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**Annual Meeting  
Human Trafficking in Northern Virginia  
March 19, 2016, 2 pm  
2nd floor conference room of Main Library on N Quincy St**

Our annual meeting will meet on March 19, 2016. It will follow our snow-postponed program regarding human trafficking.

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.

We hope that you will join us for this important topic and branch elections and other business.

**Mary Beth Pelosky,**  
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## Presidents' Message

Is AAUW a victim of its own success? There are more women who receive bachelor and master degrees, most college campus are majority women, the professional schools of law, dentistry and medicine are filled with women. Have we succeeded? In the January 10, Washington Post there was an article on leadership, entitled "Research suggests a link between wage gap, increased risk of depression, anxiety in women." The second paragraph of the article states: "But a new study by researchers at Columbia University's Mailman School of Public Health points to another culprit: the gender wage gap, and the potential underlying discrimination and biases that may go with it." This does not surprise me, but what did jump out of that statement was **public health**. Let us consider the implications of this, not only the personal/individual, but the health cost to society. AAUW supports the Paycheck Fairness Act and this is just one more reason we keep going. When you receive an email from AAUW asking you to contact your legislator do not ignore it. Please help support AAUW by sending your message.

In the February 1 Washington Post another health issue was cited: "Loneliness can be lethal health risk, scientists say." Kerstin Gerst Emerson, an assistant professor at the University of Georgia's Institute of Gerontology was quoted: "In public health, we talk all the time about obesity and smoking and have all these interventions, but not about people who are lonely and socially isolated." Our branch offers a solution to this. Come to meetings, volunteer, have meaningful conversations with other members, learn about a new community activity, meet with friends.

Consider these two public health issues and support our Arlington Branch and AAUW by participating.

Marcy Leverenz  
Co-President

## Membership News

Our thoughts and prayers are with **Mary Van Dyke** on the death of her mother.

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. We also need a **Public Policy Chair**. The public policy chair advocates for AAUW's public policy priorities to policy makers. She represents AAUW's public policy priorities to elected and appointed officials, AAUW members, the public, and the media. She also leads AAUW voter education and turnout campaigns for her branch.

*We will be holding an election in March for **Assistant Treasurer**. **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.*

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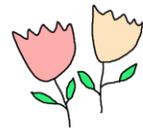
### **Note from the Treasurer:**

Is it better to pay dues by check or online? Many members may be wondering whether one is better than the other. I hope you will consider recommending online payment in your president's message before June. It will simplify the treasurer's job because fewer transactions will be required on the branch level.

Regards, Betty Dunn

### **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](mailto:dpowers@arlingtonva.us). The Luncheon will be held again at the Washington Golf and Country Club and will be on April 30, 2016.



## Upcoming Events

### International Coffee

The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will continue its meetings in March with a coffee on March 9 from 10 to noon at the home of Juanita Cullen in Vienna. Members of the Arlington Branch are welcome. For more information, please contact Priscilla Becker 703-841-0647 [JBecker841@aol.com](mailto:JBecker841@aol.com)



### Let's Talk About Books

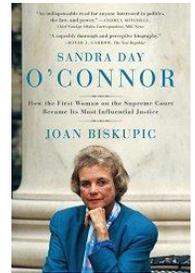
Our March meetings will be at the following times and locations:

- the second Monday, March 14 at 2 pm, at the home, at the home of Priscilla Becker, 2375 N Vernon St, 703/841-0647, [jbecker841@aol.com](mailto:jbecker841@aol.com)
- fourth Tuesday, March 22 at 2 pm, at the home of Betty Dunn, 1964 Rockingham St, McLean, 703/536-4930, [bbkldunn @ verizon.net](mailto:bbkldunn@verizon.net)

Our book selection for Our book selection for March is *Sandra Day O'Connor* by Joan Biskupic.

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

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### Volunteers Needed for Arlington Mill Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the AAUW Lunch Bunch will be at the Arlington Mill High School on Thursday, March 17, 2016 from 12:40 - 1:15 pm. We are in need of a few more AAUW volunteers to help serve lunch to about twenty girls at the Arlington Mill High School and support the girls with understanding the program. The Lunch Bunch is a very rewarding activity, which our branch has continued for over twenty-five years.

Please RSVP to Michele or Mary Ann if you can join them for the March Lunch Bunch program. AAUW volunteers should check in at the Main Office of the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington, and then turn left to the school's library. We hope to see you there!



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## **AAUW-VA State Conference April 15-17, 2016**

All branch members are invited to the 2016 AAUW of Virginia Conference, April 15-17, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. We are very excited about the workshops, presenters and activities that are planned! You will enjoy it all! Many members have already registered and secured lodging. This year you can register online! Make it a weekend get-away! Our theme is *Women Leading*. Check out a few highlights:

- Friday night we start off with a Washington-style Salon, featuring cider tasting (the latest trend), musical entertainment from a clarinet duo, and a gorgeous photo display with tips and tidbits from the photographer. In between the presentations, enjoy finger foods and socializing.
- On Saturday Rebecca Norlander (WA), our dynamic AAUW Board visitor, will address us at lunch, followed by a choice of workshops and minibreaks.
- Our 2016 Woman of Achievement will be the highlight of the Saturday night banquet. You won't want to miss Dr. Kathryn Thornton, former astronaut and now a UVA professor of aerospace engineering.
- The "Women Breaking Through" panel on Sunday will feature the quarterback of the national champion *Divas* who is also a homicide detective, the first female elected sheriff for Fairfax County, and a naval aviator and Rear Admiral who was in the first graduating class of women from the Naval Academy.

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.

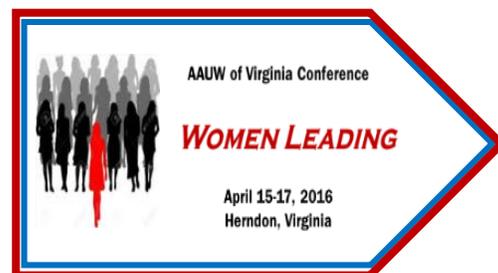
Don't wait!! Book today at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016> . This is a luxury hotel with free parking and easy access. For those so inclined there is a fitness facility and walking paths.

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.



### **Twenty Years with Love, Bowen McCauley Dance: Our 20th Anniversary Performance and Soirée**

Live music, and dance will fill the stage for Bowen McCauley Dance's 20th anniversary concert. The program features a breathtaking solo danced to the music of Juilliard professor and composer Michael White; a moving exploration of human connections performed to a live violin solo of a work by J.S. Bach; and the highly anticipated world premiere of, a playful interpretation of ancient roman poet Ovid's instructional writings about the arts of seduction and love, featuring a commissioned score by Larry Alan Smith.

- Friday, March 18 at 7:00 pm
- Saturday, March 19 at 7:00 pm
- A Platinum Soirée to follow at 9:00 pm

Tickets are available at The Kennedy Center Box Office, charge by phone at (202) 467-4600 and <http://www.kennedy-center.org/calendar/event/RQXAV>  
 Additionally, BMD reserves the best seats for its members and supporters. March 18th and 19th performance tickets are available for \$40 and \$45 at <https://bmdc.givezooks.com/events/20-years-with-love-bowen-mccauley-dance-friday-march-18> or 701-910-5175.

Join us at the Kennedy Center Roof Terrace Restaurant for a Platinum Soirée post-performance anniversary celebration with the cast, complete with a two-decades anniversary toast, scrumptious bites, and silent auction. Individual Soirée reservations start at \$150 and include preferred performance seating <https://bmdc.givezooks.com/events/20-years-with-love-bowen-mccauley-dance-friday-march-18>

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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

March 9	International Coffee
March 14	Book Club
March 17	Lunch Bunch
March 19	2 pm Annual Meeting
March 21	Board Meeting
March 22	Book Club
April 15	State AAUW Meeting
April 30	Spring Luncheon
May 6	Board Meeting

