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Presidents Letter Gail & Lane

Dear Friends,

We, again, have so many of you to thank for jobs well done. Just this afternoon Danielle Beach opened her home and heart to us for a fun Meet and Greet. Last week Bonnie Hershberg ran another successful Strangers No More: Women Building Cross Cultural Friendships event. More about that on the following pages. Susan Cash, AAUW Funds Chair, is launching our replacement for Flurry of Funds, "Autumn Leaves." Please read her article and get out your checkbooks.

Work continues on our Human Trafficking Initiative and the 19th Amendment anniversary celebration.

We need your help! The following positions are open: Cultural Chair, By-laws Chair and Five Star Coordinator. Please consider volunteering. All can be done from your home and the only skill you need is the ability to email.

Warm regards,

Lane & 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.

“Autumn Leaves” Donation Drive

This year, the Alexandria Branch is launching the "Autumn Leaves" donation drive. Through **December 31**, we will raise funds for AAUW National and Alexandria Branch projects. The funds received will be divided 50/50 between AAUW National and the Alexandria Branch. The Alexandria Branch projects the donations will support include closing the **gender pay gap, our human trafficking initiative, and Women Building Cross Cultural Friendships**. Your donations to this

fundraising drive will be 50% tax deductible.

Please make your check (in the amount of your choice) **payable to Alexandria Branch AAUW**, with Autumn Leaves on the memo line and mail to Susan Cash, 8402 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308. Our branch Treasurer will process the checks when the Autumn Leaves donation drive ends.

Thank you in advance for your usual generosity!

PUBLIC POLICY



Please join us for a

Panel Discussion on Human Trafficking in Our Neighborhoods

What it looks like & how to help stop it.

Sponsored by The Vienna Woman's Club & Just Ask

 Date: Wednesday, October 16, 2019.

 7:00pm - 9:00pm

 Location: Vienna Volunteer Fire Department, The Hall (Second Floor) 400 Center Street South | Vienna, VA 22180. Entrance and parking lot on Cherry Street.

The Panel, led by Just Ask's Executive Director Bill Woolf, will include topic experts from both local Non-Profits & Government organizations.

FOR MORE INFORMATION EMAIL: events@justaskprevention.org

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Monthly Program Meeting

The women members of the Alexandria City Council have been invited to present our monthly Program on Sunday, October 20th, at 2 pm, in the Cameron Station Community Center. Come hear what the major issues are facing Alexandria.

Food for Thought

Thanks to Ginger Chamberlain for this interesting article.

The following list is of NINE things a woman couldn't do in 1971 – yes the date is correct, **1971**.

In 1971 a woman could not:

1. Get a Credit Card in her own name.. (changed in 1974)
2. Be guaranteed that they wouldn't be unceremoniously fired for the offense of getting pregnant. (changed in 1978)
3. Serve on a jury. (changed in all states by 1973)
4. Fight on the front lines or attend a military academy. (Admitted to academies in 1976; combat ban lifted in 2013.)
5. Get an Ivy League education (Remember the "sister schools? Last to admit women was in 1981)
6. Take legal action against workplace sexual harassment. (changed in 1977)
7. Decide not to have sex if their husband wanted to. (Not changed in all states until 1993)
8. Obtain health insurance at the same monetary rate as a man. (changed in 2010)
9. Take the birth control pill. (Changes varied from state to state.)

Oh, and one more thing, prior to 1880 the age of consent for sex was set at 10 or 12 in more states, with the exception of Delaware – where it was **7 YEARS OLD!**

Feminism is NOT just for other women.

SPECIAL INITIATIVES



WOMEN BUILDING CROSS-CULTURAL FRIENDSHIPS

On a gorgeous fall night, 23 women gathered in a lovely outdoor venue to continue building cross-cultural friendships. This was the second of a multi-phased initiative—the first last March—to create an informal, diverse and inclusive women’s group in our community. In September, we were treated to a variety of delicious and interesting food reflecting many foreign and American regional cultures and traditions. After introducing ourselves, each participant described the food she brought and its meaning for her.



Lane Stone, and visitors Miriam Delgado and Sue Nayyar

We then engaged as small groups to discuss how we could further interest women in our area from different cultural backgrounds—US and foreign born—to come together to build new friendships. In

addition to an outreach effort as we had done for the March event, several women suggested emphasizing newcomers to the area. At several of the tables, there was considerable interest in learning more about AAUW and our Branch as they talked about how to engage even more women.

The small groups were also asked to discuss what we could do to get to know one another better during our next gathering. The value of chatting as a way of connecting was highlighted, especially in this tech-intense environment in which we live when we often trade electronic exchanges for face-to-face interaction. Also discussed was the value of doing a project together for the community. One table suggested asking group members to share a special skill or knowledge to stimulate learning and growth on issues of importance to participants.

We brainstormed a variety of possible venues given the constraints around budget, individual resources, and accessibility. All agreed that the Alexandria public libraries afford us good exposure in the community. Moreover, they are all accessible and allow food, which participants felt was a great addition to any gathering. Lane and Bonnie will explore partnering with Beatley or Burke Libraries, which will allow us to use the venue without charge. After lively and enthusiastic conversations, the group seemed eager to gather again before the end of the year. Hopefully, we can arrange a time for early December. Please watch for further notices. To see all of the photos go to [Facebook](#).

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.



No shows were recorded in September.

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.

Member News

Kvell & Kudos to Members

Margaret Batko has a new granddaughter, Austen Margaret (she is the 5th Margaret in the maternal family line). She was born 3 weeks early on May 2 and after a week's stay in the Neo-natal Intensive Care Unit, she was able to come home. She is thriving, completely up to marmalade size and development levels. She went to the beach this summer, where she made it known she did not like the ocean and did like the pool.

Dr. Elizabeth Hendrix graduated from Alexandria City Academy on June 21, 2019. she still has her Alexandria city crush, and is buying a condo in Alexandria now.

She was cheered on at her graduation by Diane Schrier, Lane Stone, Gail Kalin, and Neal Ward.



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: _____

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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**

Alexandria Branch Interest Groups

Groups are open to all members.



Francophile Group

Susan Cash, Chair

Details on future events will appear in later newsletters or in email.



Gourmet Out

Susan Cash, Chair

Details on future events will appear in later newsletters or in email.

Mystery Book Discussion Group

Susan Werner, Chair



On October 22, the Mystery Group will meet at the home of Eugenia Burkes. We will meet at 7 PM. The mystery will be *The Other Woman* by Sandie Jones. Eugenia's address and phone number: 307 Yoakum Parkway #1411, Alexandria, VA 22304; 703-326-1307. Eugenia lives in one of the Watergate condos off Yoakum Pkwy, so it is important to let her know if you will be coming or not. For other questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group, contact Susan Werner @ 703-764-1773.

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. Some past 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.

We meet in the Cameron Station Clubhouse on the second Thursdays most months from 7-8:30 pm. Guests are welcome at any time.

Here are our remaining sessions for 2019:

October 10: *Cyber Conflict and Geopolitics*

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

Cultural Events



As mentioned in the Presidents Letter, we are without a chair for this interest group. While we wait for a new chair, members are encouraged to share information about events that might be of interest to the membership.

June Hajjar provided the following information about the Arts Club of Washington:

The Arts Club of Washington, founded in 1916, is housed in the historic James Monroe Home. It is the oldest nonprofit arts organization in DC. and is also an art gallery with new exhibits every month. Many events are open to the public including literary and jazz evenings and Friday noon concerts. The Club is accessible by metro with close proximity at Foggy Bottom or Farragut West. Please visit the club at www.artsclubofwashington.org for a listing of events.

The Club is at 2017 I ST. NW--closest metro is Foggy Bottom as well as Farragut West.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Please attend this important meeting, not just to hear what's going on, but to show our support for the work being done by Elizabeth Hendrix and Diane Schrier. See paragraph 5 below.

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.

What Is AAUW's Legacy Circle?

I've been given an assignment by the state board to explain AAUW's Legacy Circle to branch members. The Legacy Circle is AAUW's legacy society recognizing a person's intention to make a planned gift to AAUW. Planned gifts such as bequests, beneficiary designations or other deferred gifts are a wonderful way to support AAUW at no cost to you during your lifetime.

Like you, I love AAUW. I hadn't really thought of my estate, but the more I heard about the Legacy Circle the more I knew I wanted to be a part of this group of visionary dedicated supporters who are advancing AAUW's mission long into the future through planned giving. I've always been told that you should never give from the bottom of the pile. You should always give from the top -- give the best, not the least. Those words led me to become a proud member of the Legacy Circle.

I encourage all of you branch members in Virginia to join Virginia's current 40 Legacy Circle members in making this commitment- -- in whatever amount you feel comfortable. Your joining this year could help AAUW Virginia reach its Five Star goal. To receive the program star, we must increase our state Legacy Circle membership by 10% which, you all can see, is four new members by next June. Won't you help us reach that goal?

Please visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-enrollment-form/> to download the enrollment form, or contact me with any questions.

Neola Waller

AAUW Legacy Circle Team Member

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