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Letter from the Co-Presidents

By **Gail and Lane**

To our AAUW Valentines-

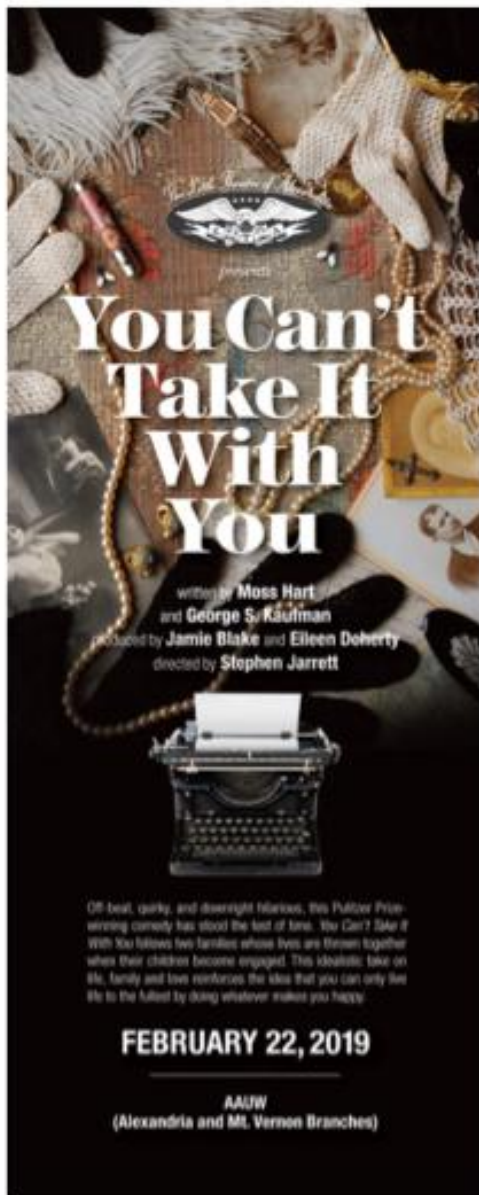
We have so many members working hard making our branch run. Let's start with Public Policy VP Elizabeth Hendrix and Diane Schrier. With less than 24-hours notice the duo headed to Richmond to speak on Virginia Delegate Mark Levine's bill to ban dry cleaners from charging more to clean women's clothes than men's clothes (or vice versa), unless an item legitimately costs more to clean. Why was this very popular bill of interest to us? It's a perfect example of why we need ERA and an answer to those who say women have all the rights of men with existing laws. Unfortunately, the bill did not make it out of committee but AAUW made the point that the ERA is relevant and needs to be ratified.

Read more about Bonnie Hershberg's Women Building Cross Cultural Friendships initiative on page 5 and please get involved. It's turned out to be a reflection of what's so great about the city of Alexandria.

Do you have a computer design or development background? We could use your help with our Human Trafficking subcommittee. We're all learning a lot - like what a wireframe is - but could use your skills. Please contact Elizabeth at mhendrix1105@gmail.com to get involved.

Xoxox,
Lane and Gail





Alexandria and Mt. Vernon AAUW Branches

Present a Fundraiser Performance

You Can't Take It With You

**The Little Theatre of Alexandria
 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, 22314
 February 22, 2019**

7:00 PM Reception 8:00 PM Performance

TICKETS \$35
 (\$11.00 - tax deductible)
 (Make checks out to Alexandria Branch AAUW)

written by Moss Hart and S. Kaufman
 directed by Stephen Jarrett
 produced by Jamie Blake & Eileen Doherty

Off-beat, quirky, and downright hilarious, this Pulitzer Prize-winning comedy has stood the test of time. *Can't Take It With You* follows two families whose lives are thrown together when their children become engaged. This idealistic take on life, family and love reinforces the idea that you can only live life to the fullest by doing whatever makes you happy.

Money raised supports education empowering women and girls.



For Tickets, Contact:
 Susan Werner susan.werner1@verizon.net

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATES

Human Trafficking Intervention Initiative Updates: The Power of Public Policy

“Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has.” Margaret Mead, AAUW Member


Your human trafficking intervention initiative team (Lane Stone, Gail Kalin, Elizabeth Hendrix, and Diane Schrier) has been quite busy and is still looking for members to help them. They need your help and voice raised to your state Delegates and Senators. Power exists everywhere—especially when a group raises their collective voices and speaks truth to power! Please reach out to Elizabeth Hendrix at mhendrix1105@gmail.com if you would like to be a part of the effort.

Elizabeth spoke at the Northern District meeting in the fall and garnered a lot of support for it. Lane, Gail, and Elizabeth met with Commonwealth Attorney Mr. Bryan Porter on December 21, and he loved the AAUW of Alexandria three-pronged approach with research to create a new tool to rescue the victims, educational awareness, and advocacy. Lane met with Councilwoman Amy Jackson in December about our efforts too. On January 8, 2019, AAUW of Alexandria was thanked and honored by the Alexandria City Council for their work on human trafficking educational awareness when the City Council proclaimed January 11 as Human Trafficking Awareness Day. The team spoke with John Carter and his team on January 10, 2019. John Carter is a producer who has written or directed commercials for Coke, AT&T, UPS, Maxxis Tires and numerous other fortune 500's, Government agencies, defense contractors, small businesses, non-profits, and startups. He co-created the first national point of purchase network and produced the first commercials aired in HD in the US. He has also produced a web series and two feature films with Oscar and Emmy winning casts with a net profit of 25 million from world-wide sales. He and his company is in the process of establishing a separate educational entity to fight this human trafficking blight, and the AAUW of Alexandria human trafficking intervention team is working to partner with this local company. John and his company recently produced this compelling documentary “American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us” available online at <http://american-exploitation.webflow.io/> Lane, Gail, Diane, and Elizabeth will meet with Police Chief Michael Brown on March 15 as well.

Through the team’s work, they have discovered that there are numerous opportunities for advocacy to help the human trafficking victims. In 2019, they will work on advocacy with hopes to have the new human trafficking intervention initiative programs start in 2020. The Virginia State Crime Commission has several recommendations for 2019 in its report released on December 3, 2018. Please click on this link [Virginia State Crime Commission’s recommendations](#) (beginning on page 10) to see these recommendations. Please write your state Senators and Delegates and ask them to support these recommendations and policy decision options. You have the power to help these victims and survivors! Please do so and make your voices heard.

Title IX

There are few issues more central to AAUW’s mission than Title IX and its promise of equity in education. Members like you were key to the passage of Title IX (read the history here), and AAUW continues to fight today to realize the full promise of the law. We want to ask for your help in fighting to protect Title IX. Recently, the Department of Education unveiled its Notice of Proposed Rule Making (NPRM) to amend regulations implementing Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972. We’ve summarized some of



the major changes in the NPRM in this article, and the bottom line is clear: the Department of Education's actions amount to a blatant rollback of strong and necessary protections for students, and particularly for student survivors of sexual assault.

AAUW vehemently opposes the Department of Education's proposed rule, which would significantly and detrimentally impact women' and girls' ability to access education free from sexual harassment or assault. That is why we are asking you to author and submit an op-ed for your local newspaper that calls on the Department to withdraw its proposed rule.

Our goal is to stop this proposed regulation from ever taking effect, and key to that fight will be the ability to shape public opinion about what's at stake for student safety. A well-placed and persuasive op-ed can be one of the most influential advocacy tools for drawing attention to and getting information into the hands of community members and decision makers alike. Your voice is a critical component in this debate.

The AAUW team has compiled the following resources to assist you in writing your op-ed:

- Read AAUW's article "The Attack on Title IX" to learn more about the administration's systematic rollbacks to Title IX protections, including details about the latest proposal.
- Use our Title IX letter to the editor guide to put together talking points for your op-ed.
- Check out our advocacy how-to guide on writing op-eds for tips and best practices.

Olivia Guerrieri is available to help you with your op-ed pieces too - whether it's editing your op-ed, helping you find a place to pitch it, or anything else, feel free to reach out to her at advocacy@aauw.org with any questions. There are some great letters to the editor (LTE) from AAUW members to use as models. Kay Engler and Lynn Bruner, co-BPPCs for Kansas City Branch, had a great letter to the editor published in the Kansas City Star; Jill Smith, president of Littleton-South Metro (CO) Branch, wrote an LTE in the Denver Post; and Healdsburg (CA) Branch member Hillary Kambour's scathing letter was published in the Santa Rosa Press Democrat - and that's just to name a few!

Under the Department of Education's proposed changes, those schools would become less safe for many students. When students cannot stay in school because they experience sexual harassment and violence, their access to education is fundamentally unequal. As advocates for equity in education, your voices are vital to this fight. Public comments are being accepted through January 28, 2019. To voice your opinion, visit www.regulations.gov. Thank you in advance for raising yours - in an especially busy time of year, no less! I look forward to seeing what we can accomplish together for Title IX.

Lobby Day

Please plan to attend the AAUW lobby day in Richmond, Virginia on February 6 and/or 7 and make a difference at the policy level for Virginia's women and girls! On February 6th, there will be a reception for women legislators, Mrs. Northam, and Dr. Fairfax. February 7th will entail meetings with Gov. Northam and Lt. Gov. Fairfax followed by visits to our legislators' offices. For more information, please contact Dr. M. Elizabeth Hendrix at mhendrix1105@gmail.com or 816-248-0793.

Alexandria Branch Special Initiatives

Strangers No More—Building Cross-Cultural Friendships



Virginia Kress, Monique Miles, Lane Stone, Bonnie Hersberg, and Gail Kalin pose for Logo

Mark your calendar today! On Thursday, March 28, 2019 from 6:45 pm – 8:30 pm BRING a woman friend from a different culture—either US or foreign born—to a fun-filled evening. We will be sipping tea and sampling several ethnic recipes as we talk about our own cultural background and explore that of others. Through a facilitated experiential activity, you will have an opportunity to begin forging friendships with a variety of other women from different cultures.

Partnering with Alexandria's Beatley Library, AAUW Alexandria will host this free, public program at the Library as part of our state-wide effort to be more inclusive and diverse and to celebrate Women's History Month. Our goal is not only to enrich our individual lives but also to amplify the voices of all women in our amazingly diverse community.

We are counting on you to invite at least one other woman to join us in this exciting journey. Our success depends on our ability to reach out to a diverse group of women who we might not ordinarily meet and get to know. Women of all races, ethnicities, religions, and ages are welcome, including students, retirees, work-at-home women, stay-at-home moms, and women who work outside the home.

Please help us make this event a success. Questions can be directed to Bonnie Hershberg, hersh3b@gmail.com or Lane Stone, info@LaneStoneBooks.com

Please RSVP to AAUWWBCCF@gmail.com.

On the Go with AAUW



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](tel:703-765-4536).

The most recent broadcast was Show #305 featuring an interview with local author and our very own co-president, Lane Stone, is now on YouTube (https://youtu.be/CLpz1R9_E_0).



Lane Stone and Danielle Beach during the interview

January

Our January featured Linwood Smith and Sharon Frazier, long-time residents of Alexandria, who have created a series of dollhouses based on businesses and people in the city. Their dollhouses were exhibited at the Alexandria Black History Museum.

On the Go with AAUW now has a YouTube channel. Go to [YouTube.com](https://www.youtube.com) and search for our shows. If you subscribe you will be notified when a new show is uploaded.

Alexandria Branch Interest Groups

All groups are open to all members. For more information, contact the coordinator for each group. Please consult your directory for contact information unless included in the text.

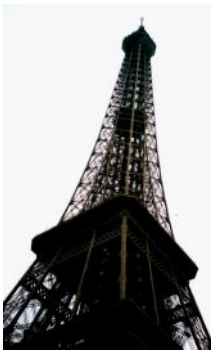
CULTURAL ACTIVITY - SUNDAY, FEBRUARY 10, 3:30 PM

In honor of Black History Month I have scheduled a 90 minute walking tour "Alexandria's Fight for Freedom." Given by John Chapman, a fourth generation Alexandrian and City Council member, you will gain insight into the history of urban slavery in Alexandria and hear how both enslaved and freemen fought back and resisted slavery. The tour will meet in front of the Alexandria Library on Queen Street.

Reservations and payment have already been made for 10 people. The cost is \$15 per adult and \$10 for children 12 and under. The tour will go rain or shine unless there are severe weather conditions. Send payment, with checks made out to Paula Massouh, to Paula at 431 N. Armistead St. #506, Alexandria, VA 22312. Cancellations must be made by Thursday, February 7.

Questions? Contact Paula at (h) (703) 256-4541; (c) (703) 965-0542 or email at pmassouh@aol.com.

Paula Massouh, Cultural Chair



Francophile Group

Our next event will be a visit to Hillwood Museum, home of Marjorie Merriweather Post, located at 4155 Linnean Avenue, NW, Washington, DC 20008. We will take a tour of the "Perfume and Seduction" exhibit. Tentative date is Saturday, February 23. For more information, please call Susan Cash, 703/587-4790. Later this spring Susan Cash will give a presentation on recent exhibits at some major art galleries. Discussion is in English.

Gourmet Out

Upcoming events: On Thursday, February 28 at 6:30 we will have an early Mardi Gras event at RT's Restaurant, 3804 Mount Vernon Avenue. This restaurant has New Orleans style cajun and creole cuisine. On a date to be determined in March we will have a St. Patrick's Day event at Samuel Beckett's Irish Gastro Pub, 2800 South Randolph Street, #110 in Shirlington (Arlington, VA 22206). The menu at Samuel Beckett's includes seafood, meat, and vegetarian choices. To reserve for either or both of these events, please call Susan Cash, 703/587-4790. Please feel free to bring guests. We are also planning a future event at



Queen Amannisa restaurant, which features Uyghur cuisine (a combination of Middle Eastern and Chinese cuisine). The current location is closed for renovation/relocation. We will choose a date when they reopen.

Announcing the formation of a new interest group!

Mindfulness Meditation Group

Member Natalie Smith is offering to form a new interest group - Mindfulness Meditation Group. For anyone interested in participating, she is hosting an initial meeting on Feb 10th from 11AM -12PM at her home in Fairfax Station. Natalie is a Licensed Clinical Psychologist who loves to teach others how to be more self aware and peaceful. If there's a positive response to this group, she is happy to provide host once a month. If you would like to attend the Mediation Group, please contact Natalie at DrNatalieS@gmail.com



Mystery Book Discussion Group



A mystery to keep you warm? Curling up and reading a mystery is a good way to stay warm during these cold days. Join the Mystery Book Discussion Group on February 26th to read Laurie R. King's unique take on Sherlock Holmes: Pirate King: A Novel of Suspense Featuring Mary Russell and Sherlock Holmes. Danielle Beach will be our host this month. Danielle's address and phone number – 117 Cameron Station Blvd, Alexandria, VA 22304; 202-494-9796. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Be sure to let Danielle know if you plan to attend. For additional information about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner at alexaauw1@aol.com.

Great Decisions



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.

Meetings: Cameron Station Clubhouse

Time: 7 pm

March 14: Decoding U.S.-China Trade, guest Wayne Morrison, Congressional Research Service

April 11: Refugees and Global Migration, Danielle Beach

May 9: The Rise of Populism in Europe

June 13: Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future, Lane Stone

September 12: The Middle East: Regional Disorder, Renee O'Brien

October 10: Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics

November 14: The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested, Eugenia Burkes

December 12: State of the State Department and Diplomacy, Lynn O'Connell

Anyone (AAUW members and non-members) are welcome to attend any meetings. You do not need to commit to all meetings to participate. More information can be found at https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/. Contact Lynn O'Connell, lynnoconnellva@gmail.com, 703/867-4942, if you have questions.

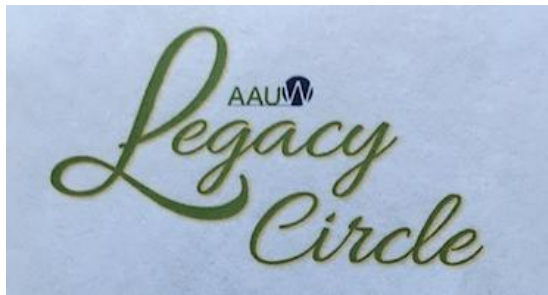
Important AAUW Links - Check them out!

**Alexandria Branch homepage: <http://alexandria-va.aauw.net/>
Don't forget to bookmark it.**

Alexandria Branch Facebook page:
https://www.facebook.com/AAUW-Alexandria-Branch-Alexandria-VA-273402873288585/?modal=admin_todo_tour
Please like, follow, and share this page.

VA AAUW homepage: <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>

FOR SUGGESTIONS RE: NEWSLETTER OR WEB SITE: aauwnewsltr.ed@gmail.com



Each of us wants to leave a memorable legacy, and the AAUW Legacy Circle provides a way for your giving to make a lasting impact. You become a member of the AAUW Legacy Circle by making a planned gift to AAUW national. Planned gifts indicate your commitment to and support of AAUW and expand AAUW's programs and public policy by providing for future generations. Members who have joined the Legacy Circle often remark how easy it is to take this important step.

There are many ways to make a planned gift to AAUW, such as naming AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, trust, insurance policy, or individual retirement account, among other options. Your gift to the Legacy Circle is made from your estate, not from current assets. There is no minimum amount you must give, but we do ask that you be as generous as possible and that you remember how important AAUW is to you.

To join, just complete the enrollment form, found at <http://www.aauw.org/resources/legacy-circle-enrollment-form>, and mail it to the address shown on the form. You do not need to tell me what you have done, and when the Development Office receives your form, they notify me of your joining.

Two Alexandria Branch members, Leslie Tourigny and Rance Willis, have already joined the Legacy Circle. I invite you to join them and the AAUW Legacy Circle. When you do, you will receive a beautiful AAUW Legacy Circle pin to wear proudly.

If you have questions, please contact me.

Neola Waller

Legacy Circle Team Member

Liaison to AAUW MD, NC, SC, VA, WV, and Washington, DC

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Francophile and Gourmet Out Susan Cash 703-780-3902

Movie Night Open

Mystery Book Discussion Group Susan Werner 703-764-1773

Mindfulness Group Natalie Smith DrNatalieS@gmail.com

IMPORTANT DATES TO NOTE

(for dates and times for Special Interest Groups, contact the group's coordinator)

Color Code:

Blue = Branch Board Events

Black = Branch Programs

Green - Great Decisions

Purple = State Events

Red - EOF

Brown = Women Building Cross-Cultural Friendships

Event	Date & Time	Location
Reception for Women Legislators	2/6/19	Richmond
State Lobby Day	2/7/19	Richmond
EOF Fundraiser	2/22/19, 8 pm performance time	Little Theater of Alexandria
Branch Board Meeting	3/14/19, 6:45 pm	Beatley Library
Great Decisions	3/14/19, 7 - 8:30 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Deeper in Debt: Pay Equity & Student Debt	3/17/19, 2 - 4 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Women Building Cross-Cultural Friendships	3/28/19, 7 pm	Beatley Library
Branch Board Meeting	4/4/19, 6:45 pm	Beatley Library
AAUW-VA State Conference	4/6/19 (all day)	Vinton, VA
Great Decisions	4/11/19, 7 - 8:30 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Branch Board Meeting	5/2/19, 6:45 pm	Beatley Library
Great Decisions	5/9/19, 7 - 8:30 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	6/13/19, 7 - 8:30 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse