



*A R L I N G T O N*  
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**Wine and Cheese social and orientation for AAUW members and new and prospective members**

Monday, October 26, 2015  
7 pm – 8:30 pm  
The Woman's Club of Arlington  
700 S Buchanan Street Arlington VA 22204

Come and enjoy social evening with AAUW members and learn about AAUW at national, state and our local branches. Mary Beth Pelosky, as our state liaison will introduce the evening. Take home your 3-minute elevator pitch on what AAUW is all about!

Mary Van Dyke  
Co-VP Programs



**Remember, the admission fee for branch meetings: new or gently used children's book for children at Virginia Hospital Center**

**RIDE MATCHING FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS OFFERED**

If you can offer a ride to our October 26, 7 pm meeting at the Women's Club of Arlington (700 S Buchanan St) for another AAUW member, please contact Carol Dabbs, our incoming VP for Membership. Similarly, if you want a ride to the

October 16<sup>th</sup> meeting, please contact her. She can be reached at carol\_dabbs at yahoo.com or 703-379-6840, and will do what's possible to connect those volunteering a ride with those who'd like a ride.

Carol J. Dabbs  
Membership Vice-President

## **AAUW Arlington Branch Forthcoming Programs for 2015 – 2016**

Please note the dates of the AAUW Arlington programs that will be at the Woman's Club of Arlington for evening meetings, Mondays at 7 pm are:

- November 16 - theme of reproductive choice, with presenter Tarina Keene
- January 25 2016
- February 22 2016

Additional AAUW Arlington Branch program dates hosted at other venues during the year include:

- Saturday, December 5 Potluck Luncheon, to be at Barbara Olivere's home,
- Spring Tea in April
- Spring Luncheon in May

We hope to welcome you at all or some of these events during the year!

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



## **Presidents' Message**

Marcy and I are excited about all the programs and activities planned for this year and look forward to great involvement and participation by our AAUW members in these events. We are particularly pleased about the upcoming Tech Savvy Conference we are jointly planning with the Alexandria branch of AAUW on Saturday, October 24<sup>th</sup>. This conference, for girls in 6<sup>th</sup>, 7<sup>th</sup>, 8<sup>th</sup> and 9<sup>th</sup> grades and

their parents, directly reflects AAUW's focus on encouraging STEM opportunities for women and girls. Susan Senn and her team have been working closely with our sisters in Alexandria to provide meaningful, hands-on activities in STEM related fields for 150 young women and additional sessions for their parents focused on helping their daughters prepare for college and STEM-related fields. A number of members have already volunteered their time for October 24<sup>th</sup> but, if you haven't yet, please let Susan know if you can help that day!

Speaking of helping, our branch is part of the larger network of AAUW and we benefit from both state and national support and resources. Many of you are involved in volunteer efforts in support of AAUW's goals and Marcy and I appreciate those efforts. As you know, however, the work is far from done! Plans are now underway for the state convention in April, 2016 and Sara Anderson has volunteered to attend the first planning meeting on Sept 13<sup>th</sup> at 2 pm at the Kings Park library to represent Arlington. She is anxious for other members to join her in helping to make this a great and productive conference. Each branch is being asked to take on a task and we will be needing a number of members to work on our assigned task (we'll be back to let you know when we find out our assigned task!). Marcy and I also are looking for a volunteer to take on the Public Policy Chair responsibilities. Public policy chairs advocate for AAUW's public policy priorities to policymakers; represent AAUW public policy priorities to AAUW members, the public, and the media; organize AAUW members to take action on policy priorities; and lead AAUW voter education and turnout campaigns in Arlington. Through their leadership, public policy chairs ensure that we have national, state, and local public policies that empower women and girls. Please consider how you can support the mission of AAUW through your efforts and where you can volunteer your time!

*Meg Tuccillo*

## **Membership News**

Congratulations to **Nancy Tate**, who has served as executive director of the national League of Women Voters, has retired. "We are incredibly grateful for Nancy's leadership and the many achievements throughout her tenure," said Elisabeth MacNamara, president of the organization. "Nancy has guided the staff

and inspired the national board to think and act strategically and lead us into the 21st century.”

Condolences to **Daena Kluegal** on the death of her husband of 53 years, Ken. Our thoughts and prayers are with Daena and her family.

## Upcoming Events

### International Coffees

The International Coffee Group started its fall season with a lovely morning at the home of Marjorie Hobart. Several new wives of diplomats were able to come and it was an enjoyable time.

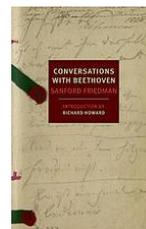
- The first coffee will be held on October 14 at the home of Peg Brandon and the topic is the role of sports for women in various countries
- The second coffee is on October 28. This is the annual Halloween party; the hostess is still to be determined.

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

### Let's Talk About Books

Our book selection for October is *Conversations with Beethoven* by Sanford Friedman.

- The Monday meeting will be held at the home of Elizabeth Anderson on October 12. Please note that the meeting will begin at 2:15 pm. 1303 S 24<sup>th</sup> Street, 703/892-8216, parkerea@comcast.net
- The Tuesday meeting will be on October 27 at 2 pm, at the home of Marjorie Hobart, 239 N Barton Street, 703/527-4647, marjhobart@aol.com.



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

Barbara A Gallagher  
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## Lunch Bunch

Volunteers are needed to continue our tradition of serving pizza, water, and dessert to twenty plus girls at the Arlington Mill High School, which meets 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. The first meeting will be on Thursday, October 15, 2015.

This year's focus will be to introduce the girls to the *Girl Up Club*. Through education, fundraising, and service, *Girl Up* members develop the leadership skills necessary to make a positive difference in the lives of girls everywhere.



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,

Michele Milden

Mary Ann Ullrich

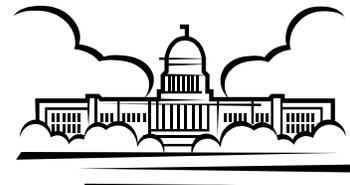
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## AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps Open House



Since its formation in 1972, the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps has made tens of thousands

of

visits to congressional offices, making AAUW a familiar and respected name among Members of Congress and their staff. Today, Lobby Corps members remain on the front lines in the conversation to achieve equity for women and girls. Whether it's fighting for gender equity in education or supporting measures to improve economic security, Lobby Corps members are on the scene once a week representing AAUW members and supporters and their mission to empower women and girls.

**We invite you to learn more about how you, too, can become a member of the Capitol Hill Lobby Corps.**

- **What:** AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps Open House
- **When:** Thursday, October 15, 2015 from 10:00am – 1:30pm
- **Where:** AAUW's offices, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC.
- **Who:** AAUW Lobby Corps Members and their guests interested in learning more and joining Lobby Corps!

**Lunch will be provided at the event**

In order to maintain an accurate head count, we ask that all guests RSVP using the following link:

[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=4163](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=4163)

Any questions contact Pam Yuen at [yuenp@aauw.org](mailto:yuenp@aauw.org). See you all there.

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

**From the Finance Officer, aka Treasurer**

First, note that Cece Michelotti will be delayed in assuming the office of Finance Officer while she recovers from surgery. In the interim, I will continue to serve in this office.

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

**Saturday, October 24, 2015**  
**NVCC – Annandale Campus**



To all our fellow Arlington Branch – AAUW members - We are reminding you of this fantastic event that our branch is participating in, along with the Alexandria

branch. We are working very, very hard to plan this STEM Conference for 150 6<sup>th</sup>-9<sup>th</sup> grade girls and their parents on this day. We have eight hands-on workshops, seven Savvy Skills workshops, at least five college representatives who will conduct "interviews" with the girls, four parent seminars with their own presenters, a hands-on workshop for the parents as well, a panel of notable STEM women, and a keynote speaker from BAE Systems, our financial sponsors. There are still volunteer openings on the day of. As well, we have openings for help on Wednesday, October 21, at our Volunteer Coordinator's home in Alexandria, to put together the backpacks for the girls, the folders for the parents and volunteers, and the gift bags for the volunteers and presenters. That will be from 3 pm – 8 pm. on that day.

Please let us know as soon as possible if you can participate. The volunteer application was attached to the September newsletter. Just fill it out and send to the listed address. If you have any questions, feel free to call me on my home or cell phone.

Thanks!

Susan Senn, Linda Menasco, and Meg Tuccillo

**Annual Fall District Meeting**  
**2:00 pm; Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake**  
**Learn, Energize, Act**

Once upon a time (1972 to be exact) Congress wisely adopted Title IX. What progress has been made in these 43 years? Many look to women's sports and the incredible changes in that arena. But Title IX is much broader than sports and covers many activities that are civil rights issues. The U.S. Department of Education has just released new guidelines and resources for public schools. That is where we AAUW members come into the picture.

Our invited speaker is Catherine Lhamon, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. Those who attended AAUW National Convention this year were captivated by this young woman and her very informative talk. Come hear how equal educational opportunities still lag behind, and how AAUW members

can be an incredible partner in connecting with our school Title IX coordinators and the new guidelines for schools. Join us October 3<sup>rd</sup> for the rest of this story.

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Northern District Co-Representatives  
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**Please join Congressman Don Beyer for "Women Driving the Economy," a free program in conjunction with George Mason University.**



The event's keynote speaker is Small Business Administration (SBA) Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, who has been a pioneer in establishing women in leadership roles in the economy as a public and private sector manager and philanthropic champion. Administrator Contreras-Sweet keynote delivery will be followed by a plenary panel moderated by Megan Beyer with Judith Warner from the Center for American Progress, local small business owner El Brown, and Rebecca Shambaugh, a leadership trainer for women in the workforce. Breakout sessions will provide hands-on information on preparing a resume, rocking the job interview, negotiating pay, positioning for a promotion, saving for the future, and planning your retirement.

Childcare will be provided.

George Mason's Arlington Campus is easily accessible from the Virginia Square stop on the Orange Line, and garage parking is available for a flat rate of \$7  
To respond, please log into the following site:

<http://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-driving-the-economy-registration-17924084419>

Give + Get: Empowering by Design  
September 21, 2015 Meeting



Right: Mary Van Dyke, moderator of the panel discussion.

Below: Nyambo Anuluoha, Krysta Jones, Leora Lihach and Dania Matos.



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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

October 12	2:15 Book Club
October 27	2:00 Book Club
October 14	10 am International Coffee
October 28	10 am International Coffee
October 24	Tech Savvy Conference
October 26	7 pm Branch Meeting
November 16	7 pm Branch Meeting
December 5	Winter Potluck
January 25	7 pm Branch Meeting
February 22	7 pm Branch Meeting

