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### Save these dates:

**4/8**, 7p, Great Decisions, (Zoom), Lynn O'Connell  
**4/12**, 7p, WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, (Zoom) Bonnie Hershberg,  
**4/24**, 3p, Francophile, Susan Cash  
**4/25**, 2p, Movies Afternoon, Virginia Kress  
**4/27**, 7p, Mystery book group, Susan Werner,  
[susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net)

Dear Friends,

I (Lane) will be speaking, virtually, to AAUW-Vienna Branch members on Tuesday, April 6 at 7p, on "Building a Career As a Woman Author." I hope you can join us. I'd love to see you all there! Often I've talked to groups about how my volunteer work feeds my writing. I'll again talk about how much I get out of my involvement with AAUW. Here's the link, but please RSVP to [info@LaneStoneBooks.com](mailto:info@LaneStoneBooks.com).  
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81616431135?pwd=UHVqT29WblhvY1R5bkclckVlJTZz09>

Speaking of the rewards of being a part of AAUW, Danielle Beach from our nominating committee is making telephone calls to recruit candidates for some open board positions. I hope you'll consider, or reconsider, joining the board. It has been such an honor for us to be co-presidents. We're sure you would find it rewarding. Please contact her at 202-494-9796, or [DanielleAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:DanielleAAUW@gmail.com).

Lastly, you'll see on Virginia Kress's program announcement that we're doing something really different this month. We'll watch a series of "shorts" together (by screen sharing) and discuss each one. We've been collecting links to these clips. Do you have any to suggest?

Stay safe,  
 Lane and Gail  
 AAUW-Alexandria Co-presidents



There will be a Democratic party primary this year in Alexandria:

#### June 8, 2021 Primary Election

- Sample ballots will be posted [here](#) when they become available.
- Ballots will be mailed starting April 23, 2021 and voters can request a mail ballot until May 28, 2021.
- In-Person absentee begins April 23, 2021.

#### How Do I Vote Absentee?

- **By-Mail.** If you would like to receive an ballot by mail, you may apply online, [vote.elections.virginia.gov](http://vote.elections.virginia.gov) or download a paper application from our absentee page (see below).
  - The [absentee voting page](#) includes additional information, including links to absentee-by-mail applications and information on returning by mail ballots.
  - The deadline to apply for a by mail ballot is 5 p.m. on the 11th day before an election.
- **In-Person Absentee.** In-Person absentee voting begins 45 days prior to a primary or general election in the Alexandria Voter Registration Office, 132 North Royal Street. Office Hours are Monday through Friday from 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.
  - The [absentee voting page](#) will include additional information on in-person absentee voting including satellite voting locations, weekend and evening hours.
  - The deadline to vote in-person absentee is 5 p.m. on the Saturday before an election.

# NOTES FROM AAUW NATIONAL

Thursday, April 1, 2021 4pm ET

## [AAUW National Town Hall on Member Education Requirement](#)

AAUW's annual election will begin on April 7 and run through May 17. We encourage you to attend this member-only Town Hall to learn more about the Board-supported proposed changes to the bylaws that would eliminate the degree requirement and open membership. We will also discuss Get Out the Vote efforts during the COVID pandemic and what you can do to help make sure that members voices and votes are counted. The Town Hall will include breakout groups, which will allow for more specific discussion on the items up for membership vote this spring, as well as GOTV efforts that you can participate in. Please join us! ([Registration is required](#))



### **Benefits of Planning in Times of Change**

During the COVID-19 pandemic, many AAUW members have been thinking about their legacy and their desire to include AAUW in their plans. Putting a plan in place or ensuring that your plan is current can provide peace of mind during times of change. Whether you are thinking about legacy giving for the first time or want to revisit your current plan, AAUW and the AAUW Legacy Circle Team are here to help.

The top three motivations that AAUW donors cite for making a planned gift are the importance of AAUW's mission; the belief that AAUW makes a significant impact; and the ability to make a larger gift through an estate gift than is normally possible during the donor's lifetime.

There are many creative and flexible giving options to help you achieve your vision. Popular options include: a bequest through your will or trust, naming AAUW a beneficiary of your IRA (which may provide tax benefits while benefitting AAUW), and naming AAUW as a beneficiary of your life insurance policy or a bank account. There are also planned giving options that provide income to you for life and give you an immediate charitable tax deduction for the present value of the gift in the year the gift is made.

If you would like to learn more about the benefits of planned giving, please contact Heather Miller, AAUW Advancement Director at [millerh@aauw.org](mailto:millerh@aauw.org). Kristin Moyer of the AAUW Legacy Circle Team [kcmoyer65@gmail.com](mailto:kcmoyer65@gmail.com) is also available to assist you. You can also find more information on AAUW's website: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/support-aauw/leave-a-legacy/>. We would be delighted to welcome you to the Legacy Circle—AAUW's recognition society for our beloved visionaries who are committed to advancing equity for women and girls long into the future.

## AAUW-VA NEWS OF NOTE

### Women of Achievement Award

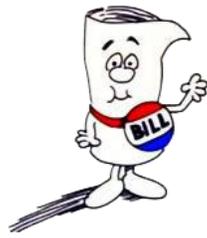
AAUW of Virginia just awarded its annual Women of Achievement Award to Virginia Senator Janet Howell and Harvard student Ana Luisa Tio Humphrey for her research work on astrophysics and exoplanets. Ana was a National Merit Scholarship winner and the Valedictorian for TC Willams in 2019. She has won many National awards.



### Membership Retention Award

I am pleased to honor your achievement for greater than 90% retention in the 20-21 year period with the attached certificate. In addition to the certificate, you will be receiving a check from the state for \$25. Congratulations! See page 17 for the certificate.

Cheryl Spohnholtz  
AAUW of Virginia  
VP for Membership



## PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

Diane Schrier

Wednesday, March 24 was Equal Pay Day for (some) woman. Today women earn the equivalent dollar that equals what a man earned on Dec. 31 – last year. However, if you are American of African descent, that is in the future for the earning ratio is \$.63. If you are native American, it is \$.60, and if you are Latinas, it is \$.55. If you are a wife, it is \$.70. It will take 250 years for pay equity to occur. Women have lost careers and jobs during this pandemic. The American Relief Act will help this by giving money to schools to help them reopen and money to daycares to help them reopen. Women will be able to go back to work, but many of their jobs have been lost. One major flaw in the education plan remains that affects students. The rule for standardized testing has not been lifted for this year. The majority of students will be woefully unprepared to take a standardized test.

Two armed massacres occurred in the United States during the last two weeks. 80-90% of all Americans are in favor of common-sense gun laws. If you drive a car, you get a license. A gun is as deadly as a car in the wrong hands. A simple background check would prevent many domestic murders, as well as other horrific murders. Weapons and ammunition designed and used in war situations don't need to be readily available in towns and cities, where the only use is for mass murder. This is my opinion but too many children and adults have died. Their right to life was removed. This year, Virginia passed a temporary suspension of gun rights for individuals with a domestic assault conviction against certain family members.

Virginia has ended capital punishment. This is good, however, life without parole is increasing dramatically. This will become a discussion in the future. Work on criminal reform and the school to prison pipeline is ongoing.

There is mandated Paid Sick Leave to consumer-directed personal care attendants who are employed by Medicaid beneficiaries and reimbursed by Virginia's Medicaid program.

Governor Northam is signing two bills that our branch has long been supporting. [The first will expunge the criminal records of Human Trafficking victims and the other will allow an affirmative defense, showing that they were forced to perform illegal acts.](#) We have been fighting for this legislation and have brought it up several times and talked to our legislators about it. It is the primary reason Virginia received a mediocre grade on Human Trafficking. Signing this bill will improve Virginia's reputation and give extra strength to efforts to end human trafficking. Presently victims are told by predators that they will be arrested if they come forward. This relief will help the victims escape.

**ACTION ALERT:** Urge the Senate to pass the VOCA Fix to Sustain the Crime Victims Fund Act of 2021

Now that the VOCA Fix passed in the House, our attention turns to the Senate. We are hearing that the Senate may start to consider VOCA soon. If you have not contacted your Senator on VOCA yet, please do so!

**The Ask:** Co-sponsor the VOCA Fix (S. 611) to stabilize victim services funding. The House companion bill, H.R. 1652, passed with overwhelming bipartisan support (384 to 38). Now is the time for the Senate to act.

Please send your Senators an email and/or tweet using this [action alert](#), and forward to your networks for their support!

**Background:** Survivors are navigating the pandemic, economic hardship, and domestic violence simultaneously. Local victim services agencies are there to help – but they too are facing the consequences of the economic downturn. The Victims of Crime Act (VOCA), the largest source of federal funding for domestic and sexual violence services in the country, has faced dangerous cuts over the last few years and is facing even more catastrophic cuts now. The VOCA Fix bill – H.R. 1652 passed the U.S. House of Representatives on March 17, 2021.

Now is the time for Senators to co-sponsor and immediately pass a bill to fix VOCA. Urge your Senators to act now to support the VOCA Fix, which will restore victim services funding and ensure survivors in crisis have the help they need.

## BRANCH NOTES

### A Note from the Treasurer Anne Simpson



It is dues time again! You will notice that when you pay your dues, the amount has increased by \$3, making a total of \$93. This is the result of an increase in national dues from \$59 to \$62. Statements will be coming to your email in the next few days. You can pay by check as always, but a more convenient and efficient way is to pay with a credit card. Once you pay, you will not get another statement, but if you haven't, you will get a statement about once a month until September. Last year we received recognition for our retention rate. Let's do it again!

## UPCOMING PROGRAMS

Virginia Kress



A Zoom “**Afternoon at the Movies**” on **Sunday, April 25, at 2 PM**. Links to “Shorts” will be emailed to members. Feel free to invite guests.



**Annual Meeting** on **Sunday, May 23, at 2 PM**. We will be meeting over Zoom. Information on voting for officers will be coming separately by email.

I hope you'll be able to join us. I know we're all looking forward to next year when we can gather together in person.



AUTUMN LEAVES 2020  
Susan Cash

Thanks to all of you who have contributed to Autumn Leaves for the Alexandria Branch's 75th Anniversary. We will continue to accept donations for our 75th anniversary drive through May 31, 2021. Our goal is to increase our 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary total to \$2,000.00 by May 31. We have approximately \$250 remaining toward reaching this goal.

May 2021 marks the end of our 75th anniversary year. To help celebrate that special occasion, we will hold another drawing for prizes at our annual meeting (to be held Sunday, May 23). All who will have donated from June 1, 2020 up until Friday, May 21, 2021 will be eligible for the drawing. Multiple prizes will be given out.

Once again, 100% of the donations received for our 75th anniversary Autumn Leaves drive (through May 31) will be retained by the Alexandria Branch to support our projects.

**Our 2021 Autumn Leaves drive will open on June 1.**

Donations to Autumn Leaves (in the amount of your choice) should be sent to Susan Cash, 8402 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308. Checks should be made payable to Alexandria Branch AAUW, with Autumn Leaves on the memo line. We will greatly appreciate your support.

## BRANCH ACTIVITIES



### MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

**Susan Werner**

Happy spring mystery lovers. Our April mystery is [The Killings at Kingfisher Hill](#) by Sophie Hannah. We will continue to meet via Zoom, but we will see what the summer brings. The date of our meeting is April 27, 2021. Time: 7 PM. If you have questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group or suggestions for mystery books for the group, please contact Susan Werner: [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net). All are welcome at the meeting.

### CHRIST HOUSE

**Jan Jaynes and Margaret Zebrowski**

The next Christ House supper is on Wednesday, June 30, 2021. Because of constraints caused by the pandemic, we have been providing bag meals and bottled water. This has been significantly more expensive than our normal pizza meals. We all hope that we will soon return to normal and be serving pizza, salads, and desserts. The increased costs have been significant. If you wish to support this effort, checks can be sent to Anne Simpson, Treasurer, with notation that the contribution is for the Christ House soup kitchen. There are also still spa gift cards available for purchase. The money from the sale of the gift cards also helps us provide meals for those who are most in need in our community, especially during these difficult times.





**FRANCOPHILE GROUP**  
**Susan Cash**

At our next get together (Saturday, April 24 at 3 p.m.), we will continue our exploration of Brittany with a discussion of the book *I'll Never Be French No Matter What I Do: Living in a Small Village in Brittany* by Mark Greenside. Discussion is in English. For more information, please contact Susan Cash, [scash5558@gmail.com](mailto:scash5558@gmail.com), 703/587-4790. Please RSVP to Susan to receive the Zoom link.



**GREAT DECISIONS 2021**  
**Lynn O'Connell**

Great Decisions - April 8, 7 pm via Zoom

All are welcome at our upcoming Great Decision evening. Our topic is "Brexit & the European Union," and our discussion will be facilitated by Margaret Batko.

*Brexit and the European Union:* With the "Brexit transition period" coming to an end this year, the United Kingdom will formally leave the European Union at the start of 2021. With negotiations between the two entities continuing to stall, what does the future of Europe and the UK look like? Will the UK survive a possible Scottish vote to leave? Who will step up and take command of Europe now that Angela Merkel is out of the spotlight?

In May, we meet on May 13 and Gail Kalin is facilitating, "Struggles Over the Melting Arctic." Many thanks to Peter Kent for facilitating March's discussion on "Persian Gulf Security" issues.

If you are not on our Great Decisions email list, please let Lynn O'Connell know - [lynnocconnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnocconnellva@gmail.com).



## DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION (DE&I)

Bonnie Hershberg

### DIVERSITY BOOK CLUB

Diversity Book Group Reads About A Family Experiencing One Member's Gender Dysphoria  
This month a group of 11 women discussed *This Is How It Always Is* by Laurie Frankel. The story is cleverly told as a story within a story, a fairy tale to be specific. Parents of four sons set out deliberately to have a daughter. Instead, they welcome another son—Claude—who at age three, however, decides that he wants to be/is a girl. Our readers generally liked the book and found it a learning experience on many levels. Some of us have close friends and few acquaintances who identify as transgender. For some, learning about the trials and tribulations of this family was entirely new. That said, the themes the author plumbs seem universal—all of us seek to establish a safe environment in which to live our lives and, if we have them, for members of our families. Of course, the rub comes when we disagree on what safety means. More generally the book deals with the power of secrets, loyalty, trust, sacrifice, self-doubt, acceptance, betrayal, and familial love. For those interested in reading more fiction on this topic, our volunteer facilitator recommended *A Kid Like Jake*. Two movies were recommended that can be streamed—*Palmer*, newly released, and *The Danish Girl*. For April 12, we will be discussing *Negroland* by Margo Jefferson. If you would like to join us, please email me by 5 April at [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com).

### MORE ON DIVERSITY, EQUITY, AND INCLUSION

TAKE A LOOK! Have you checked National's Website? Great news on the DE&I Toolkit! If you haven't taken a look at all the resources on it, I encourage you to spend some time perusing it. <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/dei-toolkit/> The next webinar for the Toolkit will be on April 22 at 4pm EST. The event will be advertised about 10 days beforehand so that you can register at that time. This webinar will focus on handling difficult conversations, which is a topic heading in the Kit. Another webinar is planned for June, however, the date and time not yet been announced. Subsequent work on the Toolkit will include "plug-n-play" programming. This is intended to help branches create programs that are DE&I focused. The plug-n-play instructions will be posted on the website shortly. They cover a variety of topics including a program plan and facilitator preparation and expectations as well substantive topics such as "allyship," creating inclusive spaces, and intersectionality. There's hardly a better way to educate ourselves and show up effectively to further racial, gender, and social equity than with a group of our trusted AAUW members.

#### **Diversity Equity and Inclusion Toolkit - How to Have Difficult Conversations**

Try to think of the last time you had a conversation that was not easy due to perceived or actual cultural/socioeconomic factors. How did you feel before you began talking? Did you harbor

expectations as to how the conversation would proceed and conclude? How did you feel once the conversation ended? Did you accomplish your goals?

An important step in your Branch's journey toward true equity, diversity, and inclusion is having open and honest conversations. Join Jesse Ohrenberger and members of the AAUW Inclusion & Equity Committee on Thursday, April 22, at 3pm EST, to learn foundational skills for successfully navigating these kinds of conversations, including how to create safe and inclusive spaces by setting ground rules and managing community agreements. (Registration required)



One good thing to come out of the pandemic is people finding time to submit a blog post. I hope these new postings will inspire others. All posts can be found on the right-hand side of the home page under our newsletters. Here's what's been posted since November.

American Family in Pakistan

Her Story - AAUW and Rachel Carson

Self Care, Alexandria Library Post

Violet Protest

Please use this opportunity to "Sound Off" about something you are passionate about and please let those who have submitted posts know your thoughts/reactions to their writings. I'm sure they would love to hear from you.

### Kudos and Kvells

Lane Stone has two new mystery series. The first book in the Big Picture Trilogy, *The Collector*, launches May, 2022. The first book in Old Town Mysteries will be out late-2022.

## INVITATIONS FROM SISTER BRANCHES

**Mt. Vernon & Springfield-Annandale AAUW Branches, and Sherwood Regional Library**  
present:

### **Bob Levey Prize-Winning Journalist**

Covered Presidential Politics, Congress, Local News, and Sports Seven times, named one of the most popular columnists in Washington by Washingtonian magazine for his Washington Post column.

Saturday, April 17, 10:30 a.m. Register: <https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/7510819>

For 23 years, Mr. Levey wrote a daily column, "Bob Levey's Washington," for The Washington Post. The column looked at all aspects of life in the nation's capital. It won major awards from the Society of Professional Journalists and the Washington Journalism Review. Currently he writes a monthly column for Senior Beacon Newspapers. Now retired from the Post, Bob Levey has written a novel: Larry Felder, Candidate. He will talk about his book and about his time at the Post. Mr. Levey's books may be purchased here: <https://www.bobleveypublishing.com/larry-felder-candidate> or <https://www.amazon.com/Larry-Felder-Candidate-BobLevey/dp/1720030901>

## FROM OUR FRIENDS



### **THANK YOU FOR SUPPORTING OUR LIBRARIES!**

In the last newsletter Friends of Beatley Library asked for our support. This month they passed this along from ALA, American Library Association, with their thanks to everyone who contacted their Senators and Representatives. Senators Kaine and Warner voted yea, as did Congressman Beyer.

#### ***American Rescue Plan***

*Libraries are eligible for billions of dollars in recovery funding as part of the \$1.9 trillion American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) of 2021 passed by Congress on Wednesday, March 10th, 2021. The package includes \$200 million for the Institute of Museum and Library Services (IMLS), the largest single increase in the agency's 25-year history. The package*

*includes billions of dollars in academic, public and school library-eligible programs, including the Emergency Education Connectivity Fund through the federal E-rate program. ALA has worked hard to ensure our nation's libraries and library workers are included in pandemic relief and recovery efforts, and we are extremely grateful to our advocates for standing up to keep #LibrariesStrong.*



We have been inspired for centuries by women who stepped up and led the way in Alexandria. This past year, many women have worked and volunteered an exceptional number of hours on the front lines – delivering mail and packages, ensuring our food supply, teaching our children, caring for our health and safety, and many other efforts helping the Alexandria community battle COVID-19.

**To honor women who have gone above and beyond during this crisis, Alexandria Celebrates Women is proud to host the first Celebrate Women Awards on Monday, March 29 at 7 p.m..** This Women’s History Month awards ceremony will replace the Alexandria Commission for Women’s annual Salute to Women.

The Celebrate Women Awards is a FREE online event, highlighting five women through biographical videos. Join us as we honor extraordinary women who are helping us all through extraordinary times.

[RSVP now](#) -- the event link will be sent 24 hours before the event.

**2020-2021 CALENDAR – ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE  
(CHECK BACK OFTEN)**

- 4/1/21, 6:45p: Board Mtg.
- 4/8/21, 7p: Great Decisions – Brexit & the European Union, Contact Lynn O’Connell at [lynnocConnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnocConnellva@gmail.com)
- 4/12/21, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com)
- 4/24/21, 3p: Francophile Group reads I’ll Never Be French, Contact: Susan Cash, [scash5002@email.vccs.edu](mailto:scash5002@email.vccs.edu)
- 4/25/21, Program, Movie night.
- 4/27/21, 7p: Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).
- 5/6/21, 6:45p: Board Mtg
- 5/10/21, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com)
- 5/13/21, 7p: Great Decisions – Struggles Over the Melting Arctic, Contact Lynn O’Connell at [lynnocConnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnocConnellva@gmail.com)
- 5/23/21, 2p: Annual Meeting, Virtual
- 5/25/21, 7p: Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).
- 5/25-26/21 – NCCWSL - virtual
- 6/10/21, 7p: Great Decisions – China’s Role in Africa, Contact Lynn O’Connell at [lynnocConnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnocConnellva@gmail.com)
- 6/14/21, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com)
- 6/22/21, 7p: Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).
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- 7/27/21, 7p: Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).
- 7/31/21, Summer Leadership Mtg, Sweet Briar, VA.
- 8/9/21, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com)
- 8/24/21, 7p: Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).
- 9/9/21, 7p, Great Decisions – The Korean Peninsula, to be arranged by **Diane Schrier**, Contact Lynn O’Connell at [lynnocConnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnocConnellva@gmail.com)
- 9/13/21, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com)
- 9/28/21, 7p, Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, [susan.werner1@verizon.net](mailto:susan.werner1@verizon.net).
- 10/11/21, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, [hersh3b@gmail.com](mailto:hersh3b@gmail.com)
- 10/14/21, 7p, Great Decisions – Roles of International Organizations in a Global Pandemic, Contact Lynn O’Connell at [lynnocConnellva@gmail.com](mailto:lynnocConnellva@gmail.com)
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**Certificate of Recognition for Membership Retention**

***Alexandria Branch***

**AAUW of Virginia congratulates the Alexandria Branch  
for its contributions to the mission of AAUW by meeting or exceeding 90%  
membership retention in the 2020 – 2021 fiscal year.**

*Leslie Tourigny*

**Leslie Tourigny  
AAUW-VA Co-President**

*Suzanne Rothwell*

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