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## Letter from the Co-Presidents By Gail and Lane

Dear Friends:

We have begun! More details can be found throughout the newsletter but here are the highlights on how our autumn is shaping up:

Our Women Building Cross Cultural Friendships committee met and established sub-committees. (Contact is Bonnie Hershberg, <a href="hersh3b@gmail.com">hersh3b@gmail.com</a>).

Our annual Meet & Greet was a big success. Thank you, Danielle for your hospitality!

Thanks to all of you who volunteered or attended our Alexandria School Board Candidates Forum. The event was a joint project with the League of Women Voters, Arlington and the Alexandria Library. While the city council race received a lot of publicity, the school board candidates did not. It was our aim to remedy this, and I think we offered an important community service.

Public Policy VP, Elizabeth Hendrix, is beginning work on a Human Trafficking Initiative. Please contact her at <a href="mailto:mhendrix1105@gmail.com">mhendrix1105@gmail.com</a> to get involved.

Are you on Dr. Paula Massouh's special email list for cultural event offerings in our area? Just send her an email to be added, <a href="massouh@aol.com">pmassouh@aol.com</a>.

See you at the October 7, 2:00, program on Domestic and Gun Violence at the Cameron Station Clubhouse.

Stay in touch! Lane & Gail Welcome to Fall!

#### ALEXANDRIA BRANCH MONTHLY PROGRAM

**October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month** 

Sunday, October 7, 2018
2-4 PM
At
Cameron Station Clubhouse
200 Cameron Station Blvd
Alexandria, VA

Alexandria member, **Kate Ranta**, will discuss her personal experience with domestic violence and its aftermath for the victim and family members. Kate will be sharing her story of trauma and survival. In November 2012, Kate's estranged husband appeared at her apartment in Coral Springs, Florida, and shot Kate twice and her father twice in front of her young son. Come learn about what happened during her marriage, the signs of abuse, the ways the systems in place to protect women and children failed, and how the family is doing almost 6 years after attempted murder. We will have a Q&A as well. Feel free to ask anything. Kate is an open book. Sunday, October 7, 2018.

Open to the public.

Questions: gailkalin@yahoo.com or info@lanestonebooks.com

# NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING Saturday, October 20th Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Rd., Burke, Virginia

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

Join your fellow AAUW members for the following presentations:

Brian Canon of VA2021 will talk about the work that is going on to correct gerrymandering in the next census.

Sue Christie of the McLean AAUW branch will do a follow up to her presentation last March about the StartSmart/Work Smart initiative, and let us know what has happened since then.

Chioma Eni, a member of the Arlington AAUW branch, and a Start Smart facilitator, will share her personal story of the perils and challenges in salary negotiation.

Caroline Pickens of the McLean branch will give us a short update on the new Strategic Plan and its 4 focus areas.

Please bring announcements to share with all of us on your branch's upcoming programs and events!

#### **MEMBERSHIP**

#### We Welcome the Following New Members

#### Marilyn Zayas

Marilyn Zayas came to Alexandria by way of Puerto Rico. Originally from upstate New York and having taught in the Albany area for close to 30 years, she was driven to seek warmer climes and found Puerto Rico as the perfect place to continue her career in education and do it in much more pleasant weather! She took a 2-year leave of absence from her NY school to see what life would be like in Puerto Rico as a full-time resident. It was perfect! She found a job teaching in a prestigious private school in San Juan and after retiring from the NY school, she returned to Puerto Rico to live out the rest of her life. Marilyn was active in AAUW, participated in Great Decisions, frequented the arts, supported the symphony orchestra and local ballet and opera companies, and continued substituting and giving private tutoring to students who needed extra help. However, Maria (the hurricane) forever changed her bit of paradise. With the urging of her kids (one in Arlington and one in southern Pennsylvania), she decided that now was the time to make the move. So now she exploring and meeting new people and hoping to find a way to continue her work with young people. And, happily, she found AAUW ---just around the corner.

#### <u>Margaret Wright</u>

Prior to her retirement in 2015, Margaret O'Dougherty Wright, Ph.D. was an Assistant Professor of Pediatrics at The Ohio State University and a Professor of Psychology at Miami University. She received her Ph.D. in Clinical Psychology from the University of Minnesota in 1981 and completed a clinical internship at UCLA's Neuropsychiatric Institute. While at Miami University, she was also the Director of Clinical Training. Her primary area of research focused on the long-term consequences of interpersonal trauma. She has published numerous articles focused on understanding positive resolution of abusive experiences as well as factors that lead to continued vulnerability for survivors. She is particularly interested in identifying protective processes that foster resilience in child maltreatment survivors and reduce the risk for intergenerational continuity of abuse. She and her husband Frank moved to Alexandria, VA in May 2018 to be near their twins (Megan and Sean), who have just given birth to their first children. Her favorite hobbies and passions include political action, mystery and suspense novels, cooking, and attempting to stay fit!

#### Julie Ciccarone

After completing her bachelor's degree at the University of Richmond, Julie Ciccarone earned her master of social work degree from Virginia Commonwealth University. She had worked in university student affairs for eight years before making a career change to international development when she became a Peace Corps Volunteer working with atrisk youth in Jamaica. From there, she went on to work at Peace Corps Headquarters and has been working at the U.S. Agency for International Development (USAID) for the last 10 years. In her role at USAID, Julie serves as a liaison between field Missions and key Washington constituents including Congress. She enjoys reading and live music. Julie is looking forward to working with the Alexandria Branch of AAUW to make a positive impact on the community.

#### **Heather Thornton**

Heather has studied or worked in six different countries. Her previous work includes experiences at the Arlington Juvenile and Domestic Relations District Court, U.S. Senate, U.S. Embassy in Maputo and U.S. Consulate in Ciudad Juarez. She graduated from the University of Richmond in 2012 with a B.A. in International Studies, and received her M.A. in International Politics from American University in 2014. She is a 2012 Charles B. Rangel International Affairs Fellow, and is proficient in Spanish. Heather is also the proud auntie of three nephews and one niece, all of whom are on a path to becoming lifelong learners.

#### Friendly Foursomes - A Way to Welcome New Members to the Branch

Welcoming new members and helping them to feel at home in AAUW is a priority of the Alexandria AAUW branch's leadership. This fall the Alexandria branch is continuing its successful membership initiative- Friendly Foursomes. Friendly Foursomes 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 other new 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. As a result of these get togethers, the leadership of the branch learns of the special talents of new members and helps them find a satisfying way of expressing these talents.

The Friendly Foursome initiative has also worked well for the Vienna VA branch of AAUW. Two or three new members of the branch 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.

Senior members of the branch 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.

Anyone needing to renew or wanting to join may go to <a href="https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch">https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/wMembership/NewJoinBranch</a> Enter.asp?branchid=VA3002

Membership E-mail Address - <u>AlexAAUW1@aol.com</u>

#### WHAT HAPPENED IN SEPTEMBER

#### THE FALL MEET & GREET

Saturday, September 22nd Danielle Beach welcomed almost thirty members - long-term, new, and prospective - to her home for the annual Meet & Greet.

Danielle greeting new member Heather Thornton

While most of the time was spent visiting with each other, there was a business meeting to approve this year's budget and to allow everyone present the opportunity to introduce themselves.



Co-President Gail Kalin conducting the meeting



Kalin eeting

Here are just a few participants giving Gail their attention. Left Heather Thornton & Diane Schrier. Above Margaret Wright & Marilyn Zayas. Right Rita Rutshon & Ginger Chamberlain







Mother/daughter team, Natalie & Samantha Smith



Monique Miles

Of course there was food and the brief appearance of a very special guest, Schuyler.





#### ALEXANDRIA SCHOOL BOARD FORUM September 29, 2018

The forum, sponsored by AAUW - Alexandria Branch, the League of Women Voters, and the Alexandria Library System was well attended with over 40 in the audience for each of the three sessions. Each district was given an hour for the candidates to present their positions and answer questions submitted by the audience.



Arrivals were greeted by two members of the LWV on the left and Susan Werner and Sylvia Linke on the left of our Branch. (Regrets for not obtaining the names of the LWV members.)

Another sign of success was the adding of two new members during the event.

Other organizations were also recruiting new members. Branch member Bonnie Hershberg, shown in the middle and flanked by Louise Kenny on the left and Jeanne Both on the right, represented One Virginia 2021, a grassroots movement to end gerrymandering.



#### Candidates for District A:

William Campbell



Michelle Reif



Jacinta Greene



Marc Soloman



W. Christopher Harris



Christopher Auarez



#### Candidates for District B:



Cynthia Anderson, Jewlyn Cosgrove, Margaret Lorber, and Veronica Nolan

Candidates for District C







Meagan Alderton

Ramee Gentry

John Lennon







Heather Thornton

Thanks to Joan Porte, President of LWV - Arlington, for serving as the moderator for all three sessions. She kept everything on schedule.



#### 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 October meeting of the Mystery Book Discussion Group will take place on 23 October at the home of Mary Ann Bier.

Our October mystery will be Magpie Murders by Anthony Horowitz, creator of "Foyle's War" for PBS fans. Mary Ann's address and phone number: 413 E. Custis Ave, Alexandria, VA 22310; 703-548-1349. Please notify Mary Ann if you plan to attend. All mystery lovers welcome. For other questions about the Mystery Group, contact Susan Werner at AlexAAUW1@aol.com

#### Francophile Group

By Susan Cash

Our next meeting, featuring the book Murderous Mistral by Cay Rademacher, will take place in November. Watch the next newsletter and your email for date and location. Please contact Susan Cash, 703/587-4790.

#### **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, October 25 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.

#### **Cultural Interest Group**

By Paula Massouh

Tour of National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum - Saturday, October 6, 11 AM

Come to a one hour guided tour of the National Inventors Hall of Fame Museum and learn about patents and inventions made by more than 500 inductees through interactive kiosks and exhibits. The museum is in the United States Patent and Trademark Office at 600 Dulany St. in Alexandria. It is free and there is street parking. For more information, go to www.invent.org.

Please contact Paula Massouh, Cultural Interest Group Chair, at pmassouh@aol.com or at 703-256-4541 by Thursday, October 4 if you would like to attend. Also indicate whether you would be interested in having lunch afterwards at one of the restaurants nearby.

If you are not already on Paula's e-mail cultural list, please send her your e-mail and she will gladly place you on it. Not only will you get reminders of AAUW cultural events, but also information on other cultural events in the area.

#### **Great Decisions**

By Lynn O'Connell

Great Decisions is a discussion program on world affairs which focuses on the most critical global issues currently facing America. The program is developed annually by the Foreign Policy Association. The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year through a Briefing Book and a DVD presentation, which serve as the foundational information for discussion groups across the country. The 2019 issue areas have not yet been announced, but some of the 2018 issue areas are: Russia's foreign policy; China and America; media and foreign policy; global health progress and challenges; and, the waning of Pax Americana.

Details concerning when and where the meetings will be held after the first of the year will be forthcoming.

#### Alexandria Branch Special Initiatives

#### 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.



#### 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.

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.

#### Outreach

#### **CHRIST HOUSE**

#### SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR CHRIST HOUSE CLIENTELE -- APPRECIATION

Thank you! Thank you! The children sponsored by Christ House and their parents are deeply grateful to everyone who donated school supplies for the children. Your generosity will help to make the return to school flow smoothly for those who cannot afford to purchase school supplies for themselves.

The generosity of the members of the Alexandria Branch of AAUW was heartwarming. All told, attendees at the annual meeting at Savio's in May donated two full backpacks and three reusable grocery bags worth of supplies as well as a \$30.00 gift certificate.

The school supplies were distributed to the children at a party sponsored by Catholic Charities of the Diocese of Arlington. The gift certificate was likely used to purchase food and supplies for the party. You may find pictures of the party on the Facebook page for Catholic Charities of Arlington. The pictures feature the host, the bishop of the Diocese of Arlington, and clusters of excited children in their party clothes. The photos may be found at the following link: https://www.facebook.com/pg/CatholicCharitiesArlington/photos/?ref=page\_internal.

Submitted by Sylvia Linke, (703) 461-6822

The next service event will dinner at Christ House on October 31st, Halloween. Look for e-mail requests for volunteers and supplies.

# Application for Election to the 2019–21 AAUW Board of Directors

AAUW is one of the nation's leading women's empowerment organizations with more than 170,000 members and supporters and an annual budget of over \$20 million and assets of \$120 million. For more information on AAUW, please <u>visit the website</u>.

Applications open on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 12 p.m. noon ET and will close at 6 p.m. ET on Friday, November 30, 2018.

**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 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



# POLITICS OF GENDER & JUSTICE: THE INTERSECTION OF IDENTITY & DISCIPLINE

This one-day conference, hosted by the Women and Gender Studies Program at George Mason University, brings together scholars, students (both graduate and undergraduate), policymakers, artists, and activists to wrestle with ideas and

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Movie Night Open .....

Mystery Book Discussion Group Susan Werner 703-764-1773

#### **Calendar of Events – SAVE THE DATES!**

Date/Time Event Location/Contact
Oct. 7 - 2 PM Domestic Violence Program Cameron Station Clubhouse
Nov. II - 2 PM Title IX Roundtable Program Cameron Station Clubhouse

\*Dec. 16 - I PM Holiday Lunch. Details to be provided later.

\*Note date change from previous newsletter.

### Alexandria Branch Programs 2018-2019

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

Topic	Date & Time	Location
Domestic Violence	Sunday, 10/7/2018, 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
Great Decisions	Thursday, 1/10/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse (Organizational Meeting)
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
Great Decisions	Thursday, 3/14/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
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.
Great Decisions	Thursday, 4/11/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	Thursday, 5/9/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Annual Dinner Meeting	Date TBD	TBD
Great Decisions	Thursday, 6/13/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	Thursday, 9/12/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	Thursday, 10/10/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	Thursday, 11/1/4/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	Thursday, 12/12/2019, 7-8 PM	Cameron Station Clubhouse

Important AAUW Websites - Check them out!

Alexandria Branch homepage: <a href="http://alexandria-va.aauw.net/">http://alexandria-va.aauw.net/</a>

VA AAUW homepage: <a href="http://aauw-va.aauw.net">http://aauw-va.aauw.net</a>

AAUW homepage: <a href="http://www.aauw.org">http://www.aauw.org</a>