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**Saturday December 5, 2015**  
**Noon to 2 pm**  
**The Home of Barbara Oliver**  
**2<sup>nd</sup> Street South Arlington VA 22204**  
**703/820-0067**

**Annual Winter Potluck**

The 2015 Winter Potluck will be held at the home of Barbara Oliver. Begin the Holiday Season with friends and good food. To ensure a variety of foods, if your last name begins from A to G please bring a dessert; H to O, bring a main dish; and finally from P to Z bring a salad or appetizer. However, if the spirit moves you to bring a different dish, come and surprise us. A map is below.



There will be a short presentation on *Arlington Neighborhood Villages (ANV)*. ANV is a nonprofit organization that allows seniors to age in place. It is staffed by volunteers who provide a variety of services including rides. You might not be ready to join as a full member but might want to help out. ANV also sponsors activities including dine-arounds, coffees and programs for a healthy life. Several of our own members have joined ANV.

We hope that you will join and please remember to bring a new or gently used book for children at Virginia Hospital Center.

## **Presidents' Message**

Our AAUW year is well underway and Marcy and I are so impressed with the planning done by Mary Van Dyke and Mary Beth Pelosky in providing quality presentations for our meetings. At the October meeting, the presentations provided valuable information about the work of AAUW for new members and some old-timers as well! We are also so grateful to the Tech-Savvy team for collaborating to provide such a high-quality and meaningful STEM day for our middle school girls. There was a tremendous amount of representatives, learning about geospatial remote sensing, making your own apps and how to build a robot were just some work involved to make it all happen and we are thankful for the leadership of Susan Senn and her team in seeing it through!

On another note, Marcy and I received some important information from the national office that we want to share with you all. AAUW is embarking on a new campaign initiative, *Charting the Course*, to raise money to bolster programs in our communities that empower women and girls. The story of women's progress toward equality in this country is a remarkable one, and AAUW has played an important role in nearly every chapter. We've worked hard to open more opportunities than ever to women and girls, and we have made significant advances. But we're not done yet.

There are still formidable challenges to tackle. In our economy, women are still paid, on average, just 79 cents for every dollar men are paid. In Congress, only

one-fifth of our leaders are women. In business, women make up just 5 percent of Fortune 500 CEOs. In short, we have a lot of work to do.

Our two-year Charting the Course campaign aims to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds to ensure that AAUW is well prepared to meet the issues facing us today and into the future. These unrestricted funds will be used wherever the need is greatest, empowering women in our communities, schools, workplaces, and positions of leadership. The priorities being addressed include promoting gender parity in leadership positions, closing the gender pay gap and overcoming barriers to women's participation in STEM careers. We can make donations as individuals or commit to a branch pledge. We encourage you to go to the website, <http://www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/> to learn more about the campaign.

We look forward to seeing many of you at our Pot-Luck Luncheon at the home of Barbara Olivere on Saturday, December 5<sup>th</sup> where we will learn more about how it DOES take a village!!

### **Forgot to pay your dues? What to do now. . .**

Perhaps you were out of town, or the dog ate your note to yourself to pay your AAUW dues. For whatever reason, you haven't paid yet for the dues year through June 2016, and you'll be (or have been) dropped from the rolls on December 1, which means you won't be on the membership list to be distributed in early December. You can be reinstated by paying your \$80 (\$46 of which is deductible) membership dues. (It's \$31 for paid life members, but nothing is due from honorary life members.) It's easier to pay online this year at [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), or you can send your check made out to Arlington AAUW to me at 3335 S Stafford St, 22206. (Please note that because Cece Michelotti will not be assuming the office of Finance Officer, I continue to serve in this office on an interim basis.)

Carol Dabbs, Interim Treasurer

## Upcoming Events

### International Coffee

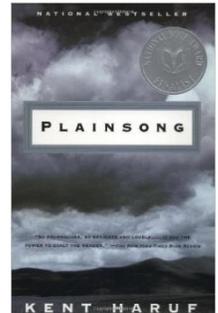
The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will hold a Christmas luncheon on Wednesday, December 9 from 10:30 to 12:30 at the home of Karen Russo. All members will serve as hostesses and provide a dish for the luncheon.

Members of the Arlington AAUW Branch are welcome to join. For further information please contact Priscilla Becker at 703-841-0647 or [JBecker841@aol.com](mailto:JBecker841@aol.com).



### Let's Talk About Books

On Monday, December 21 at 6:30 pm, we will have our annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner at the home of Vivian Kallen, 2705 N Upshur Street, 703/525-7053. This is a joint gathering of both afternoon groups. There will be no afternoon sessions in December. Our book selection is *Plainsong* by Kurt Haruf. Please coordinate with me about your contribution to the dinner because Vivian does not have access to email. This will allow us to determine what is still needed. Also, please note the earlier start time. Vivian can only seat 14 so get your reservation in early!



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## Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the AAUW Lunch Bunch will be on **Thursday, December 17, 2015**. We welcome AAUW members to assist us with the serving of pizza, water, and dessert to twenty plus girls at the Arlington Mill High School, as well as to assist the girls with understanding the program for that day. The Lunch Bunch is a very rewarding activity, which our branch has continued for over twenty five years.



We meet on the third Thursday of each month through May from 12:40 - 1:15 p.m. The Lunch Bunch will be located in the school's library to the right of the Main Office in the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, VA.

If you would like to volunteer at the lunches, please contact Mary Ann Ullrich or myself. We look forward to seeing you at one (or more) of our Lunch Bunch programs this year.

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## Tech Savvy NOVA, 2015

The Tech Savvy NOVA STEM Conference was held on Saturday, October 24, 2015, on the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. It was a great success. There were 82 registrants – of that 82, only 61 attended. There also were 38 parents. The girls who registered were from different schools from eight different counties – Arlington, Fairfax, Falls Church, Prince William, Loudon, Prince George's, DC, Montgomery counties. There were 39 students from Arlington County alone. One student was from Australia. Even though our reach was far and wide, and with Alexandria schools not agreeing to distribute the flyers, we were greatly disappointed by the numbers of enrollees.

There were nine different hands-on workshops in the morning (Robotics, Facial Recognition Technology, Astronomy and Optics, Geospatial Satellite Systems,

Creating Your Own Mobile App, "Teams" for STEAM, etc.) including a College Savvy hour when seven college and university representatives interviewed the girls using their "mock" college applications they had filled out. In the afternoon, the girls had a choice of seven different Savvy Skills workshops, i.e. How to Speak for Any Audience, Girls Just Want to Have Fund\$, The Process of Engineering, etc. The parents had their own program. In the morning, they had four different presentations centered on raising a Math and STEM confident daughter, and the financial and academic preparation for college. Also, the parents had a choice of four hands-on workshops – the same their daughters had participated in during the morning, for their afternoon presentation. The day was capped off by a panel of women in STEM fields, Sandra Cauffman, Deputy Director of the Mars "Maven" project, as the Keynote Speaker. And, of course, we had door prizes! Several of the presenters were former Arlington County students – Laura Hollis, Rachel Bicknell, Jasmine Hall Ratliff, Anita Clegg, and Rebecca Zook. Also, Kelly Kikukawa Kaelin served as the lead volunteer on food service.

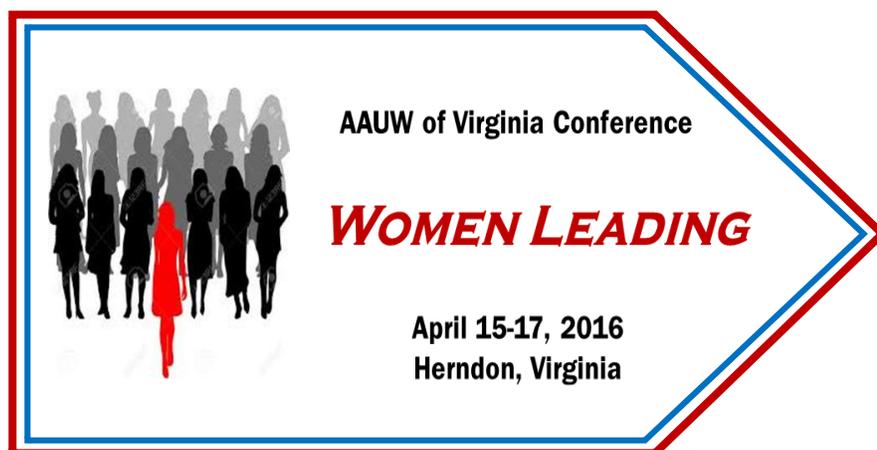
We had forty+ volunteers. Linda Menasco, Meg Tuccillo, and I would like to thank all the Arlington AAUW members who volunteered on that day: **Marjorie Hobart, Karen Darner, Carol Dabbs, Arlene Shapiro, Tisha Wright, Sara Anderson, Carolyn French** and **Jeannine Majde-Cottrell**. Also, we would like to thank BAE Systems, our corporate sponsor for funding this conference.

Susan Senn and Linda Menasco, Co-chairs

## **A BIG THANK YOU FALLS CHURCH BRANCH**

The Falls Church Branch has awarded a Special Projects Grant of \$100 to both the Arlington and Alexandria branches in recognition of the stellar collaboration of both branches to present the Tech Savvy program on October 24, 2015. Members of the Falls Church Branch were unable to attend Tech Savvy due to sorting books for their annual book sale. **Susan Conklin**, Falls Church member and State Board member attended Tech Savvy and was impressed with the planning and implementation. Thanks to all the member of the Falls Church Branch from the members of the Arlington Branch.

Marcy Leverenz  
Co-President



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***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, disability, or class.***

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### Calendar of Coming Events

December 5	Noon Branch Potluck
December 9	10:30 am International Coffee Holiday Lunch
December 17	Lunch Bunch
December 21	6:30 Book Club Potluck
January 25	7 pm Branch Meeting
February 22	7 pm Branch Meeting
April 15, 2016	State AAUW Meeting
April 30, 2016	Spring Luncheon

