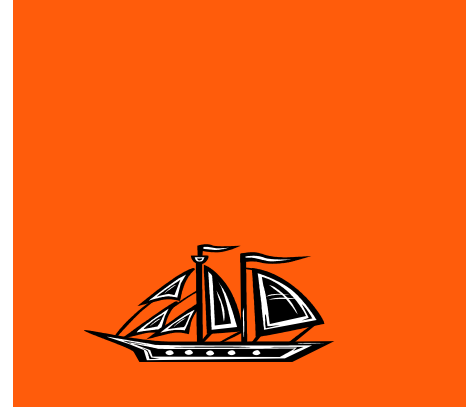


THE ALEXANDRIA SCHOONER



VOLUME 72, N O. 4

Letter from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

I (Lane) am writing this two days after Thanksgiving. You're probably in the bustle of holiday celebrations as you're reading it. Gail and I would like to send the very best wishes to you and your families. As you celebrate the holidays, we hope you'll have a few minutes to take a break and watch this video from AAUW National. Here's the link: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=qD-CLIWXL18#action=share>. This clip reminds me of why we do what we do. Doesn't it seem that our mission to improve the climate for women and girls is more necessary every day – or every news cycle? And it reminds us of how important each and every one of you are to the cause and to the organization.

We look forward to seeing you at the **December 10 holiday brunch**. The Belle Haven Country Club is the epitome of old world elegance. It opened in the 1920's. We'll start at 11:30 and we'll have a brief branch meeting. If you need any help with your RSVP, please email Virginia Kress (virginia.kress@usbank.com) or Lynn O'Connell (lynnoconnellva@gmail.com) - our Program Vice Presidents.

Best wishes of the season,

Lane and Gail

GailLaneAAUWAlex@gmail.com



AAUW ANNUAL HOLIDAY BRUNCH

Sunday, December 10, 2017

11:30 AM – 1:30 PM

Belle Haven Country Club

1623 Fort Hunt Road

Alexandria, VA 22307



Join us for an Alexandria Branch holiday buffet brunch on Sunday, December 10, at the Belle Haven Country Club, (bellehavencc.com, 703-329-1448) from 11:30 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. There is ample parking in front and to the left of the entrance. We encourage all members to invite spouses/partners, relatives, and friends or a prospective member to share a delightful social occasion.

In the tradition of the Alexandria Branch, please bring holiday gifts for the Alexandria Domestic Violence Shelter—unwrapped new toys and gift cards that the shelter residents can use at local retail and grocery stores and pharmacies. Contact Mary Ann Bier, marybier@comcast.net, if you have questions about this donation.

This year our raffle supports the Branch's community and campus programs. Raffle tickets will be sold on the day of the luncheon.

The brunch buffet includes:

- 2 Salad choices
- 3 Entrees (includes a vegetarian dish)
- Dessert
- Coffee or tea and soft drinks

Alcoholic beverages are available for individual purchase.

**** To make your reservation, send in your check ****NOW**** for \$35/per person made payable to the Alexandria Branch of AAUW along with the completed form below and mail to:**

Virginia Kress, 1734 West Abingdon Dr, #203, Alexandria, VA, 22314; **Note: Your reservation requested by Friday, December 1, 2017.**

Member Name: *(printed)* _____

Telephone: _____ Email: _____

Guest Names: *(printed)* _____



Interest Groups

Mystery Book Discussion Group

By Susan Werner

The Mystery Book Discussion Group will meet a week earlier this month so as not to interfere with the Christmas holiday. The date is December 19. Time – 7 PM. We will meet at the home of Arlene Shapiro. Our holiday mystery is *The Body in the Sleigh* by Katherine Hall Page. Arlene's address and phone number:

6216 Driftwood Dr., Alexandria, VA, 22310; 703-719- 5467.

Please be sure to let Arlene know whether you plan to attend. For any other questions, please contact Susan Werner at 703-764-1773. Recommendations for mystery novels are always welcome.



Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

See you in January 2018.

Gourmet Out

By Susan Cash

Attend our annual Holiday Brunch at the Belle Haven Country Club on December 10. Contact Virginia Kress, (virginia.kress@usbank.com) or Lynn O'Connell (lynnoconnellva@gmail.com) to RSVP right away!

On the Go with AAUW

By Ruth Bennett



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/taping our public access cable TV show, please call Ruth Bennett at 703-765-4536

On October 17th we taped a show with Alexandria author Paula Whitacre. She has written a book about abolitionist Julia Wilbur detailing all the work she did for civil rights and gender rights: starting schools, hospital, and Freedmen's Cemetery in Alexandria. The title of the book is "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time: Julia Wilbur's Struggle for Purpose."

Our next show is about the Arlington Costume Lab with Jennifer Biehl, the Lab's Manager. I'll have more information about this show next month. *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

Buy a Spa Card for Glam Day Spa to benefit our Christ House meals. Cards are \$45 each – use them for yourself! For family! For a special gift – holidays, birthdays or just a Thinking of You! Cards will be available at the Holiday Brunch.

See the offerings at the www.glamdayspas.com. Contact Rita Rutsohn at 703-379-9664 to purchase a card.

Holiday Giving - Domestic Violence Program

Once again, share your holiday spirit with the City of Alexandria Domestic Violence Program. They are celebrating their Children's Holiday Party on December 14th. Over 60 families are invited to the party which includes dinner, songs and a special visit from Santa Claus. The DVP asks us and other community organizations to provide unwrapped toys, and gifts for children of all ages. Older kids enjoy gift cards or electronic items. Gift cards are welcome from Target, Best Buy, Old Navy, Wal-Mart, CVS, Toys R' Us, grocery stores, restaurants and pharmacies.

I will collect these donations at the Holiday Brunch on December 10th. Hope to see you there and thanks for your generosity.
Mary Ann Bier, marybier@comcast.net

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

Mark Your Calendars!!



On Wednesday, December 6, 2017, from 9:30 am – 12:30 pm the League of Women Voters of Virginia is sponsoring its annual Pre-Session Legislative Roundtable in Richmond at the Credit Union House of Virginia, 108 N 8th St. The event is free and features representatives from a variety of organization, including AAUW of Virginia, who present short summaries of their legislative priorities for the upcoming General Assembly Session. It's always an informative session and lets us see who we can work with on our legislative priorities. It will be followed by a luncheon. Further information and the registration form were not available at the time we went to press. Look for an email as soon as further information is available.

November Branch Program a Success

By Mary Ann Bier

Ladies of the Theatre



Carolyn Griffin, Eileen Mandell, and Leslie Kobylinski shared their enthusiastic love of local theater in small venues at our Branch meeting on November 19 at the Cameron Station Clubhouse.

Carolyn Griffin told of her many years starting and building MetroStage, <http://www.metrostage.org>, in Alexandria and the challenges of finding locations and building the audience. MetroStage features plays that show the diversity of our region.

Eileen Mandell found her way into theatre production from a background in Home Ec and business management. Her company, 1stStage in Tyson's, <http://www.1ststagetysons.org>, has grown to have a significant presence in the McLean and Tyson's area with important productions.

Leslie Kobylinski has a different approach at First Draft of the Rose Theatre, <http://www.rosetheatre.net/firstdraft>. They provide an opportunity for playwrights to "read" their plays, many of which may become productions locally and nationally. As a 501(c)3, they have support from Arlington County and can provide free admission to audiences. They perform out of many venues in the area.

In all cases, these talented and dedicated women focus on quality of material and performances with outstanding actors and playwrights in order to build audience loyalty and experience. Hope you will check them out! Thanks to Lynn O'Connell and Virginia Kress, VP Programs, for introducing us to more amazing women in our midst!

Meet the New Members - Biographies

Eugenia Burkes



Eugenia Burkes retired from a 30-year career managing law firms in 2014. The first law firm she worked for transferred her from Austin, Texas, to Washington, DC, in 1991. She had a brief, three-year interlude as the business manager of St. John's Church, Lafayette Square.

During her tenure at her last law firm, she had the privilege of working with Helmut Yahn, a well-known German architect, on the build out of offices at 20th and K Street. The firm is the sole tenant of the building. This was Helmut's first building in DC, and it was the first in DC to obtain Gold LEED (Leadership in Energy and Environmental Design) status.

Since her retirement, she has been busy with volunteer work and enjoying classes through Life Long Learning.

Her undergraduate degree was from North Texas State University, now University of North Texas. She is one of the few Texans in the DC area who will admit to graduating from this school because all "real" Texans should go to The University of Texas, but she is proud of the education she received. Students there know it is easy to get in, but hard to get out with a degree.

Courtney Diffley

Courtney graduated from Marjorie Webster in 1969. That same year, she married her husband, Michael, a military officer with the US Army Corp of Engineers. Despite the challenges of moving every few years and raising their son, Timothy, Courtney has worked throughout their marriage in a variety of administrative and management positions in manufacturing, construction, academia, as well as SHRM where she worked for 20 years, retiring as the manager of advertising in 2012. Courtney currently volunteers for Capital Caring, Alive, and St. Joseph's Catholic church.

Michelle Muldoon



Michelle started her international development career as a US Peace Corps Volunteer (Small Business Development, Togo, 1995-1998). In the 2016-2017 academic year, Michelle won an AAUW Career Development Grant, and used the \$12,000 award to finish a graduate degree 15 years in the making. With her husband and boys in attendance, Michelle, now 45, walked across the stage to graduate on May 23, 2017. Michelle now holds a Master of Science Degree in Marketing from Carey Business School at Johns Hopkins University; *Teaching Business with Humanity in Mind* is the Carey motto. What drove her to pursue a graduate business degree beyond a general MBA was her desire to uncover and test economically sustainable solutions to societal problems, to create shared value, not just for the top 1%.

Michelle is currently a consultant who helps connect not-for-profit development organizations with national and multinational investors. She has been a member of AAUW National and recently joined the AAUW Alexandria chapter. For more on Michelle's work visit: www.veritasdevelopment.biz.

Cheryl Blum

After living and working in Jacksonville, Florida, since 1984, Cheryl Blum moved to Alexandria, Virginia, in July, to be close to her family. She has a BS degree in accounting from the State University of New York at Albany (now the University at Albany) and a Masters in Business Administration from Lehigh University in Pennsylvania. Cheryl worked for six years in the accounting industry, including being the second female internal auditor at Bethlehem Steel. However, she found that career too boring, so she earned her certification in middle school mathematics, with an endorsement in Gifted Education in Florida in 1996. Cheryl then went on to teach for 21 exciting years, during which time no two days were the same, before she retired in June of this year. She didn't stay retired too long because she is now working part-time as an Outreach Educator for the Jamestown/Yorktown Foundation, visiting 2nd and 4th grade classrooms with interactive history presentations. In her spare time, Cheryl enjoys quilting, appliquéing, and knitting, and, along with her husband, spending time with their two daughters, their husbands, and her three young grandsons.

Dartangia Robinson

Our new Student Affiliate member, Dartangia Robinson, was born in Long Beach, CA. She grew up in the Northern Virginia area. She is an operations specialist for a nonprofit based in DC. She graduated Trinity Washington University with her BA in Human Relations. She is also conducting research on factors of depression in immigrant women in the United States with her instructor from her senior year at Trinity. She is currently perusing a MA in Human Resource Development at Bowie State University, with a desire to start her own organization that focuses on educating HR professionals on workplace bullying and unfair pay. Dartangia plans on going to law school in Business in 2020.

Linda Winfrey

Linda Winfrey is a HR Professional, a native of Michigan, and a graduate of Eastern Michigan. She loves all sports with hockey as a favorite. Her hobbies include collecting hats, golfing, and shopping. She loves learning new things and traveling. Also, Linda loves making a positive difference.

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/>

RSVP NOW!

**HOLIDAY BRUNCH
BELLE HAVEN COUNTRY CLUB
DECEMBER 10
11:30 am**

Contact Virginia Kress (virginia.kress@usbank.com) or **Lynn O'Connell** (lynnoconnellva@gmail.com) to make your reservation now.
(See details on page 2 above)



ALEXANDRIA BRANCH AAUW Membership Form

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)

Breakdown of the Member dues:

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

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.

2017-2018 Board Members

Officers

Co-Presidents	Gail Kalin, 202-354-5212, GailLaneAAUW@gmail.com Lane Stone, 703-307-2431, info@LaneStoneBooks.com
Vice President – Programs	Virginia Kress, 703-683-6196, vmvkress@gmail.com Lynn O’Connell, 703-867-4942, lynnoconnellva@gmail.com
Vice President – Membership	Susan Werner, 703-764-1773, susan.werner1@verizon.net Sylvia Linke, 703-461-6822, Sylvia.f.linke@outlook.com
Recording/Corresponding Secretary	Margaret Batko, 703-941-2217, margaretwb@verizon.net
Treasurer	Anne Simpson, 909-921-7111, aseyedoc@gmail.com

Committees Chairs

Bylaws/Policy Sheet	Susan Bodilly, 703-751-5606, sbodilly625@gmail.com
Christ House Project	Margaret Zebrowski, 703-765-3076, mmzebrow@aol.com Jan Jaynes, 703-765-3203, janjjoek@verizon.net
Directory	Susan Werner, 703-764-1773, susan.werner1@verizon.net
Educational Equity/Scholarship	June Hajjar, 703-683-1198, junehajjar@aol.com
Educational Opportunities Fund (LTA)	Arlene Shapiro, 703-719-5467, arleneshapiro@yahoo.com
Historian	Arlene Shapiro, 703-719-5467, arleneshapiro@yahoo.com
Hospitality.....	Open
Newsletter Editor	Mary Ann Bier, 703-548-1349, marybier@comcast.net
Campus Outreach	Lane Stone, 703-307-2431, info@LaneStoneBooks.com Danielle Beach, 202-494-9796, danielleaauw@gmail.com
Publicity	Susan Cash, 703-780-3902, gloryinu@boo.net
Public Policy Chair.....	Leslie Tourigny, 571-970-1782, ltourigny@gmail.com
LAF Liaison	Leslie Tourigny, 571-970-1782, ltourigny@gmail.com
Telephone Tree	Jan Jaynes, 703-765-3203, janjjoek@cox.net
Web Page	Ginger Chamberlain, 703-593-9139, gbcAAUW@gmail.com

Special Interest Groups

Cable TV Project, <i>On the Go with AAUW</i>	Ruth Bennett, 703-765-4536, rmbenet@aol.com Mary Hartzler, 703-548-2959
Cultural	Open
Francophile Group.....	Susan Cash, 703-780-3902, gloryinu@boo.net
Gourmet Out	Susan Cash, 703-780-3902, gloryin@boo.net
Mystery Book Group	Susan Werner, 703-764-1773, susan.werner1@verizon.net

Calendar Of Events – SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Time	Event	Location/Contact
December 4, 10:30am	Virginia Women's Monument, 1 st Phase	Capital Square, contact Leslie Tourigny
December 6	League of Women Voters	Leslie Tourigny
December 10, 11-2 pm	Alexandria Branch Holiday Brunch	Belle Haven Country Club/Virginia Kress or Lynn O'Connell
December 19, 7:00 pm	Mystery Book Group	Arlene Shapiro

Alexandria Branch Programs 2017-2018

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

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	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
November 11, 11 AM	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	Film Festival, 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
As of 8/29/2017	