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AAUW of Virginia

# News

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## May Branch Meeting

Saturday, May 8, 2021  
Noon – 2:00 pm  
Via **ZOOM**

### *Celebrate with Us*

Get your toasting glasses out for a celebration. Branch members should have received an invitation to our May Branch meeting in the mail along with a bookmark that has a number written on it along with a quote from literature. Keep that bookmark handy for a door prize drawing during the meeting.

At this special meeting we will celebrate Branch Named Honorees, the High School Science Fair winner, Branch accomplishments this year, and YOU, our Branch members. The featured speaker will discuss *The Road to Justice: Female Voices on the Supreme Court*.

Join the festivities and get your toasting glasses ready.

***The Road to Justice: Female Voices on the Supreme Court***  
***Barbara Perry, Director of Presidential Studies***  
***University of Virginia Miller Center***



**Barbara A. Perry** is the Gerald L. Baliles Professor and Director of Presidential Studies at the University of Virginia's Miller Center, where she co-directs the Presidential Oral History Program. She has authored or edited 16 books on presidents, First Ladies, the Kennedy family, the Supreme Court, and civil rights and liberties. **Professor Perry** has conducted more than 100 interviews for the George H. W. Bush, Bill Clinton, George W. Bush, and Barack Obama Presidential Oral History Projects and she directs the Edward Kennedy Oral History Project. She served as a U.S. Supreme Court fellow and has worked for both Republican and Democratic members of the Senate.

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**Barbara A. Perry's** books include 42: Inside the Presidency of Bill Clinton (edited with Michael Nelson and Russell Riley); 41: Inside the Presidency of George H.W. Bush (edited with Michael Nelson); Rose Kennedy: The Life and Times of a Political Matriarch; Jacqueline Kennedy: First Lady of the New Frontier; Edward Kennedy: An Oral History; and The Priestly Tribe: The Supreme Court's Image in the American Mind.

A native of Louisville, Kentucky, **Professor Perry** earned a PhD in government from the University of Virginia; an MA degree in politics, philosophy, and economics from Oxford University; and a BA degree in political science, with highest honors, from the University of Louisville.

**Aroona Borpujari** will email the ZOOM ID and password a few days before the program. For inquiries please contact **Carol Mournighan** or **Naz Basit**.

## Branch Board Meeting: May

Branch Board meeting is:

**Wednesday, May 12, 10:00 am - noon**  
Via **ZOOM**

*The meeting link, ID, and Password will be emailed by **Carol Mournighan** or **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales** the day before the meeting. Branch Board meetings are held the second Wednesday of each month.*

## Presidents' Message

It is hard to believe that we have reached the end of the program year, yet in many ways it seems as if it went on forever. As more of us get vaccinated, we are beginning to leave our cocoons and look forward to being among friends again. Zoom has been an indispensable gift that allows us to be together virtually, which has been lifesaving to continue to be with our AAUW friends for meetings, Literature groups, Great Decisions and Current Events.

During this year, AAUW has been focused on the theme "Diversity, Equity and Inclusion." We have learned that "white privilege" is ingrained in our nation and communities. We have seen firsthand how our minority relatives, friends, and neighbors carry the weight of discrimination and inequality in ways that are not only due to their color, race, nationality, or sexual identity. Throughout this year our speakers have discussed such topics as the inequities in the legal system, use of arts to promote inclusion and diversity, challenges faced during the suffrage movement, and pandemic effect on vulnerable and minority groups. Our Literature groups read books that highlighted minorities and the underprivileged. Our hope is that we all become more aware of the inequities faced by many and can find ways to bridge these realities.

The topic for our May meeting is *The Road to Justice: Female Voices on the Supreme Court* and will include a door prize for those who attend. We look forward to seeing you all on ZOOM.

***If you live in Fairfax County, are 16 years of age or older, and wish to be vaccinated for Covid 19, please go to [vaccinefinder.org](https://vaccinefinder.org) for a place and time near you. The Drive-Through in Tysons near REI (1981 Chain Bridge Road, McLean, VA 22202) requires no appointment.***

You will hear from us in June. We hope to be with you in person in September.



**Naz Basit and Carol Mournighan, Co-Presidents.**

## Membership Renewal

If you renewed your membership by **May 1**, your name will be in a drawing for a free membership. It is not too late to renew your membership. Members can renew online, the easiest way, or send a check made out to AAUW-McLean Branch to

**Lynne Glikbarg, Treasurer**  
**9113 White Chimney Lane,**  
**Great Falls, VA 22066.**

Membership dues are **\$88 for national, Virginia, and local.**

## 2021 Fundraiser

The first phase of our 2021 Fundraiser opens on **May 2** and runs **through July 1**. This is an internal member donation campaign. Branch member contributions should be mailed to

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

Checks should be made out to **McLean AAUW** with **2021 fundraiser on the memo line**. Last year, Branch members donated \$11,000 during this phase of our campaign.

## Voting for AAUW Board and Policy Changes

All Branch members should have received an email from

**Shannon Wolfe**, AAUW ([memberinfo@email.aauw.org](mailto:memberinfo@email.aauw.org))

providing a link to vote in the AAUW National Election. Each of our member number and a voting pin is included in the email. Voting is accomplished by clicking on the red Vote Now button. The link also provides more information on candidates and issues. The Branch board recommends that members vote to do away with the membership degree requirement as AAUW should be an inclusive organization working to improve the lives of all women and not just those with a degree. Voting is open from **April 7** through **May 17, 2021**.

## Vote now: AAUW of Virginia - 2021 Election

On **April 12**, AAUW Virginia sent an email to members with an invitation to vote for State Board Members and Policy Changes by the **May 3, 2021**, deadline. The policy change concerns elevating the Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Chair as an elected officer. Since diversity, equity, and inclusion are important principles within AAUW, this position should be made a membership elected vice president position. If this bylaws change is approved, the first election for this position will take place in 2022, to begin on July 1, 2022.

## AAUW Fellowships

AAUW, founded in 1881 by **Marion Talbot** and **Ellen Swallow Richards**, was originally known as the ACA—Association of Collegiate Alumnae. In 1887, a fellowship program was established to support the education of women. The first fellowship was awarded to **Ida Street** at the University of Michigan in 1888. By 1921, the ACA merged with the Southern Association of College Women to create the AAUW.

The AAUW Fellowship Program instituted the practice of accepting monies from member fundraisers and invested those monies for Fellowships and Grants. These monies established the AAUW Educational Foundation.

AAUW has awarded over \$115 million in fellowships and grants to more than 13,000 scholars and organizations in 50 states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and Guam and 150 countries. It is one of the largest scholarship programs for women in the world.

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## AAUW Fellowships (Continued from page 3)

Congratulations to the McLean Area Branch of AAUW for establishing two Fellowships—American and International and two Grants—Career Development and Community Action. We have a significant part in awarding annually fellowships and grants to women. AAUW is one of the world's largest sources of funding exclusively for women who have graduated from college. Also, the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) is the United States' largest legal fund focused solely on sex discrimination against women in higher education and in the workplace. The Legal Advocacy team has supported plaintiffs in more than 125 gender equity legal cases.

The McLean Area Branch of AAUW has received a 'THANK YOU' letter for our 2020 contribution of \$12,433.50, of which \$10,000 was earmarked for the Greatest Needs Fund and \$2,433.50 for the Conference for College Women Student Leaders Scholarships. The McLean Area Branch Members' many contributions are part of these outstanding efforts and achievements.

### Thank You!

**Elaine A. Lailas and Mafalda Marocco, AAUW Funds, co-chairs**

## Connect with the Branch on Social Media!

Our Branch is on Facebook and Instagram. Find us using [username@aauwmclna](#) or these links:

[fb.me/aauwmclna](https://www.facebook.com/aauwmclna)

<https://www.instagram.com/aauwmclna/>

**Grace Hamilton, Branch  
Social Media Chair.**



## 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.

You can find many useful resources on our state website: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/diversity-inclusion-equity/>.

## 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.



## Congressional News

AAUW's Action Network recently urged members to ask their elected officials to vote for H.R. 1/S. 1, the For the People Act that passed in the U.S. House on March 3 and is now in the Senate. This bill ensures accessibility for voters throughout the country, prevents partisan gerrymandering, and establishes stronger codes of ethics for all branches of government.

Voter accessibility included in the bill are early voting, vote by mail, paper ballots, and broadened voter registration. To date many state legislatures have passed measures to block this accessibility. The bill will create a national standard for congressional redistricting, using independent commissions and make Election Day a holiday.

The House of Representatives voted on March 17, with bipartisan support, to remove the arbitrary deadline for ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment. Again, AAUW members are asked to urge their Senators to vote to approve the bill.

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education and covers women, men, staff, and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education programs, libraries, and museums. AAUW's own research revealed that two-thirds of college students experience sexual harassment and 20% of women college students are targets of sexual assault. The previous administration issued regulations that weakened the support for victims in the courtroom. These regulations are being addressed by the current administration.

The bipartisan Paycheck Fairness Act was scheduled for a full vote in the U.S. House of Representatives on April 15. AAUW first started promoting this bill 24 years ago when it was first introduced. The bill will require that employers pay all workers fairly and provide payment for those who have suffered discrimination. It allows employees to share information on their wages and prohibit employers from relying on salary history to set wages.

This year hundreds of college women from around the country will gather on **May 25-26** at AAUW's annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) for virtual leadership training, inspiration, and networking at .

Members of AAUW Lobby Corps were treated to an online docent tour of the portraits of the first ladies at the American Portrait Gallery. Lobby Corps member **Dian Bellinger** spoke during the tour.

## Virginia AAUW and Virginia Commonwealth

Senator **Barbara Favola** writes that she expects the Governor to call a special session in late June so lawmakers can appropriate the American Rescue Plan money. These funds would bolster school construction dollars targeted to low-income schools, particularly when such projects will upgrade HVAC systems and meet certain environmental goals.

**June 8** is the date for the Democratic and Republican Parties to hold primary elections which will determine their candidates for Governor, Lieutenant Governor, and Attorney General in the November election. Be aware of the debates among the candidates as the spring and summer progress.

The Republican Party will hold an unassembled or drive-through convention. There will be 37 locations across the state. Voters must be registered to vote for this process.

The Democratic Party will conduct its primary on **June 8** by having voters go to their regular polling locations. However, early voting will be available both by in-person voting across the county starting **April 23** and by a requesting a mail-in ballot. In the McLean area, early voting will be available starting **May 29** at the government center. More information can be found at [fairfaxcounty.gov](https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov).

**Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair**

**All scheduled Special Interest Group meetings will be conducted via ZOOM.**

## Special Interest Groups | May

**Bridge Group** The Bridge Group will not meet face-to-face again until September 2021. Please contact **Barbara Carr** at [barbaralcarr at msn.com](mailto:barbaralcarr@msn.com) if you are not a member of the group and would like to join.

**Current Events** Current Events will meet on the second and fourth **Tuesdays** of the month at **9:30 am — May 11 and 25**. All members are invited to bring your favorite news item to discuss. If you want to participate for the first time, send your email address to **Mary Lou Melley** at [maryloumelley at gmail.com](mailto:maryloumelley@gmail.com). An email reminder will be sent a few days prior to the meeting and a follow up sent the day before the meeting with the link to participate.

**Morning Lit Group** The Morning Literature Group is meeting **Friday, May 14 at 10:00 am** to discuss *The Overstory*, by **Richard Powers**. If you would like to attend and are not a regular member, contact **Betsy Reddaway**, [pbreddaway at verizon.net](mailto:pbreddaway@verizon.net), to receive a Zoom invitation. All are welcome.

**Evening Lit Group** The Evening Literature Group will meet **Monday, May 17 at 7:30 pm** to discuss *The Dutch House*, by **Ann Patchett**. The discussion will be led by **Cheryl Williams**. Please contact **Cheryl Williams** at [cherylswilliams at verizon.net](mailto:cherylswilliams@verizon.net) if you are interested in attending and are not a regular member.

### Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet **Tuesday, May 18 at 9:30 am**. The discussion will be on Chapter 4, U.S. Policy in the Arctic. Contact **Angela Ehemann**, [acehemann at verizon.net](mailto:acehemann@verizon.net) or 703-893-3578 for more information.

# Connections Calendar | May

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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2	3	4	5	6	7	8 <b>Branch Meeting,</b> noon, via <b>ZOOM</b>
9	10	11 <b>Current Events Group,</b> 9:30 am, via <b>ZOOM</b>	12 <b>Branch Board Meeting,</b> 10:00 am, via <b>ZOOM</b>	13	14 <b>Morning Lit Group,</b> 10:00 am, via <b>ZOOM</b>	15
16	17 <b>Evening Lit Group,</b> 7:30 pm, via <b>ZOOM</b>	18 <b>Great Decisions,</b> 9:30 am, via <b>ZOOM</b>	19	20	21	22
23	24	25 <b>Current Events Group,</b> 9:30 am, via <b>ZOOM</b>	26	27	28	29
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### 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.

**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:

**Sultana Parveen ([sultanarp at gmail.com](mailto:sultanarp@gmail.com))**



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