



## McLean Area Branch AAUW of Virginia



# News

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### November Branch Meeting

Tuesday, November 15, 2022  
7:00 – 9:00 pm  
McLean Community Center  
1234 Ingleside Avenue



The November Branch meeting will feature **Barfonce Baldwin**, Executive Director of the Tahirih Justice Center, Greater DC-Baltimore Region. The Tahirih Justice Center is a national, nonprofit organization headquartered in Falls Church that serves immigrant survivors fleeing gender-based violence. By amplifying the experiences of survivors in communities, courts, and Congress, Tahirih's mission is to create a world in which all people share equal rights and live in safety and with dignity.

### November Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 9  
10:00 am - Noon  
McLean Community Center

Board meetings are open. All members are welcome to attend.

### December Holiday Luncheon

Saturday, December 3  
Noon – 3:00 pm  
River Bend Country Club

Speaker: Terri McCullough, Chief of Staff,  
to Speaker of the U.S. House of Representatives,  
Nancy Pelosi

Return *registration form and payment no later than  
November 25.*



(Registration form on page 2)

AAUW McLean Area Branch  
**Holiday Luncheon**

**December 3 - At noon with lunch served at 1 pm**

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

**Guest Speaker: Ms. Terri McCullough**  
**Chief of Staff, to the Speaker of the U.S. House of**  
**Representatives, Nancy Pelosi**

**Menu**

**Salad**

Pear and Berry Salad with Baby Spinach, Dried Cranberries, Goat Cheese, Sliced Red Onion, Candied Pecans, and Cranberry Vinaigrette

**Entrée, choice of**

**Chicken** Françoise served with Lemon Caper Sauce, Garnished with Diced Tomatoes and Capers Served with Rice Pilaf and Grilled Vegetables.

or

Grilled **Salmon** with Lemon Butter Sauce, garnished with Diced Tomatoes and Capers. Served with Rice Pilaf and Grilled Vegetables.

or

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

**Peach and Strawberry Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream**

**Rolls and Butter**

**Coffee, Hot Tea, and Iced Tea**

**Cash Bar Available**

**Reservations** *(Friends, colleagues from other branches, and others are welcome!)*

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée Choice \_\_\_\_\_

**Cost | \$40 per Person (includes gratuity and sales tax)**

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

**Respond before or by | Friday, November 25 (firm deadline)**

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

## Presidents' Message

**Philanthropy in Action** - How we invest our own time and talent to make a difference for girls and women in the classroom and workplace is a central question for our Branch. Our strategic vision calls for us to champion equal access to all levels and fields of education, with a particular focus on girls and young women of color in STEM. The Board unanimously approved adding Title 1 Schools to our STEM essay contest at **Poe Middle School**, as well as STEM awards in Math and Science and DEI Awards at **Park View** and **W. O. Robey High Schools** in Loudon County. We thank **Judy Page** for her initiative and phenomenal research.

By putting philanthropy into action, we can be effective in our community that supports attracting new members. Growing our membership is vital to ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of the Branch. The Board is engaged in researching volunteer service options and will provide more information over the next two months.

**This is our Call to Action.** We encourage all Branch members to become involved in the mission and activities of AAUW. Contact **Sue Christie** or **Anita Booth** to discuss how AAUW McLean can offer meaningful opportunities for you to contribute.



Anita Booth and Sue Christie, Branch Co-Presidents.

## 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

In order to protect our members' email addresses from being hacked, we have removed the "@" in email addresses and substituted the word "at." Whenever an email address appears in our newsletter or our website, it is 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 address.

## Fundraising Update

### Gently Used Jewelry Sale

The Branch is hosting another jewelry sale:

**Saturday, November 5**  
**7 am to 1 pm**  
**Arlington Civitan Open Air Market**  
**4001 15th St North,**  
**Arlington, VA 22207**  
<https://arlington-fleamarket.com>



Sales will be cash only, priced to sell. We hope to see you there to shop or to help. Contact **Anita Booth**, [anitasbooth at gmail.com](mailto:anitasbooth@gmail.com), if you have any questions.

### Final Call

The nicest jewelry pieces have been saved for display at the **Holiday Luncheon at River Bend Country Club on December 3**. Pick up some lovely holiday bling for yourself and for gifts. There is no cost, but donations are appreciated.

### Holiday Appetizer Cooking Class

Create your own holiday cheer with a virtual cooking class with **Chef Finarelli**, Red Jacket Cooking School, <https://www.redjacketcooking.com>, **December 15, 6:00 pm**. Learn to make delicious appetizers to wow your guests. Watch for an email blast and a notice on our website to view the menu, as well as instructions on registering and paying on-line. The cost is \$30 per **Zoom** link. Recipes will be posted on our website so that you can purchase ingredients in advance. Consider gifting a holiday cooking class to your family and friends or encouraging them to sign up/make payment directly.

### Shop Online and Raise Funds for the Branch

**“How To” Zoom on November 7, 2022, 7:00 PM**



With holiday shopping just around the corner, this is a great time to start using ShopRaise. ShopRaise is a shopping app that raises money for AAUW McLean when you make purchases online. More than 1,000 merchants participate, including major retailers such as **Macy's, L. L. Bean, Bed Bath & Beyond, Lowes, Home Depot, Walgreens, Walmart, and Staples**.

A **Zoom** session will offer step-by-step instructions on **Monday, November 7, at 7:00 pm**. The **Zoom** link will be sent by email before then to all Branch members.

## Communications

The Communications Committee is directing its attention to making updates and continuing improvements to the Branch website, which leadership identified as a priority in strategic planning sessions.

In response to submissions from Branch committees, webmaster **Judy Page** posted new and updated information on several programs. These include articles on various fundraising activities planned for the year in lieu of the used-book sale; initiatives of the new DE&I Committee; the September Branch meeting; and a “call to action” of the Public Policy Committee that included a detailed voter’s guide to the November 8 election. Publicity chair **Sultana Parveen**’s outreach to local newspapers resulted in a prominent article and photo on the September membership meeting in the Sun Gazette. <https://sungazette.news/mclean-aauw-lauds-stem-efforts-of-local-students/>.

In other committee activity, committee co-chair **Diana Parsell** drafted a concept paper for the co-presidents at their request as a basis for discussing revisions to the website to make it more “dynamic, current and useful to members,” as called for in the strategy objectives. **Diana** is converting the statement into several proposed actions. These ideas will be circulated more broadly in the Branch for comment to guide website revisions in the months ahead.

**Diana Parsell, Communications Co-chair**

## AAUW Funds

The McLean Area Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) is an affiliate of the AAUW national organization. As an AAUW Branch, we support the national organization’s Mission in the advancement of women, by advancing equity for women and girls and encouraging inclusion and diversity through advocacy, education, research, and philanthropy.

Our donations to AAUW Funds have helped in so many ways in developing workshops and so many other ways that provide outstanding work for women and girls. For example, SmartSmart and SmartWork sessions are now available for thousands of women to begin and continue their careers with the salary and benefits they deserve.

Last year, the STEM workshops began for girls of color and ones without access in their communities. Our Branch contributions to the National Conference for College Women Leaders (NCCWSL), this year held in person, provides scholarships for women students to attend. These are just some of the many programs that our dedicated monies support. Contributions to AAUW Funds are tax deductible.

The **McLean Area Branch of AAUW Fellowships and Grants for 2022-23** are as follows:

The **McLean Branch American Fellowship** is awarded to

- **Samiksha Manjani**, American University, JD, Public Interest Law.

The **McLean Branch International Fellowship** is awarded to

- **Marilyn Hajj**, University of VA, SJD, US Taxation Law.

The **McLean Branch Career Development Grant and the Community Service Grant** are awarded to:

- **Un Jeung Jones**, Virginia University of Integrative Medicine, MSA, Acupuncture and Oriental Medicine, Vienna, VA.

Letters of congratulations will be sent to each of our awardees with an invitation to attend our March Business Meeting.

**Elaine Lailas, McLean Area Branch AAUW Funds Chair**



## Bylaws Update

### Proposed McLean Area Branch Bylaws Amendments

Branch members will be asked at the **November 15 Branch meeting** to approve three amendments to Branch Bylaws. A two-thirds vote is required for passage, so it is important for members to attend this meeting. *Amendment #3 required corrections which are included in the text below.* A blast email has already been sent to all Branch members with this information.

#### Amendment #1:

##### Article VI. Financial Administration. Section 5. Increases in Spending.

**Current wording:** The Board of Directors may approve increases in total spending above the operating budget up to **\$150**. Increases that exceed **\$150** shall be approved by the members.

**Proposed amendment:** The Board of Directors may approve increases in total spending above the operating budget up to **\$500**. Increases that exceed **\$500** shall be approved by the members.

**Rationale:** The \$150 amount dates back many years. Increasing it to \$500 will give the Board more flexibility and is a more current and reasonable figure.

#### Amendment #2:

##### Article VIII. Elected Officers. Section 1. Elected Officers.

**Current wording:** The elected officers shall be a president(s), vice president(s) of program, vice president(s) of membership, secretary(s) and treasurer.

**Proposed amendment:** Amend “treasurer” to “treasurer(s)”

**Rationale:** The position of treasurer has become increasingly time-consuming and difficult for one person to do everything regarding Branch finance, member renewals, and new member registration. The work on member renewals and registration has especially increased. Allowing a co-treasurer will spread the work. Note: if this amendment is adopted, all other references to “treasurer” in the Bylaws will be revised to “treasurer(s).”

#### Amendment #3: Corrected version

##### Article IX. Board of Directors. Section 1. Membership. b.

**Current wording:** The current wording lists the appointed positions on the Branch Board. It includes one position no longer on the Board (publicity chair, which is now under the communications chair) and some positions that are on the Board but not listed. Current positions that will remain are AAUW Funds, communications, and public policy.

**Proposed amendment:** Delete “publicity chair and add fundraising chair(s).” Article IX, Board of Directors, Section 1. Membership, b. will read “the Affiliate members appointed to the following positions: AAUW Funds chair(s); bylaws chair(s); communications chair(s); DE&I chair(s); fundraising chair(s); public policy chair(s); STEM chair(s); and others as appointed by the president(s) with the majority approval of the Executive Committee.”

**Rationale:** This amendment will bring the list of Board members up to date.

**Caroline Pickens, Mary Lou Melley, and Judy Page, Bylaws and Policies Committee**



The purpose of the Public Policy Committee is as follows:

- Educate
- Disseminate
- Motivate
- Action



Since public policy news is constantly changing and the Branch newsletter is only published once a month, our Public Policy Team will try to keep you up to date by posting up-to-date articles on our Branch website, <https://mclean-va.aauw.net/>.

The Public Policy Committee will meet the first Monday of the month at **2:00 pm** at **Starnuts Café** in McLean. Contact **Janet Taylor** at [Taylor6840 at gmail.com](mailto:Taylor6840@gmail.com) or **Carol Mournighan** at [clmourn at gmail.com](mailto:clmourn@gmail.com), if you'd like to join the group. All are welcome.

## Important Election 2022 Information

### Registration Deadlines

- Early In-person voting at select locations: Nov 5
- [Election Day In-person voting at assigned presinct](#) : Nov 8
- [Online](#) : Oct 17
- [By mail \(postmarked by\)](#) : Oct 17

### Absentee Ballot Deadlines

- [Request ballot \(received by\)](#) : Oct 28
- [Return ballot by mail \(postmarked by\)](#) : Nov 8
- [Return ballot in person](#) : Nov 8

### Early Voting In-Person Through November 5

Fairfax County Government Center  
12000 Government Center Parkway  
Conference Rooms 2/3, Fairfax

Weekdays: 8:00 am - 4:30 pm  
Saturday (11/5): 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

McLean Government Center  
1437 Balls Hill Road, McLean

Tysons Pimmit Regional Library  
7584 Leesburg Pike  
Falls Church

Weekdays: 1:00 - 7:00 pm  
Saturday (11/5): 9:00 am - 5:00 pm

### The 2022 AAUW Priorities to consider when voting:

1. Reproductive Rights
2. The elimination of Sexism and Racism in our communities. This includes the rights of Transgender individuals.
3. Providing Child Care for working parents
4. Voting Rights for all
5. Ensuring full funding for public schools
6. The protection of teachers in their work, especially from liability claims

For other polling places and times click [here](#).

For information about who and what is on your ballot, please [visit](#) and enter your address.

To learn more about **who is running in your district**, please go to our **Branch website**.

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## Election 2022--What Else You Need to Know

- **Any registered Fairfax County voter** may vote early at any Fairfax County early voting location. In-person early voting is available for the **November 8, 2022, General Election**.
- **If you received a ballot in the mail**, you must bring it with you and surrender it to vote in person
- **Curbside voting** is available for [eligible voters](#)
- **Drop boxes** are available during satellite operating hours
- **Voter Identification:** All voters casting a ballot in-person must show one form of identification. Any voter who does not present acceptable identification may instead sign a statement, subject to felony penalties, that they are the named registered voter who they claim to be. Any voter who does not present acceptable identification or sign this statement must vote a provisional ballot.
- For a link to **acceptable voter identification**, [please click](#)
- **Absentee voting:** All registered voters can vote absentee by mail in November's general election. You will need to apply to do so — and you will need a witness signature on your absentee ballot.
- **In-person voting on Election Day:** The general election is **Tuesday, November 8, 6 am to 7 pm**.
- **Not Registered to Vote in Virginia:** If you have not registered to vote in Virginia elections, **you may still vote by taking advantage of Virginia's new law allowing for Same Day Registration**. Ballots cast by late-registered voters won't go directly into the scanners like a regular ballot would. Those voters will be allowed to cast provisional ballots, giving election officials time to verify paperwork and ensure the vote is valid before it is counted.

## Two Minute Activist: It's time to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!

**Update:** On April 15, 2021, the House of Representatives voted 217-210 to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act with bipartisan support. However, on June 8, 2021, it failed on a party-line procedural vote in the Senate, 49-50. But the fight is not over, and your Senator still needs to hear from you. We call on all elected officials to listen to voters, who overwhelming support pay equity, and work to pass this important bill.

You've heard the statistics — on average, women working full time in the United States are paid just [83% of what men are paid](#), and the gap is even wider for many women of color. Despite federal and state equal pay laws, the gender pay gap persists. But Congressional action can help change this. The Paycheck Fairness Act ([H.R. 7/S. 205](#)) would take meaningful steps to update and strengthen the Equal Pay Act of 1963 to help close the gender pay gap. For more information, please visit Branch website or [AAUW.org](#).

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If you have any questions about Public Policy or issues you would like to discuss, contact either **Janet Taylor** at [Taylor6840 at gmail.com](mailto:Taylor6840@gmail.com) or **Carol Mournighan** at [clmourn at gmail.com](mailto:clmourn@gmail.com).

**Carol Mournighan and Janet Taylor, Public Policy Co-Chairs**



## DE&I

### Great Reads to Expand our Understanding

The McLean Area Branch's **Morning** and **Evening Lit Groups** are continuing a tradition of choosing a wide variety of books including those that help us better understand the lives of people from cultures or circumstances not, or to a very limited extent, represented in our membership and community. The diverse backgrounds discussed in the books include Native Americans, a woman passing as a man, Indians, Black teens in the Jim Crow-era, Black women in the South, and undocumented Latinx people living in America. Numerous books are award winners and were prioritized because they were written by people of color and/or women. They range from new authors **Karla Cornejo Villavicencio**, who is a Dreamer from Mexico, to **Toni Morrison** who needs no introduction.

Both the **Morning** and **Evening Lit Groups** welcome all members to join their discussions on a regular basis or for a specific book. You will find the schedule in the 2022-2023 Directory. If you would like to be added to the email list for the Morning Lit Group contact **Betsy Reddaway** ([pbreddaway@verizon.net](mailto:pbreddaway@verizon.net)) and/or for the Evening Lit Group, **Betsy Schroeder** ([icu43@cox.net](mailto:icu43@cox.net)). Please contact the leaders who inform participants if the meetings will be held in person or by Zoom.

If you cannot attend a meeting, we hope you will read some of the selections and find them thought provoking and informative.

***The Cape Doctor*** (2021) by E. J. Levy

Dr. Perry, a penniless girl in Cork, Ireland, assumes the guise of a man to enter medical school and to embrace the newfound freedom of living as a man.

***The Undocumented Americans*** (2020) by Karla Cornejo Villavicencio

Tells the full story of what it means to be undocumented in America.

***South to America: A Journey Below the Mason-Dixon to Understand the Soul of a Nation*** (2022) by Imani Perry

Dr. Perry explores the meaning of America through her experiences in and history of the South.

***Rez Life: An Indian's Journey Through Reservation Life*** (2012) by David Treuer

The history of reservations and what life is like on the reservation today.

***All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sack, a Black Family Keepsake*** (2021) by Tiya Miles

Shows the experience of slavery and the uncertain freedom that came afterward.

***A Place for Us*** (2018) by Fatima Farheen Mirza

An Indian couple transplanted to America must confront the choices their children have made.

***The Nickel Boys*** (2019) by Colson Whitehead

Book is based on a real-life facility, the Dozier School, which operated for over a century until an investigation publicized its racist and abusive practices.

***The Bluest Eye*** by Toni Morrison

The story of an 11-year-old Black girl who yearns for blue eyes so that her world is different.

The DE&I Committee will meet quarterly going forward, on **Tuesdays at 2:00 pm, January 24, March 28, and May 23** via **Zoom**. New participants are welcome to brainstorm ideas to promote diversity, equity, and inclusion throughout Branch activities. Contact **Ruth Nowjack-Raymer**, [ruthoheast@gmail.com](mailto:ruthoheast@gmail.com) and **Myrtle Hendricks-Corrales**, [myrtlehencor@gmail.com](mailto:myrtlehencor@gmail.com), if you want to attend and receive a **Zoom** link.

## Special Interest Groups | November

### Public Policy Committee

The Public Policy Committee will meet **Monday, November 7** at **2:00 pm**, at **Starnuts Café** in **McLean**. Contact **Janet Taylor** at [Taylor6840 at gmail.com](mailto:Taylor6840@gmail.com) or **Carol Mournighan** at [clmourn at gmail.com](mailto:clmourn@gmail.com) if you'd like to join the group. All are welcome.

### Current Events

Current Events will meet via **Zoom**, **Tuesday November 8**, at **9:30 am**. All members are invited to bring their 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 the day before with the **Zoom** link.

### Bridge Group

The Bridge Group will meet **Monday, November 14**, from **10:00 am – 2:00 pm** at the home of **Betsy Schroeder**, **6900 Fleetwood Road, #410, McLean**. New member are welcome; contact **Barbara Carr** at [barbaralcarr at msn.com](mailto:barbaralcarr@msn.com).


### Morning Lit Group


Morning Lit will meet **Friday, November 18**, at **10:00 am**, at the **McLean Community Center** to discuss ***Rez Life: An Indian's Journey through Reservation Life***, by **David Treuer**. **Carol Mournighan** will lead the discussion. If you prefer to attend via **Zoom**, contact **Betsy Reddaway**, [pbreddaway at verizon.net](mailto:pbreddaway@verizon.net) to receive the **Zoom** link prior to the meeting. All are welcome.

### Evening Lit Group

The Evening Literature Group will meet on **Monday, November 21**, at **7:00 pm**, at the home of **Betsy Schroeder**, **6900 Fleetwood Road, #410, McLean**, to discuss ***All That She Carried: The Journey of Ashley's Sad, A Black Family's Keepsake***, by **Tiya Miles**. **Betsy Schroeder** will lead the discussion. If you plan to attend, send your RSVP to **Betsy Schroeder** at [icu43 at cox.net](mailto:icu43@cox.net).


# Connections Calendar | November

Sunday	Monday	Tuesday	Wednesday	Thursday	Friday	Saturday
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
	<b>Public Policy Committee,</b> 2:00 pm, Starnut Gourmet --- <b>ShopRaise "How To",</b> 7:00 pm via <b>Zoom</b>	 <b>Election Day</b> ---- <b>Current Events Group,</b> 9:30 am, via <b>Zoom</b>	<b>Branch Board Meeting,</b> 10:00 am, McLean Community Center			
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
	<b>Bridge Group,</b> 10:00 am, Betsy Schroeder's Home	<b>Branch Meeting,</b> 7:00 pm, McLean Community Center			<b>Morning Lit Group Meeting,</b> 10:00 am, McLean Community Center	
20	21	22	23	24	25	26
	<b>Evening Lit Group,</b> 7:00 pm, Betsy Schroeder's Home				<b>Holiday Luncheon RSVP &amp; Payment Due</b>	
27	28	29	30			



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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.



**If You Shop at Macy's, L. L. Bean, Bed Bath & Beyond, Lowes, Home Depot, Walgreens, Walmart, Staples+**

Next time you make a purchase, first go to our branch website ShopRaise link, <https://shopraise.com/go/3MM>, download the app and make your purchase. ShopRaise will give our branch up to a % 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**

**Myrtle Hendicks-Corrales  
703.973.0925**

**Diana Parsell  
703.297.9893**

**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)**



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