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October Northern District Meeting

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

Join fellow Northern Virginia AAUW members in the annual Northern District Meeting. 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 also be featured.

October Branch Board Meeting

Monday, October 14, 10:00 am - noon
Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales' home
1475 Evans Farm Drive, McLean, VA 221011

All branch members are invited to attend.

Presidents' Message

It began Saturday, May 4, with a caravan of cars lining up at Sun Trust Bank building with trunk loads of book donations. With the help of young muscles, these were transported to the third floor where the initial sorting began. As the hours passed, more cars continued to arrive with more donations. These could not be moved fast enough to prevent a mountain of books growing outside the bank. It was a delightful feeling of the Disney Soccer's Apprentice.



Many members and their spouses sorted and boxed books from May until September—culminating in the delivery to the McLean Community Center for the September 13-15 book sale. Members and, again, spouses worked long shifts during these three days; their cheerful attitudes made the book sale feel like a long weekend celebration.

Thank you to our members who worked tirelessly and arduously to make our 50th annual used book sale our most successful to date.

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

50th Annual Used Book Sale | September 13-15, 2019

Congratulations to our Branch members for making our 50th annual used book sale a record-

breaking event. The preliminary gross proceeds are **\$55,009!** This represents more than 1,300 volunteer hours by members, spouses, and friends who collected, sorted, priced, and boxed thousands of donated books.

What made the difference? First, it was an especially newsworthy event as our 50th annual book sale. Second, we are in debt to **Juanita Cullen** for her formidable publicity efforts through newspapers and community signage, and to **Diana Parsell** for her press release that caught the attention of the *Sun Gazette*, *The Washington Post* and NBC News. As a result, we had feature articles in the two newspapers and a segment on the NBC 6 o'clock news on the Saturday evening and Sunday morning of the sale. Many customers cited these as the way they heard about the sale. Finally, we were back in our book sale home base at the McLean Community Center.

Additionally, we are excited to gain three new members. We welcome them to our Branch.



Betsy Schroeder, Book Sale Chair, proudly announced the gross income from this year's Annual Used Book Sale of \$55,009 at the Monthly Branch Meeting held on September 22, 2019, at the McLean Community Center. Book sale photos shown here and on Page 3.



Book Sale Photo Gallery | September 13-15, 2019



High School STEM Awards Recipients Honored at Branch Event

Two of the four students receiving the branch's 2019 Science and Math Achievement Awards were recognized at the September 22nd branch event.

Angela Feng, who received the Math Award for McLean High School, and **Tiara Allard**, who received the Science Award for McLean High School, both spoke about their interest in STEM and expressed an interest in pursuing degrees in engineering.

For the last six years, the McLean Area Branch has partnered with counselors at local high schools to award Science and Math Achievement Awards to female students finishing their junior year. Each award, which is funded through the branch's annual book sale, consists of a certificate and a check for \$100 for the honoree presented in the spring at each high school. The branch instituted the awards to encourage young women to pursue educational opportunities related to STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math).

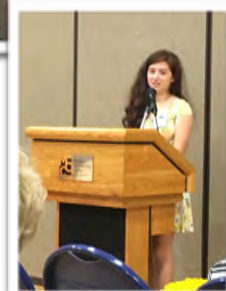
The criteria for the awards include a demonstrated record of overall academic success, as well as a distinguished record of achievement in either math or science. Career center counselors at the schools manage the process of selecting the students. In addition to **Feng** and **Allard**, the following students received the 2019 awards:

- Langley High School – Math: **Stephanie Bi**
- Langley High School – Science: **Belinda Xi**

The awards were managed by the Local Awards Committee, consisting of **Heather McCallum-Bayliss**, **Mimi Gronlund**, **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, and **Judy Page**, STEM Chair. Anyone interested in participating in the 2019-2020 STEM activities supported by the branch should **Judy Page** [judypage at gmail.com](mailto:judypage@gmail.com).



Students who were recipients of the branch's 2019 Math and Science Achievement Awards were honored at the branch event on Sunday, September 22, 2019. From the left are Carol Mournighan, branch co-president, Tiara Allard, 2019 Science Achievement Award recipient from McLean High School, Angela Feng, 2019 Math Achievement Award from McLean High School, and Judy Page, branch STEM Chair.



Additional participants included (clockwise from top left) GMU Liaison, Julianne Fanning, GMU scholarship recipient, Natalie Luis, and her mother, Rose Gutierrez; Carol Mournighan, Dr. Peggy Lewis, Dean of the School of Professional Studies at Trinity, Juanita Cullen, and Karen Gainor, Trinity Department of Development; Marymount scholarship recipient, Debbie Robinson; Angela Feng; and Tiara Allard.

AAUW Funds

The McLean AAUW Allocations Committee will be meeting soon to allocate the net proceeds from this year's Used Book Sale, other donations, and funds raised through Amazon purchases.

The members of the Allocations Committee are:

- AAUW Funds Chairs;
- Liaisons to George Mason University, Marymount University, and Trinity University;
- Book Sale Chairs;
- STEM Chair;
- Three Branch members to be elected at Branch Meeting; and
- Branch President, ex-officio.

The proceeds are divided with 50% allocated to AAUW Fellowship Funds or other AAUW 501(c) (3) funds, and the remaining 50% to support local scholarships and awards, and attendance to state and national conventions and conferences. The Allocations Committee also recommends the "Names Honored" candidates to the Board of Directors by December 31 for approval.

Dedication of Virginia Women's Monument

Plan to attend the dedication of the Virginia Women's Monument

Monday, October 14, from 11:00 am – 12:30 pm
Capitol Square, Richmond
Rain or Shine

For more information, visit: <http://womensmonumentcom.virginia.gov/>.

The Legacy Circle

The Legacy Circle is AAUW's legacy society recognizing a person's intention to make a planned gift to AAUW. Planned gifts such as bequests, beneficiary designations or other deferred gifts are a wonderful way to support AAUW at no cost to you during your lifetime.

For more information, visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-enrollment-form/>. You may download the enrollment form or, if you wish, contact directly **Neola Waller**, AAUW Legacy Circle Team Member at wallerwn1@gmail.com or 757-217-2356.

Women Who Changed America Walking Tour

As background for the November Branch meeting that will focus on the Women's Suffrage Movement which led the effort to pass the 19th Amendment to the Constitution giving women the right to vote, Branch members are invited to attend Washington Walk's *Women Who Changed America* walking tour. The tour, led by McLean Branch member **Cheryl Williams**, is on **November 3 at 11:00 am**. Tickets cost **\$20 or \$15 for federal employees/active duty military**. The two-hour tour **begins at the Archives/Navy Memorial Metro stop and ends at the National Women's Party, Belmont-Paul House on Capitol Hill**. A representative from the Women's Campaign Fund will also participate in the tour. Pre-registration is not required. For additional information and to sign up online, visit www.washingtonwalks.com.



Virginia

November 5 Elections

The **November 5** general election provides Fairfax County residents the opportunity to elect **State Senator, State Delegate, Commonwealth's Attorney, and Sheriff**. For **Fairfax County**, the **district member of the Board of Supervisors, Chair of that Board, three at-large members of the School Board, the district member of the School Board, and three Soil and Water Conservation Directors** are up for election.

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax Area is once again hosting several candidate forums in the fall. District forums are scheduled in Mt. Vernon, Sully, Springfield, Braddock, Hunter Mill, Lee, Providence, Dranesville, and Mason as well as forums for school board elections. Remaining forums include:

- **October 5:** Braddock District Candidate Forum at the **Kings Park Library** moderated by Virginia AAUW Co-president, **Leslie Tourigny**, **3:30 pm**;
- **October 17:** Dranesville District Supervisor and School Board and House District 34 (Del. **Kathleen Murphy** incumbent) at the **McLean Community Center**, **7:00 pm**; and
- **October 23:** Senate Districts which include McLean area districts at the Sully District Government center, **Chantilly**, **7:30 pm**.

Virginia AAUW is a co-sponsor of these events. Our members are highly encouraged to volunteer for any of these. Write **Cathy Gruber** at cathy.gruber@lwv-fairfax.org.

Ending gerrymandering in Virginia

This year, our Branch hosted a presentation on OneVirginia 2021, a nonpartisan advocate for ending gerrymandering in Virginia. It is kicking off a renewed effort to inform state legislators that this is an important issue for constituents. Major campaign meetings will be held this fall.

Promoting voter registration

Our Branch promoted voter registration at the book sale by having a qualified person to register voters.

Federal Lobby Day

Virginia AAUW members are encouraged to participate in **Federal Lobby Day, Thursday, October 17**. Join members of the AAUW Lobby Corps and visit congressional offices to communicate our support of public policy priorities. The Lobby Corps coordinator needs your **information by October 10**. Contact VA Co-chair of Public Policy **Susan Burk** on the Virginia AAUW web site, <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>.

National

Response to gun violence

In February, the U.S. House passed the bipartisan Background Check Act and sent it to the U.S. Senate for consideration. H.R. 8 and S. 42.

The House Judiciary Committee will consider three pieces of legislation: The Keep American Safe Act, banning high capacity ammunition magazines; the Extreme Risk Protection Order Act, providing grants to states; and the Disarm Hate Act, banning guns from those convicted of misdemeanor hate crimes.

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Action from other states for Pay Equity

Alabama recently passed a pay equity law. Twelve other states passed similar laws, some covering a ban on using salary history during the hiring process, ensuring equity compensation among protected classes beyond sex, and banning retaliation if employees discuss salaries.

Human Trafficking

The Alexandria branch is moving forward with its Human Trafficking Initiative, a three-pronged program to include advocacy, education, and the development of a victim rescue app. When all the bugs are worked out, they hope to extend this initiative to include the entire state. To this end, they are applying for an AAUW Community Action Grant and need the support of all the other state branches.

Our Branch has sent a letter of support strongly endorsing their application for the grant. If you would like more information, please visit their website, <https://alexandria-va.aauw.net/human-trafficking/>.

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.

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](mailto:helenday@gmail.com). Apparently, it is the "@" sign that enables hackers to access email accounts.

Simply copy the phrase into an email "To" line, replace the word "at" with the "@" sign, and remove all spaces to re-construct a usable email address.

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.

Price. Selection. Convenience.
amazon.com



Special Interest Groups | October

Current Events: Until further notice, the Current Events group will meet in one location at the **Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean**. This month's meeting is **Tuesday, October 8, 9:30 am**. All branch members are invited to attend and bring an article or web link to share for the discussion. No RSVP is necessary.

Morning Lit Group: The Morning Literature Group will meet **Friday, October 11, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Community Center** to discuss ***Mysterious Affair at Styles*** by **Agatha Christie**. **Rebecca Horahan** will lead the discussion. All are welcome. For more information, contact **Betsy Reddaway**, pbreddaway@verizon.net.

Bridge Group: The bridge group will meet on **Monday, October 14, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Debra Wah**, **7656 Burford Dr., McLean, VA 22102**, **703-356-5353**. For information, contact **Barbara Carr**, barbaralcarr@msn.com or **703-356-3127**.

Arena Stagers:

Arena Stagers are attending ***JITNEY*** on **Friday, October 18, 2019, 8:00 pm**. The group will meet for **dinner at 5:30 pm** at the **McLean Family Restaurant** before leaving for the theater. If you would like to join the group, contact **Elaine Lailas** at **305-281-5787**, or Elailas@aol.com.



Evening Lit Group:

The group will meet on **Monday, October 21, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, **1475 Evans Farm Drive, McLean, VA 22101**, to discuss ***Thomas Jefferson and the Tripoli Pirates***, by **Brian Kilmeade** and **Don Yeager**. All members are welcome to attend. RSVP to **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, myrtlehencor@gmail.com, **703-973-0925**.

Great Decisions: Great Decisions has ended for this session and will resume in February. To participate and order the book for next year's program, contact **Angela Ehemann**, acehemann@verizon.net, **703-893-3578**. **Book orders must be to Angela no later than October 7.**

Connections Calendar | October

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7 Great Decisions Book Orders due	8 Current Events Group, 9:30 am, Star Nut Gourmet	9	10	11 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	12
13	14 Branch Board Meeting, 10:00 am, Myrtle Hendricks- Corrales' home ----- Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Debra Wah's home ----- Virginia Women's Monument Dedication, 11:00am -12:30pm, Richmond	15	16	17 Federal Lobby Day	18 Arena Stagers, 5:30 pm dinner, McLean Family Restaurant and 8:00pm, Jitney, Arena Stage	19
20	21 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Myrtle Hendricks- Corrales' home	22	23	24	25	26 Northern District Meeting, 1:00 pm, Thomas Jefferson Library, Falls Church
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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:

Cheryl Scott Williams (cherylswilliams at verizon.net)



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