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Letter from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

On Friday, February 23, we held our fourth Elect Her event at NOVA's Alexandria campus. Students from all campuses attended: Alexandria 8, Annandale 8, Loudoun 3, Manassas 2, Woodbridge 2. Here's the link to an article about the event: <http://www.localdvm.com/news/virginia/elect-her-training-program-for-women/988556924>.

The event was a joint project with Running Start and NVCC's Jean Braden Center for Women, Gender and Social Equity, formerly the Women's Center. Clare Bresnahan English from She Should Run was our moderator. After the event Clare wrote, " Fantastic! Thank you again for inviting me to facilitate the training. It's an honor and inspiration."

Thank you to Danielle Beach, Eugenia Burkes, Susan Cash and Leslie Tourigny for making the day such a success. This will be our last year participating in Elect Her. We truly value our relationship with NVCC and will continue it in other areas. Yesterday I met with their Title IX coordinator. Next week I'll be at the Braden Center External Board Meeting. In June, two young women will attend NCCWSL, supported by us. And the center is currently working on the social media/email project we funded through an AAUW-Virginia mini-grant.

Thank you for all you do for AAUW!
Lane & Gail

PS Please let us know if you plan to attend state convention. We're happy to act as a clearinghouse for carpooling.





AAUW Alexandria Branch

Invites You to

Come join us for

Pioneers in Women's Education

Suzanne Gould, Archivist & Historian for AAUW,

Will tell us about the history of AAUW members and their contributions towards advancing women's education since 1881.

Sunday, March 11, 2018

2-4 PM

Cameron Station Clubhouse

200 Cameron Station Blvd

Alexandria, VA

Light refreshments will be served.

Open to all community members.

Questions: GailLaneAAUWAlex@gmail.com

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, March 3

Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke

Gather at 1:30; Program starts promptly at 2:00

Join your fellow AAUW members for two presentations:

- AAUW staff has reorganized under our new CEO, Kim Churches, with four senior vice presidents: Research & Programs, Communications & Outreach, Public Policy & Research, and Advancement & Partnerships. As the new Senior VP for the latter, Kendra Davis heads up the team for member dues and contributions, major donors, corporate donors and planned giving. Kendra has some very interesting statistics for us that she will share.
- What's the difference between Start Smart and Work Smart? What does it take for a branch to sponsor one of those? How could we work together on these workshops to facilitate AAUW's major focus on pay equity? Sue Christie will start the discussion because the McLean Area Branch has done Work Smart and will soon do Start Smart. Can you imagine the impact of training thousands of women at our local colleges?

Bring announcements to share with all of us on your branch's upcoming programs and events, too. See you there!

Caroline Pickens and Susan Burk
Northern District Co-Presidents

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 (\$16 is tax-deductible)

Write your check to AAUW Alexandria Branch, with EOF/LTA in the memo line
and send to Susan Werner, 10637 Lakeside Oak Ct, Burke VA 22015

For further information contact, susan.werner1@comcast.net.

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

SAVE THE DATE!

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

Interest Groups



Mystery Book Discussion Group

By Susan Werner

The Mystery Book Discussion Group will meet on March 27th, 7 PM, at the home of Catherine Hughes. The Group will discuss the mystery Critical Mass by Sara Paretsky. Catherine's address and phone number: 6129 Wellington Commons Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310; 703-216-8591. Be sure to let Catherine know if you plan to attend the meeting. If you are a mystery book lover, please join us. If you have questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, please contact Susan Werner -- susan.werner1@verizon.net.

Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

The next meeting for the Francophile group is scheduled for Saturday, April 7 at 1 p.m. (location to be announced). The topic will be the fables of La Fontaine. Point of contact is Susan Cash, 703/587-4790.

Gourmet Out

By Susan Cash

On Thursday, March 15, 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 February show featured Shelter House, a non-profit that operates Fairfax County's homeless shelters and their domestic violence shelter. Joe Meyer, CEO and Executive Director of Shelter House, was our guest.

In March we are hoping to tape a show with Mandar Apte, producer of a documentary called *From India with Love* that focuses on non-violence.

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

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

Public Policy

AAUW State Lobby Day

AAUW members met with local delegates and senators and with Governor Ralph Northam and with Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax.

As reported by the Springfield Annandale branch, Leslie Tourigny, Vice President for Public Policy, and with AAUW members, urged support for equal pay legislation, ratification of the ERA, fair, non-partisan redistricting, paid sick leave, and measures to assist victims of human trafficking, especially minors.

Leslie also briefed the Governor on the recent successful effort in Massachusetts to institute Work Smart training for state employees and suggested Virginia look into this.

Although legislative proposals supporting AAUW priorities failed to advance this year, the proliferation of bills on these issues and the enthusiasm of the many new delegates offer grounds for optimism in the future.

In Memoriam - Annabelle Fisher

If you ever met Annabelle Fisher, you would remember her. Annabelle was a member of our branch for only a short time but was the outspoken, empowered woman we may all wish to be. Annabelle died on January 25 after a long debilitating illness. Read this very heartfelt memorial from her friend Carla Branch at the following link. Copy and paste into your browser:

<https://www.alexandrianews.org/2018/02/about-annabelle/>.



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.

IMPORTANT INFORMATION FROM AAUW

All AAUW members for whom AAUW has an email address received an important email on February 22 from the National Board of Directors. The email presented three very important proposed AAUW Bylaws amendments that you will vote on this spring. Because of the timing, NOW UNTIL MARCH 22 is when you can (a) comment on the proposals, (b) amend them, and/or (c) propose your own amendment to anything in the AAUW Bylaws.

The proposed amendments are these:

1. Change the structure of the national board to staggered three-year terms, which begin with elections in 2019 (the primary reason for voting this year on amendments is to put this in place)
2. Delete the requirement that national board members must be AAUW members; the board composition of 15 must have at least 10 AAUW members so no more than five can be non-members. Non-members could serve in all board positions, including board chair.
3. Delete the degree requirement and open membership to all who support our mission. The information on the website has a thorough explanation of the rationale for each of the proposed amendments.

As members, it is really important to review the proposed amendments, comment or amend as you wish, consider if there are other places in the AAUW Bylaws where you want to submit an amendment, and then VOTE between April 25 and June 9 (May 21 for paper ballots). If you submit an amendment, be sure to follow the instructions carefully. If you comment on a proposed amendment, simply type your comment into the "Comment" box. How do you find the amendments? Click on the link to the AAUW website in the second paragraph of the email and then click on the yellow book that says "Bylaws."

Did you miss or delete the email? All is not lost. Just go to www.aauw.org and click on "National Bylaws Amendment VOTE" on the home page.

Caroline Pickens, AAUW Governance Committee Member
carolineaauw@gmail.com

Looking forward to March and Women's History Month

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.

Northern District Branch Activities

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.

The Springfield Annandale Branch, AAUW of Virginia
American Association of University Women

AAUW 2018 Spring Fling

Saturday, March 24, 2018

11 AM to 2:30 PM

Springfield Golf and Country Club

8301 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22152

Guest Speaker, U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema, Speaking on:
"Judging in Difficult Times - From Road Rage to Terrorism"

Reservations:

SpringFlingAAUW@gmail.com

DEADLINE: March 12

Tickets **\$40** per person

Checks payable to:

Springfield-Annandale AAUW

Mail to:

Rose Clark

330 S. West St., #303

Alexandria, VA 22314-5928

1. Menu Selection

- a. Chicken Marsala
- b. Pasta Primavera
- c. Salmon w/ citrus beurre blanc

2. EMAIL ADDRESS

3. Table buddies: "seat me with..."

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)

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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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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
Mar 3, 2 PM	Northern District Meeting	King's Park Library, Burke VA
Mar 3, 8:00 AM	Scholarship Fund reading	TC Williams High School
Mar 10	STEMtastics STEM conference	Marlene Chivabul, see page 11
Mar 2, 11-2:30 PM	Springfield Annandale Branch Fundraiser	Springfield Golf & Country Club
March 27, 7 PM	Mystery Book Group	Catherine Hughes
April 7, 6:30 PM	Gourmet Out dinner group	Royal Nepal/Susan Cash
April 20-22	AAUW State Conference	Lane Stone/Portsmouth VA
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	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	GerryRigged! Cameron Station Clubhouse, 200 Cameron Station, BLVD, Alexandria, VA 22304
February 20 th , 7:00 PM	Shopping Stories 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