

# THE ALEXANDRIA SCHOONER



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## Letter from the Co-Presidents

By **Gail and Lane**

Hmm, where to start this letter? We have people to thank and jobs for volunteers!

Many thanks to Ruth Bennett and Monique Miles for attending AAUW-VA's Summer Leadership Meeting in Harrisonburg. In addition to the nuts and bolts information given, the historical focus on AAUW's four pillars of education & training, economic security, leadership, and public policy & research was reinforced. We want to thank Jan Jaynes and Margaret Zebrowski for their ongoing work for AAUW's Christ House Project. The next dinner will be August 29. Many of you have already volunteered to donate food and your time. Look for a follow up email if they have open spots.

Now for volunteers needed. You saw in our summer letter that we're co-sponsoring a debate (along with the League of Women Voters, Arlington and Alexandria Library) for candidates for the Alexandria School Board on September 29, 1:00 – 4:00. Many of you stepped up and we have enough volunteers. Please consider attending. Look for the flyer in this newsletter.

Next, we're joining with the Arlington branch and others to table at Congressman Don Beyer's Annual Women's Conference, Saturday, October 13, 8:30-noon, at George Mason's Arlington Campus. We will distribute information on ERA ratification and equal pay, and recruit members. If you can work this event, please email me at [info@LaneStoneBooks.com](mailto:info@LaneStoneBooks.com) or call 703.307.2431.

And last, AAUW's Northern District Meeting is scheduled for October 20, 1-4:30, at the Burke Library, 5935 Freds Oak Rd., Burke, VA. (Note: not Alexandria's Burke Library.) We need representatives. Again, drop us an email if you can attend.

We hope everyone had a great summer!  
Lane and Gail

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# Major Events in September

## **Meet & Greet Potluck Program**

*Saturday, September 22, 2018 2-4 PM*

*Hosted By Danielle Beach*

*117 Cameron Station Blvd Alexandria, VA*

*RSVP to Danielle at [dannielleAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:dannielleAAUW@gmail.com)*

**Open to all community members. Questions:  
[vmvkress@gmail.com](mailto:vmvkress@gmail.com)**

## **School Board Candidates Forum**

***Saturday, September 29, 2018***

*Burke Library  
4701 Seminary Road  
Alexandria, VA 22304*

*Distict A: 1 - 2 pm*

*District B: 2 - 3 pm*

*District C: 3 - 4 pm*

*Sponsors*

*AAUW - Alexandria Branch   Arlington League of Women Voters  
Alexandria Library*

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## Alexandria Branch Interest Groups

**All groups are open to all members. For more information, contact the coordinator for each group.**

### Mystery Book Discussion Group

By **Susan Werner**

The September meeting of the Mystery Book Discussion Group will take place on 25 September at the home of Lane Stone, 203 Yoakum Pkwy, #908, Alexandria, VA; phone number: 703-307-2431. Our mystery – **Egyptologist Elizabeth Peters' *The Painted Queen***. The meeting will begin at 7 PM. Please notify Lane if you plan to attend the meeting. For other questions about the Mystery Group, contact Susan Werner at AlexAAUW1@aol.com



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### Francophile Group

By **Susan Cash**

Rescheduled from August is our discussion of *The Fables of La Fontaine*. We will meet for lunch on Saturday, September 8 at 1 p.m. at Cosmopolitan Grill, [7700 Richmond Hwy](#). For our following meeting, we will discuss the book *Murderous Mistral* by Cay Rademacher (date and location TBD). All of our discussions are in English. Please contact Susan Cash, 703/587-4790 for details and to RSVP.



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### Gourmet Out

By **Susan Cash**

Our first get together of this year will be held at Enat Ethiopian Restaurant, 4709 N. Chambliss Street, Alexandria on Thursday, September 20 at 6:30 p.m. This restaurant is included in the August 2018 Washingtonian magazine Cheap Eats issue. The restaurant is located in the Lincolnia area near Total Wine & More. Parking is available all around this shopping center complex. As seating is somewhat limited, I recommend that you reserve early. Please contact Susan Cash at 703/587-4790.

## Alexandria Branch Special Initiatives

### Campus Outreach

Our Branch received a lovely note of thanks for all of our efforts at NOVA:

Dear Lane,

5/1/18

Thank you for all you do for our NOVA students. We couldn't do half of the things we do without your support and guidance - personally and through ASUW. It truly is a great partnership.

Sincerely, Cori

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## Little Theater of Alexandria

This year's annual fund raiser at Little Theater of Alexandria will be held on Friday, February 22, 2019. The play will be

You Can't Take It With You by George S. Kaufman and Moss Hart. Please save the date and watch for additional information concerning tickets closer to the event.



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## 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.

**We taped two shows in July:**

**Arlington CostumeLab** - <https://arts.arlingtonva.us/costume-lab/>

Dianne Hennessy King, member of Vienna Area Branch, interviewed Jennifer Biehl, Arlington CostumeLab Manager. The Arlington CostumeLab assists local theaters with costumes for their productions.

**Fall for the Book Festival 2018** - <http://fallforthebook.org>

AAUW member Jennifer Disano, Executive Director of the Osher Lifelong Learning Institute (OLLI) at George Mason University, interviewed Kara Oakleaf, Executive Director, and Suzy Rigdon-Williams, Managing Director, of the 2018 Fall for the Book Festival 2018.

May shows now on YouTube:

Apothecary Museum (<https://youtu.be/lge-4ahon4c>) Ebong TheatriX (<https://youtu.be/emdtusUpn70>)

*On the Go* with AAUW now has a YouTube channel. Go to YouTube.com and search for our shows. If you subscribe you will be notified when a new show is uploaded.

## Women Building Cross-Cultural Friendships

By Bonnie Hershberg



(back row) Lane Stone, Danielle Beach, (front row)  
Monique Miles, Bonnie Hershberg, Donna Hayford, and Renee O'Brien

The initial planning session of the “Women Building Cross-Cultural Friendships” multi-phased initiative was held on August 14, 2018 at the home of Bonnie Hershberg. Pictured above are those who attended; Eugenia Burkes—not pictured—also participated. The group may have been small, but we expect it to swell with many others who have expressed interest but couldn’t attend.

The goal of the initiative is to create opportunities for participants to build cross-cultural friendships with other women that promote personal growth and learning. As important, such connections will allow us to build a stronger and more effective community, consistent with promoting national AAUW’s MISSION—to advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy—its VISION—equity for all—and its VALUES—non-partisan, fact-based, integrity, and inclusion. Its timing is particularly fortuitous with Virginia AAUW planning to focus more attention on diversity and inclusion.

It’s not too late to get involved. Our first event, scheduled for April 2019, is meant to bring together women from a variety of cultural backgrounds—both US and foreign born. We will be developing a program crafted around sharing carefully curated visual art works, including video, which are meant to highlight women from diverse backgrounds. The materials will be chosen specifically to stimulate one-on-one conversations.

In addition to working on program content, we welcome your joining any of our other committees—outreach, publicity, logistics, or multi-cultural refreshments. If you’d like to participate in this new project or have questions, please contact Bonnie Hershberg at [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com) or at 703-282-5896. It promises to be an exciting and stimulating journey.

## Outreach

We received the following thank you notes for our contributions to the Guest House.

Received 7/15/18  
-WAB

We are so very grateful  
for your group & individual  
support all these many years!  
Kari

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AAUW Alexandria,

Thank you for the donation of  
kitchen supplies, toiletries, gift  
cards, Smartrip cards, and your  
financial contribution. We appreciate  
your support! Thank you for  
believing that your past does not  
define your future.

Sincerely,  
Friends of Guest House

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## Public Policy

### Federal Lobby Day

This year AAUW-VA Federal Lobby Day is tentatively scheduled for **Thursday, September 27, 2018**, and will be subject to the Congressional calendar. We wanted to give our members a breather between State Lobby Day in February and other Spring AAUW meetings. But we are planning now for this gratifying event.

Federal Lobby Day is the opportunity for our members to accompany AAUW's Lobby Corps to lobby congressional offices on legislation important to AAUW. It is a fun way to meet other AAUW members and an important way to make AAUW's voice heard on the Hill.

Members will meet the morning of September 27 at a designated spot on Capitol Hill. At that time we will:

1. Receive a briefing from AAUW National on the legislation that will be the focus of that day's lobby efforts;
2. Meet our experienced Lobby Corps partner, and then;
3. We're off to visit congressional offices to advocate for specific bills.

It's not too early to let your branch members know so they can make plans. We will need to provide the names and email addresses of all participants to our Lobby Corps coordinators so they can plan.

Susan Burk, Co-VP for Public Policy, will serve as your AAUW-VA point of contact for Federal Lobby Day, so please send the names and email addresses to her, [Burksu@aol.com](mailto:Burksu@aol.com); 571-236-0426. She will pass them on to the Lobby Corps folks. If you plan to join us from out of town, let me know and we will work to put you up with local members the night before.

Thanks! We're looking forward to a busy and fulfilling year.

Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers  
Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy  
AAUW of Virginia

If you plan to participate, please e-mail Susan Burke at [burksu@aol.com](mailto:burksu@aol.com) and copy Elizabeth Hendrix at [mhendrix1105@gmail.com](mailto:mhendrix1105@gmail.com).



## SUMMER LEADERSHIP MEETING

### Here's an overview of presentations at the meeting in Harrisonburg on July 28<sup>th</sup> What's New in AAUW

Caroline Pickens, AAUW Governance Committee & AAUW-VA Funds Chair, spoke about some of the changes: staggered 3-yr terms for Board members so there will be 4 Board members elected each year, a new strategic plan, and staff reorganized with fewer VPs. Some of what is the same are: number of Board members (15) and great staff. She also emphasized AAUW's 4 Pillars (priority issues) that are part of AAUW's new strategic plan – Education & Training, Economic Security, and Leadership are still priority issues while Governance and Sustainability is new. The best way to contact staff is now [Connect@aauw.org](mailto:Connect@aauw.org) or customer service at 800-326-AAUW.

- **AAUW-VA Public Policy A Path Forward and the Equal Rights Amendment** (Susan Burk & Sylvia Rogers, AAUW-VA Co-VPs for Public Policy) The 2018-20 public policy priorities are on the AAUW VA website, but the focus will be on pay equity and ERA.
- **ERA in Virginia Today**...Jane Newell & Trish Wallace, Greater Richmond Branch AAUW, reported that we had the votes to pass the bill in Virginia supporting ERA, but the Chair of the Privileges and Elections Committee that had been assigned the bill refused to put it on the agenda. They will try again next year. Read a detailed description at AAUW VA website.
- **Equity in Education for Women and Girls: Title IX**...Deb Fitzgerald, Chair of Harrisonburg City School Board and member of AAUW, & Heidi Hoover, Title IX Coordinator, Bridgewater College discussed their Title IX experiences in their organizations.
- **Gender Pay Inequity: It's Math, Not Myth**...Sylvia Rogers, AAUW VA Co-Vice President for Public Policy provided pages of data about current state and federal pay equity laws.
- **Salary Negotiation**...Leslie Tourigny, Co-President AAUW-VA, spoke about how AAUW VA is working with AAUW to help reach AAUW's goal of training 10 million women by 2022 using AAUW's Work Smart and Start Smart **salary negotiation workshops**. Excellent handout at AAUW VA website.
- **Archiving Branch Documents**...Neola Waller, AAUW Legacy Circle Team, AAUW-VA Historian, & Virginia Beach AAUW President, explained that since AAUW VA has been archiving documents in the Special Collections Library of the University of Virginia's Alderman Library circa 1930 – 2010, branches can also archive their records there. She then gave advice about what types of documents branches might want to archive and how to prepare them.

## **Northern District Branch Activities**

### **From Northern District Representatives – Discounted tickets for AAUW members for Virginia Chamber Orchestra piano concert**

The Virginia Chamber Orchestra Board of Trustees is extending a special invitation to AAUW members to their fall concert, featuring stellar pianist, [Brian Ganz](#).

AAUW members can attend the concert at a special discounted ticket price of \$25.00 for the October 28th concert by telling the box office that they are a member of AAUW -- or, if a member reserves online, at [www.virginiachamberorchestra.org](http://www.virginiachamberorchestra.org) she may select the option "other" and pay the discounted \$25.00 rate. Tickets include a post concert reception, a display by noted Virginia artist Edward Smith, and free parking.

Kate and Sara  
Northern District Co-Reps

**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>**

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## KUDOS TO THE ALEXANDRIA BRANCH

*Congratulations! You have already met the 90% membership renewal goal that was put forth by AAUW National for the 2018/19 year. There are only 2 branches within our state that met the goal at this time. Good job!*

Many thanks to Susan Werner, Sylvia Linke, and Anne Simpson for their follow through to make this happen!

Anyone needing to renew or wanting to join may go to [https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch\\_Enter.asp?branchid=VA3002](https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch_Enter.asp?branchid=VA3002)

Membership E-mail Address - [AlexAAUW1@aol.com](mailto:AlexAAUW1@aol.com)

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### 2018 - 2019 Board Members and Committee Chairs

#### Officers

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Gourmet Out Susan Cash 703-780-3902  
Movie Night Open .....

Mystery Book Discussion Group Susan Werner 703-764-1773

Short-term Appointments  
Financial Review

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## Calendar of Events – SAVE THE DATES!

Date/Time	Event	Location/Contact
Sept. 8, 1 PM	Francophile Group,	Cosmopolitan Grill, Susan Cash
Sept. 20 6:30 PM	Gourmet Out	Enat Ethiopian Restaurant, Susan Cash
Sept. 22, 2 PM	Meet & Greet Pot Luck	Danielle Beach
Sept. 25, 7 PM	Mystery Book Group	Home of Lane Stone
Sept. 27	AAUW VA Federal Lobby Day	
Sept. 29 1 PM	School Board Candidates Forum	Burke Library
Oct. 21 - 2 PM	Domestic Violence Program	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Nov. 11 - 2 PM	Title IX Roundtable Program	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Dec. 2 - 1 PM	Holiday Lunch	Location TBD

# Alexandria Branch Programs 2018-2019

(This is a tentative schedule; as the schedule firms up, more information will be available.)

Topic	Date & Time	Location
Pot Luck Meet and Greet	Saturday, 9/22/2018, 2-4 PM	Danielle Beach, 117 Cameron Station Blvd, Cameron Station
Domestic Violence	Sunday, 10/21/2018, 2-4 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Candidates' debate, Co-host with Arlington League of Women Voters	School Board Candidates Forum, Saturday, 9/29, 1-4PM	Ellen Coolidge Burke Branch Library, 4701 Seminary Rd, Alexandria
Title IX Roundtable	Sunday, 11/11/2018, 2-4 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Holiday Lunch	Sunday, 12/2/2018, 1-3 PM	Fort Hunt Country Club or at a restaurant TBD
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 1/10/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse (Organizational Meeting)</b>
Civil Rights Update	Sunday, 1/13/2019, 2-4 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
LTA Fund Raiser - You Can't Take It with You.	Friday, 2/22/2019, 8 PM performance time	Little Theater of Alexandria
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 3/14/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
Deeper in Debt & Pay Equity	Sunday, 3/17/2019, 2-4 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
VA 2021 Walkathon (Alex AAUW team)	Date & Time TBD either in March or April 2019	Route details to come.
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 4/11/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 5/9/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
Annual Dinner Meeting	Date TBD	TBD

<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 6/13/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 9/12/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 10/10/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 11/14/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>
<b>Great Decisions</b>	<b>Thursday, 12/12/2019, 7-8 PM</b>	<b>Cameron Station Clubhouse</b>