



ARLINGTON BRANCH REPORT AAUW OF VIRGINIA

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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

It is fall, the leaves are changing and the mums are in the garden. It seems that a pattern is followed every year.

Our branch has a pattern too. New monthly programs are planned, social events are arranged and the call for volunteers goes out.

Our Co-Program Vice Presidents, **Mary Van Dyke** and **Mary Beth Pelosky**, have worked very hard to present meeting topics that are germane to AAUW's mission.

The Barriers and Bias meeting was so AAUW! I am now asking for volunteers. Member volunteers come to our meetings and take part in conversations about topics that are presented, socialize with other members and consider a branch leadership role for the coming year or the year after. Get your dues' worth from your branch.

The Board has considered reducing the number of meetings and collaborating with the Falls Church Branch. In last month's newsletter, a schedule of the Falls Church branch meetings was included. It's being repeated in this newsletter for your convenience. Please take advantage of this opportunity. Here is an opportunity to meet AAUW members from another branch and another opportunity to socialize. You may contact Falls Church President for more information.

If you have any suggestions regarding the branch and how to implement those suggestions, **Meg** and I would be very interested in hearing from you. You might want to go the AAUW

website for some ideas. The website is a wonderful resource to spark your imagination or answer your questions. Looking forward to seeing all the volunteers at our next meeting.
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Co-Presidents

AAUW Arlington Branch Programs for 2016 - 2017

Here are the **latest updates** on WHAT'S HAPPENIN' THIS YEAR in our Branch -

Please note: *the updates in our themes and locations for both our Monday October 24 evening and Sunday October 30 afternoon programs - details below!*

- **Monday September 26, 7.00 - 9.00 PM**
Barriers and Bias with Claudia Richards, AAUW National at the Women's Club of Arlington, 700 S Buchanan Street, Arlington VA 22204
Join AAUW National's **Claudia Richards** for an update on the national agenda for AAUW in 2016-17 as well as a window into the recently released Barriers and Bias report. Bring a friend and join your AAUW friends to reflect on our collaborative efforts to raise our own awareness about **bias in our lives**.



Claudia Richards

Claudia is a Jane-of-all-trades at AAUW, having worked in the development office for 13 years, in branch meetings for two years, and in membership, where she currently resides.

Claudia has visited 31 of the 48 contiguous states, Washington, D.C., Puerto Rico, and the U.S. Virgin Islands.

- **Monday October 24, 6.30 - 8.30 PM** forum on theme of **From Public Service to Public Office: The Role of Gender in Politics** at the National Rural Electric Cooperative Association NRECA Building, 4301 Wilson Blvd, Arlington, VA 22203. Admission FREE and light refreshments.

Sponsors: Arlington County Commission for the Status of Women; American Association of University Women (AAUW), Arlington branch; League of Women Voters, Arlington Chapter, and the Virginia Leadership Institute.

Guest Speakers include:

Jennifer Lawless, Lead Author of "It Still Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run For Office"
Senator Barbara Favola (VA -31)
Katie Cristol, Arlington County Board Member

Professor Jennifer Lawless's research focuses on political ambition, and she is the author of *Women on the Run: Gender, Media, and Political Campaigns in a Polarized Era* (with Danny Hayes), *Running from Office: Why Young Americans Are Turned Off to Politics* (with Richard L. Fox), and *Becoming a Candidate: Political Ambition and the Decision to Run for Office*. She is a nationally recognized expert on women and politics, and the co-author (with Richard L. Fox) of *It Still Takes a Candidate: Why Women Don't Run for Office*. Her research, which has been supported by the National Science Foundation, has appeared in numerous academic journals.



In addition, Professor Lawless has issued several policy reports on the barriers that impede women candidates' emergence.

- **Sunday, October 30, 2:00 - 4:00 PM.** Please join us for a discussion program on **How Islam Empowers Women** hosted by Uzma Farooq and the Muslim Women's Coalition, with co-sponsors AAUW Arlington and Falls Church branches, and The Seekers Church. This event will be at a Falls Church or Arlington location to be confirmed, please RSVP for this event on the [LINK http://goo.gl/forms/1nLGbbZEgaY9wMJc2](http://goo.gl/forms/1nLGbbZEgaY9wMJc2) and we will send you details.
- **Friday, November 11, 7:00 - 9:00 PM, Wine and Cheese Social at Susan Senn's.** Please join us for this relaxed evening for members, and bring a friend or two, to **meet new and potential members.** Hosted by AAUW Arlington member, Susan Senn at her home. Details in email.
- **Saturday December 10, luncheon** at Noon at Fort Meyer. Details forthcoming from Michele Milden.
- **Monday January 23, evening 7:00 - 8:30 PM** program at the Women's Club of Arlington, 700 S Buchanan Street, Arlington VA 22204
- **February 27 evening** – no meeting scheduled, in deference to the weather. But possibly use for a snow date for the



January meeting.

- **Saturday March 18, 2017 afternoon, 2:00 PM - 3.30 PM** at Arlington Central Library (TBC), Annual AAUW Branch Meeting, with a program focusing on the State Legislature and Arlington County Board members
- **April/May 2017**, AAUW Arlington Branch Awards program; possibly Luncheon or alternate format.

Save these dates and please do **join us** for our AAUW Arlington branch's evening **and** daytime programs, discussions and events throughout the coming year.

Mary Beth Pelosky
Mary Van Dyke
Co-VPs for Programs

A SECOND REMINDER:

AAUW Falls Church Branch Programs 2016 - 2017

AAUW Falls Church branch has also planned a year of public programs and warmly invites AAUW Arlington members to attend. AAUW Falls Church branch meetings are all at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA 22046.

Dates for AAUW Falls Church branch programs are as follows, themes TBD:

Monday November 14, 7.30 - 9 PM Sunday January 8, 2 - 4 PM Sunday February 12, 2 - 4 PM

Membership News

LOBBY CORPS OPEN HOUSE-ANOTHER SUCCESS

AAUW's Lobby Corps had an open house on September 7 at the new headquarters space at 1310 L. St. NW, D.C. Pam Yuen, Lobby Corps, Manager gave a tour of the new headquarters, all very bright, contemporary and wired for business. She also explained the ins and outs of lobbying and how the corps works for the new folks who attended. There were 32 attending and 20 of those were regular lobby corps members. Our branch was well represented by **Sara Anderson, Karen Bopp, Jackie Fishman, Marjorie Hobart,** and **Marcy Leverenz.** Our state co-president, Sandy Lawrence was there also.

Not only are there 170,000 members and supporters of AAUW, but we are in every congressional district in the country. And as we conclude Lobby Corps' 41st year, to date the corps members have made 900+ visits on 20 different bills or issues and have visited legislators of all 50 states, D.C, Guam and Puerto Rico. We visited 41 % of the House and 100% of the Senate. Lots of shoe leather was used.



Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations and Erin Prangley, Associate Director of Government Relations gave us information regarding judicial confirmations, and how to lobby in a lame duck session. Lisa stressed that who is running against who will affect AAUW's issues. This will be a very short lobby season for the corps.

For those of you who get **Washington Update**, there will be a similar email notification entitled **In the Statehouse**. You will have to sign-up for it.

And did I mention the lunch? It was so good..! Think about joining for the Lobby Corps training at the beginning of next year.

Marcy Leverenz, Arlington Lobby Corps Coordinator

International Coffee

The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will continue their bi-monthly morning coffees in October. The one will be held at the home of **Juanita Cullen** in Vienna.. **Jina Wakimoto** will offer us a program on Korean Culture.



On

October 26 we will have a Halloween Costume Party at the home of **Lynne Shank** in Arlington.

All members of the Arlington AAUW Branch are welcome to participate. For further information please contact **Priscilla Becker** at 703-841-0647 or e-mail JBecker841 at aol.com

Two more meeting of the International Coffee group in 2016:

November 9: Thanksgiving Luncheon

Hostess: **Janet Kohlenberger** in McLean

December 14: Holiday Luncheon

Hostess: **Karen Russo** in McLean

Priscilla Becker

LUNCH BUNCH

The Arlington Branch AAUW Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, October 20, 2016** from **12:40 to 1:20 p.m.** at the new **Arlington Community High School** located at **800 S. Walter Reed Drive in Arlington**. We will meet in **Room 115**. The school is directly across the parking driveway from the Arlington Career Center. During this first meeting, the girls will hear from **Hareth Andrade-Ayala, Coordinator for the Dream Project**. This year's theme will be *Reaching For Your Dreams*.

The school serves students from diverse cultural backgrounds, all working on earning their high school diplomas. Our Lunch Bunch offers educational programs along with lunch once a month from October through May. The young women (ages 18 to 30+) will learn about county-wide services, health care, careers, finance, and navigating legal systems.



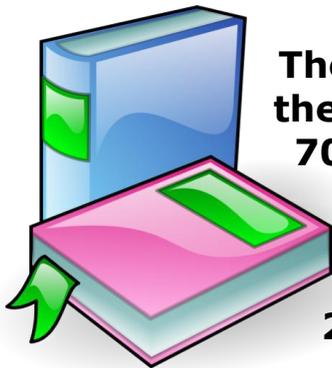
If you can volunteer for this meeting, please contact either Mary Ann or Michele . We look forward to having you join this very rewarding activity of the Arlington Branch AAUW.

Lunch Bunch Coordinators,

Michele Milden and **Mary Ann Ullrich**
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LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

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



The second Wednesday, October 12 at 2 pm, at the home of Vivian Kallen, 2705 N Upshur Street. 703/525-7053, [viviankallen311 at gmail.com](mailto:viviankallen311@gmail.com) and the fourth Tuesday, October 25 at 2 pm, at the home of Marlene Platt, 2511 S Walter Reed DR #UNT B , 703/931-2645, [mbubbe at aol.com](mailto:mbubbe@aol.com)

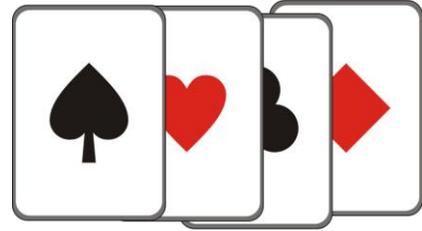
Our book selection for October is *The Boys in the Boat* by Daniel James Brown.

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

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

AAUW Bridge Group

We are always looking for more Bridge players. Each member of the Bridge Group contributes \$20 to the Arlington AAUW Fund at the beginning of each playing year. If you are interested in joining this year's round of games, please contact **Susan Senn** at [sennsu at verizon.net](mailto:sennsu@verizon.net) or by phone, 703-243-0913 or cell 703-244-0175.



"WHAT HAPPENS IF YOUR DUES ARE UNPAID AS OF NOVEMBER 30TH?"

Payment of annual dues for membership renewal for July 1-June 30 was due NLT June 30th. There is a grace period through November 30th. If your 2016-17 dues are not received by then, several inconvenient things happen:

1) AAUW National drops you from the rolls. Emails from national cease, so you don't know what's happening.

2) AAUW Arlington issues directory of members, but unrenewed members names information. Your friends in have that information hand.

3) AAUW Arlington will name from the list receiving newsletters and messages leadership. You will not have current information about our programs and activities.



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For these reasons, please renew your dues ASAP.

The easiest way for AAUW Arlington is for you to pay with a credit card online--an email receipt including information about the

deductible \$46 of your national dues is sent to you from national when you do this.

You may also send a check to AAUW Arlington Branch to our Treasurer, Betty Dunn, 1964 Rockingham St, McLean, VA 22101; she needs a few days to process your payment, so please send it to her to arrive before November 30th to assure your not being dropped from the rolls.

If you miss the deadline, your lapsed membership may be renewed within two years, but in the meantime you will not be receiving communications from AAUW."

The passing of a long time involved AAUW member

Arlington Branch AAUW is sad to report the passing of one of its members, **Mattie Fuller Walker**, on July 6, 2016, two months short of her 85th birthday.

Mattie was a strong supporter of our **Lunch Bunch** for many years, commuting from DC to help support the Arlington Mill High School girls.

Mattie taught in the Arlington Public Schools for close to 40 years. Many of those years were spent teaching first grade. Before Mattie retired as an elementary school counselor, she was elected President of AEA (Arlington Education Association).

Mattie was a tremendous source for the changes that occurred in the Arlington schools over many years, particularly pre and post integration. She was one of AAUW's panelists on a program about Arlington's diversity, especially during its segregation years.

Mattie was a private but an amazing woman. She will be missed greatly by those of us who were fortunate to know and work with her.

WOMEN IN POLITICS: IS GENDER BIAS REAL?

Saturday, October 22, 2:00 PM

Kings Park Library

All branch members are invited to the annual Northern District meeting.

A thought-provoking panel featuring Melissa Richmond, vice president of Running Start (a non-partisan organization that trains young women to run for office and that launched Elect Her in collaboration with AAUW), and Melissa Jackowski, former AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager and now Campaign Services Manager for TargetSmart Communications (which provides data-driven solutions to campaigns). Both women have incredible backgrounds in politics and campaigns. Interestingly, both were working on previous presidential campaigns: Richmond for Mitt Romney and Jackowski for Joe Biden. It's a fitting topic for this election year as well as AAUW's most recent research report, "Bias and Barriers."

Meet and greet old and new friends from other branches

Hear what's going on with AAUW of Virginia and the other district branches

Refreshments, too!

Kings Park Library is located at 9000 Burke Lake Road in Burke, not far from Braddock Road and the Beltway.

Susan Burk and Caroline Pickens

Northern District Co-Representatives

Save-The-Date!

AAUW Wine and Cheese Social

-A Meet and Greet for New and Prospective Members

FRIDAY, NOV. 11, 7-9 P.M.

Susan Senn's Home

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R.S.V.P. much appreciated

***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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Calendar of Events

Branch Members meeting dates to consider:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Oct 24, evening

Oct. 30, afternoon

Nov 19, afternoon

Dec 10, afternoon

Jan 23, evening

Feb 27, evening

March 18, afternoon – Annual Branch
Business Meeting

April/ May not finalized

BOARD MEETINGS

Sept. 20

Nov. 15

Jan. 17

March 21

May 16

July 18

