



McLean Area Branch
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March Branch Meeting

Join your AAUW friends at our McLean Branch **Annual Business meeting and potluck dinner**:

Tuesday, March 19, 2019, 6:00 pm
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

We'll celebrate our branch members, the AAUW Fellowship award recipients and the founding of our branch in 1969.

We'll celebrate our **branch's 50th anniversary** with a **trivia quiz** and nods to 1969 food and attire. If you are inclined to share a dish, you may want to consider from our list below or bring your favorite food. A bottle of wine to share is welcome. Now is also the time to **wear your bell bottoms, hippie outfits, pants suits, or miniskirts in your closet!**

Dishes to Bring

If your last name begins with

- **A-G:** main dish
- **H-P:** side dish/salad
- **Q-Z:** dessert

Please have the dish **serve 6 or more**. Remember to **bring appropriate serving pieces for your dish, labelled with your name**.

What did we eat in 1969? Popular main dishes included *tuna casserole* and other casseroles usually made with Campbell's soup, *beef stroganoff*, *lasagna*, *meat loaf*, *chicken tetrazzini*. Sides and salads were *jello salads*, *5-cup salad*, *3-bean salad*, *macaroni and cheese*, the *green bean casserole* with canned onion rings on top, vegetable casseroles with Campbell soup. Featured desserts were *Brown Betty*, *carrot cake*, *apple crisp*, "icebox" desserts, *angel pies (meringue crust with filling)*, *bar cookies*, *no-bake cookies*.

March Branch Board Meetings

Branch Board meeting is:

Monday, March 4, 9:30 -11:30 am
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101

All branch members are invited to attend.

Presidents' Message

March is **Women's History Month** and **International Women's Day is on March 8!** Let's chart a new course in women's history by making equal pay a reality. In a recent AAUW update, Lilly Ledbetter reminds us

"that pay discrimination threatens the economic security of women, families, and our nation's security. It affects all women no matter what they do, how much education they have, and where they are from."

We have the opportunity to impact significantly the future of women in the workforce by calling our representatives to ask for their support for the Paycheck Fairness Act. Let's seize this moment!

Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Betsy Schroeder, Co-Presidents



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

Nominating Committee Report

The McLean Branch Nominating Committee submits the following slate of officers for the 2019-2020 Board. **Candidates will be voted on at the March Branch Meeting:**

Co-Presidents

- Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales
- Carol Mournighan

Co-Vice Presidents, Program

- Naz Basit
- Milia Ali

Co-Vice Presidents, Membership

- Barbara Sipe
- Sue Christie

Treasurer

- Lynne Glikbarg

Secretary/Board

- Ruth Nowjack-Raymer

Secretary/Branch

- Betsy Reddaway

50th Annual Used Book Sale

The McLean Branch **50th Annual Used Book Sale** is

Friday, September 13 through Sunday, September 15

Saturday Book Collections will be held on **May 4, June 1, June 22, July 13** and **August 3** from **9:00 am – 1:00 pm**, though all **volunteers will be needed until 2:00 pm**. If you can **volunteer** on collections, contact **Diane Alden** at 703-356-7452.

Other volunteers are needed for the following activities:

- **Shop-purchase book sale supplies** as needed (reimbursement provided). Call **Marge Degnon** at 703-448-8766 to help.
- **Signs:** assist with putting up signs throughout the community prior to book collections and sale. Call **Juanita Cullen** at 703-759-5112 to help.
- **Category Lead:** box up books in your category; price valuable books (instruction and guidance provided). Call **Sherry Joslin** at 703-748-0168 to help.

Falls Church Branch Used Book Sale

The Falls Church AAUW Book Sale is:

April 12-13
Friday, 9 am-9 pm
Saturday, 9 am-4 pm
Falls Church Community Center
223 Little Falls Street

Virginia AAUW 2019 State Conference

Plan to attend the AAUW Virginia 2019 Conference on **Saturday, April 6, 2019**. Activities are planned for **Friday evening, April 5 from 7:30-9:00pm** at the **Hampton Inn & Suites, Roanoke Airport**. For more information and to register: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference/>.

All Branch members are encouraged to attend.

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McLean Branch 50th Anniversary

The Women Who Started the McLean Area Branch

The year 1969 was a time of Cultural Revolution in the United States: The Vietnam War, Radical Feminism, Flower Power, protests, riots, and political upheaval. It was time of empowerment and personal expression for many. **Against this exciting and turbulent backdrop, the McLean Area Branch of AAUW came into being. A handful of motivated and determined women made it all possible,** four of whom are still members of the Branch. Here are their stories and insights:

While living in New Jersey, a friend invited **Carol Langelier** to an AAUW branch meeting. Carol felt an immediate connection to AAUW since its mission to support and help women achieve advanced education aligned with her core values. With AAUW, Carol found working with other strong women to improve the role and options for girls/women stimulating and energizing.

In fall 1968, Carol moved to McLean and learned there was no AAUW in the area. Within a year, Carol and a small group of women recruited the required 25 members to form a branch.

Mary Ann Curry's Pennsylvania State University Department of Education counselor introduced her to AAUW, explained its value and publications, and enrolled Mary Ann in the State College Branch. Because education is a top priority for Mary Ann, she has been an AAUW member ever since. When the McLean Branch was formed in 1969, she became a charter member.

In fall 1969, **Fran Pearce** read about the new McLean AAUW in a local paper and decided to attend the meeting. Fran found that AAUW's values of education aligned with hers and became a member that year. The Branch formed an inter-branch Education Watchdog Committee to monitor the Fairfax County Public School Board Meetings and ensure that education was meeting the needs of the community. Fran served as the McLean representative for 10 years and on several Area 3 committees. Fran and other AAUW members attended and reported the school board meetings and findings at the monthly Branch meetings. On March 6, 1978, Fran testified before the House of Representatives Education and Labor Subcommittee on Elementary, Secondary, and Vocational Education. This testimony supported the continuance of federal impact aid. Thanks to Fran's leadership, McLean Branch supported the prevention of budget cuts that would endanger the arts curriculum, reduce the maintenance staff, increase class size, reduce classroom equipment, and many more important issues.

Trianthe Dakolias moved from her native Greece to the United States in 1960 and then to McLean in 1969. While enrolled in New York University's MBA program, Trianthe was struck by how few female students there were compared to those in her undergraduate studies in Athens. She says that at that time there was a much smaller percentage of women aspiring to and going to college. Trianthe also says that gave her "every reason" to join the fledgling McLean Branch of AAUW in 1969 because she was and is "a big believer in the education of women." She remembers fondly those early days of the Branch and how the first charter members were all very dedicated to issues affecting women.

That first year of the McLean Branch was challenging and exciting, a rewarding time working with amazing women who did not just talk but performed and delivered. They also made lifelong friends. Almost all these then new members had small children. They formed a babysitting co-op, which enabled members to attend meetings and provided childcare when needed. **Elaine Weed**, the first president, was a wonderful leader and organizer.

Carol, Mary Ann, Fran, Trianthe and other founding members of the McLean Area Branch of AAUW **shared a vision and the same dedication to promoting issues that would positively affect women everywhere. For the last 50 years, McLean Branch members have built on their efforts and benefitted from their desire to better lives and working conditions.**



A few thoughts from Richmond and Washington DC on February 13...

Delegate Rip Sullivan from Richmond made the following statement regarding the top three state leaders, **Governor Northam**, **Lt. Governor Fairfax** and **Attorney General Mark Herring**:

“As turmoil and controversy engulfed Richmond last week, we still had our job to do. The first two days of the week were very, very long on the floor. We were racing against the clock before crossover, the point by which all of the bills the House of Delegates and Senate will consider this year must be passed by their respective chamber so that the other can address them.”

From **Senator Barbara Favola**:

“Rest assured that the operations of state government continue uninterrupted and critical services are not being compromised in any way. Moreover, lawmakers and civil servants are working diligently to conduct the state's business. However, everyone acknowledges that we need to find a pathway forward that is both healing and empowering for all of us. The US is the only industrialized country in the world that does not guarantee paid family leave. There are sound economic and competitive benefits to offering paid family leave, as well as the benefit of fostering stronger families. I was very disappointed that both the House and Senate versions of the budget removed a \$250K appropriation to establish a committee to study this important issue. I hope we will see movement on paid family leave in the 2020 session.”

AAUW of Virginia members, along with the **League of Women Voters** and others were out in force **February 14** to speak for the **passage of the ERA** by the floor vote in the House of Delegates.

Kim Churches, AAUW Chief Executive Officer, attended the State of the Union and had the following reaction:

“I was honored to attend the State of the Union address this week on behalf of AAUW as the guest of **Rep. Lois Frankel** (D-Fla.). It was invigorating to sit in the House chamber looking at the most diverse Congress in history with a record number of women, most dressed in suffragist white to demonstrate unity and a commitment to women's rights. The energy of the chamber, especially when talk turned to AAUW priority issues, was profound.

However, the contrast between the image of the 116th Congress and some of the harmful priorities in the address was stark. It was also a reminder that we must fight to protect key AAUW issues — including reproductive rights, pay equity, strong paid leave and more.”

Special Interest Groups: March

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, March 12, 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, March 8, 9:30 am**, at the McLean Community Center. The group will discuss ***Daring to Drive: A Saudi Woman's Awakening***, by **Manal al-Sharif**. 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, March 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Marge Degnon, 1340 Lancia Drive, McLean 22101**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaracarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, if you plan to attend.

Evening Lit Group:

The Evening Literature Group will meet on **Monday, March 18, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Deborah DeMasi, 7522 Old Dominion Dr., McLean, VA 22102**. The group will discuss ***Varina*** by **Charles Frazier**. All members are welcome to attend. Contact **Deborah DeMasi**, demasiesq@aol.com or 703-821-2212.

Great Decisions: This group will resume meeting on **Tuesday, March 19, 9:30 am**, at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. The topic will be Middle East. New members are invited to join. For information details, contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, 703-893-3578.

Breakfast Group: The Breakfast Group will meet on **Tuesday, March 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 | March 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	6	7	8 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	9
10	11 Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Marge Degnon's Home	12 Current Events Group, 9:00 am, Star Nut Gourmet	13	14	15	16
17	18 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Deborah DeMasi's Home	19 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House ----- Branch Meeting & Pot Luck Dinner, 6:00 pm, McLean Community Center	20	21	22	23
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

**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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