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Letter from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

In April, Lane Stone, Leslie Tourigny and Ruth Bennett attended the AAUW-VA Annual State Conference in Portsmouth. One speaker, Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., a Legal Advocacy Fund recipient, told about maxing out her credit cards fighting her case. Even with pro bono legal help, the costs were mounting. After a small victory she knew she couldn't continue but wanted to pass on information about the legal point that had been decided. Not expecting help, or even knowing about LAF, she placed a call to AAUW and it changed her life. She (that is, we) eventually lost since the higher salary the men were receiving was "justified" by giving them credit for their military service, but the cause had inched forward. The money you contributed to our Flurry of Funds campaign was well spent. Thank you so much!

The Woman of Achievement Award went to Dr. Christine Darden, who was written about in the book, **Hidden Figures**. Her character didn't make it into the movie, but believe me, she's a star. I just barely followed her account of her work with sonic booms. Our final speaker was Paula Coughlin, former Lieutenant, U.S. Navy. You may remember the name from the Tailhook convention scandal. She was the whistle-blower. She's no longer in the Navy but is still fighting the good fight with her organization, Protect Our Defenders.

Back in Alexandria, our branch is once again supporting two student leaders from Northern Virginia Community College to attend AAUW's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, or NCCWSL. This 1,000+ attendee conference is held each year at the University of Maryland's College Park Campus. We've invited Bethlehem and Francesca to join us at September's Meet and Greet.

When you read this we may already have enjoyed "Harvey" at the Little Theater of Alexandria, raising money for the AAUW's Educational Opportunity Fund. Special thanks to Arlene Shapiro and Danielle Beach for making this happen! The lottery for which play we'll host in 2019 will be held May 5. Let us know if you'd like to volunteer to be involved.

If you have not already voted your AAUW (national) ballot on the proposed bylaws amendments and your AAUW-VA ballot for new state officers, please do so. **See you in June at the Annual Meeting! Lane & Gail**

Save the Date Save the Date Save the Date

Alexandria Branch AAUW

Annual Dinner Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2018

6:00 – 8:30 PM

Savio's Restaurant

516 S. Van Dorn St. Alexandria VA

Let's meet at Savio's Italian Restaurant to round out our program year. The menu is a la carte and there will be separate checks for your convenience.

You can see the menu at saviosrestaurant.com.

Our evening will include a short business meeting to include election of new officers, a round-up of branch activities for the year and a good time to visit with your AAUW friends.

more details to follow

Do you need a ride to the program meetings? Please let any board



REMINDER -- 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.

INTEREST GROUPS



Mystery Book Discussion Group

By Susan Werner

The Mystery Book Discussion Group will meet on May 22 at , 7 PM, at the home of Eugenia Burkes. The May Mystery is Sue Grafton's *Y is for Yesterday*.

Eugenia's address and phone number: 307 Yoakum Parkway, #1411, Alexandria, VA 22304; 703-328-1307. Please let Eugenia know if you will be attending the meeting. Also contact her if you need directions. For other information about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, please contact Susan Werner; (susan.werner1@verizon.net, or alexaauw1@aol.com.) All members welcome

Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

The theme of our next meeting will be the La Fontaine fairy tales and President Macron's visit to Washington. We had to postpone our last meeting due to weather. The date, time, and location of our next meeting is currently TBD. An email will be sent to Alexandria Branch members. POC: Susan Cash, 703/587-4790.

Gourmet Out

By Susan Cash

Our next event is scheduled for Thursday, May 31 at 6:30 p.m. at Osteria da Nino, 2900 South Quincy Street, Arlington (Shirlington). Please feel free to bring a guest. RSVP to Susan Cash at 703/587-4790 or scash5002@email.vccs.edu.

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 April show features the Fairfax Station Railroad Museum. The guests were Deb Mueller, Museum Board Treasurer, and David Perry, a high school student interning at the Museum. Look at the Museum's website (Fairfax-station.org) to see the tours the museum offers and the artifacts and exhibits it has currently on display.

Upcoming shows: The Apothecary, the Arlington Costume Lab, and the 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

Our next soup kitchen supper will be held on Wednesday, May 30 at Christ House located on 131 S. West Street. We will need several donations of salad (3 bags or a large bin and either dressing or cherry tomatoes etc.), and several donations of dessert or seasonal fruit. Please deliver by 4:15 PM.



Also, needed are 2 additional servers. The first seating is at 5:00 PM and the second is at 5:30. The varied group of women, men and children continue to enjoy our delivered 3 choices of pizza. Our duties are completed around 6:00 PM. Our members' continuing generosity is much appreciated.

If you can contribute a food item and/or help serve, please contact us:

Margaret Zebrowski mmzebrow@aol.com

Jan Jaynes janjjoek@verizon.net

CH Soup Kitchen Co-Chairs

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.



The Women 2 Women Committee of the Tower Club presents

"Putting Women Back Into History"

***An Evening with
Cokie Roberts and daughter Rebecca Boggs Roberts***

***Thursday, May 24, 2018
6-9pm***

***Tower Club-Tysons Corner
8000 Towers Crescent Drive, Suite #1700
Vienna, Va, 22182***

The Memorial will be the ONLY memorial in the U.S. honoring all the suffragists (the others focus on one or a few suffragists, such as Elizabeth Cady Stanton and Susan B. Anthony). With the 100th anniversary of women getting the right to vote coming up, they really want to get the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial under construction. It will be near the site of the Workhouse where the suffragists were imprisoned in 1917 for standing in front of the White House for the right to vote (see photo in the invitation below), and the architectural drawings are all completed. They just need to complete the fundraising, and this event on May 24 is for that purpose.

The ticket (which includes heavy hors d'oeuvres and 2 drink tickets) is \$95, but as AAUW of Virginia members, we get a \$10 discount thanks to a generous donation from Susan Bardenhagen, Woodbridge Branch. You may remember that VA AAUW became a charter member of the Turning Point Memorial when branches and members together contributed more than \$2000 for the memorial in 2013. FOR THE \$10 DISCOUNT, THE CODE IS TPMSMTEAM. ONLY AAUW members can use that code for themselves and guests.

It is pricey for an event, but it is also a contribution to something commemorating those courageous women 100 years ago who went through so much to get us the vote. Hope to see lots of us there.

Caroline Pickens,
Northern District Co-Rep
contact Mary Ann Bier for full details – marybier@comcast.net

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.

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>

It's Time to RENEW Your Membership

Please do not forget to renew your AAUW Membership. All members of the Alexandria Branch should have received an email invoice for their AAUW membership renewal. This invoice provides instructions for both online renewal and for renewing by sending a check to our Branch Treasurer, Anne Simpson. You can also renew by filling out the form below and mailing the form and your check to Anne. If you have questions or have not received your renewal invoice, contact Anne Simpson, Susan Werner, or Sylvia Linke at AlexAAUW1@aol.com

Several members have already renewed.

Please renew now!

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.

2017-2018 Board Members

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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
May 1 LTA Fundraiser - Harvey TBD , Susan Cash	
May 12, 11 AM – 5PM	Del Ray House and Garden Tour Delraycitizens.org
May 22, 7 PM	Mystery Book Group Eugenia Burkes or Susan Werner
4/24-5/10	Online voting for AAUW-VA
4/25 – 6/9	Online voting for AAUW National
May 24, 6:00 – 8:30PM	Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Tower Club, Tysons Corner / Mary Bier
May 30, 4:15 – 6:00PM	Christ House Soup Kitchen Meal Jan Jaynes or Margaret Zebrowski
May 31, 6:30 PM	Gourmet Out Osteria da Nino/Susan Cash
June 14, 6-8:30 PM	Annual Dinner Meeting Savio's Restaurant/Virginia Kress
NOW!	Renew your membership! Susan Werner or Sylvia Linke

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 14, 6-8:30 PM	Spring Dinner and Annual Business Meeting/ Election of Officers, Savio's Italian Restaurant, 516 S Van Dorn St, Alexandria, VA
June 16, 2018	Planning Meeting for 2018 – 2019