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**Spring Luncheon**

**Saturday, April 30, 2016. Noon**

Washington Golf and Country Club, 3017 N. Glebe Road.

The following groups and individuals will be honored at this year's event:

- Elizabeth Campbell Award for Advancement of the Arts in Arlington Yorktown High School Theater Arts – Carol Cadby, Director
- Excellence in the Middle/High School Kenmore Middle School Arts Program – Jeff Wilson, Art Teacher
- Educator of the Year- Connie Skelton – Assistant Superintendent Instruction
- Notable Achievement in the Arts - Brian Bersh – Yorktown Band Director

In addition, if you wish to contribute to the Elizabeth Campbell Award fund or Educator of the Year fund, please do so with separate checks.

The cost is \$40/person and the lunch choices are Grilled Chicken or a vegetarian dish. All registrations are due no later than April 22, and should be sent along with your check, to Betsy Marron, 2801 Lee Highway, Unit 302, Arlington, Virginia 22201.

If you have any questions, please contact Deb Powers at [dpowers@arlingtonva.us](mailto:dpowers@arlingtonva.us) or 703-228-3314.



## Presidents' Message

Recently I went on the National AAUW website and took the online test to measure whether I have a bias against women leaders. This tool tests for unconscious associations we may have regarding gender and leadership and the results will be used as part of AAUW's on-going research in this field. This spring, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership* will be released by AAUW and will certainly be a topic of discussion, especially in this political climate. Regardless of your party affiliation or choice for presidential candidate, with women making up 50% of the workforce and 4% of chief executive positions, gender equity is an area for growth in our country.

So, I took the test and expected to be told I scored off the charts for being unbiased - except I didn't! Much to my surprise, my responses placed me in the "slightly biased" category!! While I may disagree with the results, it is humbling to consider that I (and maybe others like me) may still have a way to go in addressing stereotypes and unconscious biases. Equity for women is a central part of AAUW's mission and core to our values. Our Arlington branch can do more to make a difference on this issue. When the *Barriers and Biases* report comes out this spring, perhaps we as a group should take a careful look to see how we can support AAUW's work.

I invite you to take the AAUW Implicit Association Test by going to-  
[http://www.aauw.org/article/implicit-association-test/?utm\\_source=newsletter&utm\\_medium=email&utm\\_campaign=Mission-Mar16-1](http://www.aauw.org/article/implicit-association-test/?utm_source=newsletter&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Mission-Mar16-1)

Let's see what the results are and let's see if we can help contribute to an environment where gender is no longer a barrier to leadership!

*Meg Tuccillo*  
*Co-President*



## Upcoming Events

### International Coffee

The International Coffee Group of THIS/AAUW will offer two coffees in April.

- The first one on April 13 will be held at the home of Priscilla Becker. Co-Hostesses are Norma Johnson and Mims Placke.
- The second coffee of the month will be held on April 27 at the home of Janet Kohlenburger. Her co-hostesses are Jamie Harding and Diane Alden.

For more information, please contact Priscilla Becker at 703/841-0647 or [JBecker841@aol.com](mailto:JBecker841@aol.com). All members of the Arlington Branch are welcome.



### Let's Talk About Books

Our April meeting will be on April 26 at 2 pm, at the home of Sharon Schoumacher, 3800 Fairfax Drive, Apt 1066, 703/522-9014, [sharon1006@verizon.net](mailto:sharon1006@verizon.net).

There will be no Monday meeting in April.

Our book selection for April is *The Dream Lover* by Elizabeth Berg.

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



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## Lunch Bunch

The next meeting of the AAUW Lunch Bunch will be at the Arlington Mill High School on Thursday, April 21, 2016 from 12:40 - 1:15 p.m. Jessica Sleep, Supervisor of Young Adults Arlington County Behavioral Health will be the guest speaker.

We are in need of a few more AAUW volunteers to help with lunch for about twenty girls at the Arlington Mill High School and support the girls during 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 April 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!

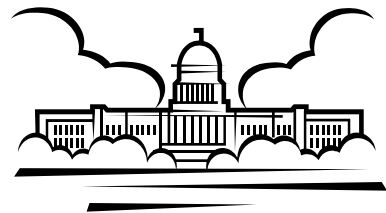
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## Lobby Corps

Federal Lobby Day, which is held under the auspices of the AAUW Lobby Corps, will be held on Thursday, May 12, 2016. AAUW of Virginia members will be matched up with experienced AAUW Lobby Corps members and assigned offices to visit that day. Although it is too early for the schedule to be finalized, please anticipate that we will be getting an early start. Let Leslie Tourigny, AAUW VP VA Public Policy, know that you are coming. Also, let her know if you can accommodate any out-of-town attendees for the night of May 11<sup>th</sup>.

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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

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May 6	Board Meeting
May 12	Federal Lobby Day



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