



# THE ALEXANDRIA SCHOONER



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## Important Dates

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### Presidents Letter Gail & Lane

Dear Friends,  
Albert Einstein said, "It is easier to split an atom than a prejudice." The focus of this year's AAUW-VA state conference was bias. We're proud that our branch takes inclusivity is seriously. We, along with Eugenia Burkes, Bonnie Hershberg and Cheryl Blum, attended. Bonnie reported on Strangers No More. Please read her article about how uplifting and fun our first Women Building Cross-Cultural event was.

Now for a few prompts:

Have you renewed your AAUW membership? If so, thank you! Remember, \$56 is tax deductible.

You should have received an email from AAUW-VA on April 13 with a link to your ballot for state officers. Please help us reach a quorum.

Your ballot for AAUW National came on April 1. If you click to review candidate information and scroll down, you'll get important information on each candidate.

And last, we hope to see all of you at the annual meeting on May 30, 6:30, at Savio's Restaurant. The address is 516 S. Van Dorn St. in Alexandria.



Warm regards,  
Lane and Gail

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

# ANNUAL BUSINESS DINNER

Thursday, May 30, 2019

6:30 - 9 PM

At

SAVIOS RESTAURANT

516 South Van Dorn Street

Alexandria, VA

6:30 to 7 PM Cocktail hour

7 to 9 PM dinner

Choose A La Carte from their menu

Please RSVP to: [vmvkress@gmail.com](mailto:vmvkress@gmail.com)

## It's Not Too Late to Join Great Decisions!

This is a discussion program on world affairs which focuses on the most critical global issues currently facing America.

The May meeting will be on 5/9, 7 pm., at the Cameron Station Club House. The topic is the State of the State Department and Diplomacy, with guest Gil Donahue, retired Foreign Service and international economist.

For more information, contact Lynn O'Connell, [lynnoconnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnoconnellva@gmail.com).

## Program Update

### TITLE IX & TITLE VII UPDATES



Melanie Barr-Brooks, Gail Kalin, and Nicole Tortoriello

The monthly program meeting was held on Sunday, April 28th at the Cameron Station Club House. The guest speakers were Melanie Barr-Brooks, Associate VP for Practices/Title IX Coordinator at Northern Virginia Community College, and Nicole Tortoriello, The Secular Society Women's Right Advocacy Counsel of the American Civil Liberties Union of Virginia.

Each speaker discussed in depth their roles and the challenges they face in the changing legal landscape under the current administration.

Melanie explained that the Civil Rights Division of the Department of Education has announced a rollback of the previous administration's policies under Title IX and new policies are anticipated to be released in the near future. Concern exists as to the impact these may have on the balance of rights between claimants and responders, and LGBTQ rights.

Title VII provides protection in the work place. Nicole discussed her representation of women firefighters in Fairfax County who have claimed sexual harassment on the job. She also discussed the three Title VII cases just accepted by the U.S. Supreme Court: two for gay men who allege they were fired because of their sexual orientation, and one for a female employee who was fired two weeks after telling her employer and co-workers that she is transgender.

Attendees participated in a lively exchange during this highly informative and informal presentation.

## **PUBLIC POLICY**

### **Human Trafficking--Worth Getting Mad About and What You Need to Know**

**“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**

Lane Stone, Co-President, also serves on the External Advisory board of NVCC's Braden Center for Women, Gender and Social Justice. Because of AAUW of Alexandria's relationship with the Northern Virginia Community College (NVCC), the two groups partnered with JustAsk for students to view the new documentary “American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us” on April 16, 2019 in the Braden Center for Women.

The event, “Human Trafficking--Worth Getting Mad About and What You Need to Know”, was well attended. A NVCC faculty member gave her students extra credit for coming, and the NOVA CARES administrator and Braden Center co-presidents also attended the session.



Members Lane Stone, Diane Schier, and Elizabeth Hendrix in attendance

The event began with an advocacy discussion led by Dr. M. Elizabeth Hendrix, Public Policy Chair. She discussed how the group could advocate for better policies and laws to help the victims. She noted that they were using the Virginia Crime Commission's recommendations from December 2018 in their advocacy efforts. Afterwards, she and Diane Schrier, Human Trafficking Intervention Initiative committee member, answered questions.

Next, Mr. John Carter, a local producer, showed the compelling new documentary “American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us” which is available online at <http://american-exploitation.webflow.io/> The group watched this gripping documentary that Mr. Carter produced depicting United States' human trafficking victims' true stories and alarming statistics for the rest of the session.

## SPECIAL INITIATIVES



### On the Go with AAUW

Ruth Bennett, Chair

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 next show is an interview with Rick Davis (Dean, College of Visual and Performing Arts, Executive Director, Hylton Performing Arts Center, and a Professor of Theater) and Linda Monson (Director of the School of Music) - both from George Mason University (GMU).

Two upcoming shows are State Senator Marsden speaking about medical marijuana and Heather McGuire, professor from the Art Department at GMU on the topic of visual literacy.

On the Go with AAUW 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.

## CHRIST HOUSE SOUP KITCHEN

The spring date for the next soup kitchen at Christ House at 131 S. West Street is **May 29, 2019**. We will need the usual salad and dessert/fruit contributions and 2 volunteers to help serve. Food donations should be dropped off by 4:30. Our pizza is still one of the most favored meals.

If you can help provide any food, please contact BOTH of us at:

Jan A. Jaynes      janjjoek@verizon.net  
Margaret Zebrowski      mmzebrow@aol.com

Mark your calendars for the summer supper on July 31. Thanks for all your generosity!

Margaret and Jan

## MEMBERSHIP NEWS

### We Welcome the Following New Members

#### LEAH C. TOLLIVER



Leah Tolliver has over 35 years of Executive Support experience in the career fields of Education, Health Care, Non-Profits, and Public Service. Additionally, she has gained invaluable skill-sets within a Human Resources environment in her role as a Talent Recruiter.

Ms. Tolliver's employment with the Alexandria Police Department commenced from 2012 through 2016, when she served as the Executive Assistant to Chief Earl L. Cook (Retired). She relocated briefly to Okinawa, Japan to work and live before returning back to the department in 2017 where she resumed her previous position. However, she is now under the direction of the current Chief of Police, Michael L. Brown.

Ms. Tolliver is a graduate of The University of Phoenix, Phoenix, Arizona (Cum Laude) with an Associate of Arts Degree in Human Services Management. She holds a Bachelor of Arts Degree in Organizational Management from Ashford University, San Diego, California (Magna Cum Laude) from their Forbes School of Business. It is her objective to return to school in the near future to pursue a Master of Science Degree with a concentration in Marriage, Couple, and Family Counseling.

Ms. Tolliver holds the elected position of Financial Secretary with NOBLE (National Organization for Black Law Enforcement Executives) and serves on the Alexandria Police Department CISM/Peer Support Team. She has been recognized repeatedly for her outstanding dedication and exemplary work performance. Ms. Tolliver hails from the Buckeye State (Ohio), has two amazing grown sons and eight beautiful grandchildren.

#### JAMES LEWIS

James Lewis is a communications and policy professional with experience working for Members of Congress, PACs, think tanks, trade associations and PR firms; he is also the founder and owner of ZONE Communications. He has lived in Alexandria for 8+ years and currently serves as Vice Chair of the City's Traffic and Parking Board. He is extremely involved in Democratic politics, having served as president of the statewide Virginia Young Democrats (2017-2018). He holds a bachelor of science in biology and international relations from the College of William and Mary and he's currently pursuing a master of strategic studies at the U.S. Army War College.



TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP!  
Form is on last page.



## Kvell & Kudos to Members

KUDOS TO CO-VP'S FOR MEMBERSHIP, SYLVIA LINKE & SUSAN WERNER, AND ALL MEMBERS WHO  
RECRUITED NEW MEMBERS  
CERTIFICATE RECEIVED AT THE VIRGINIA ANNUAL CONFERENCE

### *Certificate of Achievement*

*This certificate is presented to*

*Alexandria Branch*

*for increasing membership by both the largest number and biggest percentage  
of any Virginia branch from 2017/18 Membership as of February, 2019*

*Presented on April 6, 2019*



*Carol L. Stephens*

Co-President AAUW of Virginia

*Rexie Tamm*

Co-President AAUW of Virginia

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*Carol L. Stephens*

Co-President AAUW of Virginia

*Rexie Tamm*



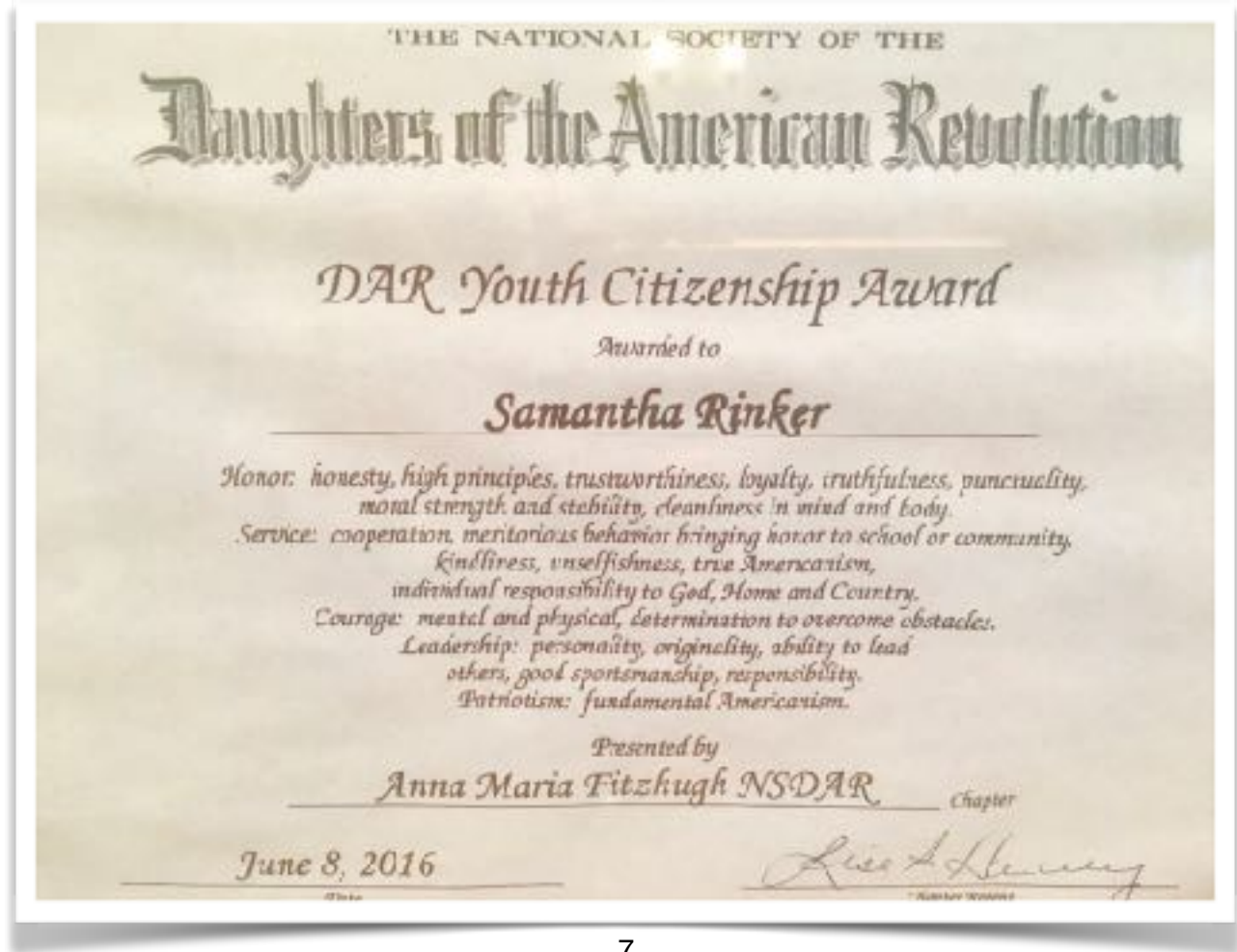
Lane Stone's third book in her latest mystery series, Changing of The Guard Dog, comes out May 7.



Elizabeth Hendrix, in March of 2018, won the United States Department of Treasury Bureau of Fiscal Service Revenue Collections Management (RCM) Employees' Employee Award, which is a special award because unlike other awards, they are not based on a nomination process and do not involve a management panel to select the winner. Instead, all RCM employees are given the opportunity to vote directly for the winners and recognize their peers. RCM

employees call this award the "Oscar." In 2019, Elizabeth received two Round of Applause Awards as well.

Samantha Rinker, daughter of Natalie Smith and our "special member", received a DAR award in 6th grade for setting up and implementing a feed-the-homeless program on her own. She was selected over 400 students.



New member Solveig Eggerz is participating in a program that is part of All Alexandria Reads on Thursday, May 2nd, 7:00 pm, at the Burke Branch Library:

The poster features a teal background with white and dark teal text. At the top, the event title 'all alexandria reads' is in a large, lowercase, sans-serif font, with '2019' in a smaller font below it. The main title 'Three Women, Three Stories' is in a bold, dark teal font, followed by the date and time 'Thursday, May 2 at 7:00PM'. Below this is a call to action: 'Come hear these women tell their stories of human culture, building bridges and leading children.' Three women are featured with their names and photos: Ruth Walkup, Solveig Eggerz, and Joyce Morgan Young. Each name is in a bold, dark teal font, followed by a small portrait photo and a short biographical paragraph. The bottom of the poster is a dark teal banner with white text for the Burke Branch Library address and contact information, and the Alexandria Library logo on the right.

# all alexandria reads


## 2019

### Three Women, Three Stories

Thursday, May 2 at 7:00PM


**Come hear these women tell their stories of human culture, building bridges and leading children.**

**Ruth Walkup, Ph.D**




As a cultural anthropologist, Ruth Walkup has been telling stories for decades. Stories are the 'currency' of anthropology, the study of human culture. Recently Ruth has turned to telling her own stories, which she realizes she has been collecting all her life. With a keen sense of observation and a desire to be a 'translator' of cultures and experiences, Ruth seeks to bring alive otherworlds and other lives.

**Solveig Eggerz**




Solveig Eggerz, a native of Iceland, is the author of the award-winning novel, *Sea Woman*, published by Unbedded Books. She has a new novel, *Saga of Þorkvark*, published by Dacon Press Books. She teaches memoir and personal stories at the Writer's Center in Bethesda and creative writing to non-writer women in Northern Virginia with a non-profit organization, *Heard*. As a storyteller and writer, she uses storytelling as part of her writing process. She holds a PhD in Comparative Literature from Catholic University.

**Joyce Morgan Young**



Joyce Morgan Young provided educational leadership for the children of Alabama, Georgia and Tennessee for 44 years. She provided leadership, guidance, and vision to the system's principals, teachers and staff. Throughout her career, Joyce made numerous presentations. Through this, Joyce developed a love of storytelling as audiences more easily received information they could relate to previous experiences. In 1995, Joyce and two others brought a storytelling event to their home town, and 23 years later, it is the nationally recognized *Atolia* Storytelling Festival.

**BURKE BRANCH LIBRARY**  
4701 Seminary Road, Alexandria, VA 22304 | TEL: 703.746.1704  
alexlibraryva.org





# Alexandria Branch Interest Groups

**All groups are open to all members.**

## Cultural Event

Paula Massouh, Chair

Sunday, May 26, 3:15 PM  
Guided Tour of Empresses of China's Forbidden City,  
1644-1912  
Freer/Sackler Museum, National Mall

Learn about the empresses' significance in shaping the Qing dynasty, the last imperial dynasty in China. Their stories are told through art and symbols of imperial power, as well as costumes, jewelry, tableware and furniture used by the empresses. For further information, go to [www.freersackler.si.edu/exhibitions](http://www.freersackler.si.edu/exhibitions).

This will be a guided tour that will last approximately one hour. Friends and guests are welcome. FREE. Further details to follow.

Please RSVP to Paula Massouh, Cultural Chair, by Wednesday, May 22 at (h) 703-256-4541; (c) 703-965-0542 or e-mail at [pmassouh@aol.com](mailto:pmassouh@aol.com).



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## Mystery Book Discussion Group

Susan Werner, Chair



The May 28th meeting of the Mystery Book Discussion Group will be held at the home of Lane Stone. Our mystery will be *London Rain* by Nicola Upson. The meeting will start at 7 PM. Lane's address and phone number: 203 Yoakum Pkwy, # 908, Alexandria, VA 22304; 703-307-2431. If you love mystery novels, please join us. Please contact Lane if you plan to attend. POC for this group - Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).

## STATE ANNUAL CONFERENCE

The annual conference was held at the Vinton War Memorial, located in Vinton, Virginia, on April 6th. The focus of the day was diversity.



Our own Leslie Tourigny, State Co-President, kicked off the event with welcoming remarks.



During one of the general sessions, Bonnie Hersberg presented a report on the successful first event of the program Women Building Cross-Culture Friendships.



Our Co-Presidents, Lane and Gail, happily accepted our Certificate of Achievement for our record setting membership growth (see page 6).

The happy road warriors on their way home: Gail, Lane, Bonnie and Eugenia



## Northern Virginia Regional Meeting

On Saturday, April 20th, the branches in northern Virginia met for a regional meeting.

Leslie Tourigny opened the meeting with a talk about AAUW plans.



Then 2 speakers from National, Erin Harkins-Medina and Tremayne Parquet led a lively discussion about AAUW goals and the plans for replacing the National Convention in 2020. AAUW is going to be laser focused on women's economic security, as this is a major and continuing problem.

The 2020 National Convention will be a series of online presentations, given throughout the year. The meeting then broke up into small groups and discussed ideas on programs, membership and planning.

## NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

McLean AAUW is collecting used books for their annual book sale to be held on September 13 - 15 at the McLean Community Center.

2019 BOOK COLLECTION DATES: May 4, June 1, June 22, July 13 & August 3, 9 am - 1 pm, at the Sun Trust Bank, 515 Maple Ave. East, Vienna, VA.

**Question:** [aauwbookfair@gmail.com](mailto:aauwbookfair@gmail.com) **703-527-4206**

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## 2018 - 2019 Alexandria Board Members and Committee Chairs Officers

CO-Presidents*	Gail Kalin Lane Stone	202-365-5212 703-307-2431
Co-Vice Presidents-Programs*	Virginia Kress Lynn O'Connell	703-683-6196 703-867-4942
Co-Vice Presidents-Membership*	Sylvia Linke Susan Werner	703-461-6822 703-764-1773
Treasurer*	Anne Simpson	909-921-7111
Corresponding-Recording Secretary*	Margaret Batko	703-941-2217

### Committees

Bylaws/policy	Marilyn Zayas	787-366-6977
Christ House Project	Jan Jaynes Margaret Zebrowski	703-765-3203 703-765-3076
Directory	Susan Werner	703-764-1773
Educational Equity/Scholarship	June Hajjar	703-683-1198
Educational Opportunity Fund*	Arlene Shapiro	703-719-5467
Historian	Arlene Shapiro	703-719-5467
Hospitality	Open	
Newsletter/WEB/FaceBook	Eugenia Burkes	aauwnewsltr.ed@gmail.com
Campus Outreach	Lane Stone	703-307-2431



Public Policy Chair Elizabeth Hendrix 816-248-0793 ©

LAF Liaison Leslie Tourigny 703-307-8227 ©

Telephone Tree Jan Jaynes 703-765-3203  
Lane Stone 703-307-2431

**Special Interest Groups**

Cable TV Project, AAUW on the Go Ruth Bennett 703-765-4536

Cultural Paula Massouh 703-256-4541

Francophile and Gourmet Out Susan Cash 703-780-3902

Movie Night Open .....

Mystery Book Discussion Group Susan Werner 703-764-1773

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**IMPORTANT DATES**

**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
Branch Board Meeting	5/30/19, 6:00 pm	Savio's Restaurot
Great Decisions	5/9/19, 7 - 8:30 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse
Great Decisions	6/13/19, 7 - 8:30 pm	Cameron Station Clubhouse

**ALEXANDRIA BRANCH AAUW Membership Form  
2019 - 2020**

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 \$90.00** \_\_\_\_ **Life Member \$28** \_\_\_\_ **MAL \$28** \_\_\_\_  
**Student \$18.81** \_\_\_\_

**Breakdown of the Member dues:**

National Association	\$59.00
State	\$ 15.00
Branch	<u>\$ 16.00</u>
Total	<b>\$90.00</b>
Student Affiliate	<b>\$18.81</b>

**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.

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**PORTION of MEMBERSHIP DUES IS TAX DEDUCTIBLE**

A portion of your membership dues - **\$56.00** – is tax deductible for regular members; \$16.81 is tax deductible for Student Affiliates. This applies only to the National Association Dues.