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Presidents Letter Gail & Lane

Dear Friends,

Ready to get started on an exciting new year with AAUW? We're hitting the ground running. Danielle Beach will host our annual Meet and Greet on September 22, and that's a perfect opportunity for the board to get your input on a number of topics. (See flyer in the following pages.)

You know that 2020 is the 100th anniversary of women in America winning the hard-fought battle for suffrage, but did you know that the trials leading to our foremothers' imprisonment at the Occoquan Workhouse were held in Alexandria? That was news to us! The 2020 AAUW-Virginia state conference will be held in Alexandria with activities commemorating the ratification of the 19th amendment and the Alexandria's Women's Commission Friends Committee is planning events throughout the year. A discussion of those, and lots more, is on the Meet and Greet agenda.

We'll end this letter with our sincere gratitude for your contributions of time, money, and brain power to AAUW-Alexandria!

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.

PUBLIC POLICY

Turning on the Light for Human Trafficking Victims

By M. Elizabeth Hendrix

“Give light and people will find the way.”—Ella Baker

“Light up the darkness.”—Bob Marley

Our human trafficking intervention team from our AAUW of Alexandria branch has been striving to light a flame and help rescue human trafficking victims. Our team now consists of: Dr. M. Elizabeth Hendrix, Ms. Diane Schrier, Ms. Lane Stone, Dr. Gail Kalin, Ms. Lalitha Mani, and Dr. Dev Mani. Also, we have partnered with Chief Michael Brown and Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter of Alexandria, Virginia as well as the Northern Virginia Community College’s Braden Women’s Center and John Carter, a film director and producer.

We have made great strides in our three-pronged approach to combat human trafficking with educational awareness, advocacy, and research and development. We presented information about human trafficking and its history at a conference with the Braden Women’s Center in March of 2019. We partnered with John Carter who showcased his new film “American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us” for the conference participants. Additionally, we began our lobbying efforts to advocate for better policies in the spring.

On July 27, 2019, Elizabeth, Diane, Gail and Lane presented our three-pronged approach along with statistical and historical data about human trafficking at the AAUW of Virginia’s Summer Leadership Meeting in Harrisonburg, VA. At this meeting, we focused on present global and Virginia issues, plus our rescue tool that we are developing, the AAUW Angel App with an Angel Alert.

The AAUW Angel App will have three buttons for people silently to use to contact 911, a trained investigator, and/or report any warning signs of human trafficking to the authorities. The Angel App can start an Angel Alert as well. If it is an emergency, the person can hit an emergency button which will alert 911 to their emergency and start a tracker on their phone. If it is not an emergency, but the person needs help, there will be another button for non-emergencies which the person can hit to send information to a trained investigator and/or start the tracker. The third button will be a reporting button for concerned citizens to report a case and/or warning signs that they have encountered to the authorities.

At this summer Leadership meeting, we also requested branch support for the Angel App throughout Virginia. We will be applying for grants this fall and next spring, and we want to list that we have support from every branch in Virginia. Currently, we are working on our application for the AAUW Community Action grant. Additionally, we plan to pilot the AAUW Angel App and Angel Alert in Alexandria, Virginia with the hope that eventually it can spread it throughout Virginia, the United States, and then internationally. Please continue to support our efforts however you can. Please be a light to the human trafficking victims; please change their world for the better!

SPECIAL INITIATIVES



WOMEN BUILDING CROSS-CULTURAL FRIENDSHIPS

Please join Bonnie Hershberg and Lane Stone for our second gathering of Women Building Cross-Cultural Friendships. As you probably remember, the first event in this multi-phased initiative took place in March when we came together as “strangers” to meet each other and learn about our diverse ethnic, cultural, and religious backgrounds. While many of us are no longer strangers, we have really only started building friendships. Whether or not you participated in March, you are most welcome to join us for this second event. And, if you like, please bring a woman from a culture different from yours who shares our interest in creating an informal diverse and inclusive women’s group in our community. Remember—both US and foreign born women are welcome.

Plan to come: 17 September 2019 from 6:30 - 8 pm at the Gazebo at the Watergate at Landmark Condo Complex at 211 Yoakum Parkway in Alexandria.

Please bring: —A finger food to share that represents your cultural background. No cooling or heating facilities will be available, but hopefully the weather will be pleasant and your dish will keep well outdoors for our time together.

—AND if you like, a short piece of music on your phone that also represents your cultural background.

Both these “bring alongs” will form the basis of our discussion on 17 September as we continue to get to know each other better and build relationships.

Please RSVP to Bonnie Hershberg at hersh3b@gmail.com or 703-282-5896 by 15 September.

We will need to include your name on the entry form for admittance through the security gate. Lane and I look forward to hearing from you and seeing you next month.

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 shows over the summer:

Oriental Brush Painting

Darlene Kaplan talks about her journey to becoming an international award-winning Lingnan style Oriental brush painting artist. She explains what Lingnan style and Oriental Brush Painting is and how it differs from western art. We also view some of her paintings. To view some of her art go to darlenekaplan.com.

The YouTube link is <https://youtu.be/p2D1NNxHqHE>.

Fall for the Book 2019

Kara Oakleaf, Director of Fall for the Book, and Suzy Rigdon-Williams, Manager of Fall for the Book return to tell us about some of the authors and books being featured for Fall for the Book 2019. The book festival will be October 10-12 on the campus of George Mason University, the City of Fairfax, and other venues such as libraries in Fairfax County. For a schedule go to fallforthebook.org. Special seating can be arranged for book clubs.

The YouTube link will be available after it airs on Channel 10.

On the Gowith 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.

Join Great Decisions!

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

The September meeting will be on 9/12, 7 pm., at the Cameron Station Club House. The topic will be The Middle East: Regional Disorder led by Larry Korb.

For more information, contact Lynn O'Connell, lynnoconnellva@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

As of mid-August, the Alexandria Branch has approximately 78% membership renewal. But there are still a few of you out there who have not yet renewed your membership. If you are one of those who have not renewed, please do so today. You don't want to miss any of the exciting activities scheduled for the coming year. You can either renew on-line (I'm sure that you have received a renewal invoice in an email, or you can renew by filling out the attached form and sending it together with a check to our Treasurer, Anne Simpson.

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	\$ 16,00
Total	\$90.00	
Student Affiliate	\$18.81	

**Directory Information
Name:**

Phone: (home) _____ (work) _____
 _____ (cell) _____

Address: _____ City: _____
 Zip: _____

E-mail address: _____

College/University: _____ Degree/Field
 of Study: _____

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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.

**Questions about renewal – send them to our Alexandria Branch email:
 alexaauw1@aol.com**

**Thank you,
 Susan Werner/Sylvia Linke – CO-VPs Membership**

Meet & Greet

September 22
2 - 4 pm
Home of
Danielle Beach

117 Cameron Station
Blvd.
Alexandria VA 22304



Kvell & Kudos to Members

Monique Miles was selected by the Chamber of Commerce as 1 of Alexandria's "40 Under 40" founding Old Towne Associates, P.C. in 2013, as a full service employment law firm. Here's a [link](#) to the full Zebra Press write up.

Dr. Elizabeth Hendrix graduated from the prestigious Presidential Management Fellowship program on June 21, 2019.



Alexandria Branch Interest Groups

All groups are open to all members.

Gourmet Out

Susan Cash, Chair

Please join us on Thursday, Sept. 26 at 6:30 p.m. at Ariake Japanese Restaurant, 8708 Little River Turnpike. The restaurant sits just inside Prosperity Avenue near the CVS store. If you are driving toward Fairfax, it is a little beyond NVCC/Annandale (on the right). This attractive restaurant features a full menu of Japanese cuisine. Chicken, beef, seafood, vegetarian, and vegan choices are well represented. Please contact Susan Cash at 703/587-4790 to RSVP by Tuesday, Sept. 24.



Francophile Group

Susan Cash, Chair

Please check future newsletters and email for information on our upcoming events.



Mystery Book Discussion Group

Susan Werner, Chair



MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

The first Fall meeting of the Mystery Book Discussion Group will take place on 24 September at the home of Catherine Hughes. The mystery will be *Snowblind* by Icelandic author Ragnar Jonasson. Catherine's address and phone number: 6129 Wellington Commons Dr., Alexandria, VA 22310; 703-216-8591. For further information about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner -susan.werner1@verizon.net. All mystery lovers welcome.

2019 Summer Leadership Meeting and AAUW's Finances

In July, Gail Kalin, Lane Stone, Elizabeth Hendrix and Diane Schrier attended AAUW-VA's Summer Leadership Meeting in Harrisonburg. Please take a look at the presentations, especially Suzanne Rothwell's. She gave a clear and comprehensive explanation of AAUW National's fiscal picture. What can you do to help? First, read up on what is being done: reduction of staff, etc. Next, understand the need for contributions to the unrestricted Greatest Needs Fund, rather than special programs which are funded well in to the future. Also, sign up and take the free, on-line Salary Negotiation course. Encourage others to take it also. And, come to our Meet and Greet for a longer discussion.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, October 26th

Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church

Gather at 1:00; Program starts promptly at 1:15

Please mark your calendars now to attend the Northern District's fall meeting. There will be several interesting and informative presentations you will not want to miss.

Tremayne Parquet, the Director of Advancement at AAUW National Headquarters, will bring us up to date on some of the changes occurring recently.

Leslie Tourigny, the Virginia Co-President, will discuss what's going on in the state, including the state conference which will be held in Northern Virginia in April, 2020.

Cyndi Shanahan, the Virginia State Board representative for Diversity and Inclusion will talk about this new position and how the branches can contribute to this initiative.

Representatives Elizabeth Hendrix and Diane Schrier from the Alexandria branch will present the program they have been developing over the past year to deal with Human Trafficking issues, and what other local branches can do to support their efforts.

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

2020 AAUW of Virginia State Conference

2020 marks the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage in the United States, therefore our conference will be themed around this momentous event and what's happened in advancing gender equity for women and girls in the past 100 years.

The conference will be held in the AAUW-VA Northern District at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Alexandria - Old Town, 625 First Street, from **April 17-19, 2020**. For details on rates, etc., see the state's [web site](#).

Joanne Clark of the Mt. Vernon Branch (jojoandgeorge@gmail.com) and **Arlene Shapiro** (arleneshapiro@yahoo.com) of the Alexandria Branch, are the co-chairs of the Local Arrangements Committee. **Tammie Mullins-Rice** of the Virginia Beach Branch is the conference treasurer and registrar, and **Mary Anne Graham** of the McLean Area Branch is the Program Book Chair.

Additional information will be forthcoming in the next few months.

Essays for Alexandria AAUWA [blog](#) needed on topics explaining your interests in AAUW and out. Only restrictions - must be non-partisan and no personal attacks. Submit to aauwnewsltr.ed@gmail.com.

Supreme Court Wrap-up Call Recording


On July 25, 2019 AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund reviewed several significant decisions reached by the U.S. Supreme Court during the October 2018 term. Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Research Deborah J. Vagins and State Policy Counsel Kate Nielson analyzed the recent cases that impact our most fundamental rights and AAUW priorities. If you missed the call, want to hear it again, or would like to pass it along to other branch members, listen to the recording online.

NEWS FROM OTHER BRANCHES

McLean AAUW
50th Annual
USED BOOK SALE

Friday	September 13	9 am - 7 pm
Saturday	September 14	10 am - 6 pm
Sunday	September 15	12 pm - 4 pm

Books, CD's, DVD's & Records
For Adults and Children



McLean Community Center
1234 Ingleside Ave
McLean, VA 22102

Sunday most books are \$10.00 a grocery bag
Credit Cards are accepted.
questions: 703-927-4204
aauwbookfair@gmail.com

Proceeds provide scholarships for Women

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