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Letter from the Presidents

By Danielle and Ginger

Can you believe another AAUW year has begun? Fall is the time when natural things start falling and dying but this is the beginning of a new and exciting year for the Alexandria Branch of AAUW. We are excited about the programs we have and are working to finalize the agenda.

The AAUW of Virginia State Conference will be in the NOVA area April 15-17, 2016. The Northern District will host and volunteers are always needed. Please see Danielle for details.

We hope you will make the 2015-2016 your year to give 3 hours a month in volunteer time to AAUW to support our mission. If you aren't sure who to talk to – talk to us or the chair of the group you are interested in helping. We NEED your help!

Let us know if you have any ideas for activities or have any feedback. We are always here for you.

Have a great Fall and be sure to mark your calendars now for our programs and events.

In case you haven't heard, we are again your co-presidents. We urge you to consider volunteer and become president(s) yourself. It's fun and rewarding and you can make a difference.



Don't miss our first event of the year:

SEPTEMBER MEET AND GREET

Alexandria Branch AAUW

September 19, 2015

4:00 – 6:00 pm

Home of Danielle Beach

RSVP to DanielleAAUW@gmail.com

(202)494-9796

Join us for a chance to meet our members and get an overview of the events for 2015. Bring a guest who may wish to join our branch. Lots of good food and fun.

Questions or further information, contact marybier@comcast.net or 703-548-1349



How Will This Story End? Come Find Out on October 3

WHO: All Northern District Branch Members

WHAT: Annual Fall District Meeting

WHERE: 2:00 pm; Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd.

WHY: Learn, Energize, Act

Once upon a time (1972 to be exact) Congress wisely adopted Title IX. What progress has been made in these 43 years? Many look to women's sports and the incredible changes in that arena. But Title IX is much broader than sports and covers many activities that are civil rights issues. The U.S. Department of Education has just released new guidelines and



resources for public schools. That is where we AAUW members come into the picture.

Our invited speaker is Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. Those who attended AAUW National Convention this year were captivated by this young woman and her very informative talk. Come hear how equal educational opportunities still lag behind, and how AAUW members can be an incredible partner in connecting with our school Title IX coordinators and the new guidelines for schools. Join us October 3 for the rest of this story.

Jeanne Elmore and Caroline Pickens
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Making Democracy Work!

FAIRFAX COUNTY

MEET & GREET EVENTS

FALL 2015 CANDIDATE FORUMS

- Wed, Sept 9 7:00 pm Springfield District *
- West Springfield Government Center
- 6140 Rolling Road, Springfield
- Wed, Sept 16 7:00 pm Mount Vernon District Sherwood Regional Library
- 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria
- Mon, Sept 21 7:30 pm Sully District candidates for ** Senate and House of Delegates Sully District Government Center
- 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly
- Mon, Oct 5 7:00 pm Lee District * ****
- John Marshall Library 6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria
- Wed, Oct 7 7:00 pm Providence District***
- Providence Community Center
- 3001 Vaden Drive, Fairfax
- Thurs, Oct 8 7:00 pm Braddock District *
- Kings Park Library Community Room 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke

- Tues, Oct 13 7:00 pm Fairfax County Chairman Board of Supervisors and At-Large School Board Members
- James Madison High School
- 2500 James Madison Drive, Vienna
- Wed, Oct 14 7:00 pm Dranesville District
- McLean Community Center
- 1234 Ingleside Avenue, McLean
- Wed, Oct 21 7:00 pm Mason District *
- Woodrow Wilson Library Community Rm 6101 Knollwood Dr., Falls Church
- Sat, Oct 24 2:00 pm Hunter Mill District
- (note time) Reston Community Center
- 2310 Colts Neck Road, Reston
- Wed, Oct 28 7:30 pm Sully District candidates for County ** Board of Supervisors and School Board Sully District Government Center
- 4900 Stonecroft Boulevard, Chantilly

All certified candidates campaigning for office in their respective districts have been invited. A question-and-answer session will allow interaction with the candidates.

For more information go to website: www.lwv-fairfax.org Questions? E-mail: league@lwv-fairfax.org

Sponsored by: League of Women Voters-Fairfax Area *Greater Springfield Chamber of Commerce
 American Association of University Women of Virginia (also a co-sponsor for these events)
 Fairfax County Council Parent Teachers Association Voice of Vietnamese Americans
 Sully District Council, *Providence District Council Zeta Phi Beta Sorority, Inc.
 ****Lee District Association of Civic Organizations Mt Vernon Council Citizens Association

Cheering for Kristen Griest and Shaye Haver!

(Originally published on The Cozy Cat Blog, <http://thecozycatchronicles.com/2015/08/21/cheering-for-kristen-griest-and-shaye-haver/>)

In April, 381 men and 19 women began Army Ranger School, at Fort Benning, GA, a U.S. Army base near the Georgia-Alabama line. Only ninety-four men and two women completed the three-phase, 62-day, ordeal. The graduation ceremony will be held today at Fort Benning, when all the graduates will be “tabbed.” On Thursday, the two women were publically identified. Capt. Kristen Griest and First Lieutenant Shaye Haver are both U.S. Military Academy at West Point graduates.

However, the two women are not currently eligible to apply to join the 75th Ranger Regiment, an elite special operations force. Hmm. I ~~grilled~~ interviewed Lawrence Korb, former Assistant Secretary of Defense for Manpower, Installations and Logistics, and retired Navy Captain, aka my husband, about this.

Me: So what happens next for these two trailblazers, Captain Griest and 1st Lt. Haver?

Larry: They have to wait until Oct 1 to see which combat units the Army will open up to females. By that date the services must justify why women cannot serve in any particular unit. After October 1, if they open up the Ranger Regiment, they can apply because they’ve already earned their tabs.

Me: What is the difference in the next steps for the male graduates and the two women?

Larry: The men can apply immediately.

Me: What changes do you think the Army, and all the other branches of the military, should make to ensure true gender equality?

Larry: I think acceptance to any units should be based on skills, rather than gender.

Me: What advice would you give a young woman to prepare for a career in the military? For instance, Haver ran cross-country in high school.

Larry: Physical fitness is important certainly, but these two women also exhibited mental fortitude. In interviews they have talked about not going into this with a chip on their shoulder. Serving your country at this elite level takes mental, moral and physical capacity.

AAUW of Virginia State Conference

Our **Northern District** will host the **AAUW of Virginia State Conference on April 15-17, 2016** at the Dulles Hyatt Hotel. Several branch members have volunteered to be on the planning committee for the event. **Caroline Pickens** of the McLean branch is heading up the committee and is planning an organization meeting Sunday, September 13, 1:30pm at Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke.

If you have an interest in planning the conference and/or will be available to help during the conference, please let Danielle know, danielleaauw@gmail.com.

Recurring Events

Francophile Group

The Francophile group will visit the Caillebotte exhibit at the National Gallery of Art on Friday, Oct. 2. Please contact Susan Cash, [703 780-3902](tel:7037803902) for more information.

Gourmet Out

No events scheduled for September.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Our first Fall mystery will be Walter Mosley's [Devil in a Blue Dress](#). We will meet on September 24th at the home of Lane Stone. Note, this is a Thursday instead of our usual Tuesday; this is a one-time change. Meeting time remains – 7 PM. Lane's address is 203 Yoakum Pkwy, #908, Alexandria, VA 22304. Her phone number is 703-307-2431. Please be sure to let Lane know whether you plan to attend or not as she lives in a condo complex and has to leave our names at the front desk. For additional information about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner at 703-764-1773.

On the Go with AAUW

On the Go with AAUW is a public access cable TV show started by a member of the Alexandria Branch. We tape one show each month at Fairfax Public Access (FPA) located in the Merrifield area of Fairfax County. Please come watch us tape a show! Or, you can take a class at FPA and help produce shows. If you are interested in participating in producing/filming of our public access cable TV show please call Ruth Bennett at [703-765-4536](tel:7037654536).

September 15

Solving the Equation – AAUW's latest report with Catherine Hill, one of the authors

October 20

Beth Cabrera, Ph.D., Senior Scholar, Center for the Advancement of Well-Being and author of [Beyond Happy: Women, Work, and Well-Being](#)

November 17

We are exploring a show with Grace Cavalieri, longtime friend of Alexandria Branch

NEW TRAVEL GROUP

Details forthcoming

Chair Updates

CAMPUS OUTREACH UPDATE

by Lane Stone

As you know, our first Tech Savvy event will be held on October 24. This is a one day Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM) career conference designed to develop the interest of sixth to ninth grade girls in STEM fields and provide information to their parents and educational professionals on STEM educational opportunities. We're partnering with the Arlington branch and it's all coming together. Many of you, busy as you are, still find time for worthy projects, so most of the volunteer positions have been filled. Thank you so much! If you still have the volunteer form sitting next to your computer, please send it in. It'll be a fun day for the girls, their parents – and us! Got questions? Please telephone me, 703.307.2431 or email me at info@LaneStoneBooks.com.



ALEXANDRIA BRANCH AAUW Membership Form 2015 - 2016

Complete this form and mail it along with a check payable to

**Alexandria Branch AAUW and mail to:
Virginia Kress, 1734 West Abingdon Drive, #203, Alexandria, VA 22314**

MAL \$21 ___ Renewing/New Member \$77 ___ Life Member \$28 ___ Student \$17 ___

Breakdown of the Member dues is:

Association	\$49.00
State	\$15.00
Branch	<u>\$13.00</u>
Total	\$77.00

Student Affiliate \$17.00

Directory Information

Name: _____

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____ (cell) _____

Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

College/University: _____ Degree/Field of Study: _____

Branch membership is open to those with an associate or bachelor's degree or higher from a regionally accredited institution. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin or disability.

PORTION of MEMBERSHIP DUES IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE

A portion of your membership dues - **\$46.00** – is tax deductible. This applies only to the Association dues but not to State and Branch dues. However, this is a great incentive for all members to renew for the upcoming year, 2015 - 2016.



Area Cultural Events

Not to be missed events!

I hope all of you enjoyed the summer as much as I did, attending concerts at Wolf Trap and local parks throughout the area, the Folklife Festival on the Mall, and other events. Many more events continue throughout September. Here is just a sampling of things to do this month.

Sun., Sept 6 and 13, 3:00pm – Washington Metropolitan Philharmonic Association 25th Annual Chamber Music Series. At the Lyceum, Free

Fri., Sept 11, 7:00pm – Air Force Band Concert in honor of Patriots Day. At the Air Force Memorial, Free.

Sat., Sept 19, 10:00am – 7:00pm and Sun., Sept 20, 10:00am-5:00pm, King Street Arts Festival. King St. to Potomac River Waterfront, Free.

Sat., Sept 19, 8:00pm-Alexandria Harmonizers. At the NVCC Schlesinger Center. Tickets required.

Sat., Sept 26, 7:30pm. Virginia Grand Military Band. At the NVCC Schlesinger Center. Tickets required.

I suggest you check the Thursday Arlington/Alexandria or Fairfax County Local Living and the Friday Weekend sections of the Washington Post for additional activities and events. You can also find out what is going on in Alexandria by going to www.visitalexandriava.com and sign up for their newsletter.

Look in future newsletters for upcoming tours of the Textile Museum at The George Washington University and the Masonic Temple in Alexandria.

If there is something you would like the branch to do, please contact me at pmassouh@aol.com.

Paula Massouh, Cultural Chair

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Important AAUW Websites - Check them out!

AAUW homepage:
<http://www.aauw.org>

VA AAUW homepage:
<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>

Alexandria Branch homepage:
<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/branches/alexandria/>

Alexandria Branch e-mail address:

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Events Calendar

Mark Your Calendars Now - Support Branch and State Activities!

Date	Event	Time and Location	Contact
Tuesday September 15	On The Go TV Solving the Equation	Cable Access TV	Ruth Bennett
Saturday September 19	Meet and Greet New/Old Members and Guests	4:00-6:00pm, Home of Danielle Beach	Danielle Beach or Mary Bier
Friday October 2	Francophile Group	Caillebotte Exhibit at National Gallery of Art	Susan Cash
TBA October	Gourmet Spanish cooking class demonstration		
Saturday October 3	Northern District Meeting Program on Title IX		
Tuesday October 20	On The Go TV Beth Cabrera	Cable Access TV	Ruth Bennett
Saturday October 24	STEM Conference	8:00am-4:00pm, NOVA Annandale Campus	Lane Stone
Sunday November 8	TBA Native Americans in Virginia	2:00-4:00pm, Cameron Station Clubhouse	Paula Massouh
Tuesday November 17	On The Go TV Possibly Grace Cavalieri	Cable Access TV	Ruth Bennett
Saturday December 12	Holiday Luncheon	11:30am-1:30pm, Tempo Restaurant	Rita Rutsohn
Sunday January 24	Alexandria Women's History Tour	2:00-4:00pm, Cameron Station Clubhouse	
____day February __	TBA		
Sunday	Red Line film about Syrian Refugees	2:00-4:00pm, Cameron Station	

March 20		Clubhouse	
Friday-Sunday April 15-17	State Conference Northern District Hosting	Dulles Hyatt	
Tuesday April 26	7:00pm LTA Fundraiser Reception and Play <u>To Kill a Mockingbird</u>	LTA, Wolf Street, Alexandria	
Wednesday May 18	Membership Dinner	Chez Andre, 100 E Glebe Road	

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The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change. AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all woman and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

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<http://www.aauw.org>

VA AAUW homepage:
<http://www.aauw-va.aauw.net>

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