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Help, Hope and New Beginnings: Women from Friends of Guest House Share their Stories of Recovery Following Jail/Prison

Monday, February 22, 2016
7:00 - 8:30 pm
at the Woman's Club of Arlington
700 S Buchanan Street
Arlington, VA 22204

Please join us for a presentation by the Speakers Bureau of the *Friends of Guest House* who share the challenges and successes experienced by women re-entering society from prison and jail. *Friends of Guest House* is a non-profit organization based in Alexandria that helps formerly incarcerated women transition back into the community. The Guest House serves women throughout Virginia, where approximately 5,000 women are incarcerated yearly. As women exit from prison/jail, Guest House offers them a place to live for three months, help to find jobs, access to medical and mental health care, and assistance in helping them to identify their goals. The Speakers' Bureau will introduce you to several women, who have completed the Guest House program, who will share the transformational stories of their journey, challenges and accomplishments: what landed them in jail/prison; what they experienced while incarcerated; what changes they made; and where they are today. By speaking with you, the women receive the gift of self-empowerment, and by listening you receive the gift of experiencing the resilience and strength of women dedicated to building a new life. Additional information is on the website: www.friendsofquesthouse.org.



Please bring donations on the wish list for the Guest House to the program as follows includes

- washcloths and bath towels, twin sheets, comforters.
- Smart Trips cards as the women have difficulty having transportation resources
- Friends of Guest House also appreciative of gift cards to stores (not restaurants) as they sometimes give store gift cards to women who have excelled on a particular project or event.

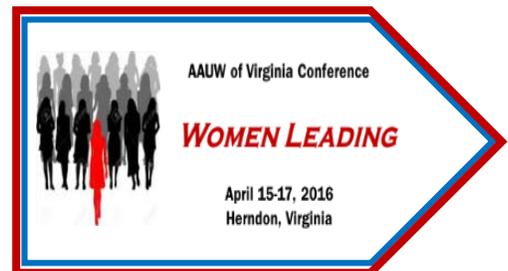
If you would like to donate any usable and clean items as above, please bring to the program on February 22, and we will give collected items to Friends of Guest House representatives. Thanks so much.

Mary Van Dyke

Presidents' Message

While it may seem that winter drags on forever, the AAUW-Virginia Spring conference is fast approaching! We want to share the details of this valuable event and encourage you all to attend, learn, network and enjoy yourself. This year's theme is *Women Leading* and it will be held April 15-17, 2016 at the Dulles Hyatt in Herndon. Registration opens late afternoon on Friday and a full range of sessions, workshops and panels will take place on Saturday and Sunday. Some of the areas of focus will be -

- Leading for Equitable Treatment
- Leading in Philanthropy
- Girls Leading in Technology
- Women Breaking Through



The conference will also be an opportunity to learn more about the important work of AAUW, share ideas with other branches and learn new approaches to keep Arlington AAUW healthy and thriving!

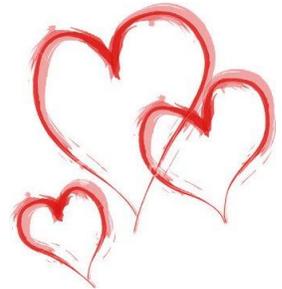
One specific aspect of the conference preparations that Arlington has responsibility for is soliciting ads for the conference program book. Since the state conference is herein Northern Virginia, it would be a great opportunity for realtors, women business owners

and others to advertise and spread the word. Ads are \$100 for a full page, \$50 for a half page and \$25 for a quarter page – what a bargain! If you know of anyone who might be interested in placing an ad, please let me know or have them contact me directly.

We encourage you all to consider being part of this exciting conference and we will share further details as they become available!

Meg Tucillo
Co-President

Happy Valentine's Day. Valentine's Day is day of love and hearts. And as of this writing, hearts are on my mind. The Branch's Co-President, **Meg Tucillo** has had a heart related issue and procedure. She will be taking it easy for a while. That is why I am urging the women of the branch to go to the American Heart Association website, heart.org and learn about women's heart disease. We are never too old or too young to consider life-saving advice. Learn the signs, but remember this: Even if you're not sure it's a heart attack, have it checked out. Minutes matter! Fast action can save lives – maybe your own. Don't wait - call 9-1-1 or your emergency response number. Let's wish our Co-President well.



Give a gift from your heart to AAUW's new funding raising initiative, **Charting the Course**. Why are we doing this now? 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.

To date, over \$620,626 have been raised, we are more than halfway to our goal with 47 states represented and 375 donors on board. Some of the programs that these unrestricted funds will support are: leadership, STEM, and salary negotiation. Leave a legacy.

Marcy Leverenz
Co-President

Membership News

HELP WANTED

Our branch needs an **AAUW Funds Chair**. Please consider this position and with the help of headquarters you can be in the forefront of this bold new initiative.

Let me or Meg know. We need your help.

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IT'S THAT TIME OF THE YEAR

We will be having elections in March for two positions of leadership in the Branch. First, it is my understanding that the position(s) of Program Vice -President or Co-Vice Presidents and Assistant Treasurer will need to be filled. **Nancy Morgan** has resigned after many years as Assistant Treasurer. A big thank you to Nancy is in order. This position needs someone with some computer skills. Programming needs a willingness to arrange meetings and meeting places. If you would like to be nominated for one of these positions, please let me know.



Also, we are in need of a Nominating Committee. Please step forward.

Mary Leverenz

Upcoming Events

Arlington Mill Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the AAUW Lunch Bunch will be at the Arlington Mill High School on Thursday, February 18, 2016 from 12:40 - 1:15 p.m. AAUW volunteers check in at the Main Office in the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, and then turn left to the school's library. Ashley Emerson, the Community Involvement Ambassador from the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union, will introduce the girls to budgeting their money and how to establish a savings and checking account.



AAUW members help serve lunch to about twenty to twenty-five girls at the Arlington Mill High School and assist the girls with understanding the program. The Lunch Bunch is a very rewarding activity, which our branch has continued for over twenty-five years

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.

Lunch Bunch Coordinators,

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International Coffee

THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will meet once in February at the home of Karen Bopp. Date is February 10 and time is 10:00 am until 12:00 noon. Arlington Branch members are invited to join.



For further information, please contact Priscilla Becker at 703-841-0647 or JBecker841@aol.com.

Let's Talk About Books

Our February meetings will be at the following times and locations:

- the second Monday, February 8 at 2 pm, at the home of Dorothy Miller, 1016 S Wayne St, Apt 903, 703/920-1279, damiller903@verizon.net
- fourth Tuesday, February 23 at 2 pm, at the home of Virginia Sorkin, 3806 N Nelson Street, 703/243-1523, nikros@verizon.net

Our book selection for February is *Some Luck* by Jane Smiley.



Be sure to let the hostess know if you are planning to attend the session at her home.

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BOARD MEETING DATES

Did you know that Board Meetings are open to all Branch members? Yes, please join us and add your voice to the Branch's leadership. Here are the dates of future Monday evening board meetings.

- March 21
- May 16
- July TBD

Spring Luncheon

Anyone interested in the planning of the Spring Luncheon or providing suggestions for the various Arts awards, please contact **Debbie Powers** at dpowers@arlingtonva.us. The Luncheon will be held again at the Washington Golf and Country Club and will be on April 30, 2016.

Theater Opportunities

A theater event sponsored by the Arlington and Falls Church chapters of the League of Women Voters and AAUW-Arlington will be held at Yorktown High School on February 11, 2016 at 7 pm Thursday. The play is *The Girls Who Glow* by Ginny Mohler, a Yorktown graduate ('06)

The Girls Who Glow is based on an historical tragedy that is useful as a framework for discussing modern-day health, safety and consumer issues. During the early 20th century, teenage girls were hired by several U.S. companies to paint watches to make them glow in the dark for use in war. The paint was made with radium, known at the time by scientists to be toxic, particularly because the girls were encouraged to lick the brushes to maintain fine points and thus ingested the paint.

The truth about the radium-laden paint's dangers was hidden for many years, as the companies profited from the glowing watches and other radium-containing products. Hundreds of young girls fell ill and many died from cancers caused by the paint. Six of these desperately ill girls sued U.S. Radium Corp. for poisoning them. In the face of an increasing public outcry, the company settled and the Radium Girls were left with meager settlements and lives cut short by the toxic paint.

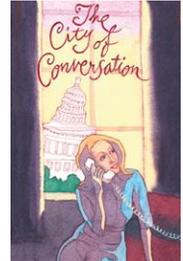
Arlington Public Schools graduate and playwright Ginny Mohler will join us for the talkback after the performance. Ms. Mohler is an NYU-Alfred P. Sloan feature film grant winner and was a theatre student at Yorktown. Ms. Cadby and the Yorktown Theatre Arts IV class adapted her screenplay about the *Radium Girls*. The play will be followed by a talkback with Ms. Mohler, Yorktown Theatre Arts Chair Carol Cadby and the actors as well as a social hour with refreshments

Yorktown High School Auditorium is located at 5200 Yorktown Blvd. in Arlington Admission is free and all are welcome. For further information, contact Ms Singer at marj.signer@gmail.com

Carolyn French of the AAUW DC branch is organizing a night out at the theater for on Friday, February 26 at 8 pm, and would love to extend the invitation our branch as well family and friends. We will be attending Arena Stage's The City of Conversation and we've arranged for a nice discount on the ticket price. Let's meet

pre-show at 6:30 PM for dinner at Arena Stage's cafe. It is strongly advised to pre-order your dinner at 202-488-3300: Prix Fixe is \$22 and there is an a la carte menu as well (Tues – Sun 12 – 8 PM) We will be seated together for the play.

Play synopsis: Georgetown hostess Hester Ferris runs in an elite circle, opening her home for political foes to lay down arms and raise a glass. When her son's formidable, conservative wife comes on the scene, the parlor pleasantries of D.C.'s past descend into entrenched posturing and an ultimatum that could implode the family. Follow the Ferris clan from the end of Carter's presidency through the Reagan era and into Obama's game-changing inauguration in this "smart, literate and funny" (The New York Times) inside look at the theater of politics and the politics of conversation. This looks to be a dynamic production. Family and friends are welcome too!



Please RSVP to Carolyn French so she has a general headcount. onthetown.aauwdc@gmail.com or [301-825-6657](tel:301-825-6657).

The closest Metro is Waterfront on the green line. And parking information can be found at [Parking Info](#). The Arena Stage is located at 1101 Sixth Street, SW, Washington, DC 20024 The Tickets are \$49/ticket with AAUW discount code; to purchase tickets, call Arena Stage at 202-488-4380 by February 5. The Promo Code is **CITYAAUW**

AAUW-VA State Conference April 15-17, 2016

Make your hotel reservations today for the AAUW-VA State Conference at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA. The dates are April 15-17, 2016. The room rate at the Hyatt Dulles is a bargain \$99 plus tax a night with breakfast included. Rooms can accommodate three but only two breakfasts per room.

Don't wait!! Book today at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016> . This is a luxury hotel with free parking and easy access. For those so inclined there is a fitness facility and walking paths.

There is a \$50 rebate per branch when members register for the conference. Step one is to make hotel reservations for the event of the year! Don't be left out of the opportunity to connect with other AAUW-VA members.

Instructions for registering online:

You can access the online registration form by going to the AAUW VA website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>) and clicking on CONFERENCE. On the conference page is "Register for the 2016 AAUW of Virginia Conference." Click on Register and the form will come up. You also can click on Register in two places on the home page for the form.

After entering your information on the registration form, click SUBMIT at the end of the form. You will be directed to a PayPal page. You can pay with a credit card or with a PayPal account, if you have one. Following registration, you will receive a receipt for the charge from PayPal.

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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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Address changes or corrections should be made to Elizabeth Dunn.

Calendar of Coming Events

February 8	Book Club
February 10	International Coffee
February 11	Theater event
February 18	Lunch Bunch
February 22	7 pm Branch Meeting
February 23	Book Club
February 26	Theater Event
March 19	2 pm Annual Meeting
March 21	Board Meeting
April 15	State AAUW Meeting
April 30	Spring Luncheon
May 16	Board Meeting

