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A Note from the Co-Presidents

By Gail and Lane

We hope to see as many of you as possible at our Annual Meeting on June 14. Many thanks to our Program VP's Virginia Kress and Lynn O'Connell for making this happen! If you haven't already, please email Virginia (virginia.kress@usbank.com) if you can make it. We're ordering off the menu with separate checks, so there's no pre-paying.

In my April 18 email, I told you about one proposed branch by-laws change: Increasing our branch dues by \$3 for the 2019-2020 membership year. Here's another that the board recently voted to put before you: We propose Give A Grad A Gift Memberships be exempt from branch dues. They are already exempt from national dues. Only the state dues of \$15 would be paid if this proposal passes. Here are 2 links to learn more about the program.

Video: https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=e7vjWpj9u8c#action=share

Webpage: https://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/

When they say the memberships are free, they're referring to national memberships, but we'd rather have them in our branch!

We'll see you on June 14 to discuss and vote on these 2 proposed bylaws changes.

Warm regards, Lane and Gail

PS If you haven't cast your vote on the AAUW national proposed bylaws changes, please do!





Alexandria Branch AAUW

Annual Dinner Meeting

Thursday, June 14, 2018 6:00 – 6:30 Drinks and Socialize 6:30 – 8:30 PM Business Meeting and Dinner

Savio's Restaurant

516 S. Van Dorn St. Alexandria VA

See you at Savio's Italian Restaurant to round out our program year. You can make your diner choice from their menu with separate checks for payment.

Check out the menu at saviosrestaurant.com.

We'll have a short business meeting, elect new officers, have a round-up of branch activities for the year and enjoy one another's company.

We'll also be collecting donations, gift cards for household goods and personal items and Metro Cards for GUEST HOUSE (marybier@comcast.net for questions)

To RSVP - virginia.kress@usbank.com

Other questions: GailLaneAAUWAlex@gmail.com

Mystery Book Discussion Group



By Susan Werner

Mystery lovers – since this is the last Branch Newsletter until the Fall, here is our schedule June through September: **June:** *The Shadow District* by Armaldur Indrioason. Host – Susan Werner, 10637 Lakeside Oak Ct., Burke, VA 22015; 703-763-1773

July: *Quiet Neighbors* by Catriona McPherson. Host - Catherine Hughes, 6129 Wellington Commons Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310; 703-216-8591.

August: A Fatal Winter. A Max Tudor novel by G. M. Malliet. Host — Susan Werner, 10637 Lakeside Oak Ct., Burke, VA 22015; 703-763-1773

September: The Painted Queen by Elizabeth Peters. Host - Lane Stone. 203 Yoakum Pkwy, #908, Alexandria, VA 22304; 703-307-243 I

All meetings will take place at 7 PM. Susan Werner will send out reminders to the regular attendees. If you want to be added to the reminder messages, contact Susan (alexAAUWI@aol.com).

Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

We will meet at Cosmopolitan Grill, 7770 Richmond Highway to discuss The Fables of La Fontaine (Tentative date and Time: Saturday, June 23 at 1 p.m.). This should be a fun event for the summer. We will also have our annual Bastille Day dinner at L'Hermitage, 12724 Occoquan Road, Woodbridge, on Saturday, July 14. Tentative time: 6:30 p.m. Please contact Susan Cash at 703/587-4790 or scash5002@email.vccs.edu to make your reservation.

Gourmet Out

By Susan Cash

Watch email for events later this summer.

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.

Two shows taped in May: Danielle Beach interviewed the Executive Director and one of the founders of the Ebong TheatriX, a theater company presenting traditional village plays in Bengali with English subtitles. The shows are presented locally and nationally. There are

plans to present them internationally as well; Jennifer Dlsano. Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) will interview the Director of the Apothecary Museum in Alexandria.

Shows that are in the works: 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

Thanks to everyone who contributed to our May 30th dinner!

Our next soup kitchen supper will be held on **Wednesday, August 29** 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 <u>mmzebrow@aol.com</u> Jan Jaynes <u>janjjoek@verizon.net</u>

CH Soup Kitchen Co-Chairs

Your purchase of Spa cards helps support our Christ House community dinners. See the offerings at



Nancy Kula, her friend Betty Legenhausen, and Mary Ann Bier attended the Turning Point Suffragists Memorial fundraiser on May 24. The event was well-attended in an outstanding location. First person re-enactors and TPSM board members, dressed in early 20th century fashion, mingled and engaged the crowd with the work and ambitions of the TPSM. A silent auction offered many fine items, events and vacation options.

Cokie Roberts (right) and her daughter Michelle, both authors of books that highlight women in history that have not received proper recognition, spoke during the program. Cokie and Michelle retold some stories from women's letters, particularly those of Louisa Adams, wife of John Quincy Adams and Varina Davis, wife of Jefferson Davis.

Patricia Wirth, Executive Director of TPSM, explained the urgency of trying to raise \$1.2 million in the very near future in order to start the dedicated work commitments. A direct plea to the audience for immediate donations, for pledges and other fund-raising idea opportunities drew many takers.

To learn more and to contribute go to www.suffragistmemorial.org.

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. The architectural drawings are all completed.

CONGRATULATIONS TO CANDIDATES FOR AAUW- VA OFFICERS

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Patsy Quick

Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers

City of Alexandria Women's History Tour

Date: Saturday, June 2, 2018

Time: 10:00 a.m.

Location: Tour starts at Gadsby's Tavern Museum - 134 North Royal Street RSVP: Please RSVP to AlexandriaWomen@gmail.com or at 703-566-0856

We recommend arriving 15 minutes early so the tours can start on time. Reservations are limited. We will only be able to accommodate the first 30 people who RSVP.

The 2018 Women's History Tour covers many different sites in a one mile, roughly 90-minute walking tour. The tours highlight the achievements of women in Alexandria. Through the dedication, and advocacy of Susan Lowell Butler, the Alexandria Commission for Women, and Friends of the Commission for Women, the stories of Alexandria's women, from past to present, live on in the Women's History Tour.

A small reception with refreshments will follow the tour at the Lloyd House located at 220 N. Washington Street.

Admission for the tour and reception are free.

In case of rain, the tour will be held on Sunday, June 3rd.

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

If you have not renewed your membership, it will expire on 30 June. Many Branch members have already renewed their membership, but if you have not renewed and have received your email invoice, please renew now. If you have not received an invoice via email, contact Anne Simpson or Susan Werner/Sylvia Linke at the Branch's email address (alexAAUWI@aol.com)

You can also renew using the renewal form below.

Please renew now!

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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 \$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 \$15.00 State Branch \$13.00 **Total** \$87.00 **Directory Information** Phone: (home) (work) (cell) Address: _____ City: _____ Zip: _____ E-mail address: College/University:

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.

Degree/Field of Study:

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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Calendar of Events – SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Time Event Location/Contact

June 2City of Alexandria Women's History Tour See content above in this newsletter June 14, 6-8:30 PM Annual Dinner Meeting Savio's Restaurant/Virginia Kress June 26, 7-8:30 PMMystery Book Group Susan Werner

4/25 – 6/9 Online voting for AAUW National

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.)

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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 20th, 7:00 PM	Shopping Stories of the 18th 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, Alexandra, VA
TBD	Planning Meeting for 2018 – 2019