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Monday, November 16, 2015  
7 pm – 8:30 pm  
The Woman's Club of Arlington  
700 S Buchanan Street Arlington VA 22204

Join us on November 16 when Tarina Keene, the Executive Director of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia. She will present an update on current legislation and the national dialog focusing on the efforts being made in Richmond to defend reproductive choice. Question and answer session will follow.

Tarina Keene took the helm of NARAL Pro-Choice Virginia in January 2008 as the organization's executive director. She also serves as the organization's lobbyist at the Virginia General Assembly. She is committed through NPCV's work to ensure that the women of Virginia have access to the full range of reproductive healthcare options despite their geographic location in the state or their socioeconomic status.



Tarina is also the founder and chair of the Virginia Coalition to Protect Women's Health which came together in March 2011 after the General Assembly passed a law regulating abortion providers as hospitals. She successfully recruited more than a dozen state and national organizations and abortion providers to work together to mitigate the regulations

Mary Beth Pelosky and Mary Van Dyke  
Co-VP's Programs

## Presidents' Message

As promised, my message will tell something about another aspect of what **AAUW** does. Research, yes, we just don't talk out the top of our hats, we have facts to back what our organization supports. Here are just a few of the most recent research studies:

- *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* (Fall 2015).

This commonsense guide, updated twice each year, provides key facts about the current state of the gender pay gap in the United States, with explanations and links to additional resources that can help you effectively advocate for pay equity.

- *Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing*

This report features the latest data on women's achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, how few women are working in these fields, and what can be done.

- *Women in Community Colleges: Access to Success (2013)*

More than ever before, women are relying on community colleges for higher education and workforce preparation. This report recommends policies and practices to help women succeed in community colleges.

- *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (2010)*

This in-depth report describes eight key research findings that point to environmental and social barriers that continue to block women's participation and progress in science, technology, engineering, and math.

All of these reports and many more are accessible on the AAUW.org website. Yes, we are very busy, finding out about the "why" of what happens.

AAUW directors and others, our very own 104 year old **Martha Ann Miller**, **Marcy Leverenz** and **Marjorie Hobart** attended a meeting with the Treasurer of the United States, Rosa Rios, to find out about what woman would be pictured on the new \$10 bill, or as we who know about the pay gap call it the \$7.80 bill. Opinions and stories were shared with the Treasurer. This is a very visible way to highlight the pay gap, which the Secretary of the Treasurer spoke of at the National Archives when it was announced that the \$10 bill would be revamped.

There is much to get involved in with AAUW. We are currently looking for a **treasurer** for the branch and someone to **represent** us on the **VA State Conference Committee**. Please, please help us out. You can contact me or Meg Tucclllo.

Looking forward to our next branch meeting to learn more about AAUW and about what we do.

Please bring a children's book to our next branch meeting to be given to the Virginia Hospital Center.

*Marcy Leverenz*



*Rosie Rios, the 43rd treasurer of the United States in blue suit; Martha Ann Miller to her left along with Marjorie Hobart.*

## **Membership News**

Congratulations to **Denise Decker**, a dual member, who is the new President of the AAUW Capitol Hill Branch. Great going, Denise!

### **AAUW Spotlited in Arlington Public Schools Partnership Newsletter**

“The Arlington Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) was featured by has been a partner with Arlington Public Schools for over twenty years. They currently volunteer at Barre! Elementary School and Arlington Mill High School. At Barret, they are Book Buddies to first graders and assist with the Reading is Fundamental book fair distributions. At Arlington Mil, they conduct monthly meetings with the female students to offer mentoring and support. In addition to the lunch they provide, AAUW also invites guest speakers to tell their story of how they overcame the challenges in their lives that enabled them to reach both their educational and personal goals.

**Barbara Thompson**, Principal at Arlington Mill High School and a branch member wrote:

“AAUW members have been model examples of a true partnership between the community and our students. Their actions have been uplifting and validating, as well as an invaluable educational opportunity for our students to integrate into the community and to build a legacy of giving back and supporting others. We look forward to more decades of partnership with these outstanding women!”

### **Final Notice to Pay Dues**

First, 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.

Second, please pay your \$80 (\$46 of which is deductible) membership dues for the July 2015-June 2016 membership year. It’s easier than ever online ([www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)), or you can send your check made out to Arlington AAUW to me for processing at 3335 S Stafford St, 22206. Members who do not renew by November 30th will be dropped automatically from the rolls.

Carol Dabbs, Interim Treasurer

## Upcoming Events

### International Coffees

The International Coffee Group will have a Thanksgiving luncheon on November 11 at 10:30 to 12:30 pm. All the American members will serve at hostesses. The location is still to be determined.



All AAUW Branch members are welcome to join. For further information contact Priscilla Becker 703-841-047 or [JBecker841@aol.com](mailto:JBecker841@aol.com)

All branch members are welcome to join us. If you are interested please contact Priscilla Becker (703-841-0647 -[JBecker841@aol.com](mailto:JBecker841@aol.com))

### Let's Talk About Books

Our book selection for November is *All the Light We Cannot See* by Anthony Doerr.

- The Monday meeting will be held on November 9 at 2:00 pm the home of Kathryn Scruggs, 935 N Liberty Street, 703/536-9148, [kmscruggs0@gmail.com](mailto:kmscruggs0@gmail.com)
- The Tuesday meeting will be on November 24 at 2 pm, at the home of Sylvia Daneel, 3800 Fairfax Drive, Apt 1209, 703/527-8879, [sylviadaneel@gmail.com](mailto:sylviadaneel@gmail.com).



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

Barbara A Gallagher  
[bgallag2@gmail.com](mailto:bgallag2@gmail.com)

## Lunch Bunch

This month's Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, November 19<sup>th</sup> from 12:40 - 1:15 p.m. in the library to the right of the Main Office in the Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Drive, Arlington. Our main focus will be to help develop the Arlington Mill High School girls' leadership skills that are necessary to make a positive difference in the lives of girls everywhere. High school girls from Wakefield's *Girl Up Club* will be leading the meetings each month. AAUW members help with serving lunch and support the girls to reach their goals.



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

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## LOBBY CORPS' FALL OPEN HOUSE



Lobby Corps' Open House was held on October 13, at AAUW Headquarters. There were twenty vocal women sharing their lobbying stories and why they became members of the Corps. Three new folks were in attendance, shepherded by fellow branch members. **Penny Wakefield**, a national member from Arlington stated that AAUW is the trusted voice on Capitol Hill. Just our presence is important. She also praised our briefings and compared them with other organizations she has worked with, giving AAUW briefings an A+. Maureen Dwyer of the Reston-Herndon Branch joined because she wanted for others what she has had. **Marcy Leverenz**, Arlington Branch talked about generativity, if not us who will do this, what will we leave as our legacy.

Lisa Maatz, AAUW's top policy advisor gave us a run down on what is happening in the House with the Speaker situation and Erin Prangley, Associate Director of Government Relations discussed the legislation we have been working on, why we are working on it and fielding questions from the participants that generated lots of discussion. Emphasis was placed the Secondary and Elementary Reauthorization Act.

Amy Becker, AAUW's Political Media Manager discussed social media and how it influences Congress. The Twitter discussion was of interest to many around the table and requests for further information and maybe even a how-to seminar was an idea that came from this discussion.

Pam Yuen, Lobby Corps Manager presented the stats that back-up all the walking we do in the halls of Congress: 1200+ office visits this year, lobbied on 18 different bills, visited 46% of the House offices and 100% of the Senate offices.

Marcy Leverenz, Lobby Corps Coordinator and Kitty Richardson, (Falls Church Branch) Lobby Corps Coordinating Committee Member, gave a overview of the responsibilities of Lobby Corps members. The big one is getting the AAUW message out.

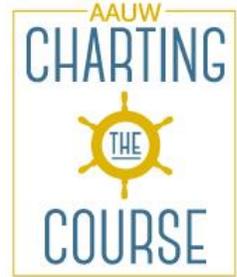
We had a delicious lunch provided by AAUW and enjoyed by all of us including Arlington Branch members: **Sara Anderson, Karen Bopp, Mary Garrison** (new member), **Norma Kacen**, and **Marcy Leverenz**.

A training session will be scheduled sometime this winter. I'll let you all know when. All are invited.

Marcy J. Leverenz  
CoPresident, Arlington Branch AAUW Lobby Corps Coordinator

## News from National

As a valued AAUW supporter, you will soon receive a very important letter from Ruth Sweetser, Neola Waller, and Judy Horan, AAUW members and chairs of the *Charting the Course* campaign.



The letter introduces the *Charting the Course* campaign and explains why it is crucial to helping AAUW meet the challenges facing women and girls today and in the future. No other organization is better positioned than AAUW to meet those challenges, but we need your help.

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.

We are proud to see more women and girls participating in AAUW programs every day across the country, and we're excited about the enthusiastic members stepping up to help. We sincerely hope that when you learn more about this campaign, you'll also be inspired to give.

## Other Events of Interest

### **Panel Discussion with Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project & Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)**

Join AAUW Capitol Hill branch for a panel discussion with leading experts on U.S. food policy and learn what you can do to influence legislation to promote a healthier America.

Our Distinguished Panelists:

- Jessica Donze Black, RD, MPH, Director, Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project. Ms. Black leads research and policy efforts aimed at improving school nutrition. The Project is a collaboration between the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation and the Pew Charitable Trusts.

- Margo Wootan, DSC, Director Nutrition Policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI). CSPI is one of the country's leading health advocacy organizations that specializes in food, nutrition, and public health issues. Among her many accomplishments, Dr. Wootan led the successful effort to require trans fat labeling on packaged foods.

The Program will be held on Tuesday, November 10, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM at the AAUW National Headquarters, 7th Floor, Board Room 1111 16th Street Northwest Washington, DC 20036.

For further information, contact [capitolhillaauw@yahoo.com](mailto:capitolhillaauw@yahoo.com)

**The Mount Vernon Branch of AAUW** is pleased to announce that Lisa Maatz, Vice President, Government Relations at AAUW will be the speaker for our November 19<sup>th</sup> program. She is a sought-after speaker across the nation and in DC. We are very lucky to have her at our meeting!

Lisa will update us on the latest public policy work being done at AAUW. She will have great stories to tell and will inspire us! We hope to learn how she felt testifying before a House committee on college campus violence. We will hear about updates on Capitol Hill, and the Supreme Court preview call on October 15, as well as other up-close-and-personal kinds of things that are being done by AAUW staff to carry out our priorities.

Come early and get a seat. We have invited the entire Northern District to join us. Be there on November 19, 7:00 pm, at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 *Parkers Lane*, Alexandria, VA 22306. (Near Sherwood Hall Regional Library)

### **Research on the Road: Women in American Electoral Politics**

Don't miss this opportunity to attend a very special *Research on the Road* event on the evening of November 12th. Mix and mingle from 7:30 to 8 pm in the National Press Club's Holeman Lounge (with complimentary hors d'oeuvre and cash bar) and then enjoy Penn State Professor Nichola Gutgold's fascinating look at women in American electoral politics. The talk, 8-9 pm, will include a Question and Answer session and the chance to chat one-on-one with Dr. Gutgold.

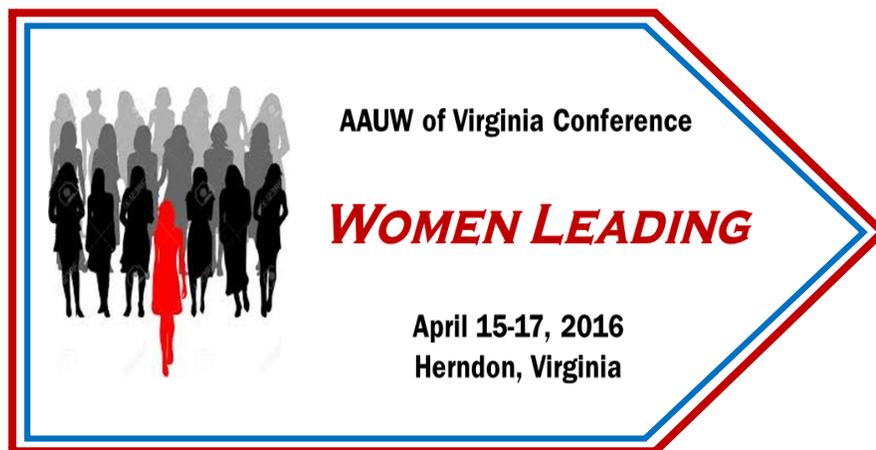
When the first woman becomes President of the United States, she will share a path that a number of other women have paved. Often left off the history pages — and out of the minds of many Americans—are the presidential bids of other women. From the 1964 race of Margaret Chase Smith to the 2016 race, which includes Hillary Clinton and Carly Fiorina, Gutgold discusses the obstacles and opportunities facing women who run for the presidency. Her lively talk looks at the role of the media and the perceptions of women in power. As interest in the 2016 election heats up, more and more people wonder: Is this when America elects a woman president?

Date: Thursday, November 12th

Time: 7:30 - 9:30 pm

Location: Holeman Lounge of the National Press Club (529 14th Street Northwest, Washington, DC 20045)

Registration: Follow this [link](#) to register for this free event.





*Arlington Branch AAUW was represented at the Northern VA District Meeting on October 3 by Co-President. Meg Tuccillo, past presidents Marjorie Hobart and Michele Milden, and dual member Denise Decker and her dog, Wonder*

## **2015-2016 Executive Committee**

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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

November 9	2 pm Book Club
November 16	7 pm Branch Meeting
November 19	Lunch Bunch
November 23	Executive Committee Mtg
November 24	2 pm Book Club
November 28	10:30 am International Coffee Thanksgiving Lunch
December 5	Noon - Winter Potluck
December 17	Lunch Bunch
January 25	7 pm Branch Meeting
February 22	7 pm Branch Meeting
April 15-17, 2016	State AAUW Meeting

