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## November Branch Meeting

### The Best Kept Secret in American History

Tuesday, November 19, 2019, 7 pm  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean, VA

**Pat Wirth**, Executive Director/CEO of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, will describe the seven-decade suffragist movement to win the vote for American women and bring us up to date on the local memorial being built to pay tribute to the five million women who played a role in that effort. **Pat** is a consultant who has volunteered for nonprofits since the 1970s in executive, management, and fundraising positions for professional, trade, and charity organizations. Plan to attend as we prepare for the centennial celebration of women getting the right to vote.



## November Branch Board Meeting

Monday, November 11, 10:00 am - noon  
Carol Mournighan's home  
7204 Churchill Road, McLean, VA 22101

All branch members are invited to attend.

## Presidents' Message

***"The lack of focus on women's history has been a greater problem than the lack of sources."***

This quote appears in a museum exhibit in Stockholm, Sweden. The exhibit reveals, from primary resources, that in the 1600s women owned or ran shipping businesses and held numerous leadership roles in the community. While revelations like this are perhaps no longer surprising, it is good to see women given their rightful place in history. This quote also serves as a reminder that we need to continue to focus on women until there is gender equity.

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



## Annual Branch Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 14

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## December Holiday Luncheon



The annual Branch Holiday Luncheon is

**Saturday, December 14, noon**  
**River Bend Country Club, 375 Walker Road**  
**Great Falls, VA**

We are excited that the luncheon speaker is Virginia 10<sup>th</sup> District Representative **Jennifer Wexton**. The luncheon registration form is included in this bulletin. Price for the luncheon is \$34.

Send the registration form and check **no later than December 5 to**

**Aroona S. Borpujari**  
**1225 Meyer Court**  
**McLean, VA 22101**

## Book Sale Funds Allocation Committee

The Branch Allocations Committee met on October 28 to recommend how the funds raised at the 50<sup>th</sup> Annual Book Sale will be delegated. The net proceeds will be divided in half, with 50 percent allocated to AAUW FUNDS with specific designations, and the other 50 percent allocated to:

- Scholarships for women students at George Mason, Marymount, and Trinity Universities;
- Awards to a high school female student who excels in STEM selected from three local high schools;
- A STEM Excellence Award to a female student who presents the best science project at the Fairfax County Regional Science Fair; and
- Support for members leadership training at conferences and state or national conventions.

Branch members will be notified by email of the committee's recommendation for funds allocation to be voted on at the November Branch meeting.

## McLean Area Branch Archives

Our Archives Have a Permanent Home at George Mason University Library

On Friday, October 4, a truck arrived at George Mason University (GMU) Library with 15 boxes of AAUW McLean Area Branch history. Dating back to our first year in 1969, these boxes held scrapbooks, directories, minutes, photos, news articles, newsletters, and governance documents.

GMU is the perfect home for our archives since it has a women's studies program, a women's center, and connections with local AAUW branches. The library's Special Collections department will put the contents into archival boxes and folders, organize the archives, and list all contents in a digital Finding Aid, making it digitally accessible globally by historians and scholars. Members may also go to the GMU Library to make copies of the archived materials.

Original documents like our 1969 Charter and tax status papers are in our president's files, with copies at GMU. Items needed for reference, such as minutes and financial records, will remain with the president and treasurer for 10 years.

We are grateful for **Linda Wells**, who has generously kept these boxes safely stored for more than 20 years at her business in Sterling---a real gift to the branch. We also thank **Caroline Pickens** and **Tom** and **Nina McVeigh** who spent hours sorting, organizing, and preparing the materials that were delivered to GMU Library.



**AAUW McLean Area Branch  
Holiday Luncheon**

**December 14 - At noon with lunch served at 1 pm**

Riverbend Golf and Country Club  
375 Walker Rd., Great Falls, VA

**Guest Speaker: Jennifer Wexton,  
Virginia's 10<sup>th</sup> District Representative**

**Menu**

**Butternut Squash** with candied pecans

**Entrée, choice of**

Stuffed Roasted **Chicken** Breast with Wild Rice, cranberries, spinach and cream cheese  
with couscous and Grilled vegetables

or

Grilled **Salmon** with Lemon Butter Sauce, garnished with diced tomatoes and capers.  
Served with Vegetables Rice Pilaf and Grilled vegetables

or

Wild Mushroom **Ravioli** with Grilled Vegetables and Roasted Red Peppers Sauce

**Chocolate Mousse**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Coffee and Hot Tea**

**Cash Bar Available**

**Reservations**

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entrée Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entrée Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Name** \_\_\_\_\_ **Entrée Choice** \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost** | \$34 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax)

**Make check payable to** | AAUW – McLean Area Branch

**Respond before or by** | December 5 (**firm deadline**)

**To** | Aroona S. Borpujari, 1225 Meyer Court, McLean, VA 22101



## Letters from Trinity University Scholarship Recipients

October 7, 2019

To the Wonderful Women of the AAUW,

I would like to begin by expressing my deepest apologies for not attending the special reception that was planned for the scholarship recipients. Although I had an emergency situation, my communication skills were poor, and I truly regret that.

I would, however, like to thank you all for the hard work and dedication that it takes to run such an organization. I thank you for your generous contribution to my education and the education of women at Trinity. You are all very kind and were gracious enough to bless our university with this donation.

Please accept this apology and thank you with my deepest regard.

Sincerely,

**Dominique Lovett**



September 25, 2019

Women of the AAUW,

I deeply regret that I was unable to attend the AAUW Reception on Sunday, September 22, 2019. I know you all work so hard to make this a special day for the recipients, and that means a lot to me. I was looking forward to meeting and thanking you in person, but unfortunately, I had a family emergency at the last minute. Please forgive me for not communicating that to Ms. Karen or Dean Lewis.

Thank you for your generosity in funding and awarding me with the AAUW scholarship. I am much honored to be a recipient of this award. Receiving this scholarship allows me to more fully concentrate on what is important to me – my education, it inspires me to maintain my GPA, and complete my degree.

Your financial generosity brings me one step closer to my goal and encourages me to help others and give back to the community. I hope one day I will be able to help other students achieve their goal, just as you are helping me to achieve mine.

Again, I thank you for providing me with this scholarship and assisting others like me in achieving our educational goals.

Regards,

**Vonyce McMullan**





## National

Cases before the Supreme Court vis a vis AAUW policy-

What does AAUW have to say about some cases before the Supreme Court?

**• Does a landmark federal civil rights law protect gay, lesbians, and transgender people from employment discrimination? Does employment discrimination on account of sex include sexual orientation?**

AAUW policy states and promotes equitable employment access and advancement, free from system barriers and biases that includes enforcement of employment discrimination statutes.

**• Can the Trump administration strip protection from ‘Dreamers’?**

AAUW supports vigorous enforcement of and full access to civil and constitutional rights.

**• Will the court restrict abortion rights?**

AAUW supports self-determination of one’s reproductive health decisions.

**• Can states bar aid for religious schools?**

AAUW supports adequate and equitable funding for quality public education for all students. It opposes the use of public funds for nonpublic elementary and secondary education and to charter schools that do not adhere to the same civil rights and accountability standards as required of other public schools.

## Impeachment Process

The impeachment process described in the Constitution, developed by Virginians **George Mason** and **James Madison**, gave the House of Representatives “the sole Power of Impeachment” (Article I, Section 2). While six House committees are conducting the investigation, the jurisdiction to draft Articles of Impeachment belongs to the House Judiciary Committee.

If the Judiciary Committee approves Articles of Impeachment, the articles can then be brought up for a vote by the full House. If the House passes Articles of Impeachment, the President is impeached, and a trial is held in the Senate with the Chief Justice of the Supreme Court presiding. Conviction and removal of the President requires a two-thirds majority vote by the Senate.

## Local Update

On Saturday, October 12, Congressman **Don Beyer** presented his 5<sup>th</sup> annual Women’s Conference – ‘Nevertheless, She Persisted’. AAUW was included among the list of organizations that support equity for women. The plenary session was on ‘The Wage Gap and Unfair Pay’. The current effort to ratify the ERA in Virginia was described. Other sessions covered local activism for women’s rights as well as the efforts to promote supporting legislation. **Dr. Bonnie Stabile**, one of the speakers, is a Research Associate Professor in the Schar School of Policy and Government at George Mason University, and Founder and Director of the Gender and Policy Center at the Schar School.

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Make your voice heard -- On or before **November 5** every registered voter in Virginia has the opportunity to **cast a ballot** for: **State Delegate**, **State Senator**, and in **Fairfax County**, the **Chair** of the **Board of Supervisors**, the **District Supervisor**, the **District member** of the **school board**, three of the **at-large school board members**, the **Soil and Conservation members**, the **Sheriff**, and the **Commonwealth Attorney**.

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**Megan Byer**, a journalist, activist, and life-long women’s rights and cultural diplomacy advocate, spoke with **Jane Fonda** who has initiated her Fire Drill Fridays at 11 a.m. on the Capitol steps, demanding Congressional action on climate change. **Fonda’s** Fire Drill will continue every Friday until January.

## Nominating Committee

To comply with branch bylaws, a Nominating Committee must be selected three months prior to the annual business meeting in March. A board member serves as chairperson and two additional members are required. **If you're interested in serving as a committee member**, which is a **short-term commitment**, contact either **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales** or **Carol Mournighan**. The branch will vote on the committee members at the December branch meeting.

## Let Us Not Forget

Following are **nine things a woman couldn't do in 1971**:

- *Get a credit card in her own name (changed in 1974);*
- *Be guaranteed not to get fired for being pregnant (changed in 1978);*
- *Serve on a jury (changed in all states by 1973);*
- *Fight in combat or attend a military academy (admitted to academies in 1976; combat ban lifted in 2013);*
- *Receive an Ivy League education (last to admit women was in 1981);*
- *Take legal action against workplace sexual harassment (changed in 1977);*
- *Decide not to have sex if her husband wanted to (changed in all states in 1993);*
- *Obtain health insurance for the same premium as a man (changed in 2010); and*
- *Take the birth control pill (change varied from state to state).*

Thanks to the Alexandria Branch for these not too fun facts.

## 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.

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## Special Interest Groups | November

**Bridge Group:** The bridge group will meet on **Monday, November 11, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Corinne Mertes, 3223 Foxvale Dr., Oakton, VA 22124, 703-620-9382**. For information, contact **Barbara Carr, barbaralcarr at [msn.com](mailto:msn.com)** or 703-356-3127.

**Current Events:** The Current Events group will meet on **Tuesday, November 12, 9:30 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. No RSVP is necessary. *It's suggested that attendees give \$10 to Star Nut as compensation for using their back table.*

**Morning Lit Group:** The Morning Literature Group will meet **Friday, November 15, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Community Center** to discuss ***Homegoing*** by **Yaa Gyasi**. **Margie Broderick** will lead the discussion. All are welcome. For more information, contact **Betsy Reddaway, [pbreddaway at verizon.net](mailto:pbreddaway@verizon.net)**.

### Evening Lit Group:


The group will meet on **Monday, November 18, 7:30 pm**, at the home of **Betsy Schroeder, 6900 Fleetwood Road, #410, McLean, VA 22101**, to discuss ***Becoming***, by **Michelle Obama**. All members are welcome to attend. RSVP to **Betsy Schroeder, [icu43 at cox.net](mailto:icu43@cox.net)**, 703-209-5003.

### Arena Stagers:

Join the Arena Stagers to attend the musical ***NEWSIES***. The group will meet on **Saturday, November 23, 2019, 12:35 pm** at **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA**, to carpool for the 2:00 pm matinee performance. After the performance, the group may get a bite to eat. If you are interested in attending or need further information, please call or text **Elaine Lailas** at 305-281-5787.



## Connections Calendar | November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
					1	2
3	4	5 <b>Election Day</b> 	6	7	8	9
10	11 <b>Branch Board Meeting,</b> 10:00 am, <b>Carol Mournighan's home</b> ----- <b>Bridge Group,</b> 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, <b>Corinne Mertes' home</b>	12 <b>Current Events Group,</b> 9:30 am, <b>Star Nut Gourmet</b> ----- <b>Branch Meeting,</b> 7:00 pm, <b>McLean Community Center</b>	13	14	15 <b>Morning Lit Group,</b> 9:30 am, <b>McLean Community Center</b>	16
17	18 <b>Evening Lit Group,</b> 7:30 pm, <b>Betsy Schroeder's home</b>	19	20	21	22	23 <b>Arena Stagers,</b> 12:35 pm, <b>McLean House for</b> 2:00 pm, <b>NEWSIES,</b> <b>Arena Stage</b>
24	25	26	27	28	29	30

### Save the Date | Branch Holiday Luncheon

- RSVP: **December 5, 2019.**
- Luncheon: **Saturday, December 14, noon, River Bend Country Club**





**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**

**Sue Christie  
703.300.2779**

**Barbara Sipe  
703.356.2385**

**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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