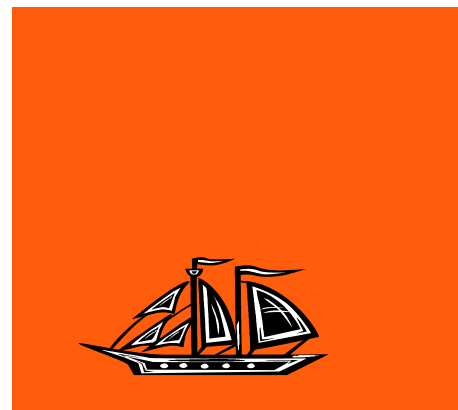


THE ALEXANDRIA SCHOONER



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Letter from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

Let's talk about money. You know that your AAUW annual dues is divided between our branch (\$13), State (\$15) and national (\$49). The National Board voted to raise national dues to \$59 beginning July 1, 2018. This increase will raise dues to a total of \$87.

Now for some good news - did you know that \$46 (in 2017) of your national dues is tax deductible?

We hope you will make 2018 your year to get more active in AAUW. We have volunteer needs in several areas:

Newsletter editor – Contact Mary Ann Bier at marybier@comcast.net.

Volunteers for our May 1 play at the Little Theater of Alexandria: set-up, raffle ticket sales, and other jobs: Contact Arlene Shapiro at arleneshapiro@yahoo.com.

Volunteers for February 23, Elect Her at NVCC, Alexandria: Contact Lane at info@LaneStoneBooks.com.

Volunteers for our new Work Smart/ Start Smart initiative: Contact Lane at info@LaneStoneBooks.com.

Volunteers to form a working group on international/diversity dinners: Send an email to **Bonnie Hershberg**, hersh3b@gmail.com.

Thank you to Virginia Kress, Lynn O'Connell, Danielle Beach, Sue Bodilly, Mary Ann Bier, and Gail Kalin for pulling together a terrific January program on redistricting reform! Believe me, if you saw the flurries – and there were several - of emails you would be amazed at what a well-oiled machine we have.

Warm regards,
Gail Kalin & Lane Stone



Join the

AAUW Alexandria Branch

for

Shopping Stories

by Esther White, PhD
of History Revealed, Inc.

“Learning about 18th-Century Women’s Lives through Ledgers”

Women in the 18th century are most often thought of in the context of their husbands, fathers, brothers, or owners, for enslaved women. However, to get a glimpse of women's independence, the use of store ledgers reveals much about their daily lives separate from men: What did they buy? When did they shop? How did they pay for their purchases? What were their professions? For whom did they make purchases? What connections did they have in the community? This presentation will attempt to answer these questions and more in a look at both free and enslaved women living in the Alexandria area in the 1760s.

February 20, 2018
7:00PM

Cameron Station Clubhouse
200 Cameron Station Blvd, Alexandria VA 22304
Refreshments



February is Black History Month

Alexandria has a fantastic resource at the Black History Museum with programs of broad interest for the month of February. Here are two for the first part of the month. See more at <https://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/?sc=260>.

Feb 3, 11:00 AM

[Lecture: Harriet Jacobs and Julia Wilbur](#)

Writer, editor, and author Paula Whitacre will deliver a lecture on Civil War aid worker Harriet Ann Jacobs. Jacobs, who lived in Alexandria during the Civil War, wrote about her war experiences working with Alexandria's contraband

Feb 10, :11:00 AM

[Dignity and Defiance: Mary Church Terrell](#)

Raised in privilege but degraded by persistent racial prejudice, Mary Church Terrell fought for the basic human right to be treated equally. e Alexandria Black History Museum or by calling 703.746.4356. For more information, contact Cdickerson@arha.us.

GerryRIGGED!

Members gathered at the Cameron Station Clubhouse on January 20 to learn about Gerrymandering in Virginia. The film *GerryRIGGED!* was screened to explain not only the history of Gerrymandering but also how it affects Virginia voting districts. If you missed it, you can see it here: <https://www.onevirginia2021.org/gerryrigged/>

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O'Connell introduced representatives for OneVirginia2021, Laurie (Vienna Area Branch) and Mindi Weisenbloom (Springfield Branch), AAUW members. Leslie Tourigny reported that after a survey of members, AAUW Virginia made redistricting a priority issue in this To implement this, education is a key component, thus the screening of film is important in each branch.

After watching the film, Laurie Cole explained some of the current issues brought up in the film and took questions from the floor: To with this non-partisan effort for fair redistricting in Virginia, go to www.onevirginia2021.org. Sign the petition to help reach the 1000 voters in each district.

Guests Mindi Weisenbloom and Laurie Cole in the center with Catherine Hughes, Mary Ann Bier, Paula Massouh and Leslie Tourigny the audience.

AAUW Alexandria Branch Annual Fundraiser

Presents

in Partnership with the

AAUW Mt Vernon Branch and the Little Theatre of Alexandria

HARVEY

written by Mary Chase
produced by Rachel Alberts and Bobbie Herbst
directed by Frank Pasqualino

May 1, 2018, 7:00 PM



Join us for a performance of HARVEY based on the Mary Chase, Pulitzer Prize winning play.

Imaginary friends can be whoever -- or whatever -- you want them to be, even a six and half foot-tall rabbit. When Elwood starts introducing his imaginary rabbit friend, Harvey, to guests at a party, his sister can no longer tolerate his inebriated antics and worries about her family being exposed to this imaginary rabbit. However, after years of living with Elwood (and Harvey), she begins to start seeing him herself.

Enjoy our reception starting at 7:00 PM in the **“Green Room”!**

Buy tickets, bring friends and family!

Visit with member friends!

Buy Raffle tickets!

Proceeds benefit AAUW Educational Funds!

Tickets are \$35 each.

To buy tickets contact Susan Werner, susan.werner1@comcast.net.

To volunteer contact Arlene Shapiro, arleneshapiro@yahoo.com.

The Little Theatre of Alexandria
600 Wolfe Street
Alexandria VA 22314
703-683-0496

SAVE THE DATE!



Interest Groups

Mystery Book Discussion Group

By Susan Werner

Welcome to February. The next meeting of the Mystery Book Group will take place on February 27th at 7 PM. Our book this month is *The Defectors* by Joseph Kanon.

The Mystery Group will meet at the home of Priscilla Wiener. Priscilla's address and phone number: 205 Yoakum PKWY, #725. Alexandria, VA 22304; 703-548-2550. Priscilla lives in a condo complex so please be sure to let her know that you plan to attend. For other questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner, susan.werner1@verizon.net or at alexauw1@aol.com, which is the Branch email.

Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

On Saturday, February 3 at 1 p.m. we will visit **Fontaine Caffe 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



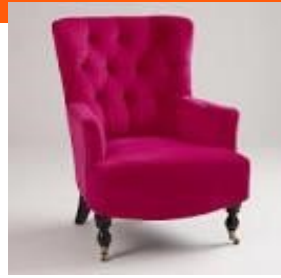
On the Go with AAUW is a public access cable TV show started by a member of the Alexandria Branch. We tape one show each month at Fairfax Public Access (FPA) located in the Merrifield area of Fairfax County. Please come watch us tape a show! Or, you can take a class at FPA and help produce shows. If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

Our January show featured ritepaths, a non-profit that works with families through a variety of programs to first "stabilize" them and then build their resilience. They also provide seasonal supports such as school supplies and help during the holidays. Our guests were Lisa Whetzel, Executive Director, and Board Member Catherine Read. This show will air in February.

In February we are hoping to tape a show about the Lobby Corps

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 - *NOT Soup BUT Pizza* - Kitchen

Thanks to all who donated food and helped with serving at the January 31 meal!

Margaret Zebrowski - mmzebrow@aol.com

Jan Jaynes - janjjoek@verizon.net

Christ House Kitchen Co-chairs

** Save the date for the next CH meal on May 30.

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



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Flurry of Funds - LAF Needs your help now!

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.

Community Outreach - *The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria*

Please join us to read and evaluate The Scholarship Fund of Alexandria scholarship applications submitted by TC Williams students. The more people who sign up to come, the faster it goes! Training will be provided that morning on how to review applications.

This year, the review process will be completed online and onsite at TC Williams High School. On the day of the review, you will need access to your email with your username and password to also be able to sign into your online review account. Please see the list of eligibility requirements below to read (review) applications. If you would like to help in other ways, please sign up for one of the other volunteer positions.

Date: Saturday, March 3, 2018
Time: 8am - 12pm
Location: TC Williams High School
Rooms: Rotunda, C-206, B-227

*Breakfast items will be provided

Eligibility Requirements for Volunteer Readers:

- 1) They cannot be family members of TC Williams (including Minnie Howard Campus) students nor can they be employees of TC Williams High School.
- 2) **Must register by February 26th** since students' applications are preassigned.
- 3) Must know your email username and password in order to access the applications you will review.
- 4) Must register and sign a confidentiality agreement.

If you feel you meet the basic requirements, please register and sign a confidentiality agreement via this link: <https://goo.gl/forms/nhTqjfOJh6Yv5jCf2>. This information was submitted by Maria Redwine, Assistant Director of Scholarship Fund of Alexandria, (T): 703-824-6730, www.AlexScholarshipFund.org or @alexscholarship.

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).

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

Welcome New Member Ellen Harmon!



Ellen is a native of Manhattan and Long Island. She moved to the DC area 45 years ago after earning her BA in Education at the State University of New York at Albany.

She went on to earn her MA in Education at the University of Virginia while teaching in the Alexandria City Public School, mostly at TC Williams, from 1972 through 2007 where she taught Government to high school seniors. Ellen is now mostly retired but keeps her hand in education by supervising student teachers at George Washington University.

She is also busy volunteering with the Alexandria Democratic Committee and various other political organizations that advocate progressive policies on all levels.

Ellen looks forward to getting to know members of the Alexandria Branch of the AAUW and volunteering at some of their many community events.

Susan Cash Retires



Long-time AAUW member, Susan Cash, recently retired from Federal Government Service with the Department of the Navy. Susan left with over 34 years of service! Congratulations, Susan! Lane Stone, Rita Rutsohn and Mary Ann Bier joined Susan at her office retirement luncheon recently. The chief of the office, Stephen Graveen, presented Susan with certificates and a plaque recognizing her achievement.

Susan is the leader of our Francophile Group and the Gourmet Out dinner group. Join her and others at the next gatherings.



It is never too soon to begin planning to attend the 2018
AAUW of Virginia Conference!

Changing the Climate for Women and Girls

April 20-22, 2018

Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel

Location, Location, Location! The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth River flowing between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Two easy blocks away is the downtown area with shops, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride gets you to Norfolk.

The City of Alexandria, Office of Historic Alexandria offers the following programs:

March 1, 2018

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The Lyceum WWI Lecture Series

"The Hello Girls," lecture and book signing by Elizabeth Cobbs

On the eve of American involvement in World War I, the Selective Service Act drafted 2.8 million American men to do their part for home and country. Three hundred remarkable women known as "The Hello Girls" were selected to operate the vital communications network that helped the Allies win. See more at <http://apps.alexandriava.gov/Calendar/Detail.aspx?si=17319>

March 15, 2018

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The Lyceum WWI Lecture Series

"Doing Our Bit' (While Having a Bit of Fun): American Nurses in World War I," by Marian Moser Jones, a social historian and ethicist of public health who explores the institutionalization benevolence in the United States.

March 22, 2018

The Lyceum, Alexandria's History Museum

7:30 - 9:00 p.m.

The Lyceum WWI Lecture Series

"Sowing the Seeds of Victory: The Women's Land Army of America in Virginia and Washington DC, 1917-1920," lecture by Anna Kiefer

In 1917, the Women's Land Army of America (WLAA) began recruiting the first of the more than 20,000 women who would work the land while America's farmers were called up to serve in the Great War.

Tickets for each lecture are \$10. A combination ticket for the full series (March 1, 15, and 22) is available for \$25. Reservations are recommended: online at Alexandriava.gov/Shop or by calling 703.746.4994.

The Equal Rights Amendment is Still Alive!

Below is an article that you all will find heartwarming! It was sent by members of the Greater Richmond Branch about a local girl who is getting a lot of attention concerning her efforts for the passage of the ERA in Virginia.

Copy and paste the link below into your browser to read about "[Local Powhatan girl involved in Equal Rights Amendment](http://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/local-powhatan-girls-involved-in-equal-rights-amendment/article_07ef203e-fb9d-11e7-a0b9-)".

http://www.richmond.com/news/local/central-virginia/powhatan/powhatan-today/local-powhatan-girls-involved-in-equal-rights-amendment/article_07ef203e-fb9d-11e7-a0b9-

Volunteers Needed: STEMtastics 2018, March 10

The STEMtastics planning committee is asking for volunteers to help make the STEMtastics event on March 10 successful. There are a variety of tasks to choose from. If you wish to help, please give your name to Marlene Chivavibul (marlenechiv@yahoo.com).

AAUW Vienna, Mclean Area, Springfield-Annandale, and Fairfax City are co-sponsors of this event. We hope members of other Northern District AAUW Branches will join us to help make this event successful once again.

Important AAUW Websites - Check them out!

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

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

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

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)

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.

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- 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
Jan 1 - March 15	Half-price/Half-year membership	Susan Werner or Sylvia Linke
Feb 3, 1:00 PM	Francophile Group, Fontaine Caffe	Susan Cash
Feb 7	AAUW Lobby Day in Richmond	Leslie Tourigny
Feb 20, 7 PM	Branch Meeting – <i>Shopping Stories</i>	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Feb 1-28	Flurry of Funds for LAF	Leslie Tourigny
Feb 22, 6:30 PM	Gourmet Out	Royal Nepal, Susan Cash
Feb 23, 9:00-1:00 PM	ELECT HER NVCC	Alexandria, Lane Stone
Feb 27, 7:00 PM	Mystery Book Group	Home of Priscilla Wiener
Mar 3, 9:00 AM	Scholarship Fund reading	See page 7 for details
Mar 10	STEMtastics STEM conference	Marlene Chivabul, see page 11
May 1, 7:00 PM -	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.)

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	<i>Female Theater Leaders in Northern Virginia.</i> 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	<i>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.</i>
December 10, 2017, 11-2PM	<i>Holiday Brunch Luncheon.</i> 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, 7:00 PM	<i>Shopping Stories</i> of the 18 th Century. Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station, BLVD, Alexandria, VA 22304
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	AAUW 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