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Letter from the Presidents

By Danielle and Ginger

Our 2015-2016 year for AAUW Alexandria started in September with a Big Bang after summer months of planning by your Board members. Many members came to the first event, Meet and Greet at Danielle Beach's home, which was informative, social, and entertaining. We enjoyed a delicious meal, heard proposals of programs for the year, socialized among members and heard about opportunities for involvement with our interesting special groups. We had Dr Carolyn Lorente, our NoVa Campus Outreach College partner, and student President, Graciela Billingsley, speak graciously about how our partnership has benefited many of the students to develop leadership skills through NCCWSL and Elect Her. We also heard from Patsy Quick, our Co-President of AAUW Virginia State, speak of many new and interesting projects and events planned for this year.

Our next event was a cultural one this past weekend where several of our members went to enjoy lunch and see the impressionist exhibit of over 60 paintings by artist Caillebotte at the National Gallery of Art which was extremely fun. Coming up **October 3** is our Virginia Northern District meeting on Title IX at King's Park Library at 2:00 PM. Please attend if you can as our speaker is Rachel Gettler from the Office of Civil Rights U.S. Department of Education. There will be reports on sexual harassment and assault violations in over 70 colleges. October continues with our big all day **Tech Savvy** workshops on STEM, **October 24 at NoVa Annandale Campus**. We will be holding our first Tech Savvy event in partnership with Arlington branch thanks to a generous grant from BAE. Around 10 workshops from STEM experts will have hands-on learning for over 150 6-9th graders from Arlington and Alexandria schools. There will also be other workshops in the STEM fields for their parents to attend. This a wonderful opportunity for you to help and be involved in your community as well as have fun. Many of you have already volunteered to assist and if you wish to help and haven't volunteered yet, please contact Lane Stone at [703 307 2431](tel:7033072431)

Check this issue of our newsletter for updated events and if you know of something you think others would enjoy just let Ginger know. If you wish to start a New interest group let us know as many of our present groups were started by leaders Ilike yourselves!



Holiday Luncheon - December 12, 2015

Mark Your Calendar for Saturday, the 12th of December, for the AAUW annual holiday luncheon from 11:30 am to 1:30 pm. This is always a festive event heralding in the holiday season. This year's luncheon is at TEMPO Restaurant, 4231 Duke Street, Alexandria. AAUW will have the entire restaurant. The menu selections are diverse—fish, chicken, veal, pasta, and a grilled veggie entrée—including salad or soup, coffee or tea, and dessert. Entertainment is planned, and our traditional raffle will be held with the proceeds benefitting both Christ House and the AAUW Educational Foundation. More details about the luncheon will appear in the November newsletter. You are encouraged to invite your spouse or partner, friends, and relatives.

SPA CARDS - Fund Christ House Dinners and the Educational Foundation

Just wanted to remind everyone that spa cards are available for sale at \$45 each to GlamDaySpas, 6929 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA, 571-481-4803. Each card purchased provides a basic manicure and pedicure, and the \$45 purchase price funds AAUW projects/programs. GlamDaySpas provides a full range of services—facials, manicures/pedicures, spa packages, etc. Visit GlamDaySpas.com for more information about their services. During the past 12 months over \$1,000 in spa cards were purchased by AAUW members. <http://www.glamdayspas.com/>

Fall Choral Concert

One our new members, Anne Simpson, sings with the Alexandria Choral Society. They will be presenting the Faure Requiem and some shorter pieces at their first concert Saturday, October 17th. The concert is at the Fairlington United Methodist Church, 3900 King Street, Alexandria, at 7:30. Tickets can be purchased ahead of time from the website, alexandriachoralsociety.org, for \$20 or at the door for \$25.

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.

At its next meeting, the Francophile group will discuss the book *Mr. Monk is Miserable* by Lee Goldberg. Tentative location and date are Voila Pastry and Café, 5908 North Kings Hwy, Alexandria, 22303, Thursday, November 12 at 2 p.m. Please contact Susan Cash at 703/780-3902 or 202/685-5083 for details.

Gourmet Out

Next event is tentatively planned for November at Sugar Palm Thai Restaurant, 5580 Vincent Gate Terrace, Alexandria, 22312. The restaurant was a 2013 recipient of a "Cheap Eats" award from *Washingtonian* magazine. Date TBD.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

The Mystery Book Discussion Group will meet at 7 PM on 27 Oct 2015 at the home of Mary Ann Bier. Our October mystery will be Elly Griffiths' [The Janus Stone](#). Mary Ann's address and phone number: 413 E Custis Ave., Alexandria, VA 22301; 703-548-1349. Please be sure to let Mary Ann know if you plan to attend. For other questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, please contact Susan Werner at 703-764-1773. If you love mystery novels, please join us.

On the Go with AAUW

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

Christ House Soup Kitchen

Our summer supper at Christ House was held on July 29. Many thanks to all the members who contributed salads and desserts, as well as those who donated time to prepare and help serve. These helpers included: Margaret Batko, Danielle Beach, Ruth Bennett, Mary Ann Bier, Susan Cash, Laura Ferraro, Karol Knight, Virginia Kress, Jo-Ann Lafon, Rita Rutsohn and Margaret Zebrowski.

Our next supper is Wednesday, September 30. Our generous membership responded promptly, and we are all ready for this supper. However, our winter supper will be coming up on WEDNESDAY, DECEMBER 30. We will need the usual donations of salad ingredients, desserts, monetary or grocery store gift cards. Mark your calendars, and contact us if you can help.

Margaret Zebrowski mmzebrow@aol.com

Jan A. Jaynes janjjoek@cox.net



Chair Updates

Public Policy October 2015

By: Helena Coric

This past month, Virginia AAUW Public Policy continued working on its Get Out the Vote (GOTV) campaign aiming to register 500 new voters by June 2016 and another 500 by November 2016. National Voter Registration Day was September 22nd, 2015 and AAUW members around the country helped towards raise awareness regarding barriers that still exist concerning registration and voting. In Pennsylvania, an online voter registration system was created this year, Oregon began automatic voter registration during driver's license renewal, and in Vermont a same-day voter registration program has been established. New measures such as these around the country are expected to add thousands of more voters. AAUW members continue to advocate for the Paycheck Fairness Act at the federal level, fighting to enact legislation to help women and families end pay discrimination.

Take a look at the Fall 2015 AAUW Report: The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap. The U.S. Department of Labor released data mid-September showing little change in the persistent pay gap. In Virginia, median earnings for men were \$52, 864 compared to \$42, 445 for women in 2014. This is an earnings ratio of just 80 percent, or 23rd out of all states and the District of Columbia. Although Virginia has some equal pay protections, there is still much work that needs to be done.

Upcoming Events

Northern District Meeting

Program on Title IX

Date: Saturday, October 3, 2015

2015 Supreme Court Preview Call

This year the Supreme Court will consider several cases with the potential to significantly affect the rights of women and girls including reproductive freedom, access to health care, affirmative action, etc. Join the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund on a conference call to stay informed on these issues and discuss the upcoming Supreme Court term.

Date: Thursday, October 15 at 8pm

Should you have any suggestions or ideas as to making our Alexandria Public Policy Chapter better, please let me know! At September's Meet & Greet a member proposed we address the issue of childcare. Too often is it put on the backburner or seen as simply a women's issue, when it should be treated as a national priority that affects our economy.

My personal interests are more at the international level so I would be interested in seeing how we could incorporate that within our branch, perhaps looking into the International Affairs and UN special consultative status we have at National. The recent refugee crisis is garnering global attention and we may be able to help at the local level. A bit about me...I have a background in Political Science, with a concentration in Peace and Conflict Resolution. I am originally from Croatia and have studied in Latin America and presently work in immigration law.

Looking forward to getting more involved with AAUW as this fall season begins!

Area Cultural Events



Laura Ferraro, Susan Werner, Ginger Chamberlain, and Danielle Beach were unable to go with the Francophile Group to see the Caillebotte exhibit but it sounded so wonderful that they went September 27 and then had lunch. We hope everyone gets a chance to see it.

Not to be missed events!

Alexandria Branch Activities

Sunday, Oct. 25, 2 PM – Backstage Tour of Wolf Trap, Vienna. Free

This approximately one hour guided tour by a National Park ranger will take you on the stage, show you how the theatre runs and show you where the stars get ready for their performances. Limited to 15 persons. Park in Lot 1 which is behind the Fillene Center and go to the Stage Door.

Saturday, Nov. 21, 11 AM – Tour of George Washington Masonic National Memorial, 101 Callahan Drive, Alexandria. \$10 per person.

This one hour guided tour includes rooms on the second floor and in the tower as well as the observation deck. Limited to 15 people.

Sunday, Dec. 20, 2:30 PM – Tour of Tudor Place, 1644 31st St. NW, Washington, DC. \$10 adults, \$8 seniors, military, students with ID.

Join us for this guided tour to see this Federal-style mansion decorated for the holidays. Lived in for six generations from 1816 – 1988, it has been designated a National Historic Landmark.

To reserve your space for any of these tours, please call or e-mail me at (703-256-4541 or pmassouh@aol.com). Nonmembers and guests are welcome.

Other Cultural Activities

Saturday, Oct. 17, 7:30 PM – Alexandria Choral Society at Fairlington United United Methodist Church, \$20 (advance); \$25 (at door)

For more information, go to: alexandriachoralsociety.org.

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

Paula Massouh, Cultural Chair

Symphony Orchestra League Benefit Concert

The Symphony Orchestra League of Alexandria (a 501 (c)(3) organization) is privileged to announce that internationally acclaimed pianist **Thomas Pandolfi** will perform a benefit concert on October 9, 2015 at 8:00 p.m. at the First Baptist Church of Alexandria, 2932 King Street, Alexandria, VA 22302.

Mr. Pandolfi locally performs frequently with the Alexandria Symphony Orchestra and the National Men's Chorus. In addition, he has performed with symphony orchestras around the world. For a complete biography, please go to www.thomaspandolfi.com.

On October 9th, 2015, Mr. Pandolfi will present a concert featuring Russian Romance, Chopin, Gershwin and The Movies.

Prices for this event are:

Adults - \$25.00

Students 18 years or younger - \$5.00

Families with 2 or more children - \$55.00

Tickets are currently on sale and may be purchased by credit card at solabenefit.eventbrite.com; by e-mail at marg.woods@cox.net or at the door.

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FAIRFAX COUNTY

MEET & GREET EVENTS

FALL 2015 CANDIDATE FORUMS

- 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

Volunteers are still needed for the Lee District Meet and Greet on Monday, October 5, 7:00 to 8:30, at the John Marshall Library, 6209 Rose Hill Drive Alexandria, VA 22310-6299.

The sign-up sheet below shows the positions that are still available. Please respond either to **Jane Hilder 703-960-6820, jc.hilder@verizon.net** or to Sidney Johnson (sidneyjohnson3@verizon.net) to be added to the paper sign-up sheet or go to sign up genius on our website to volunteer there.

Meet and Greet Event Lee District

John Marshall Library Monday, October 5, 7:00-8:30 PM
Organizer: Jane Hilder, 703-960-6820; jc.hilder@verizon.net
Moderator: Peggy Knight
Please give your name, phone number, and e-mail address

Set up 5:45 to 7:00 3 people
Peggy Knight (703) 532-4417 peggy.knight1@verizon.net
Nancy Yane-Frenald 703-768-7263 nancyyf@verizon.net

Greeters 6:30 to 9:00 3 people

Timekeepers (training and stopwatches provided) 6:30 to 9:00 2 people
Leslie Tourigny 571-970-1782 ltourigny@gmail.com
Inta Sraders 703-765-9458 funtisr@verizon.net

Hand out/collect index cards for questions 6:30 to 9:00 1 person
Elizabeth Lonoff 703-765-2634 elonoff@msn.com

Sorter for question cards 6:30 to 9:00 1 or 2 persons

Take photos with smart phone 6:30 to 9:00 1 person

Voter Registration Table* (for M&Gs before October 12) 1 or 2 persons
6:30 to 9:00. Intermittent. Table attended during informal time.

Clean Up 8:30 to 9:45 3 people

Compile and type questions to be sent to candidates after the event 1 or 2 people

Collect cards at 9:00; e-mail compilation to Sidney by Oct. 3

*Volunteers for voter registration must take the online voter registration training after July 1 every year on the Fairfax County Office of Elections website: <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregtraining.htm>

Persons who take the training should write "0" in the space asking for the number of VR forms. They will not receive a paper certificate, but they will be registered in the state's database.

Ann Sauberman (AAUW) possibly absauberman@aol.com

Below is the flyer/poster for the Lee District event. Please print a couple and post them where you can, particularly in libraries, community centers, and community bulletin boards in shops. We are relying on members printing a few flyers to spread the word.

FALL 2015 CANDIDATE FORUM

MEET THE CANDIDATES

for Lee District

Virginia

House of Delegates

Supervisor

and

School Board Member

Monday, October 5

7:00 – 8:30 p.m.

John Marshall Library

6209 Rose Hill Drive, Alexandria

43rd District:

Mark D. Sickles (D)* Anna Urman (R)

Paul J. McIlvaine (I)

District Supervisor: School Board Member:

Jeffrey C. McKay (D)* Tamara J. Derenak Kaufax*

*incumbent

Candidates for other offices may be present at this event,
though they will not have a speaking role.

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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.



2015 - 2016 Board Members

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Co-Presidents	Danielle Beach, 202-494-9796, danielleAAUW@gmail.com
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Web Page	open

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.....	Mary Hartzler, 703-548-2959, mary@hartzler.net
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Francophile Group	Susan Cash, 703-780-3902, gloryinu@boo.net
Gourmet Out	Susan Cash, 703-780-3902, gloryin@boo.net
Gourmet Too.....	Margaret Zebrowski, 703-765-3076, mmzebrow@aol.com
Movie/DVD Night	
Mystery Book Group	Susan Werner, 703-764-1773, susan.werner1@verizon.net

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:

alexaauw1@aol.com

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 March 20	Red Line film about Syrian Refugees	2:00-4:00pm, Cameron Station 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 American Association of University Women promotes equity for all woman and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

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