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Letter from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

Happy 2018! It's going to be a busy year for AAUW!

Our fourth Elect Her at the Alexandria campus of NorthernVA Community College is scheduled for February 23, 9:00 until 1. We need a few volunteers. Please let me know if you can help. My email is Info@LaneStoneBooks.com.

We're gearing up for our big fundraiser, which is the play we, partnering with the Mount Vernon branch, sponsor at the Little Theater of Alexandria. This year our play (selected by a drawing) is the classic *Harvey*, and the date is May 1. Be on the lookout for volunteer needs. And please buy tickets and sell them to your friends. The proceeds support the Educational Opportunities Fund.

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>).

Last, we enjoyed seeing so many of you at the Holiday Brunch! Your board needs your input to make it even better next year. How was the food? The price? If you didn't come, will you share the reason? The ticket price



didn't quite cover the actual cost. Would you be willing to pay more? Please email your thoughts to GailLaneAAUWAlex@gmail.com.



AAUW Alexandria Branch

Invites You to

Come in from the cold and join us for **GerryRIGGED**

A co-production from

OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting

and

**Community Ideas Stations, exploring the issue of fair, nonpartisan
legislative redistricting**

Saturday, January 20, 2018 2-4 PM Cameron Station Clubhouse 200 Cameron Station

Bld Alexandria, VA

Open to all community members

Invite your neighbors and friends!

Questions: GailLaneAAUWAlex@gmail.com

Holiday Brunch

Once again, we celebrated the holidays at the beautiful venue, Belle Haven Country Club. We had a group of 32 diners that included members, spouses, partners and guests. The BHCC provided a tasty buffet for the group which included entrees, salad and desserts. Dan Perch served as sommelier offering a wine selection to complement the food. Thank you, Dan!

Jan Jaynes and Margaret Zebrowski prepared 3 beautiful baskets and sold raffle tickets to benefit The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria. There were also some Glam Day Spa tickets added to the raffle so many members were big winners.

Life Member, Patti Schmidt, was awarded her 40year membership pin. Congratulations, Patti! ----->

Negar Eshani, our guest from the Domestic Violence Program, told us about recent activities of the shelter program. She expressed their appreciation for the donations that we make to their holiday program for children and parents supported by the shelter. Thanks to your generosity we collected over \$400 in gift cards and many toys and gifts for the children!



Here are some photos of guests showing their holiday spirit -



Membership News

By Susan Werner and Sylvia Linke

As of 3 January 2018, there are

46 Regular members 1 Student affiliate member 3 Life members

50 total

We are now in the Half-Year/Half Price membership stage. This means that a potential member can pay half-price for membership until June 30, 2018. This applies only to membership submitted from January 1-March 15. Tell your friends and associates about us now! Fill out the form below or go to aauw.org/membership.



Mystery Book Discussion Group Interest Groups

Mystery Book Discussion Group

By Susan Werner

Happy New Year mystery lovers!

We are going to start 2018 with Sarah R. Shaber's mystery, *Louise's Blunder*. We will be meeting at the home of Eugenia Burkes on January 23. Eugenia's address and phone number: 307 Yoakum Parkway, #1411 (The Watergate at Landmark condo), Alexandria, VA 22304; 703-328 1307. Because this is a condo complex, be sure to let Eugenia know that you plan to attend the meeting since she must leave names at the gate.

If you have questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner at alexaauw2@aol.com. Suggestions for mystery authors and titles are always welcome.

Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

On Saturday, February 3 at 1 p.m. we will visit **Fontaine Caffee and Creperie**, 119 South Royal Street, to mark the French Feast of Crepes (celebrated annually on February 2). RSVP to Susan Cash at 703 587-4790.

Gourmet Out

By Susan Cash

On Thursday, February 22 at 6:30 p.m. we will visit **Royal Nepal Restaurant**, 3807 Mount Vernon Avenue. RSVP to Susan Cash at 703/587-4790.

On the Go with AAUW



By Ruth Bennett On the Go withAAUW 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/taping our public access cable TV show, please call Ruth Bennett at 703-765-4536.

Our Fairfax County Public Library show aired in Dec 2017. Jessica Hudson, Fairfax County Public Library Director, and Ted Kavich, Director of the library's programming and services, talked about the library's current and upcoming programs with host Jennifer Disano. Also of interest was their discussion of (a) how each of them received their degrees in Library Science – one did the traditional classroom model and the other was all online - and (b) what the library of the future might look like.

Meredith Keppel - Fantastic Fungi will air in January 2018. Meredith Keppel, homeschooled senior, and Jill Caporale, host, discuss Meredith's interest in and study of fungi. Meredith spoke about fungi on TEDxHerndon in 2017.

On the Go now has a YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for On the Go with AAUW. If you subscribe you will be notified when a new show is uploaded.



Chair Updates

Christ House Soup Kitchen

As we currently experience a deep winter freeze, we are planning our first soup kitchen supper for 2018 on January 31.

- We will need 5 donations of salad bags or bins, including any cut vegetables, especially cherry tomatoes, OR salad dressing.
- Also, we will need 5 volunteers to contribute dessert, and several contributions of tangelos or Halos citrus fruit.

• We have several servers, but still need 2 more to help serve. Check your calendar and let us know how you can help. Please contact us: Margaret Zebrowski - mmzebrow@aol.com

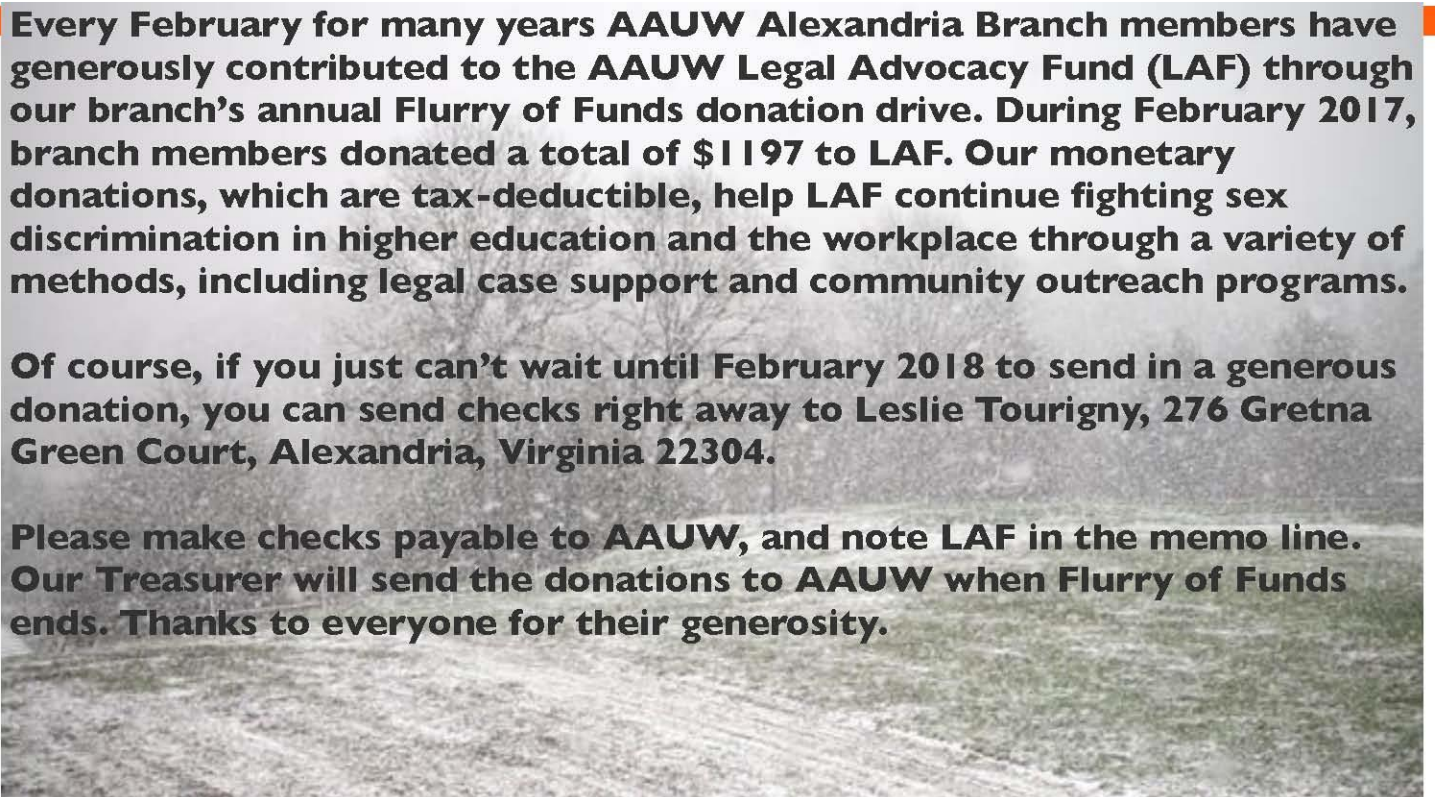
Jan Jaynes - janjoek@verizon.net Christ House Kitchen Co-chairs

** Save the date for the next CH Soup Kitchen on May 30.

See the offerings at the www.glamdayspas.com. Contact Rita Rutsohn at 703-379-9664 to purchase a card. Your purchase of Spa cards helps support our Christ House community dinners.



Flurry of Funds
By Leslie Tourigny



Every February for many years AAUW Alexandria Branch members have generously contributed to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) through our branch's annual Flurry of Funds donation drive. During February 2017, branch members donated a total of \$1197 to LAF. Our monetary donations, which are tax-deductible, help LAF continue fighting sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace through a variety of methods, including legal case support and community outreach programs.

Of course, if you just can't wait until February 2018 to send in a generous donation, you can send checks right away to Leslie Tourigny, 276 Gretna Green Court, Alexandria, Virginia 22304.

Please make checks payable to AAUW, and note LAF in the memo line. Our Treasurer will send the donations to AAUW when Flurry of Funds ends. Thanks to everyone for their generosity.

Public Policy

By Leslie Tourigny

2018 General Assembly Session

The Virginia General Assembly will meet in Regular Session in Richmond from January 10-March 10, 2018. You'll be able to find lots of useful information about the lawmakers and proposed legislation at the following websites: <http://viriniageneralassembly.gov> and <http://lis.virginia.gov>. Also, AAUW of Virginia will be sending out emails and action alerts which will provide additional information. Many times, AAUW-VA will be requesting that members take specific actions to urge their lawmakers to either vote for or against specific legislation. Often these will require **quick** action, so be prepared!! You can find out who your delegate and senator are and how to contact them at this link: <http://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov>.

AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day Richmond - February 7, 2018

On Wednesday, February 7, 2018, we will be holding our annual **State Lobby Day**, and I hope that we will have a large cadre of members participating. The agenda is being prepared, but will not be available until a few days before the event. However, you should expect that the day's agenda will begin early (8:30 am or earlier).

Once again, members from the AAUW Greater Richmond Branch (GRAAUW) will graciously be opening their homes to host any of our members participating in State Lobby Day, who arrive on February 6, and want to **spend the night**. Anyone who wants to partake of the GRAAUW hospitality should let me know no later than January 25. Also, there are hotel rooms available through a block of rooms reserved by the League of Women Voters of Virginia (LWV-VA) for \$139 plus tax for the night at the Hotel Berkeley, 1200 E. Carey Street, Richmond, VA, 804 225-5149. Mention LWV-VA when you call.

Also, **no later than January 25, 2018**, please email me the names and email addresses of those who will be attending State Lobby Day, along with an indication of those who will be going to lunch with the group.

The League of Women Voters of VA has invited us to join with them on State Lobby Day for **lunch at the Hotel Berkeley** (walking distance from Capital Square) after we are recognized in the House and Senate galleries. There will be a deli buffet for \$20, including tax and tip. Please let me know no later than January 25 if you want to come to lunch. Although you'll be able to pay at lunch, if you have to cancel after RSVPing that you are coming, please do so by February 1 to ensure that we are not charged for the lunch.

Leslie Tourigny State VP for Public Policy
ltourigny@gmail.com



Northern District Branch Activities

Don't miss February's meeting!

February 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM Vienna Community Center

The American Association of University Women and Patrick Henry Library are co-sponsoring a presentation by Sister Simone Campbell, to be held on February 10, 2018 at 10:00 AM at the Vienna Community Center. Sister Simone is a nationally recognized social justice activist and She is speaker at many large gatherings. She is the author of "The Nun on the Bus". The focus is on economic justice, immigration issues, health care reform and voter turnout.

Sister Simone is a noted speaker and educator across the country on public policy issues. She is a driving force for programs that promote tolerance,

equality, peace and justice. She has received numerous awards and been featured on "60 Minutes", "The Colbert Report", and "The Daily Show". As was reported in the New York Times, "Who doesn't love a feisty nun?" In her spare time, Sister Simone is a lawyer, writer and Poet.

Important AAUW Websites - Check them out!

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

<http://alexandria-va.aauw.net/>

ALEXANDRIA BRANCH AAUW Membership Form

(Half-price/Half-year available from January 1-March 15, 2018

Total Dues -- \$38.50 good for membership through June 30, 2018)

2017 - 2018 Complete this form and mail it along with a check payable to Alexandria Branch AAUW and mail to:

Anne Simpson, 1604 Old Drummer Boy Lane, Fort Washington, MD 20744

Renewing/New Member \$77 _____

Life Member \$28 _____

Student \$17 _____

If you are currently a Member-at-large (MAL) \$21 _____ (for State and Branch dues only)

National Association \$49.00

State \$15.00

Branch \$13.00

Total \$77.00

Directory Information

Date/Time Event Location/Contact

Jan 1-March 15 Half-price/Half-year membership

Susan Werner or Sylvia Linke

Breakdown of the Member dues:

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.

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National Association	\$49.00
State	\$15.00
Branch	\$13.00
Total	\$77.00

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Calendar of Events – SAVE THE DATES!

Jan 31, 4:30-6:00 PM Christ House Meal Jan Jaynes/Margaret Zebrowski Feb 1-28 Flurry of Funds for LAF Leslie Tourigny Feb 3, 1:00 PM Francophile Fontaine Caffee & Creperie, Susan Cash Feb 7, 8:30 AM AAUW State Lobby Day Richmond, Leslie Tourigny, RSVP Jan 25! Feb 10 Vienna Branch Program Patrick Henry Library, Vienna VA Feb 22, 6:30 PM Gourmet Out Royal Nepal, Susan Cash Feb 23, 9:00-1:00 PM ELECT HER NVCC Alexandria, Lane Stone May 1, 7:00PM -LTA - *Harvey* – Branch Fundraiser Arlene Shapiro

Alexandria Branch Programs 2017-2018

(This is a tentative schedule; as the schedule firms up, more information will be available.)

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Total \$77.00

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Jan 1-March 15 **Half-price/Half-year membership** **Susan Werner or Sylvia Linke**
Jan 10-March 10 **Virginia General Assembly meets** **Leslie Tourigny**
Jan 20, 2-4 PM **Branch Meeting – GerryRIGGED!** **Cameron Station Clubhouse**
Jan 23, 7:00 PM **Mystery Book Group** **Eugenia Burkes**

September 10, 2 – 4 PM	Program: Meet and Greet Potluck: Home of Danielle Beach – 117 Cameron Station Blvd, Alexandria 22304
October 21, 1:30 PM	AAUW Northern District Meeting: George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Topic: Meet Kim Churches, the new CEO of AAUW and hear her vision for AAUW’s present and future
November 19, 2 – 4 PM November 11, 11 AM	Female Theater Leaders in Northern Virginia. Join us for a panel discussion with Carolyn Griffin from Metro Stage and Eileen Mandell from First Stage on the challenges and prospects for women in the theater world. Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station BLVD, Alexandria, VA 22304 Mount Vernon Branch program on the effect of Head Start in the lives of children and how Head Start has helped women in their roles as parents: Campagna Center in Old Town Alexandria.
December 10, 2017, 11-2PM	Holiday Brunch Luncheon. Belle Haven Country Club, 6023 Fort Hunt Road, Alexandria, VA 22307
January 20, 2018, 2 – 4 PM	GerryRigged! Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station, BLVD, Alexandria, VA 22304
February 20th, [Time PM]	Program TBD
March 11, 2 – 4 PM	Join us for a program with Suzanne Gould, Archivist, for AAUW
April 21 or 22	Presidential Gardens; Linda Hoyt will discuss the history of the Presidential Gardens and the Gardeners who helped create them. [Waiting for confirmation.]
May 1, 2018	Education Fundraiser “Harvey” at Little Theatre of Alexandria, 600 Wolfe St. Alexandria, 22314.
June – TBD	Spring Dinner and Annual Business Meeting/ Election of Officers, Paradiso Italian Restaurant, 6124 Franconia Rd, Alexandria, VA 22310
June 16, 2018	Planning Meeting for 2018 – 2019