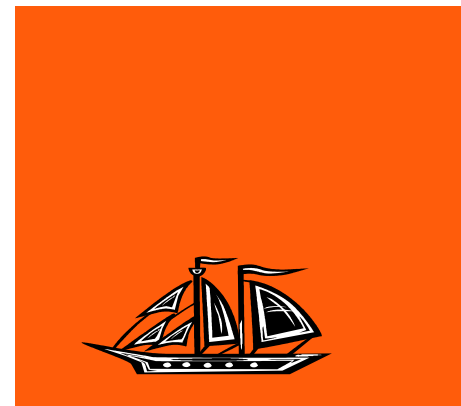


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Letter from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

Hopefully by the time you read this spring will have sprung! We have lots on our calendar. I wanted to highlight a few, especially our 5K AAUW team for ALIVE's Walkathon. Our organization is one of the best kept secrets around and we want to change that. Join us!

- April 15, 2:00 – This month's program is a Members' Roundtable. We'll discuss AAUW-National's proposed bylaws amendments and get ready to vote. See more on the program page of this Schooner.
- April 24 – May 14 Online voting for AAUW-VA (**STATE**) elections, public policy priorities. Watch for the Spring Virginia Vision for more instructions and the candidate bios. Let a board member know if you need help voting on line.
- April 25 – June 9 Vote on **National's** proposed bylaws. The AAUW-national newsletter, "Outlook," will include your voting number. If you need a paper ballot, request one by May 7 at 202-785-7700.
- May 1, 7:00 – Enjoy "Harvey" at the Little Theater of Alexandria and support our Educational Opportunities Fund. See the flyer in this newsletter for contacts on buying your tickets and volunteering. Bring your neighbors. These tickets make a great gift.
- May 6, 2:00 – Our branch will have a team walking in ALIVE'S Walkathon to support their child development center. Please let us know (info@LaneStoneBooks.com) if you want to walk the 5k (3.1 mile) trek through Old Town or cheer us on with the AAUW group. Here's the link to donate to our team: <https://stepalive-walkathon-2018.everydayhero.com/us/aauw-alexandria>.



Thanks for all you do for the AAUW-Alexandria!

Lane and Gail



AAUW Alexandria Branch

Invites You to

Come join us for

Members Roundtable

Proposed Bylaws Amendment – three-year staggered terms, opening board positions to non-AAUW members and dropping the degree requirement for membership.

Let us know your feedback on the programs we had this year and share any ideas for programs and new interest groups for next year.

Sunday, April 15, 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





VOTE TWICE!

Yes, it's legal—you will be voting twice this spring in AAUW elections, once for Virginia and once for national. So you won't get them mixed up, here's the info you need.

AAUW National Bylaws Amendments

- Watch for *Outlook* in April with the proposed amendments (and your voting number). There are only three, but they are important ones. #1 changes the national board structure to staggered 3-year terms. #2 allows up to 5 non-AAUW members on the 15-member AAUW Board (non-members could serve as officers of the board, including chair). #3 provides opening membership to all who support AAUW's mission. You may see members' comments to these amendments at www.aauw.org; click on bylaws.
- Online voting starts **April 25** and closes **June 9** at 9:00 p.m. ET.
- If you need a paper ballot, request by **May 7** at connect@aauw.org or 202/785-7700.

AAUW of Virginia Voting

- The Spring Virginia *Vision* has the slate of state officers to elect and the proposed 2018-2020 Public Policy Priorities. Any changes to the latter as a result of discussion at the April 20-22 state conference will be emailed to members on April 23.
- Online voting begins **April 24** and concludes on **May 14** at 9:00 p.m.
- Note that there are no paper ballots for Virginia AAUW. Branches are encouraged to provide assistance to members who have no internet access.

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@verizon.net.

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

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

BUY YOUR TICKETS NOW!

From Cyndi Shanahan (Virginia VP Membership) and the AAUW Virginia State Board

The official AAUW branch membership report is out, and your branch has increased in membership this year!

Congratulations on your accomplishment. The State Board knows that growing your branch is hard work that takes your time and energy and engages each current member of your branch. It has been proven that having mission-based programming makes a big difference in branch member engagement. Your state board has been working on supporting mission-based programming and hope that our support has assisted you in your effort.

At the spring conference, we will be celebrating the increase in overall growth of our state branch membership to over 1,200 members this year. In concert with that, your branch will be recognized as one of the 15 branches state-wide that has increased membership and will receive a special recognition for your outstanding membership recruitment efforts.

Please be sure your branch is represented at our conference in Portsmouth from April 20 – 22 to receive your recognition.

Thank you for all your efforts!



Join us on [April 11 1:00pm to 2:30pm](#) for a tour of Friends of Guest House. We'd love to share how Friends of Guest House helps women successfully reenter the community from incarceration.

Kindly [RSVP here](#) so we know you are coming!

This location is three stories and requires climbing stairs. If you have mobility issues please contact us at info@friendsofguesthouse.org so we can make arrangements.

We look forward to seeing you on [April 11. Learn more here.](#)

Sincerely,
Kari Galloway
Executive Director
www.friendsofguesthouse.org

Interest Groups

Mystery Book Discussion Group

By Susan Werner

The mystery for our April 24th meeting of the Mystery Group will be Hideo Yokoyama's book [Six Four](#). Our hostess this month is Margaret Batko. Margaret's address is 1107 N. Chambliss, Alexandria, VA 22312. Her phone number is 703-941-2217. The meeting starts at 7 PM. Please be sure to let



Margaret know that you are attending the meeting. Also contact her if you need directions. For all other questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner (susan.werner1@verizon.net, or alexaauw1@aol.com.) All members welcome.

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

Stay tuned for the next event. Participate in Branch activities!

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.

Shows that are in the works:

- Gretchen Bulova on historic projects going on in Fairfax County, FFX Station train museum
- Dean of Education at George Mason University.

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 - janjioek@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.

An Avalanche!!

By Leslie Tourigny

Every February our branch has conducted its annual Flurry of Funds donation drive to raise funds for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

Instead of a “Flurry of Funds,” our drive this year resulted in another “Avalanche of Funds!”

Thanks to the generosity of our members, we raised \$1,145 to help LAF continue fighting sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. This beat last year's total! Way to go!!

Membership News

Your current membership will expire at the end of June. However, you can start renewing now if you wish, but I will start sending out reminders in May.

You will notice that dues have gone up. As of 16 March, AAUW National dues are \$59.00. \$56.00 of those dues are tax deductible. State and Branch dues are not going up this year. Total dues for National, State, and Branch regular members are now \$87.00. Student affiliates National dues are increasing to \$18.81 with \$16.81 as tax deductible. However, if you are a student attending a college or university that is an AAUW Member, then Student Affiliate dues are free. Examples of AAUW College/University members: George Mason University, Mary Baldwin University, Marymount University, University of Virginia, and Northern Virginia Community College. Contact Susan Werner (susan.werner1@verizon.net) if you think your college or university qualifies.

Friendly Foursomes - A New Member Initiative

Welcoming new members and helping them to feel at home in AAUW is a priority of the Alexandria AAUW branch's leadership. This spring the Alexandria branch is trying a new membership initiative- Friendly Foursomes - that is intended to enable new members to get to know longer-term members of the branch better; develop the networks that help them to feel connected to 'senior' branch members, and share their special interests. Friendly Foursomes give new members an opportunity to make more than a nodding acquaintance with other branch members and to feel they have others to talk to at general meetings.

The Friendly Foursome initiative that has worked well for the Vienna VA branch of AAUW. Two new members of the branch (two years or less) and two longer-term members of the branch meet in a friendly, relaxed environment, such as a coffee shop or a favorite restaurant, and take the time to get to know each other better. Long-term branch members who volunteer to be hostesses organize the get-togethers and submit feedback to the membership chair. Each member of a Foursome only commits to one get-together, but participants are free to meet more often or share a meeting with another group if the participants so desire.

A request for volunteers to be hostesses has gone out to Alexandria branch Board of Directors members. Other 'senior' members who are interested in serving as hostesses may contact me.

If you are a new member I hope you say "yes" to participating in a Friendly Foursome when you are contacted.

If anyone has any questions you may contact me via phone at (703) 461-6822 or via e-mail at SFLaauw@gmail.com.



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

ation! The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth
portsmouth and Norfolk. Two easy blocks away is the
ps, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride

Falls Church Branch Book Sale

Antiquarians....Mystery Lovers...Cooks...Historians...Children...Bargain Hunters...

Come to Falls Church AAUW book sale April 13-14 in Falls Church. Sale is Friday April 13 (9 am - 9 pm) and Saturday April 14 (9 am - 4 pm) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, just off Route 7 in the city of Falls Church.

Thousands of books for browsing and buying. Huge selection of hardback, paperbacks, fiction, and non-fiction of all kinds. Most books priced at \$3 or less. The book sale benefits scholarship/grant programs for women, including local Falls Church high school girls.

For more information about the book sale, visit
<http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale>
or call (703)
941-5643, molliejewell2@gmail.com.

Notes from AAUW Northern (Virginia) District Meeting

Leslie Tourigny, Ruth Bennett, and Susan Werner represented the Alexandria AAUW Branch at the meeting. Leslie is also the AAUW Virginia State Officer for Public Policy. Caroline Pickens and Susan Burk, co-presidents from the Northern District, chaired the meeting.

Caroline went over the three proposed amendments to the National By-laws. Voting takes place from April 24th through May 14th. **Since these amendments could change the character of AAUW, be sure to vote.**

Sue Christie (McLean Branch) talked about the **Start Smart and Work Smart** programs and the McLean Branch's effort to partner with George Mason University and with the Northern Virginia Community College system to make these programs, especially the Start Smart program, available to Northern Virginia students. Both programs help individuals negotiate salary and other work place benefits. Leslie went over the increase in women elected to the State legislature, and such efforts as State Action Alerts, Equal Pay Day, Federal Lobby Day, and the impact of gerrymandering. Contact Leslie for further information.

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

2018 - 2019

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 \$87 _____

Life Member \$28 _____

Student \$18.81 _____ (free for AAUW-affiliated campuses)

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

Breakdown of the Member dues:

National Association	\$59.00
State	\$15.00
Branch	<u>\$13.00</u>
Total	\$87.00

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 - \$56.00 – 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.wernerl@verizon.net

Calendar of Events – SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Time	Event Location/Contact
April 7, 6:30 PM	Francophile Group Susan Cash
April 13-14	Falls Church Branch Book Sale 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church
April 15, 2-4 PM	Branch Program – Roundtable Cameron Station Clubhouse
April 24, 7 PM	Mystery Book Group Margaret Batko or Susan Werner
4/24-5/10	Online voting for AAUW-VA
4/25 – 6/9	Online voting for AAUW National
April 20-22	AAUW State Conference Lane Stone/Portsmouth VA
May 1, 7:00 PM	LTA – Harvey – Branch Fundraiser Arlene Shapiro
May 12, 11 AM – 5PM	Del Ray House and Garden Tour

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 15	Branch and National Issues - Roundtable discussion – come and share with others in the Branch!
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