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February Branch Meeting

The February Branch meeting will be held:

Saturday, February 23, 2019
10:00 am
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA

The Branch program will feature a showing of the movie ***Iron Jawed Angels***, an American historical drama film released in 2004 and directed by **Katja von Garnier**. The film is the **story of Alice Paul, a suffragist leader**, and a group of dynamic activists who took the women's suffrage movement by storm, putting their lives at risk and even going to jail to help American women win the right to vote. Invite your friends to join us.



February Branch Board Meetings

Branch Board meeting is:

Monday, February 4, 9:30 -11:30 am
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101
All branch members are invited to attend.

March Branch Meeting Preview

The annual March Branch meeting and potluck dinner will be held **Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:00 pm**, at the **McLean Community Center**. It will feature presentations from some of the recipients of our Branch's national fellowship and grants. This meeting will also include the start of a fun celebration of 1969, the year the McLean Area Branch was founded. **For the pot luck dinner, you may want to bring food popular during that era: green bean casserole, jello salads, and French onion dip...other ideas?** If you have creative ideas for classic recipes, contact **Caroline Pickens** at carolineaaauw@gmail.com. The March newsletter will provide more details on dinner assignments, but this gives you a chance to do some pre-planning which may also include making plans to dress like the era—mini-skirts, bell bottoms!

Presidents' Message

It's February, the month to remember and celebrate the history and contributions of our black sisters and brothers. We take special pride in the accomplishments of these women:

- **Ursula Burns**, the first black woman to run a Fortune 500 company;
- **Ava DuVernay**, first black woman to direct a film nominated for a Best Picture Oscar;
- **Rita Dove**, first black US poet laureate;
- **Oprah Winfrey**, first woman to own and produce her own talk show;
- **Serena Williams**, first tennis player to win 23 Grand Slam singles titles in the Open era;
- **Loretta Lynch**, first black woman to become US Attorney General;
- **Carla Hayden**, first woman to be Librarian of Congress;
- **Aretha Franklin**, first woman to be inducted into the Rock and Roll Hall of Fame;
- **Condoleezza Rice**, first black woman to be Secretary of State;
- and so many other black women who serve as role models.

Perhaps, a message from their accomplishments, leadership and wisdom is that we are women who shine the light and share it with others.

We celebrate black women who have come before us, who live in our midst and are yet to come.



Co-Presidents Betsy Schroeder and Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales continue to channel their Rosie the Riveter.

December Holiday Luncheon

The December 9 Holiday luncheon featured guest speaker **Kathleen Burns**, who emphasized the **importance of an all out effort to make Virginia the 38th state to support the Equal Rights Amendment** when the legislature convenes in January. She lauded the efforts made by AAUW to encourage and support women, quoting multiple incidents from her life where she faced discrimination and encountered gender inequality.



Back: Carol Mournighan, Aroona Borjani, Betsy Schroeder, Kathleen Burns, Naz Basit. Front: Sujata Lamba, Milia Ali, and Mafalda Marrocco.



Co-chair programs Naz Basit, with Kathleen Burns.



January Branch Program

The January 12 Branch program, held in collaboration with the Falls Church Branch, featured a **panel discussion on the status of Title IX**. The speakers, **Dr. Jennifer Hammat** and **Karen Keys Gammara**, discussed the impact of Title IX on educational institutions and school systems like Fairfax County Public Schools. Their analysis focused on issues around Title IX-related regulations and implementation and was followed by a lively question and answer session.

Title IX panelists,
Karen Keys
Gammara and Dr.
Jennifer Hammat.



Panel speaker Karen Keys
Gammara with co-chair
programs Naz Basit.

Evening Lit Group Holiday Luncheon

The evening lit group went
to Lady Camellia's in
Georgetown for high tea
and holiday readings.



Meet Our New Branch Members

Michelle 'Mimi' Marum describes herself as three-quarter French and fluent in French. She's been married for 45 years, has three children she adores and a granddaughter and grandson who are the "apples of her eyes." She is also grateful for her friends.

Branch Directory Update

Pam Bacher is currently updating the branch directory. If you have corrections or updates, email Pam at prbacher@outlook.com. Later this month, you will receive the updated version in your email.

50th Annual Used Book Sale

Preparations are underway for the **2019 Annual Used Book Sale** to be held **Friday-Sunday, September 13-15, 2019**, with **set up day Thursday, September 12**, at the McLean Community Center. There are many types of jobs, big and small, that go into making this event a success to raise funds for scholarships and AAUW mission projects. If you're interested in getting involved, contact **Betsy Schroeder** at icu43@cox.net or 703-209-5003.

Branch Meeting Inclement Weather Policy

Cancellation or delay of Branch meetings held at Fairfax County facilities or the McLean Community center shall be determined according to the following policies:

- **Daytime Meetings.** If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) open two hours late or if the schools are closed, the meeting will be cancelled. If the schools open one hour late, the meeting will begin one hour later than scheduled.
- **Evening Meetings.** If FCPS after-school activities and evening classes are cancelled, the meeting will be cancelled.
- **Weekend Meetings.** IF FCPS school activities are cancelled, the meeting will be cancelled.

Events scheduled at private homes or restaurants shall be cancelled or delayed at the discretion of the Branch members responsible for the events.

McLean Branch 50th Anniversary

For the 50th anniversary year of the McLean branch of AAUW, the newsletter is spotlighting members with notable achievements.

Jenny Bramley, profiled below, was a McLean Area Branch member from 1971 to 1985. **Diana Parsell** researched and wrote the profile.

Jenny Bramley Blazed a Path in Physics

Jenny Bramley, a **distinguished past member** of the McLean branch, was a **physicist** whose career achievements over a half-century led to her being named the **“most outstanding female scientist in the federal government” in 1985**. Precocious in science from a young age, she broke new ground in her field even before she’d completed her education.

Born in Moscow in 1909 as **Jenny Rosenthal**, she immigrated with her Lithuanian parents to Berlin. There she attended high school and completed a Bachelor of Science at the University of Paris in 1926, at age 16. She received a Ph.D. in physics from New York University at age 19. **Rosenthal and her thesis adviser calculated an energy-related property in atomic physics that’s now widely taught and bears their names, the “Breit-Rosenthal correction.”**

Rosenthal, the name she published under throughout her career, studied under noted physicist Enrico Fermi at Johns Hopkins and attended Columbia University in 1935-36 as an AAUW Berliner Research Fellow.

With the outbreak of WWII, she joined the U.S. Army’s Signal Corps labs at Fort Monmouth, NJ. In the Nutley, NJ, branch of AAUW—and later in McLean—she worked to encourage girls to pursue careers in the sciences.

Rosenthal met her husband, Arthur Bramley, also a physicist, at the Signal Corps labs. They had three children. In the 1950s, the couple set up a consulting firm in Falls Church.

Jenny Bramley’s expertise in applying physics and mathematics to electrical engineering brought her **18 patents for inventions**, including advances in laser technology, cathode ray tubes for color television and early computer terminals, and other devices involving electro-optical display and electroluminescence (light emission in response to an electric current). Techniques she developed for coding and decoding visual information have aided fingerprint identification.

Fluent in four languages, Jenny Bramley did extensive translating of technical articles. Later, she rejoined the federal government where she served for two decades as a physicist in the U.S. Army’s Night Vision Lab at Fort Belvoir.

After her husband’s death in 1985, she became a physics professor at the University of Oregon in Eugene until her retirement in 1988. Bramley died in 1997, at the age of 87, at a health-care facility in Lancaster, PA.

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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

ERA – Make Virginia #38

Forty members of our Branch sent postcards to the General Assembly leaders responsible for facilitating the passage of the ERA. They also sent postcards to their own Delegate and Senator. Currently, the Senate is acting on the bill SJ 284 that has 22 Republican cosponsors

in addition to the Democrats, so the outlook is positive. Our AAUW Virginia and the League of Women Voters are currently in Richmond.

Special Election for Virginia 33rd Senate District

Since Virginia State Senator **Jennifer Wexton** won the 10th District Election for US Congress to replace **Barbara Comstock**, her State Senate seat was open. On Tuesday, January 8, **Jennifer Boysko** (D) won the special election for State Senate. In turn her seat as a delegate is now open, so a special election will be scheduled to fill it.

Lobby Corps starts new year on Capitol Hill

On January 10, 30 AAUW members from the area convened on Capitol Hill to **start lobbying the new Congress**. They **visited** a total of **105 offices** to inform and garner support for the **Paycheck Fairness Act** which would shortly be in committee. AAUW members were welcomed and received assurances of support and promise to be cosponsors for the proposed legislation. **On January 31, at AAUW headquarters, there will be an orientation for current and potential Lobby Corps members.**

It has been 10 years since the Lily Ledbetter Act was passed and signed by **President Obama**. That Act addressed a key phrase in the legislation that defines the process for employees to demand equal pay for equal work. **The Paycheck Fairness Act is a comprehensive update to the Fair Pay Act of 1963.**

Outlook Magazine available on line

Kimberly Churches writes “I am pleased to share this special year-end edition of AAUW’s **online magazine Outlook**, which highlights our 2018 accomplishments and exciting plans for the future. As noted in the **introductory article**, board chair Julia Brown and I couldn’t be more proud to be leading an organization committed to achieving gender equity at this pivotal moment in history.”

One of the topics covered is Advocacy. For Congress, AAUW monitored more than 100 pieces of federal legislation in the 115th Congress, speaking in support of proposed legislation to tighten equal pay laws, submitted testimony to Congress in support of paid leave and helped work on legislation to eliminate workplace harassment. The Action Fund Lobby Corps volunteers made more than 1500 visits to Capitol Hill, playing a significant role in encouraging support for federal equal pay bills, among other legislation. AAUW two-minute activists in all 50 states sent more than 200,000 messages to state and federal legislators’ advocating for AAUW priority issues.

Become a Two Minute Activist. It’s quick and easy. Go to www.aauw.org. Click on TAKE ACTION. Scroll down to sign up. You will receive timely emails alerting you to contact your senator or representative about an upcoming vote. AAUW does all the work. You just need to fill in your address to verify that you are a constituent.



Mary Lou Melley and Jackie Brown (Reston) lobby for Paycheck Fairness Act with Rep. Harley Rouda, San Diego.



Fran Lovaas (Reston) and Aroona Borjpani lobby Rep. Katherine Porter, California District 45.



**FREE online
salary
negotiation
workshop!**

Women are typically paid 80 percent of what men are paid. The pay gap has lifelong financial effects that grow over time, from the ability to pay for education and childcare to saving for retirement, impacting women in nearly every profession.

Looking for a new job or trying to get a promotion?

Learn how to negotiate your salary first.

NOW ONLINE:

<https://salary.aauw.org/>

AAUW Work Smart Online is designed for women who are already in the workforce at any career level and helps you negotiate for a new job, raise, or promotion.

AAUW is working with partners across communities, cities and states to offer free salary negotiation workshops—and eliminate the gender pay gap for good! Learn more: <https://www.aauw.org/>



Alexandria and Mt. Vernon AAUW Branches

Present a Fundraiser Performance

You Can't Take It With You

The Little Theatre of Alexandria
February 22, 2019

7:00 PM Reception 8:00 PM Performance

TICKETS \$35

written by Moss Hart and S. Kaufman
directed by Stephen Jarrett
produced by Jamie Blake & Eileen Doherty

Off-beat, quirky, and downright hilarious, this Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy has stood the test of time. *You Can't Take It With You* follows two families whose lives are thrown together when their children become engaged. This idealistic take on life, family and love reinforces the idea that you can only live life to the fullest by doing whatever makes you happy.

Money raised goes to AAUW Funds for empowering women and girls.



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MT. VERNON BRANCH
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Special Interest Groups: February

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

Morning Lit Group: The Morning Literature Group will meet on **Friday, February 8, 9:30 am**, at the McLean Community Center. The group will discuss ***The Soul of America: The Battle for Our Better Angels*** by **Jon Meacham**. All members are welcome to attend; bring your own beverage. If you have questions, contact **Betsy Reddaway**, pbreddaway@verizon.net.

Bridge Group: The bridge group will meet on **Monday, February 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Debra Wah, 7656 Burford Dr., McLean 22102**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, if you plan to attend.

Evening Lit Group:

The Evening Literature Group will meet on **Monday, February 18, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Diana Parsell, 6603 Orlando Street, Falls Church, VA**. The group will discuss ***The Female Persuasion*** by **Meg Wolitzer**. All members are welcome to attend. Contact **Diana Parsell**, parselldb@aol.com, if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions: This group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, February 19, 9:30 am**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. The group will discuss Chapter 1, ***Refugees and Global Migration***. All are welcome to join the group. For information on how to secure a copy of the publication we will be using or any questions, contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, 703-893-3578. Feel free to attend a session to learn more about the group.

Breakfast Group: The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, February 26, 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 | February Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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3	4 Branch Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am, McLean Community Center	5 Current Events Group, 9:00 am, Star Nut Gourmet	6	7	8 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	9
10	11 Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Debra Wah's Home	12	13	14	15	16
17	18 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Diana Parsell's Home	19 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	20	21	22	23 Branch Meeting, 10:00 am, McLean Community Center
24	25	26 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	27	28		

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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