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# News

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## September Branch Meeting

Join us for the first meeting of the AAUW Mclean Area Branch 2019-2020 program year:

**Sunday, September 22, 2:00 pm**  
**McLean Community Center**  
**1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101**

At the meeting you'll meet the new Branch Board members, get updates on the annual Used Book Sale, and learn more about the many activities and projects planned for the coming year. Additionally, the local High School Junior Math and Science award recipients will speak about their aspirations and achievements and how the Branch awards have inspired them. Scholarship recipients from George Mason, Trinity and Marymount Universities will also be present to share their accomplishments. Bring a friend, neighbor or family member to introduce them to our Branch and the wonderful work being done by our dynamic group of women. Hope to see you all there.

## September Branch Board Meeting

**Monday, September 9, 10:00 am - noon**  
**McLean Community Center**  
**1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean, Virginia 22101**

Branch Board meetings are held the second Monday of each month. All branch members are invited to attend.

## Presidents' Message

The 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the passage of the Nineteenth Amendment, granting the right to vote for women, is an occasion for celebration and reflection. Women's work and leadership have certainly progressed in the last 100 years, playing a transformative role in our society. There are more women than ever before in the US Senate and House and in the Virginia House of Delegates. The work for gender equity is not over, especially since the political will and power of women continue to be questioned and challenged.

As we stand on the shoulders of our sisters who worked tirelessly for the right to vote, let's continue their noble and courageous work by committing to use our political strength, our voice, our education, and our membership in AAUW to create a world where everyone lives in equality.

**Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales and Carol Mournighan, Co-Presidents.**



## Past Branch Presidents, Beth Sparling and Anne Studner



**Beth Sparling, McLean Branch President 1978-80.**

**Beth Sparling**, McLean Area Branch President 1978-80, passed away on July 4, in Topeka, Kansas, at the age of 92. **Beth** and her husband, Robert lived in McLean from 1961-2001, before they moved back to their home state of Kansas. In addition to serving as Branch President, she also became a specialist in finding rare books for the annual Used Book Sale and was an active participant in the Investment and Literature Groups. **Beth** was a wonderful person. Many long-time Branch members have fond memories of her and the contributions she made to the Branch.

**Anne Studner**, McLean Area Branch President 1980-82, passed away in hospice care in Aldie, Virginia, on August 17 at the age of 80. **Anne** and her husband, **Alan** had lived with their family in Vienna for many years. In addition to serving as branch president, **Anne** had been an active volunteer in support of the Used Book Sale, was a member of the

Literature group, and in the early years the babysitting coop and the gourmet group. She had recently communicated that she would commit to working at this year's Book Sale when she was feeling better. She will be missed for her cheerful participation in branch activities.



**Anne Studner, McLean Branch President 80-82.**

## Editors' Note

Our Branch has been informed that in order **to protect our members' email addresses from being hacked**, we should **remove the "@" in email addresses** and **substitute the word "at."** Whenever an email address appears in our newsletter or our website, it will be written as follows: helenday at gmail.com. Apparently, it is the "@" sign that enables hackers to access email.

## Membership Renewal

If you haven't already done so, please renew your AAUW membership as soon as possible to ensure your listing is included in the Branch directory and that you won't miss any of the exciting activities planned for the coming year. If you have questions or need additional information, contact Branch membership co-vice presidents, **Sue Christie**, [suechristie at gmail.com](mailto:suechristie@gmail.com), or **Barbara Sipe**, [bfs4000 at aol.com](mailto:bfs4000@aol.com).

## 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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## Directory Updates

If you've moved or changed personal information, contact **Pam Bacher** as soon as possible to update your contact information for the directory that includes phone and postal and email addresses. **Pam** can be reached at [prbacher at outlook.com](mailto:prbacher@outlook.com) or 703-281-2595.

## 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Used Book Sale

The 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Used Book Sale is finally here! Sale hours at the McLean Community Center are as follows:

- **Friday, September 13, 9:00 am – 7:00 pm**
- **Saturday, September 14, 10:00 am – 6:00 pm**
- **Sunday, September 15, Noon – 4:00 pm**

We need all hands-on deck for our one fundraiser to support AAUW Funds and our Branch local initiatives. **Help is particularly needed on Friday between 9:00 am -- 3:00 pm and Sunday from noon -- 4:00 pm.** If you have a spouse, partner, teen/adult child who can help, their assistance is much appreciated.

If you haven't volunteered or if you can come for an additional shift during those peak times, contact **Cheryl Williams** at [cherylswilliams at verizon.net](mailto:cherylswilliams@verizon.net) or 301-518-2773.

## AAUW Funds

McLean Area Branch members, through their tireless work on the annual Used Book Sale, contribute to the funds that provide monies for Education Funding, Research, Campus Initiatives, STEM Education, Public Policy, Global Connections, Member Leadership, and Salary Negotiation.

Branch members identify which area of these major efforts to support with 50 percent of the funds raised from the Used Book Sale. Funds raised have endowed an American Fellowship, an International Fellowship, a Career Development Grant, and a Community Grant.

The Branch also supports scholarships to George Mason University, Marymount University, and Trinity University of Washington, DC. The scholarship recipients will attend the September Branch meeting to express their appreciation.

The Branch also supports the recognition of junior year high school girls who have demonstrated outstanding achievements in STEM. The students recognized are from McLean local high schools.

Funds raised at the 50th annual Mclean AAUW Used Book Sale will be used to support these valuable programs and initiatives. **At the September branch business meeting, three branch members will be elected to serve on the branch Allocations Committee.** Please consider putting your name forward to serve on the committee. **Other committee members include the Funds chairs, Book Sale chairs, university liaisons, and STEM chair.** The committee will meet in late October/early November to recommend allocation. Contact chair **Elaine Lailas** ([elailas at aol.com](mailto:elailas@aol.com)) or **Mafalda Marrocco** ([mafaldam717 at gmail.com](mailto:mafaldam717@gmail.com)) if you would like to serve on the committee.

**Elaine A. Lailas, AAUW Funds Chair**

**Mafalda Marrocco, AAUW Funds Co-chair**

## McLean Area Branch's 2019-2020 Fellowship and Grant Recipients

Through the years our Branch contributions to AAUW Funds endowed an American Fellowship and an International Fellowship. Each of the Fellowships required a total contribution of \$100,000. Those were followed in subsequent years by two Research & Projects Grant endowments, the Career Development for women pursuing a new career or completing one and the Community Action for projects. These four awards are made annually to women, making it possible for the recipients to complete their education (American, International, Career Development) or for an individual or a branch to create and fund a project benefitting girls (Community Action).

This year's recipients are:

**American Fellowship- Kristal Brown**, Virginia Commonwealth University, PhD, "The Role of Perceived Racial Discrimination in Obesity and Cardiovascular Treatment among African-American Women."

**International Fellowship- Singuila Shimra** (India), George Mason University, PhD in Peace Building and Conflict Resolution, "Women's Influence in Peace Talks and Processes."

**Career Development Grant- Monica Kimaro**, Stratford University, BS in Nursing to obtain her RN. Kimaro is a single mother of 2 children.

**Community Action Grant "Rosie Riveters" - Brittany Greer** project chair, Fairfax Community Center after-school and summer program, STEM lessons and activities for girls ages 4-14.

## AAUW Northern District Meeting

The annual Northern District Meeting will be held

**Saturday, October 26, 2019, 1:00 pm**  
**Thomas Jefferson Library**  
**7415 Arlington, Blvd, Falls Church, VA**

The program will include presentations by **Tremayne Parquet**, AAUW Director of Advancement; **Leslie Tourigny**, Virginia AAUW Co-President; **Cyndi Shanahan**, Virginia State Board representative for Diversity and Inclusion; and representatives from the Alexandria branch Human Trafficking. Announcement of upcoming programs and events at local branches will be featured.

## 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.



### ERA Update

**VARatifyERA**, a nonpartisan campaign and **#iScream4Equality**, an education/outreach effort are working hard to get out the vote for the **November 5 state elections in support of Virginia's ratification of the ERA**, which lacked one vote during last year's legislative session. The **#iScream4Equality** tour will spend its time in targeted districts

with stops at community events, high school and college/university/trade campuses, and women-owned businesses.

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### AAUW's New Focus on Negotiations

AAUW has partnered with the New York City Economic Development Corporation to teach 10,000 women in the Big Apple how to negotiate for higher salaries and advocate for themselves at work. The initiative, "Ask for More," includes online training; and starting in the fall, a series of workshops in the city's five boroughs. Plans are also underway to develop Spanish language training and programs tailored to specific industries.

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### Congress Back in Session

Many critical bills are waiting to be considered, voted out of committees, and onto the Senate and House floors. The AAUW Capitol Lobby Corps will assist the AAUW Public Policy staff by bringing messages to Capitol Hill this fall. Contact **Mary Lou Melley**, [maryloumelley at gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com), for information if you want to be part of this effort.

## Special Interest Groups | September

Join the Arena Stagers to see:

- **Jitney** -- By August Wilson -- Friday, October 18, 2019, 8:00 pm
- **Disney's Newsies** -- A musical based on the Disney Film by Bob Tzudiker and Noni White, Music by Alan Menken, Lyrics by Jack Feldman, Book by Harvey Feinstein -- Saturday, November 23, 2019, 2:00 pm
- **Dear Jack, Dear Louise** -- By Ken Ludwig -- Saturday, December 14, 2019, 2:00 pm

Plus, possibly **Right to Be Forgotten** By Sharyn Rothstein -- October 11 – November 10 and **A Thousand Splendid Suns** -- Adapted by Ursula Rani Sarma, from the novel by Khaled Hosseini -- January 17 – February 23, 2020

For information on how to get tickets, for which performance, and if you are willing to drive, or would like to carpool, contact **Elaine Lailas** at 703-779-8679 (H), 305-281-5787 (C), or [Elailas at aol.com](mailto:Elailas@aol.com).



**Bridge Group:** The bridge group will meet on **Monday, September 9, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Marge Degnon, 1340 Lancia Dr., McLean, VA 22102**, 703-448-8766. For information, contact **Barbara Carr**, [barbaralcarr at msn.com](mailto:barbaralcarr@msn.com) or 703-356-3127.

**Current Events:** Current Events group now has two locations for gathering on the **second Tuesday of the month, September 10, 9:30 am:**

- **The McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean**
- **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. No RSVP is necessary.

### Evening Lit Group:

The group will meet on **Monday, September 16, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Cheryl Williams, 510 N Street, SW, #N317, Washington, DC**. The group will discuss **Say Nothing**, by **Patrick Radden Keefe**. All members are welcome to attend. To attend, contact **Cheryl Williams**, [cheryllwilliams at verizon.net](mailto:cheryllwilliams@verizon.net), 301-518-2773.

**Great Decisions:** This group will meet on **Tuesday, September 17, 9:30 am**, at **The McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA 22101**. The topic will be Chapter 8, *American Diplomacy*. The hostess for this session is **Heather McCallum-Bayliss**. This is the final session until February. For details and to order the book for next year's program, contact **Angela Ehemann**, [acehemann at verizon.net](mailto:acehemann@verizon.net), 703-893-3578.

**Morning Lit Group:** The Morning Literature Group will meet **Friday, September 20, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Community Center** to discuss **Where the Crawdads Sing** by **Delia Owens**. **Jane Schmiedekamp** will lead the discussion. All are welcome. For more information, contact **Betsy Reddaway**, [bpreddaway at version.net](mailto:bpreddaway@version.net).

## Connections Calendar | September

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2	3	4	5	6	7
8	<p><b>Branch Board Meeting, 10:00 am, McLean Community Center</b></p> <p>-----</p> <p><b>Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Marge Degnon's home</b></p>	<p><b>Current Events Group, 9:00 - 11:00 am, McLean House &amp; Star Nut Gourmet</b></p>	11	12	13	14
15	<p><b>Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Cheryl Williams' Home</b></p>	<p><b>Great Decisions, 9:30 am, McLean House</b></p>	18	19	<p><b>Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center</b></p>	21
<p><b>Branch Meeting, 2:00 pm, McLean Community Center</b></p>	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30					

**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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**Barbara Sipe  
571.439.6145**

**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 at verizon.net)**



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