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AAUW of Virginia

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May Branch Meeting 50th Anniversary Celebration

This gathering at:

Saturday, May 11, 2019, 6:00 pm
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, VA 22101

is truly special. Whether you are a long-time or a new member, come celebrate our **50th anniversary milestone**. The fun evening will feature a **video of photos through the years, 1969 trivia**, and entertainment by **Rod Kelley, guitarist and singer**. **Socialize** from 6:00 – 7:00 pm, have a **sumptuous dinner**, and enjoy the program with a **sing along** and dance. It's a dressy casual night. Bring your spouse and friends to CELEBRATE!

There is still time to join the celebration. Reservations can be made until **May 3** with **Aroona Borpujari** using the attached form.

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May Branch Board Meeting

Branch Board meeting is:

Monday, May 6, 9:30 -11:30 am
McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101
All branch members are invited to attend.

Presidents' Message

Come celebrate 50 years of our McLean Area Branch of AAUW! Your presence will make this milestone anniversary even more meaningful and special. We hope to see you May 11 as we share memories and create new ones.

Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Betsy Schroeder, Co-Presidents



**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

Membership Renewal

This year we're using an online renewal system through the AAUW national office. You should have received an email recently with instructions on how to renew your dues online that includes a link and your member number. Click on "renew" and enter your credit card information. It's that simple and it makes our treasurer's job much easier. If you need help or did not receive the email, please contact **Lynne Glikbarg**, lynneglik@aol.com, **Deborah DeMasi**, demasiesq@aol.com, **Betsy Schroeder** icu43@cox.net, or **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, myrtlehencor@gmail.com.

50th Annual Used Book Sale

The first book collection is **Saturday, May 4**. We'll need all hands-on-deck to help sort books after each collection. If you're new to the branch, come to the **Sun Trust Bank in Vienna** any morning except Thursday and you are likely to find experienced members who can guide you. It's a good way to meet other members and make a valuable contribution to support the mission of AAUW. You are also welcome to come on Saturday collection days to help.

We are still in need of leaders in these categories: paperback mystery; animals and pets; sci-fi/fantasy and travel. Please contact **Sherry Joslin**, 703-748-0168, if you can help. Guidance will be provided.

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, or socioeconomic status.

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Advocating for Women – Action

April was **Sexual Assault Awareness Month**, an important time to focus on making workplaces safer for all workers. **Deborah Vagins**, AAUW Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Research, spoke at the **House Democrats' 2019 Issues Conference** on the work Congress needs to take on to ensure the economic security and safety of women. Two vital bills on this effort recently saw advances. The **Be HEARD Act**, recently introduced, would provide new protections against all forms of workplace harassment, including sexual harassment. The **Equality Act**, which has now received hearings in the House Judiciary and Education and Labor Committees, would ensure that workers cannot be harassed or discriminated against based on their gender identity and sexual orientation. Both bills aim to strengthen existing civil rights laws and expand these laws' coverage and enforcement, with the goal of ensuring all people can work in a workplace free from discrimination, including harassment of any kind. On April 11, members of the AAUW Lobby Corps visited Senators' offices asking for cosponsors for the Be HEARD Act as well as the EMPOWER Act.

The **EMPOWER Act** stands for **Ending the Monopoly of Power Over Workplace** harassment through Education and Reporting Act. The bill prohibits a tax deduction for the persons having to pay an award for causing workplace harassment. For those who receive funds in connection with a settlement for workplace harassment, they can exclude that amount from their gross income, for tax purposes.

Paycheck Fairness Act Passes in House of Representatives

In the last week of March, the House of Representatives voted 242-187 to pass the **Paycheck Fairness Act** (H.R. 7) with bipartisan support. Since the start of the 116th Congress, AAUW has been working to ensure swift passage of this critical pay equity legislation without any weakening amendments. **Our advocacy was recognized on the House floor by Speaker Nancy Pelosi** (D-Calif.).

AAUW staff worked with Congressional offices, sent several letters to the Hill, and organized coalition letters with hundreds of signers. AAUW CEO **Kim Churches** published an op-ed on the importance of the bill. AAUW also submitted a statement for the bill's hearing record in the House Education and Labor Committee. Additionally, AAUW advocates sent more than 3,000 emails and made more than 400 calls to House offices in support of the Paycheck Fairness Act.

By passing this important bill, members of the House of Representatives who supported the bill have demonstrated their commitment to the economic security of American women and their families. The bill now moves to the Senate. AAUW urges senators to pass now the Paycheck Fairness Act. On March 28, three Branch members joined with the Lobby Corps, visiting 80 Senators and urging them to cosponsor as well as pass the Paycheck Fairness Act.

Sources include AAUW's *Washington Update*.

Special Interest Groups | May

Morning Lit Group: The Morning Literature Group will meet on **Friday, May 10, 9:30 am**, at the McLean Community Center. The group will discuss *Testimony: A Novel*, by **Anita Shreve**. 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, May 13, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Connie Mertes**, 3223 Foxvale Drive, Oakton. Contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or 703-356-3127, for information.

Current Events: The Current Events Group will meet **Tuesday, May 14, 9:00 am**, at the McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, 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.

Evening Lit Group:

The group will meet on **Monday, May 20, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Cheryl Williams**, 510 N Street, SW, #N317, Washington, DC. The group will discuss *The House at Sugar Beach* by **Helene Cooper**. All members are welcome to attend. To attend, contact **Cheryl Williams**, cherylswilliams@verizon.net or 301-518-2773.

Great Decisions: This group will meet on **Tuesday, May 21, 9:30 am**, at The McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101. The topic will be the Nationalism in Europe. 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, May 28, 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 703-356-7926, if you plan to attend.

Connections Calendar | May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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5	6 Branch Board Meeting, 9:30-11:30 am, McLean Community Center	7	8	9	10 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	11 Branch 50th Anniversary Celebration, 6:00 pm, McLean Community Center
12	13 Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Corrine Mertes' Home	14 Current Events Group, 9:00 - 11:00 am, McLean House	15	16	17	18
19	20 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Cheryl Williams' Home	21 Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House	22	23	24	25
26	27	28 Breakfast Group, 9:00 am, McLean Family Restaurant	29	30	31	

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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