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SNOW POLICY

“Oh, the weather outside is frightful...let it snow, let it snow,
let it snow.”

Our Branch follows the snow policy of the Arlington Public Schools. If the schools and after school activities are cancelled, so are we.



Human Trafficking in Northern Virginia

January 25th 7:00- 8:30 pm.
Women’s Club of Arlington,
700 S Buchanan St, Arlington 22204

Human trafficking is modern slavery. Worldwide, there are more than 21 million incidents of human trafficking each year. Human trafficking produces more than \$30 billion in illegal revenues and is now the second largest criminal enterprise. Northern Virginia is a hub of human trafficking due to Dulles International Airport and Route I-95 as well as being a major metropolitan area

Our guest speaker for the evening is Robert “Tito” Vilchez, Coordinator of the Arlington Gang Prevention Task Force. The task force is under the umbrella of The Northern Virginia Regional Gang Task Force (NVRGTF). He currently serves as the chair of the NVRGTF. In 2013, Mr. Vilchez was selected to join the Central

American Community Impact Exchange (CACIE) an initiative formed by the FBI, White House and U.S. State Department.

Further information on this problem can be found at:

- www.traffickingresourcecenter.org
- National Human Trafficking Resource Center: 800-373-7888
- JustAskVA – End Teen Sex Trafficking JustAskVA.org or 1-888-373-7888
- Arlington County liaison: Officer Christina Hawkins, cmhawkins@arlingtonva.org
- Education and Human services: Tahirih Justice Center: tahirih.org; 571 282 6161
- Courtney's House: courtneyshouse.org; 202-525-1426

We hope that you will join us for this important topic.

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Presidents' Message

Happy New Year from Meg and Marcy. Not only are we wishing you a happy new year but a positive one. AAUW is positively impacting our lives through positive public policy initiatives. Public Policy is another corner stone of AAUW.

There have been many articles and mentions of AAUW's Lobby Corps in this newsletter. Lobby Corps is part of national's Action Fund. As research takes us to know the why or the how, Action Fund leads us to advocacy to implement the member adopted Public Policies. We have a public policy brochure that you can download from AAUW.org or just ask for one at the next meeting.

AAUW advocates for equality, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society. Included in this statement is human trafficking. AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking and that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable

development, and mutual security for all people. This is just one of the six issues that are included in the equality statement. The others are affirmative action, equal right, federal judicial nominations, hate crimes, LGBT issues and reproductive rights.

AAUW advocates for all women to achieve economic self-sufficiency. AAUW is a leader in the fight to end pay discrimination and open doors for women in the workplace. Job creation and economic opportunity are critical issues for women, many of whom continue to struggle with economic insecurity and pay discrimination. Included in economic self-sufficiency are: health care, paid sick days, retirement security, social security privatization and work-life balance. The Washington Post's recent article entitled "It Pays to Negotiate" highlights Boston's efforts to close the wage gap by offering classes on to talk about money to every Boston working woman. AAUW is a supporter of such an initiative.

AAUW supports a strong system of public education that promotes gender fairness, equity, and diversity. Workforce projections for 2018 show that **nine of the 10** fastest-growing occupations that require at least a bachelor's degree will require significant scientific or mathematical training. STEM jobs are expected to grow by **17 percent** from 2008 to 2018, while non-STEM jobs are expected to grow by 9.8 percent. The supply of new workers in these fields is struggling to keep up with demand, and women remain severely underrepresented. And that is why the Branch is so involved in STEM and co-coordinated with the Tech-Savvy Program with the Alexandria Branch.

The American Association of University Women strongly supports the vigorous enforcement of **Title IX** and all other civil rights laws pertaining to education. Title IX requires recipients of federal education funding to evaluate their current policies and practices, adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints. All schools must publicly appoint at least one employee to coordinate Title IX compliance. Title IX is more than athletics.

All this information is on our website, AAUW.org. I encourage you to learn more about the organization that you support. Not only through your dues but through your participation at meetings, volunteer opportunities like fund raising, Lunch Bunch, Tech-Savvy and many others.

Recently I read an article about having a plan when one retires. What are you going to retire to? My suggestion is to retire to AAUW, Arlington Branch and offer your skills to the branch.

Thanks for reading this message.

Marcy Leverenz
Co-President

Membership News

Treasurer Transition

Good news! During January, **Betty Dunn** will assume the duties of Treasurer for the Arlington Branch. So, from January 1-15, please send any dues payments or requests for reimbursement to Carol Dabbs at 3335 S Stafford St, 22206, and beginning January 16th, please send such items to Betty at 1964 Rockingham St, McLean, VA 22101. We'll be in close communication as this transition takes place.

Carol Dabbs, Treasurer

Louise Wagner, former AAUW Arlington and MacLean Branch member died Sept. 26. Louise was so active in so many activities. I remember her when we first moved here 30 years ago how welcoming she was and how she was embracing new "green" ideas. Her husband was an alumni of my university and we always had much to share. Louise was an example of being involved in service to one's community. Her obituary was in the 12/14/15 Washington Post.

Marcy Leverenz

Congratulations to **Susan Senn** who was honored at the Arlington Free Clinic for 17 years of Volunteer Service in Eligibility.



HELP WANTED

We have all probably received an email from AAUW headquarters about Charting the Course, a new funding raising initiative. Our goal is to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds by December 2016. These funds will support AAUW's many successful existing programs and help us react quickly to new mission-based opportunities that arise for women and girls.

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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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.

A note from the Editor – Please accept my apologies for not including the house address for the December 5, 2015 potluck.

Upcoming Events

International Coffee

One coffee will be this month. It will be at the home of Juanita Cullen on January 13, 2016.

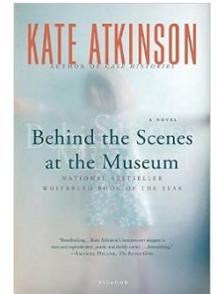


Members of the Arlington AAUW Branch are welcome to join. For further information please contact Priscilla Becker at 703-841-0647 or JBecker841@aol.com.

Let's Talk About Books

Our book selection for January is *Behind the Scenes at the Museum* by Kate Atkinson.

- The Monday meeting will be held on January 11 at 2:00 pm the home of Wren Gurney, 1005 N Larrimore Street, 703/534-1282, wrenznet@comcast.com
- The Tuesday meeting will be on January 26 at 2 pm, at the home of Barbara Gallagher, 5100 Fillmore Ave, Apt 509, Alexandria, 703/243-1043, bgallag2@gmail.com.



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

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Arlington Mill Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the AAUW Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, January 21, 2016. We welcome AAUW members to assist us with the serving lunch 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 pm
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.

Do you know of anyone who could speak on one of these topics? If so, contact us.

- **Mental Health:** stress, depression, self- esteem
- **Women's Health Issues** in general
- **Finances:** Budgeting
- **Academic topics:** graduation, post-secondary education, goal setting, organizational skills

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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AAUW-VA State Conference April 15-17, 2016

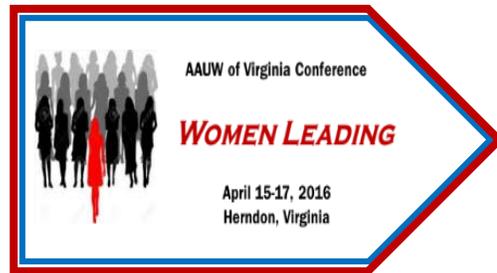
Make your hotel reservations today for the AAUW-VA State Conference at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA. The dates are April 15-17, 2016. The room rate at the Hyatt Dulles is a bargain \$99 plus tax a night with breakfast included. Rooms can accommodate three but only two breakfasts per room.

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. Branches may decide how it will be used to defray costs.

I will be providing more conference information as it happens. So keep checking your emails. 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.

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Mission of AAUW- Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.

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 Nancy Morgan.

Calendar of Coming Events

January 11	Book Club
January 13	International Coffee
January 21	Lunch Bunch
January 25	7 pm Branch Meeting
January 26	Book Club
February 22	7 pm Branch Meeting
April 15, 2016	State AAUW Meeting
April 30, 2016	Spring Luncheon

