



Alexandria (VA) Branch
THE SCHOONER - May 2022

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SAVE THESE DATES:

4/30/22, AAUW-VA,
Conference, part 2, Virtual
5/5/22, 7p, Board Meeting
5/9/22, 7p, Diversity Book
Group,
5/12/22, 7p, Great Decisions
5/22/22, 1p, Annual Meeting,
Fratelli's
5/24/22, 7p, Mystery book
group
6/2/22, 7p, Board Meeting

Dear Friends,

We have had a very interesting month. Our April 23, School to Prison Pipeline Forum was very successful with almost 50 people signed up for it. Our speakers, Commonwealth Attorney for Arlington and Falls Church, Parisa Dehghani-Tafti, and Dr. Kenneth Gilbert, Director of Diversity, Equity and Inclusion for the Howard County Public School System had spent many years working on this issue and trying to find better ways to help adolescents.

On April 24, AARP's "6 Pillars of Brain Health" was also very informative. Subhaker Satyanarayan, AARP's 2022 Virginia Presidents Award for Community Service, was an excellent speaker and lead the discussion. Donna Hayford helped with organizing and facilitating the program.

Margaret Zebrowski, needs help this summer with organizing the dinners for the homeless for Christ Church. Please contact her at mmzebrow@aol.com.

We would like to make the programs that are offered at the branch's monthly meetings as engaging, relevant and timely as possible. Please email or call one of us and let us know your ideas.

Don't forget [to vote](#) in the National Election for the Board of Directors and the Resolutions. The election closes on May 16th at 5:00 pm. Please read the resolutions carefully.

Diane Schrier and Sylvia Linke
AAUW-Alexandria, Co-Presidents



The 2022 AAUW of VA Annual Business Meeting will be held

Saturday, April 30, 1p

It's not too late to register! Just click [here](#).

BRANCH NOTES

PROGRAM

ALEXANDRIA BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

Please join us on Sunday, **May 22nd at 1:00 p.m.** for our Spring end of year luncheon at [Fratelli's Restaurant](#), located at 410 South Van Dorn Street in Alexandria. Arrangements have not been finalized but tentatively we will either choose from the menu or if a greater number attend, we will have group choices. Further information will follow. This is our annual meeting and we hope many will attend. Please contact Diane at Diane.Schrier@gmail.com to make your reservation.





PITCH IN! The Nominating Committee continues to seek volunteers to serve for two years in the positions of Secretary and Vice-President for Membership. We are also seeking a volunteer to serve for one-year in the unexpired term of the Vice-President for Programs. People in these positions would serve on the branch's Board of Directors. The duties for these positions are set forth in Appendix A of the branch's bylaws. We are also seeking volunteers for one-year positions, including public policy, fundraising, publicity, sunshine, and diversity, inclusion and equity. Many jobs can be done remotely. If you have a specific interest or want to get more involved, please contact one of the branch Co-Presidents, Sylvia Linke or Diane Schrier.

DO YOU LIKE US? WE HOPE SO!

*Here's the link to the branch's Facebook page – please follow and like us.
[Click here.](#)*

CAMPUS OUTREACH

Danielle Beach

Northern Virginia Community College hosts 12th Annual Women Helping Women:
CULTIVATING, CREATING, CONNECTING



Left: Danielle Beach, AAUW Alexandria Campus Outreach Chair, and past co-president. Center: Dr. Carolyn Lorente Right: NVCC President Dr. Anne Kress.

Dr. Lorente, left, and Cassandra Pernell, right, recipient of AAUW-Alexandria NCCWSL scholarship in 2019.



Dancing in motion workshop.

Planting a community garden.

Others were water painting, writing poetry.

MEMBERSHIP

Margaret Batko
Membership VP

As a reminder, beginning July 1, the AAUW national dues will be \$67, of which \$64 will be tax-deductible. State dues and Branch dues will remain \$15 and the \$16 respectively.

▶▶ Member Count Summary:

Active Member: 58

National Life Member: [8](#)

Paid: [51](#)

Yet To Renew: 0

State

Paid: [58](#)

Yet To Renew: [1](#)

Branch Dual Member: 0

Paid: [58](#)

Yet To Renew: [1](#)



AUTUMN LEAVES

Susan Cash
AAUW Funds Chair

Autumn Leaves 2022

Thank you to all of you who donated to our Autumn Leaves 2021 fundraising drive. Our new 2022 Autumn Leaves fundraising drive opens on June 1. We will again have a drawing for prizes at the December holiday luncheon. Like last year, the first five people to donate to Autumn Leaves 2022 can claim a prize of their choice (as well as have their names entered into the holiday drawing).

In our Autumn Leaves 2022 drive, the funds raised will be divided equally between the Alexandria Branch and AAUW National. Fifty percent of your donation will be tax-deductible.

To contribute to Autumn Leaves 2022, please mail a check, payable to AAUW-Alexandria, with Autumn Leaves on the memo line, to Susan Cash, 8402 West Boulevard Drive, Alexandria, VA 22308.

BRANCH ACTIVITIES



MYSTERY BOOK DISCUSSION GROUP

Susan Werner

Greetings mystery lovers. Our mystery novel for May 2022 is The Bughouse Affair by best-selling American author Marcia Muller. We will meet via Zoom at 7 PM on Tuesday, May 24th. All are welcome. Please join us for a lively discussion. If you have questions about the Mystery Book Discussion Group and/or suggestions for future mysteries, please contact Susan Werner at susan.werner1@verizon.net. Happy spring. Happy reading.



FRANCOPHILE GROUP

Susan Cash

Please follow the AAUW Alexandria newsletters for updates on future events—our annual Bastille Day dinner and a rescheduling of the meeting that had been planned for March 2022.



GREAT DECISIONS

Lynn O'Connell

Will the Quad countries be able to contain China's power reach?

Our Thursday, 5/12/22, 7p meeting speaker will be former Assistant Secretary of Defense [Larry Korb](#). We will discuss [The Quad Alliance](#).

As part of the U.S. pivot to Asia, the United States has been in dialogue with Japan, Australia, and India in an effort to contain China. Recently, the Quad countries held joint naval exercises in the South Pacific. How effective will the actions of this alliance be?

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://vccs.zoom.us/j/87406465764?pwd=cWJvR25lL0xJRjc1WDkzbnkQyRTdzUT09>

Meeting ID: 874 0646 5764

Passcode: 860035

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Email Lynn at lynnoconnellva@gmail.com for more information.





DIVERSITY BOOK GROUP

Bonnie Hershberg

Diversity Book Group Selects Upcoming Titles

The April discussion of the Diversity Book Group centered on our selections for the upcoming months June 2022 - June 2023. Starting the process in March, we asked participants to recommend up to three works that focused on the voices of authors we are less likely to hear and on a wide range of diversity, equity, and inclusion themes. We happily got 29 submissions. Participants then voted their favorites with the intention that we would read the 13 with the most votes. Because many tied for 13th place, we looked over the list and decided to select— as a group—the one that would broaden our selection even more. Instead of reading them according to the order of most votes as we did last year, we responded to requests from volunteer facilitators for the month that best suited their schedules. We think we have a good mix of genres and themes.

We have decided to remain virtual via Zoom and will continue to partner with Alexandria's Ellen Coolidge Branch Burke Library for the foreseeable future, although the library has returned to regular hours. We remain grateful to the library and particularly librarian Caroline Pak who supports our meetings.

We hope you'll join us for your learning and reading pleasures. Please email me at least one week prior to the meeting date at hersh3b@gmail.com if you would like to participate. At that time, I'll send you the secure library registration link.

13 June	<u>Call Us What We Carry</u> , Amanda Gorman
11 July	<u>Know My Name</u> , Chanel Miller
8 August	<u>I'll Scream Later</u> , Marlee Matlin
12 Sept	<u>My Lovely Wife in the Psych Ward</u> , Mark Lukach
10 Oct	<u>The Good Women of China: Hidden Voices</u> , Xue Xinran
14 Nov	<u>Cherish Farrah</u> , Bethany C. Murrow
12 Dec	<u>Too Much Lip</u> , Melissa Lucashenko
9 Jan 2023	<u>Funny, You Don't Look Autistic: A Comedian's Guide to Life on the Spectrum</u> , Michael McCreary
13 Feb	<u>Refugee High: Coming of Age in America</u> , Elly Fishman
13 Mar	<u>Crying in H Mart</u> , Michelle Zauner
10 Apr	<u>The Henna Artist</u> , Ilka Joshi
8 May	<u>The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks</u> , Rebecca Skloot
12 June	<u>Girl in Translation</u> , Jean Kwok

FROM AAUW-NATIONAL

National Conference for Campus Women Student Leaders announces:

NCCWSL 2022 | May 24-26, 2022
**2022 Keynote Speaker: Pulitzer-Prize-Winning
Journalist Nikole Hannah-Jones**



Nikole Hannah-Jones, Photo Credit: James Estrin, The New York Times

I couldn't be more excited to announce that **Nikole Hannah-Jones**, Pulitzer-Prize-winning creator of “The 1619 Project” and a staff writer at The New York Times Magazine, will keynote the 2022 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in May.

Hannah-Jones’s groundbreaking work reframed American history by putting the consequences of slavery at the center of our national narrative. She spent her career investigating racial inequality and injustice, and her reporting has earned her the MacArthur Fellowship, a Peabody Award, two George Polk Awards and the National Magazine Award three times.

Upcoming Webinar

Exploring Tough Policy Issues through an AAUW Lens: The Student Debt Crisis

Tuesday, May 3, 2022, 4 p.m. ET

Join AAUW's Public Policy team as they and guest speakers explore the realities and possible misconceptions about student debt.

Women hold around two-thirds of the country's \$1.7 trillion of student debt, according to AAUW's report, *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*. Because of the gender pay gap, they have less income with which to repay their loans. Student debt erodes economic security and is particularly burdensome for women of color. Our panelists will discuss their research and efforts to help borrowers and halt abuses by the student loan industry.

Panelists include **Katherine Welbeck**, director of advocacy from the Student Borrower Protection Center, and **Natalia Abrams**, president and founder of the Student Debt Crisis Center.

[REGISTER NOW](#)



KVELLS AND KUDOS

Member Grace Ganel gave birth to a future AAUW member. Both are doing well.



The Library of Congress Calls for Volunteers to Assist with Recording Women's History

For those of you who are interested in doing a deep dive into women's history, the Library of Congress has several current projects to transcribe the records of noted women who were active in the suffrage movement, such as the Blackwell family (Lucy Stone was a member) and the records of the National American Women Suffrage Association which exerted influence over the efforts of the suffragettes, as well as the records of Clara Barton. For a list of current transcription projects see <https://crowd.loc.gov/campaigns-topics/>.

Submitted by Sylvia Linke

2022 CALENDAR – ALL EVENTS SUBJECT TO CHANGE

(CHECK BACK OFTEN)

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6/13/22, 7p: WBCCF: Diversity Book Group, Location: Burke Library, Contact: Bonnie Hershberg, hersh3b@gmail.com
6/28/22, 7p, Mystery book group, Contact: Susan Werner, susan.werner1@verizon.net.
6/29/22, Christ House Dinner. Contact: Margaret Zebrowski, (Mmzebrow@aol.com) & Jan Jaynes (janjjoek@verizon.net)

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