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April Branch Meeting

The April Branch Meeting will be held:

Tuesday, April 23, 2019, 7:00 pm
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

The program speaker is **Susan Folwell**, widely known in the DC metropolitan area and Northern Virginia for her **work in domestic violence, family abuse, and related issues**. As a psychotherapist, a consultant, and trainer, she offers a unique blend of compassion, expertise, and a keen insight based on more than 25 years of experience in the field. She also specializes in crisis intervention and works with the Fairfax County Juvenile and Domestic Relations and Circuit Courts. She is a staff psychotherapist and program manager at a Metro DC nonprofit organization as well as runs a private consultancy. **Susan will provide her perspective on evaluation, assessment, and treatment of women's issues.**

April Branch Board Meetings

Branch Board meeting is:

Monday, April 1, 9:30 -11:30 am
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101

Presidents' Message

The **McLean Area Branch's 50th anniversary celebration is May 11**. We have much to celebrate: successful book sales providing scholarships for women at local universities; Lobby Corps on Thursdays, with some members participating for more than 20 years; great discussions on Current Events and Great Decisions; book reading and conversations at morning and evening literature groups; presentation of stimulating programs; and fun with Arena Stagers, breakfast group, and Bridge. **Submit your reservation form to come celebrate our common goal of equity for women and girls and our friendships.**



Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Betsy Schroeder, Co-Presidents

The Grand 50th Celebration is Coming!



The culmination of our branch's 50th anniversary events is a big celebration on **May 11**, beginning with a social hour at 6:00 pm followed by a sumptuous buffet dinner at 7:00 pm, and fun entertainment at the McLean Community Center, 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA. Members, spouses, friends, and family are invited to celebrate 1969, our branch's history and each other.

The program will include a 1969 Trivia Quiz, a presentation from Fairfax County Supervisor **John Foust**, recognition of past branch presidents, entertainment by Rod Kelley, branch history and video, and our annual award presentation to the winning high school female in the engineering category of the Fairfax County Regional Science Fair. Thereafter, we'll all be dancing to complete the celebration!

The cost of \$45 per person includes dinner, coffee, tea, and soft drinks. The complete menu is in the registration form included in this newsletter. Bring cash for wine and beer at \$5/glass. Dress is evening dressy casual. Reservations deadline is **Friday, May 3**.

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McLean Branch 50th Anniversary Branch Members Leading with Strength

The McLean Area Branch has been a breeding ground for community, state, and national leaders. Here are some of the members who have been elected to various positions:

National AAUW. **Elaine Lailas** has the distinction of being the only McLean Area Branch member to serve on AAUW's national Board of Directors. In 50+ years with AAUW, Elaine took an active role in policy and legislative issues while holding major leadership positions in three Northern Virginia branches. Her work as a monitor at the U.S. Capitol during AAUW's advocacy of Title IX led to creation of the AAUW Lobby Corps. After Elaine testified to a U.S. committee against Disney World's efforts to commercially develop Manassas Battlefield, she was recruited for AAUW's Legislative Committee. Elaine then became program vice president of the national governing board, after a twist. In a highly unusual development, it became a three-way race, so a run-off was necessary. Virginia AAUW members hastily changed travel plans to extend their stay in Los Angeles for the election. The effort paid off when Elaine won. She also served on the Educational Foundation Board and the newly established Legal Advocacy Fund Board.

AAUW of Virginia. **Elaine Lailas, Peggy Stotz, Nancy Richardson, and Caroline Pickens** have all served as president of AAUW of Virginia.

Local public office. **Mary Anne Graham** was elected several times to the Virginia's Round Hill Town Council and served more than 20 years. **Joanne Field** became chair of the Fairfax County School Board in the final year of her tenure from 1988-93. **Margie Broderick** served four years on the school board of Washoe County, NV, which includes Reno, Tahoe, and areas farther north.

Other local service. **Dorothy Hassan** and **Caroline Pickens** were elected to the Governing Board of the McLean Community Center and both served as governing chair.

Diana Parsell

AAUW
50th Anniversary Celebration of McLean Area Branch
May 11
6 pm with buffet dinner at 7 pm
 McLean Community Center, McLean, VA

Entertainments and activities are planned to remember the last 50 years
 Please join us to celebrate

Menu

Pan seared Salmon with Béarnaise sauce and roasted redskin Potatoes

Chicken Giovanni Rice

Filet of beef with Peppercorn sauce

Hot tortellini with Alfredo sauce

Grilled fresh Vegetables

Spinach salad with Cranberries, Apple, Strawberries, Walnut, and Golden Raisins

Caesar or Garden salad

Cold oriental noodles

50th Anniversary cake

Rolls and Butter

Coffee and Hot Tea

Cash Bar (Wine and Beer)

Reservations

Names: _____

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Cost | \$45 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax)
Make check payable to | AAUW – McLean Area Branch
Respond before or by | May 3 (firm deadline)
To | Aroona S. Borpujari, 1225 Meyer Court, McLean, VA 22101

STEM Essay Contest Winners Recognized

The winners of the first STEM Essay Contest sponsored by the McLean Area Branch have been selected and were recognized at the March Annual Dinner. The contest was open to 7th and 8th grade students (girls and boys) at local public and private schools. The **students were asked to discover and publicize a woman who made a difference in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics**, discussing why she was selected and what the impact was of her STEM contribution.

The winners of the contest included:

- 1st Place: **Isabella Cai**, Longfellow Middle School (7th Grade)
- 2nd Place: **Peyton Walcott**, Cooper Middle School (7th Grade)
- Honorable Mention: **Reagan Exley**, The Potomac School (7th Grade)
- Honorable Mention: **Anisha Talreja**, Longfellow Middle School (8th Grade)
- Honorable Mention: **Samantha Taylormoore**, The Potomac School (8th Grade)

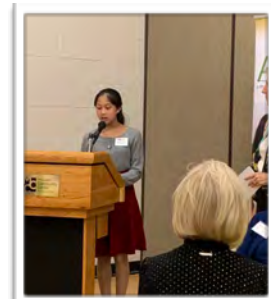
Each student and a parent were invited to the March dinner. As part of the awards ceremony the 1st Place winner, **Isabella Cai**, read her essay on **Rosalind Franklin**, a pioneer in the discovery of the DNA double helix theory. Other women profiled in the winning essays were **Chien-Shiung Wu**, a nuclear physicist who contributed to the Manhattan Project; **Augusta Ada King**, Countess of Lovelace, the creator of the first computer program; **Hedy Lamar**, film actress and inventor of spread spectrum and frequency-hopping technology; and **Gladys West**, a mathematician whose models were incorporated into the development of GPS.

Nine volunteers from our branch served as judges: **Marie Briones-Jones, Dorothy Hassan, Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, Margaret Hines, Sherry Joslin, Judy Page, Shelby Roberts, Barbara Sipe, and Adarsh Trehan**. The essay contest was managed by a steering committee: **Marlene Chivavibul, Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, Betsy Schroeder, and Judy Page**, STEM Chair.



Anita Banerjee, Anisha Talreja (Honorable Mention), Samantha Taylormoore (Honorable Mention), Melissa Taylormoore, Xin Li, Heather Walcott, Isabella Cai (1st Place), Peyton Walcott (2nd Place), Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales (Branch Co-President), Betsy Schroeder (Branch Co-President), and Judy Page (Branch STEM Chair).

Judy Page, Anisha Talreja, Isabella Cai, Samantha Taylormoore, Peyton Walcott, Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales, and Betsy Schroeder.



Isabella Cai.

Membership Renewal

April is membership renewal month. This year, you'll receive an email notification with a request to renew your membership online. The process is easy with prompts to walk you through the process. Online membership renewal makes the branch treasurer's job much easier. If you have questions or need assistance, contact **Lynne Glikbarg**, lynneglik@aol.com, **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, myrtlehencor@gmail.com, or **Betsy Schroeder** icu43@cox.net.

50th Annual Used Book Sale

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

Friday, September 13 - Sunday, September 15

Saturday Book Collections will be held

May 4

June 1

June 22

July 13

August 3

Collections 9:00 am – 1:00 pm

Volunteers will be needed until 2:00 pm

To **volunteer** on collection days, contact **Diane Alden** at 703-356-7452.

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.

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

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On the Hill. Thirty AAUW members gathered on Thursday, March 14, to visit a total of 84 offices of Republican representatives, mostly newly elected this year or the previous cycle, carrying the message to vote for the Paycheck Fairness Act HR 7 that will be voted on the floor on March 25. The Lobby Corps had already successfully lobbied, securing cosponsors of every Democratic House member and one Republican. A corresponding effort is ongoing in the Senate.

HR 7 updates and strengthens the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to provide effective protection against sex-based pay discrimination in the workplace. The Paycheck Fairness Act bars retaliation against workers who voluntarily discuss or disclose their wages. The Act also closes loopholes that have allowed employers to pay women less than men for the same work without a business necessity that is related to the job. Additionally, it ensures women can receive the same remedies for sex-based pay discrimination that are currently available to those subjected to discrimination based on race and ethnicity. This bill prohibits employers from relying on salary history in determining future pay, ensuring that pay discrimination doesn't follow workers from job to job. And, it provides much needed training and technical assistance as well as wage data collection and research.

In Fairfax County. On **November 5, 2019**, citizens in Fairfax County will vote for the following offices:

- House of Delegates – all delegates for a two-year term
- Virginia Senate – all for a four-year term – including our incumbent
- Senators, **Janet Howell**, and **Barbara Favola**.
- Soil and Water Directors-- four-year term
- Countywide: Commonwealth's Attorney, Sheriff, Commissioner of Revenue, and Treasurer.
- Chair of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors
- District Supervisors
- School Board at-Large

STEM Excellence Award



Judy Page, left, branch STEM Chair, and **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, branch Co-President, served as judges at the 2019 Fairfax County Regional Science and Engineering Fair held on March 15, 2019. They selected **Hana Abouelenein**, a sophomore at Langley High School, to be the recipient of the branch's 2019 STEM Excellence Award. This award is given annually to a female student or team from a high school in the McLean area with an outstanding science fair project in the field of Engineering.

Hana's project, "Creating A Neural Network that Differentiates Between Cancerous and Non-Cancerous Epithelial Cells," required that she program a neural network using the computer language Java and train it to recognize the difference between cancerous and non-cancerous cells. Her use of Artificial Intelligence could potentially be developed into image recognition software to help diagnose skin cancers. Hana will be invited to our May dinner to receive a certificate of merit and a \$100 award.

Special Interest Groups: April

Bridge Group: *The bridge group will meet **not** meet in April.* Our next meeting will be **Monday, May 13, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Connie Mertes**. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, for information about the group.

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, April 9, 9:00 am**, with a **vote being taken on the meeting location**. Under consideration are Star Nut, Vinson Hall, or McLean House. All branch members are invited to attend and bring an article or web link to share for the discussion. RSVP and send your vote on where to meet to **Mary Lou Melley**, maryloumelley@gmail.com.

Morning Lit Group: The Morning Literature Group will meet on **Friday, April 12, 9:30 am**, at the McLean Community Center. The group will discuss ***The Cuban Affair***, by **Nelson DeMille**. 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 on **Monday, April 15, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Aroona Borpujari**, 1225 Meyer Court, McLean, VA 22101. The group will discuss ***The Boating Party*** by **Susan Vreeland**. All members are welcome to attend. To attend, contact **Aroona Borpujari**, aborpujari@cox.net or 703-556-9693.

Great Decisions: This group will meet on **Tuesday, April 16, 9:30 am**, at **The McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. The topic will be the Nuclear Negotiations. 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, April 30, 9:00 am**, at the **McLean Family Restaurant, 1321 Chain Bridge Road, McLean**. New members are welcome. *It is important to call* **Suzanne Watts** at scwatts1@cox.net or 703-356-7926, if you plan to attend.

Connections | April Calendar

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
	1 Branch Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am, McLean Community Center	2	3	4	5	6
7	8	9 Current Events Group, 9:00 am, Location TBD	10	11	12 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	13
14	15 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Aroona Borpujari's Home	16 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26	27 Branch Meeting, 7:00 pm, McLean Community Center
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

**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 |

Cheryl Scott Williams (cherylswilliams@verizon.net)



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