meeting

The November Branch meeting will be held on  
**Tuesday, November 13, 2018, 7:00 pm**  
Tysons-Pimmit Library  
7584 Leesburg Pike, Falls Church, VA 22043

**Hala Ayala**, a Delegate in the Virginia House's 51st District, will speak about the impact of Medicaid expansion in Virginia. Ms. Ayala will also share her own personal journey from a Cyber Security expert to a politician. *Plan to attend and invite a friend to come.*

## Branch Board Meeting: November

This month's Branch Board meeting is:  
**Monday, November 5, 9:30 -11:30 am**  
Community Room  
McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA  
*All branch members are welcome.*

## Presidents' Message

We wish you and your family a joyful Thanksgiving. May we turn the physical, emotional, and spiritual nourishment from this day into service to others to create a world free of war, hunger, homelessness, and inequality.



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

## Branch Holiday Luncheon

This year's Holiday Luncheon is:  
**Saturday, December 8, noon**  
River Bend Golf and Country Club, Great Falls, VA

See the luncheon flyer for more details and to register. Deadline for signing up is **December 1, 2018.**

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## Branch Nominating Committee

To comply with branch bylaws, a Nominating Committee must be selected three months prior to the annual business meeting in March. A board member serves as chairperson and two additional members are required. **If you're interested in serving as a committee member, which is a short-term commitment**, contact either **Myrtle** or **Betsy**. The branch will vote on the committee members at the December branch meeting.

## Branch Treasurer Needed

The branch is **still in need of an assistant treasurer**. **Lynne Glikbarg** continues to serve but would appreciate help. 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.

## McLean Branch 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary

### And So, We Began

- On **February 27, 1969**, a **small group** gathered at **Elaine Weed's** home, along with Virginia AAUW State President **Adelaide Stegman** of the Arlington Branch, and **decided to form a new branch of AAUW**.
- The **original name was McLean-Vienna, VA Branch**, but the following April that was changed to our current name, McLean Area Branch.
- **Branch dues** was set for **\$15** (an **astounding \$104.17 in 2018 dollars**).
- On **May 9**, the AAUW Board of Directors **officially recognized** the branch with **35 charter members**. **Elaine Weed** was the **first president**.
- **Two charter members** are **still in the branch**, **Mary Ann Curry** (2nd president) and **Carol Langelier** (3rd president). Mary Ann, who is in her 90's, is a dual member and lives in Florida.
- At the **end of the branch's first full year**, there were **50 members**, including **current members Trianthe Dakolias** and **Fran Pearce**. **All the members were listed in the directory by their married name, followed by their maiden name in parentheses**. So, **Carol was Mrs. Robert M. Langelier (Carol Ann Milioti; Purdue)**.
- **By April** of that **first year**, the branch held its **first book sale at the Maytime Gift Shop** in McLean, **4-9 pm on Friday** and **9 am-4 pm on Saturday**. Members **used scissors and twine to tie books together for the buyers**. The **contribution to the AAUW Foundation** was **\$100**.
- **Branch meetings** were held at **Churchill Road School**, at 8 pm, on the third Thursday of the month. **Programs** included **"The Third Pollution"** (a film on solid waste), **Educational Trends in our Academic Community**, **Power--the Capacity to Act**, and **A Capsule View of My Life as a Senator's Wife** (**Mrs. Jack Miller** of Iowa). **This Beleaguered Earth** was the **nation-wide AAUW topic**, focusing on the environment.
- The **branch began to grow and prosper**.

*Watch for the next episode in the exciting life of the McLean Area Branch in next month's newsletter!*

## Meet Our New Branch Members

**Janet Tayler** - Janet has lived in Northern Virginia for 23 years. She retired after 35 years in the biopharmaceutical industry. Janet enjoys international travel, political activism, and volunteer activities at Virginia Hospital Center and Spring Hill Recreation Center.

**Debi Alexander** - Debi was born at Walter Reed and lived in McLean on Mayflower Drive . She received both her undergraduate and law degree from George Mason University and is married to retired Congressman Bill Alexander (D-AR). She is currently the Director of Development and Communications for PHILLIPS Programs for Children and Families, a non-profit entity providing special education, career, and technical education as well as home-based services for youth with behavioral health needs. Debi enjoys reading, hiking, local live music, and theater. She has a son, Alex, and a daughter, Ashley, and two 17-year-old beagles!

**Shelby Roberts** - Shelby is a Virginia native who grew up in Newport News, lived in Lynchburg for 19 years, and moved to Vienna in 2010. Her greatest joy comes from her marriage of 27 years and her three daughters, ages 24, 22, and 17. Her daughters are an engineer, an economist, and a future theoretical physicist, respectively. She works in the computer lab at a local elementary school, assisting K - 6th graders. Shelby volunteers at her church and enjoys cooking, traveling, and family.

**Rita Kelly** - Rita was born and educated in Switzerland with a degree in business. After working in the private industry in Zurich, she joined the Swiss Foreign Service in Bern and was transferred to the Embassy of Switzerland in Washington DC. In DC, she met her husband and went with him to New York where she worked at the Consulate General of Switzerland. In 1974, Rita and her family moved to McLean where her two children were raised. Her son and his family live in McLean, and her daughter and German husband and their three sons live in Germany. Rita's husband died in 2010. She visits Europe often and enjoys traveling, hiking, reading, theaters, and museums.

**Diana Parsell** - Diana is an Ohio native, a 40-year resident of the Washington area, and lives in Falls Church. A writer, editor, and former journalist, she worked at NIH, AAAS, *National Geographic* and *The Washington Post*. After marrying late in life, Diana lived with her husband, Bruce, in Jakarta, and traveled often to Southeast Asia as a science writer and editorial consultant. She has a BA in English from Marietta College, an MA in journalism from the University of Missouri, and an MA in writing from Johns Hopkins. Her interests include choral music (she sang nine years in the Congressional Chorus), textiles, reading, and travel. She's a docent at the Library of Congress, where she's working on her first book. The book is a biography of 19<sup>th</sup>-century travel writer Eliza Scidmore, the visionary behind Washington's Japanese cherry trees. (Diana thinks Scidmore might have been an early member of AAUW!)

**Donna Heivilin** - Donna has traveled to 42 countries and worked for the federal government, mostly for the Government Accountability Office, which does studies for the Congress. She has a Doctorate from the George Washington University. She is proud of her two sons, one grandson and two granddaughters.

*\*\*Watch next month's Branch Newsletter for more new member profiles.*

### 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 Your Lobby Corps at Work

On **September 6, 30 AAUW members** of the Lobby Corps met in the Dirksen Building cafeteria on Capitol Hill. **Pamela Yuen**, Public Policy staff member, briefed the gathering on the message of the day. The members visited the offices of all the Senate members, except for three, and **delivered this message**:

*After careful review of Judge Kavanaugh's available record, AAUW has concerns he will do grave harm by undermining positions central to AAUW's mission, including upending employment and labor rights, opposing reproductive rights and access to health care, entangling public education and religion, and restricting voting rights. We urge the Senators to oppose Judge Brett Kavanaugh's confirmation to the Supreme Court.*

On **Thursday, September 27, 36 AAUW members**, including 10 members lobbying for the day from Virginia, **visited 97 Senate offices with the same message and letter from AAUW public policy officers.**

**Judge Kavanaugh was confirmed** for the Supreme Court by a vote of **50 to 48.**

## November 6, 2018 General & Special Elections— Remember to Vote!



**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.*



**McLean Branch lobbyists: Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Mary Lou Melley. A windy day for a walk to the Senate office buildings.**



**Some of the 36 members at the briefing.**

## 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** at the **Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center**. The Conference is dedicated to providing a venue for Virginia women to **meet, network, hear from experts** on a variety of important topics, and **gather resources** from **federal, state, and local agencies**. It will feature remarks from **Senator Warner**, keynote from best-selling author **Beth Macy**, and will include workshops, a resource expo, and networking opportunities. **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**. For more information and to register, visit <https://www.warner.senate.gov/public/index.cfm?p=2018-virginia-women-s-conference>.







# AAUW McLean Area Branch Holiday Luncheon

**December 8 - At noon with lunch served at 1 pm**

Riverbend Golf and Country Club  
375 Walker Rd., Great Falls, VA

## Guest Speaker: Kathleen Burns

Ms. Burns is a longtime Osher Lifelong Learning Institute instructor at George Mason University. She was 2016-17 president of the DC Chapter of the Society of Professional Journalists and a foreign correspondent in Australia. She has taught at seven universities in the United States and overseas.

### Menu

**Garden Salad** with cucumber, tomato, onion, and shredded carrots  
Choice of Ranch or Cranberry Vinaigrette dressing

### Entrée, choice of

**Chicken** Francaise with Lemon Caper Sauce, Served with Vegetable Rice Pilaf and Grilled Vegetables

or

Pecan Encrusted **Salmon** with a Sundried Tomato Pesto Cream Sauce, Served with Vegetable Rice Pilaf and Grilled Vegetables

or

Penne **Pasta** Pomodoro, Served with Fresh diced plum tomatoes, garlic, basil, and extra virgin olive oil topped with Grana Padano Parmesan Cheese

**Seasonal Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Coffee and Hot Tea**

**Cash Bar Available**

### Reservations

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**Cost** | \$34 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax)

**Make check payable to** | AAUW – McLean Area Branch

**Respond before or by** | December 1 (**firm deadline**)

**To** | Aroona S. Borpujari, 1225 Meyer Court, McLean, VA 22101





## Arena Stage

Would you like to go to the Arena Stage?

- *Indecent* - Tuesday, December 4, 7:30 pm, and/or
- *Anything Goes* - Saturday, December 15, 2:00 pm

Contact **Elaine Lailas**, 703-779-8679 or [Elailas@aol.com](mailto:Elailas@aol.com), if you'd like to carpool. To purchase Arena tickets, call 202-488-3300. **Ask to sit near Elaine Lailas.**

## Special Interest Groups: November

**Current Events:** The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, November 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 for 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, November 9, 9:30 am**, in the Conference Room of the McLean Government Center, **1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean, VA**. The group will discuss *Women in Sunlight* by **Frances Mayes**. All members are welcome to attend; bring your own beverage. If you have questions, contact **Betsy Reddaway**, [pbreddaway@verizon.net](mailto:pbreddaway@verizon.net).

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

### Evening Lit Group:

The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, November 19, 7:30 pm** at the home of **Lynne Glikbarg, 9113 White Chimney Lane, Great Falls, VA 22066**. The group will discuss *The Warmth of Other Suns* by **Isabel Wilkerson**. All members are welcome to attend. Contact **Mary Lou Melley** [maryloumelley@gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com) if you plan to attend.

**Breakfast Group:** The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, November 27, 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](mailto:scwatts1@cox.net) or 703-356-7926.

## Connections | November Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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4	5 <b>Branch Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am, McLean House</b>	6 <b>Current Events Group, 9:00 am, Star Nut Gourmet</b> 	7	8	9 <b>Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Government Center Conference Room</b>	10
11	12 <b>Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Debra Wah's Home</b>	13 <b>Branch Meeting, 7:00 pm, Tysons-Pimmit Library</b>	14	15	16	17 <b>Senator Warner's Virginia Women's Conference, 8:00 am - 3:00 pm, Roanoke, VA</b>
18	19 <b>Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Lynne Glikbarg's Home</b>	20	21	22	23	24
25	26	27 <b>Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant</b>	28	29	30	

### Save the Date | Branch Holiday Luncheon

- RSVP: **December 1, 2018.**
- Luncheon: **Saturday, December 8, noon**



**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**

**Deborah De Masi  
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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