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December Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 14, 2019, Noon
River Bend Country Club
375 Walker Road, Great Falls, VA



Congresswoman
Jennifer Wexton,
Guest Speaker.

Congresswoman **Jennifer Wexton** has been serving the people of Northern Virginia and the Shenandoah Valley for nearly two decades as a prosecutor, advocate for abused children, state senator, and now a member of the U.S. House of Representatives from Virginia's 10th District.

Jennifer served as an Assistant Commonwealth's Attorney for Loudoun County. In five years as a state senator, she passed more than 40 bills while serving in the minority party, finding bipartisan support for legislation addressing child safety, the heroin and opioid epidemic, affordable health care, job preparation, traffic relief, and business development in Northern Virginia. She is a native of the Washington, D.C. area.

Register to attend the holiday luncheon using the form included in this newsletter **no later than Thursday, December 5, 2019.**

Opportunity to Support Share

While we are enjoying our Holiday Luncheon, the clients of Share are also enjoying a holiday party. Share is a local, all volunteer agency that aids our neighbors in need. The organization has a food bank and a clothing room, and it also provides refurbished computers for families, school supplies and financial assistance when money is tight due to illness or other unplanned days out of work.

Every year Share hosts a holiday celebration for its clients and their families. The organization provides food and gifts for all the family members, and every family receives gift cards for their holiday dinner.

Our Branch has again decided to use our Holiday Luncheon to raise money for Share. Last year, Branch members and guests gave \$1,000.

Stockings will be on every table at our luncheon should you choose to give to this worthy organization. **You may write a check to Share Inc., give cash, or a gift card to one of our local supermarkets.** Branch co-president **Carol Mournighan** is a Share Board member.





**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 10th 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** _____

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Name _____ **Entrée Choice** _____

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

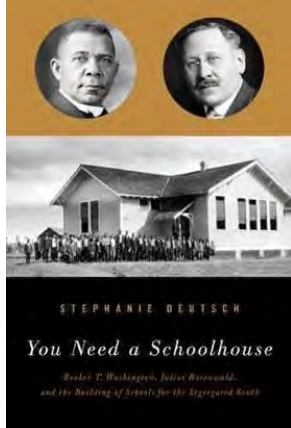
Make check payable to | AAUW – McLean Area Branch

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

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



January Branch Meeting



Author Stephanie Deutsch, Guest Speaker.

Saturday, January 18, 2020, 10am
 McLean Community Center
 1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean, VA

For the Dr. Martin Luther King holiday, author **Stephanie Deutsch** will discuss her 2011 book *You Need a Schoolhouse*. The book describes how **Julius Rosenwald**, the president of Sears, Roebuck, teamed up with **Booker T. Washington** to help build thousands of schoolhouses for African American children in the segregated South. **Stephanie** was led to the story because her husband is a great-grandson of **Rosenwald**. Educated abroad as the daughter of a Foreign Service officer, **Stephanie** is a Washington, D.C. native and has lived 45 years on Capitol Hill. The story she tells in the book was the subject of a documentary film, "Rosenwald," by **Aviva Kempner**.

Branch Board Meetings: December and January

Branch Board meeting are:

Monday, December 9, 10:00 am - noon

Monday, January 13, 10:00 am - noon

McLean Community Center

1234 Ingleside Drive, McLean, VA

All branch members are invited to attend.

Presidents' Message

In our troubled world, this excerpt from **Maya Angelou's** book, *Amazing Peace*, resonates:

*Hope spreads around the earth, brightening all things,
 Even hate, which crouches breeding in dark corridors.
 In our joy, we think we hear a whisper.
 At first it is too soft. Then only half heard.*

*We listen carefully as it gathers strength.
 We hear a sweetness.
 The word is Peace.*

*It is loud now.
 Louder than the explosion of bombs.*

*We tremble at the sound. We are thrilled by its presence.
 It is what we hungered for.
 Not just the absence of war. But true Peace.
 A harmony of spirit, a comfort of courtesies.
 Security for our beloveds and their beloveds.*



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

As we approach the holiday season, **Maya Angelou** gives us a vision and a tender reflection to embrace.

November Branch Meeting

The branch enjoyed an inspiring presentation by **Pat Wirth**, executive director/CEO of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, at our November Branch meeting. She gave us an overview of the suffragist’s history, culminating in passage of the 19th Amendment in 1919. To celebrate and honor the women who struggled to achieve voting rights for American women, a memorial is being built in Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, VA. This is the prison site where women were incarcerated for their efforts to earn the right to vote.



Patricia Wirth, Executive Director of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, at the McLean Area Branch November.

The memorial is still in need of funds to complete the project. Because of our tax status as an AAUW branch we cannot donate from branch funds; however, we as individuals can. And, ***if we join together to contribute a minimum of \$1,000, our Branch can be recognized on the memorial’s donor wall.*** There was great enthusiasm at the meeting to make this happen.

If you would like to be part of this venture, please write a check to Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association, write McLean AAUW on the memo line, and mail it to:

**AAUW McLean Area Branch
P.O. Box 1002, McLean, VA 22101**

You can also bring a check to the December Holiday Luncheon. It is important that the checks are bundled together in order to get credit as a branch. There is no specific deadline. We will continue to collect until we reach the goal of \$1,000.

If you would like to read more about the memorial, go the website: www.suffragistmemorial.org.

Membership Update

Nine new members joined the Branch at the Book Sale, bringing Branch membership to 129.

In November, Co-President **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales** hosted 13 new members for either lunch or dinner at her home. Early in the new year, **Betsy Schroeder** will give a coffee for prospective members. If you know of anyone who should be invited, please let 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)) know.



**Three-generation membership:
Carol Langelier (mother),
Christina Hamilton (daughter), and
Grace Hamilton (granddaughter).**

Branch Meeting Inclement Weather Policy

Cancellation or delay of Branch meetings held at Fairfax County facilities or the McLean Community center shall be determined according to the following policies:

- **Daytime Meetings.** If the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) open two hours late or if the schools are closed, the meeting will be cancelled. If the schools open one hour late, the meeting will begin one hour later than scheduled.
- **Evening Meetings.** If FCPS after-school activities and evening classes are cancelled, the meeting will be cancelled.
- **Weekend Meetings.** IF FCPS school activities are cancelled, the meeting will be cancelled.

Events scheduled at private homes or restaurants shall be cancelled or delayed at the discretion of the Branch members responsible for the events.

Branch Nominating Committee

To comply with Branch bylaws, a Nominating Committee must be selected three months prior to the annual business meeting in March. Board member, **Sue Christie**, is serving as chairperson and branch members, **Diane Alden** and **Dorothy Hassan** are committee members. **We need the involvement of all our branch members in the work of the branch.** Please consider assuming a role on the board. Contact **Sue**, **Diane**, or **Dorothy** with your interest to serve.

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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Book Sale Funds Allocation

The AAUW McLean Area Branch Allocation of Funds Committee met on October 28, 2019 and approved the Allocation of Funds from the Fiftieth Annual Book Sale of 2019 to be presented to the Board. The Board approved the recommendations of the Allocation of Funds Committee on November 11, 2019. The Branch members voted and approved the Allocation of Funds on November 19, 2019. AAUW Funds Co-Chairs **Elaine Lailas** and **Mafalda Marrocco** will complete the Contribution of Total AAUW Funds with the check in the amount of \$23,500 to AAUW Headquarters before the December 31, 2019, deadline.

Allocation of Funds from 2019 Annual Book Sale

2019 Funds Available for Disbursement	\$47,000
AAUW Funds Categories	
AAUW Greatest Needs Fund #9110	\$12,000
Education and Training Fund #4450	\$ 1,000
Economic Security Fund #4449	-
START SMART-#4399/WORK SMART-#4397	\$ 2,500
Leadership Fund #4452	
National Conference College Women	-
Student Leaders Scholarships #2504 (NCCWSL)	\$ 8,000
Governance and Sustainability Fund #4451	-
TOTAL AAUW Funds Allocation	\$23,500
University Scholarships	
George Mason University	\$ 7,000
Marymount University	\$ 7,000
Trinity Of Washington University	\$ 7,000
High School Awards	
Langley High School	\$ 200
Mclean High School	\$ 200
Potomac School	\$ 200
STEM Excellence Award	\$ 100
Conferences And Conventions	\$ 1,800
TOTAL Scholarships, Awards, Conferences & Conventions	\$23,500
TOTAL Funds Allocated for 2019	\$47,000

Book Sale 2020

Mark your calendars for the 2020 Annual Used Book Sale:

September 11-13
McLean Community Center
(Set up will be on September 10)

Saturday book collection dates:

May 2, June 6, July 11, and August 1

Although Sun Trust and BB&T Banks will be merging, the current sorting site is secured for the coming year.

The 2020 book sale is chaired by **Betsy Schroeder** in coordination with co-chairs **Nina** and **Tom McVeigh**, **Marge Degnon**, and **Carol Langelier**. **Mafalda Marrocco** will coordinate book category leaders. **Diane Alden** will organize the Saturday book collection volunteers. **Wen Yi** will oversee the sorting operation. Additional help is needed for all aspects of the book sale – before, during, and after the sale. Some jobs can be done from home and are short term while others require a longer commitment. Everyone's contributions are needed and welcomed.

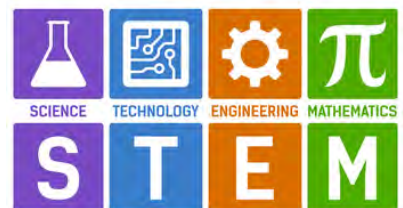
Orientation sessions for category leaders and new/inexperienced members will be scheduled along with dates and times when experienced sorters will be at the bank. This will provide support and guidance for members who are new to sorting and is a great way to meet other members and support the Branch's one fundraiser.

Call for Volunteer Judges for Second Annual STEM Essay Contest

This spring the McLean Area Branch will sponsor its second annual STEM Essay Contest open to 7th and 8th grade students (girls and boys) at local public and private schools. The contest will challenge a student to discover and publicize a woman who made a difference in Science, Technology, Engineering, or Mathematics, discussing why the student selected the woman and what was the impact of her STEM contribution.

We plan to give out a first-place award (\$100), a second-place award (\$50), and two Honorable Mentions (\$25 each). We will contact schools in January and make the application available via email to the schools and on our website. Essays must be submitted on or before the February 13, 2020 deadline.

Several members of the Branch have already volunteered to help judge the essays, and **additional volunteer judges are welcome!** If you are interested, please contact **Judy Page** (judy@pageatgmail.com or 703-847-1950). Judging will take place between February 14 and March 3. The judges will be asked to rate the essays on a set of criteria and rank their top choices.



The winners will be invited to the Potluck Dinner on March 17, with the first-place winner reading his or her essay at the dinner.

We are holding the award ceremony in March as one way the Branch will celebrate Women's History Month. The STEM Essay Contest is being managed by a steering committee consisting of **Marlene Chivavibul**, **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, **Judy Page**, and **Betsy Schroeder**.



National

Twenty-four Lobby Corps members traveled to Capitol Hill as the impeachment efforts and hearings were in progress. However, their purpose was to remind legislators that 170,000 members and supporters of AAUW want the legislators to vote for paid family and medical leave and for paycheck fairness.

Republican Senate staff were reminded that the Equal Pay Act of 1963 needs updating. The Paycheck Fairness Act has passed in the House with bipartisan support. Now it's time for the Senate to vote it out of committee and onto the floor.

This legislation would support those who want to freely question other employees' salary and do not want their salary history to impact future pay in other jobs. Senator **Patty Murray** (D-WA) introduced the Paycheck Fairness Act. Two Lobby Corps members met Senator Murray in the hall as they were visiting other offices and were able to let her know that the Lobby Corps was in the Senate that day to speak to Republican Senators to urge them to pass her bill.

Kim Churches, the Chief Executive Officer of AAUW, with staff member **Bassima Alghussein** briefed the Lobby Corps members. She assured them that Lobby Corps will continue, although twice a month rather than every week. Members voted to lobby on December 5, rather than wait until January. An AAUW Webinar for member leaders will take place on December 5 at 3:00 pm. The theme for 2020 will include the 100 years of women's ability to vote.

All AAUW members are invited to join the Lobby Corps. For more information, contact any of the three members in the Branch who have joined the Lobby Corps: **Aroona Borpujari**, **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, and **Mary Lou Melley**.

Senator **Mark Warner** (D-VA) joined colleagues to introduce legislation updating and reauthorizing the Violence Against Women Act. Congress has allowed key portions to expire this year, neglecting funding for essential protections for survivors of sexual violence and domestic abuse.

Representative **Don Beyer** (D-VA) hosted a Town Hall in the Impeachment Investigation on Thursday, November 21 in Alexandria VA.



Senator Patty Murray (D-WA) meets with Aroona Borpujari and Maureen Dwyer.

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Virginia Update

As a result of the election November 5, the General Assembly in Virginia now has the majority of legislators willing to move ahead with important issues. Our Branch hosted an evening concerning redistricting in the state that will occur in 2020. It is essential to produce a fair set of districts that gives every citizen the power to 'have one's voice heard'. The League of Women Voters in Fairfax and One Virginia 2021 hosted a forum on November 17 that included eleven state legislators and guest leaders of One Virginia 2021 and the California Citizens Redistricting Commission.

Virginia Lobby Day

Susan Burk and **Sylvia Rogers**, AAUW-VA co-presidents for public policy, have announced the AAUW-VA State Lobby Day on **Wednesday, January 15, 2020**. **Governor Northam** is scheduled to meet with us at 9:00 am that day.

AAUW-VA will host its third annual reception in honor of Virginia's women legislators on **January 14** from **6:00 to 8:00 pm** at the Commonwealth Strategy Group in Richmond.

AAUW-VA joined the massive state-side effort led by VAratifyERA to secure Virginia's ratification of the ERA. There are indications the ERA will be one of the first actions taken up by the General Assembly. We will be lobbying for closing the gender pay gap and pay equity.

To participate in the State Lobby Day and the reception, contact **Susan Burk** ([burksu at aol.com](mailto:burksu@aol.com)) or **Sylvia Rogers** ([srogers1nm at aol.com](mailto:srogers1nm@aol.com)) **no later than January 8, 2020**. A block of rooms is reserved at the Omni Hotel in Richmond for \$144 plus tax but must be **secured by December 31, 2019**. Richmond area AAUW members are offering their homes for the overnight stay, if you prefer.

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.

Special Interest Groups | December and January

Bridge Group The bridge group will meet on **Monday, December 9, 10:00 am – 2:00 pm**, at the home of **Betsy Schroeder, 6900 Fleetwood Road, #410, McLean, VA 22101, 703-209-5003**. On **Monday, January 13, at 10:00 am** the group will probably meet in the **Community Room, McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA**. An email with details will be sent in early January. For information, contact **Barbara Carr, barbaralcarr at msn.com** or 703-356-3127.

Current Events The Current Events group will meet on **Tuesday, December 10, 9:30 am**, at the **Star Nut Gourmet, 1445 Laughlin Avenue, McLean**. In January, choose between two meeting dates: **Tuesday, January 14 or 28 at 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. *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, December 13, 9:30 am**, at the **McLean Community Center** to discuss *Save Me the Plums*, by **Ruth Reichl**. **Mary de Tray** or **Reed Isbell** will lead the discussion. In January, the group will meet on **Friday, January 10** at the **McLean Community Center** to discuss *Bad Blood: Secrets and Lies in the Silicon Valley Startup*, by **John Carreyrou**. **Ruth Nowjack-Raymer** will lead the discussion. All are welcome. For more information, contact **Betsy Reddaway, pbreddaway at verizon.net**.

Evening Lit Group

The Evening Literature group will celebrate the holidays with lunch at **La Cote d'Or Café, 6876 Lee Highway, Arlington** on **Monday, December 2 at 1:00 pm**. *Bring a short holiday reading to share*. Contact **Betsy Schroeder icu43 at cox.net** or 703-209-5003 if you plan to attend. In January the group will discuss *Pachinko* by **Min Jin Lee** on **Monday, January 20 at 7:30 pm** at the home of **Dorothy Hassan, 7020 Hector Road, McLean, VA**. Snow date will be February 17. Contact **Dorothy Hassan, dshassan at aol.com** or 703-407-2828 if you plan to attend.

Great Decisions

The group will reconvene in February to discuss the eight new topics published by the Foreign Policy Association. The books have been ordered and should arrive in late December. The group meets on the **third Tuesday of the month** from **February to September at 9:30 am** at the **McLean House, 6800 Fleetwood Road, McLean, VA**. New members are encouraged to join. For more information and to obtain a book, contact **Angela Ehemann, acehemann at verizon.net** or 703-893-3578.

Connections Calendar | December

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
1	2 Evening Lit Group, 1:00 pm, La Cote d'Or Cafe	3	4	5	6	7
8	9 Branch Board Meeting, 10:00 am, McLean Community Center ----- Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, Betsy Schroeder's home	10 Current Events Group, 9:30 am, Star Nut Gourmet	11	12	13 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	14 Holiday Luncheon, Noon, River Bend Country Club
15	16	17	18	19	20	21
22	23	24	25	26	27	28
29	30	31				

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 10th 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

Connections Calendar | January

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7	8	9	10 Morning Lit Group, 9:30 am, McLean Community Center	11
12	13 Branch Board Meeting, 10:00 am, McLean Community Center ----- Bridge Group, 10:00 am - 2:00 pm, McLean House	14 Current Events Group, 9:30 am, Star Nut Gourmet <i>*Exact date TBD; could be January 28*</i>	15	16	17	18 Branch Meeting, 10:00 am, McLean Community Center
19	20 Evening Lit Group, 7:30 pm, Dorothy Hassan's Home	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	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

**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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