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DON'T MISS THIS

December 2 your last chance to reserve

The Arlington Branch AAUW Holiday Luncheon will be held on **Saturday, December 10, 2016 at 12 Noon in the Campaign Room at the Ft. Myer Club (formerly the Officers' Club), 214 Jackson Avenue, Ft. Myer, VA 22211.** The guest speaker will be Suzanne Gould, AAUW Headquarters Archivist, who will share stories about the many fascinating women and events in AAUW's history both from a national and local perspective.

This will be a wonderful time two to enjoy a lovely luncheon, a with other Arlington Branch holidays. The Ft. Myer Club will be holidays.



to bring along a friend or great speaker, and mingle members before the beautifully decorated for the

Make your check payable to **Arlington Branch AAUW** for **\$30 per person** and **write *chicken* or *pasta* on the memo line.** Please send your check by **December 2, 2016** to **Betty Dunn, 1964 Rockingham Street, McLean, VA 22101-4922.**

Your Photo ID is required to get through the gate. No jeans are allowed.

We look forward to seeing you and your friends.

For questions, contact **Michele Milden** at 703-820-7794

ALSO... NOW WE NEED THE BOTTOM HALF

At the November 11 Wine and Cheese Get Together attendees brought NEW bras to be donated to A-SPAN. As you know, clothes are donated but not under garments. We are now asking that at the December 10 luncheon at Ft. Myer, you bring NEW large-sized underpants to compliment the upper half. Let's help support women who need our help. **Marcy and Meg**

HERE'S WHAT'S COMING IN 2017

- **Sunday 8 January, 2.00 - 4.00 PM** AAUW Falls Church branch meeting at Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA 22046 **Topic: TBD**
- **Monday January 23, evening 7:00 - 8:30 PM** program at the Women's Club of Arlington, 700 S Buchanan Street, Arlington VA 22204

Please join us as we host **Giovanteey Bishop, Campus Leadership Intern at National AAUW and conferee NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders)**. Giovanteey Bishop will share her career experiences and a review of current leadership issues for women on campuses.

- **Sunday 12 February, 2.00 - 4.00 PM** AAUW Falls Church branch meeting at Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church, VA 22046 **Topic: TBD**
- **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, 2:00 PM - 3.30 PM** at Arlington Central Library, Annual AAUW Branch Meeting, with a program focusing on the State Legislature and Arlington County Board members
- **April/May 2017**, AAUW Arlington Branch Art Awards Event; details coming.

Mary Beth Pelosky and Mary Van Dyke

Co-VPs for Programs

Membership News

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE



The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will close out the year with a Holiday luncheon on Dec.14 at the home of **Karen Russo** in McLean.. All members are asked to bring a food dish.

Members of the AAUW Arlington Branch are welcome to join. For further information please contact **Priscilla Becker** at JBecker841 at aol.com

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

On Monday, December 19 at 6:30 p.m. we will have our annual Holiday Pot Luck Dinner at the home of **Kallen**, 2705 N Upshur Street, 703/525- This is a joint gathering of both afternoon There will be no afternoon sessions in December.



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groups.

Our book selection is *The Little Bookstore of Big Stone Gap* by Wendy Welch. Please coordinate with me about your contribution to the dinner because **Vivian** does not regularly access her email. This will allow us to determine what is still needed. Also, please note the earlier start time. **Vivian** can only seat 14 so get your reservation in early!

Barbara Gallagher
703/243-1043
bgallag2 at gmail.com

AAUW BRIDGE GROUP

No new NEWS

Happy Holidays to all!! Susan Senn

AAUW LUNCH BUNCH

The Arlington Branch AAUW Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, December 15, 2016** from **12:40 to 1:20 p.m.** at the **Arlington Community High School** located at **800 S.**



Walter Reed Drive in Arlington. We will meet in **Room 115.** This year's theme will be *Reaching For Your Dreams.* During this meeting, the girls will listen to Rachel Shroeder and Patricia Sanguinetti, Counselors, who will help the girls to come up with their goals and ways to reach them for 2017.

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 as they work on earning their high school diplomas.

If you can help out 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,

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and **Mary Ann Ullrich**
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WHAT'S in the NEWS?!

A front page article in the Centre Daily Times in **State College**, Pennsylvania on Sunday November 6 **featured three local women, all over age 90**, reflecting on their lives as voting citizens, and the possibility of a woman as President. In the shadow of the outcome of the 2016 election, it is bittersweet--perhaps more bitter than sweet, but nonetheless interesting.

Marjorie Dunaway is exactly as old as the 19th amendment which passed in 1920. She met Hillary Clinton in 1992 when she was in State College campaigning for her husband Bill. Mrs. Clinton, said **Dunaway**, ". . . looked me in the face. She didn't look over my shoulder the way some people do if they want to see what important person might be back there." Ms. Dunaway was very happy to be voting for Hillary Clinton this year. And not just because she's a woman, but because she is highly qualified.

Dunaway was very involved with AAUW, serving as her Branch president, state president for two terms, and then worked at AAUW national headquarters. When friends kidded her about belonging to "that woman's organization," she told them "**Well, [AAUW] is trying to do things for women and girls to help them in any way they can in education.**"

She and the other women featured in the article were happy to describe the much greater opportunities and career choices women have today. They also were always proud and happy to cast their votes, because it is such a privilege.

While we will be waiting awhile for the first woman to be U.S. President, I think we can all be grateful to the women of the first generation who could vote, and cherished the right to do so.

by **Sara Anderson**

Note: the reporter who wrote the original article is Sarah Rafacz.

SOME TOP NATIONAL STORIES:

In 2017, there will be 21 women serving in the U.S. Senate—the highest number in history. The chamber will also feature a record number of women of color. Senators-elect Tammy Duckworth (D-IL), Catherine Cortez Masto (D-NV), and Kamala Harris (D-CA) **made history** by becoming the first Thai American, first Latina, and first biracial woman, respectively, to serve in the U.S. Senate.

Recapping the 2016 ballot measures on AAUW's radar

This week, several states voted on ballot measures related to AAUW's priority issues.

- **AAUW member Jeanette Rishell**, Woodbridge (VA) branch, was elected Mayor of Manassas Park. Democratic Councilmember Jeanette Rishell beat Mayor Frank Jones, an independent, by a 61.98-percent to 37.02-percent margin. Rishell got 3,042 votes, compared to 1,817 votes for Jones. Jones has been mayor since 2004, and his race against Rishell was just his second contested campaign. "The next several years will be challenging for the city," **Rishell** said. "I respect Mayor Jones' service to the city, but I believe it's time for a change and a fresh perspective."

Marcy J. Leverenz

- Voters in Maine, Colorado, Washington, and Arizona voted to **increase their state minimum wages**. The new wages in those states range from \$12 to \$13.50 per hour.
- Arizona and Washington also **approved new paid sick leave programs**.
- In Missouri, a ballot question (opposed by AAUW of Missouri) on **raising the cigarette tax** to help fund a school voucher system failed.
- Alaska passed an AAUW-supported initiative to **automatically register** all qualified voters when they apply for a Permanent Fund dividend. In addition, California passed a **number of AAUW-supported ballot initiatives**, including wins for community college funding and improving health coverage for low income Californians.
- **Janet Reno**, **the first female U.S. attorney general**, passed away on November 7. Reno served under the Clinton administration from 1993 to 2001. In 1999, she addressed the AAUW national convention in Washington, DC. In her remarks, **Reno** told AAUW members, "*You are doing so much to improve the lives of women and girls in this country. As we face the challenges of the next century, your messages of leadership, empowerment, and the need for diversity could not be more timely or important.*" Her powerful words still ring true today.

ON THE LOCAL FRONT:

Member News On Diversity and Inclusion -

by AAUW **Arlington Branch Member, Dr. Anita Nahal**

*Diversity and Inclusion is the heart and conscience of AAUW. The value of diversity and inclusion should be embedded in the infrastructure of AAUW's awareness, consciousness, intentionality and in all that we do according to **Heide Parreño**, the Diversity Director of the AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch.*

Arlington AAUW branch member, **Anita Nahal**, also belongs to the AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch of AAUW: a group formed for AAUW members who support AAUW's mission, and hold meetings "virtually" online. **Anita Nahal** is a Diversity and Inclusion Consultant and has been working with Virtual Branch member, **Heide Parreno**, to develop dialog and communications for their online branch.

During their "virtual branch" online discussions they decided to focus on Diversity and Inclusion issues. Of course, issues of Diversity, Inclusion, and Unconscious Bias are highly relevant to our AAUW National's mission of Empowerment and Parity for Women. **Anita** has very kindly shared with us some of the goals that the AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch decided to focus on, as this may also be of interest to AAUW Arlington Branch members.

First of all the Virtual Branch conducted an anonymous survey of their membership, to ask what they felt they already worked on as a group with regard to Diversity and Inclusion issues, and what people felt was missing. Then the group came up with four initiatives to focus on for 2016-17:

1. More informative and user-friendly web presence for Diversity and Inclusion initiatives on their branch website.
2. A Yearly award for AAUW Branch members for work done on Diversity and Inclusion. Criteria to be developed with input from members and the New York State VP for Programs

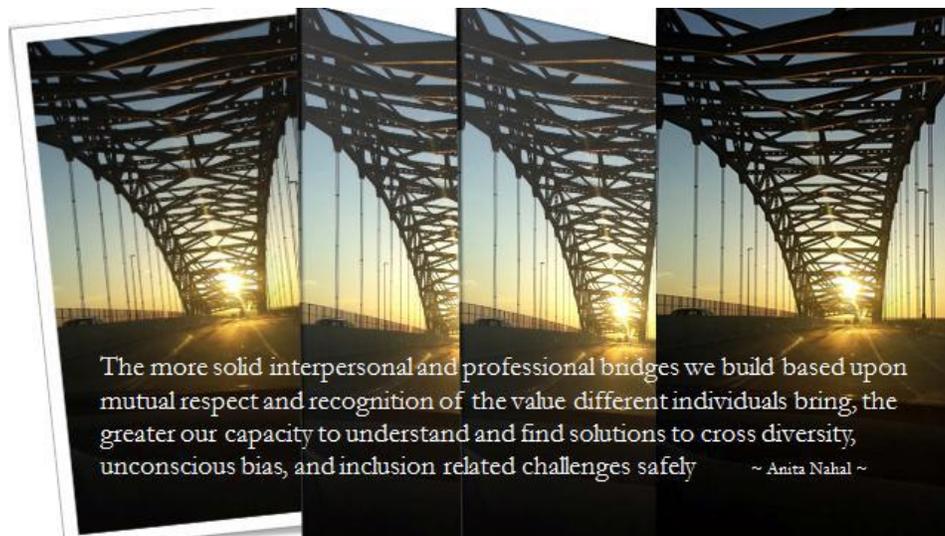
3. Holding Diversity and Inclusion programs/events/lectures/representation at District Meeting, State Convention and Leadership Conference.
4. Share link of Diversity and Inclusion survey. Members to do the survey for sharing with AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch, AAUW National and AAUW NY State.
Disseminate with branch members available resources from AAUW National: : <http://www.aauw.org/resource/diversity-and-inclusion-tool-kit/>

Second, **Anita** shares the action items that the AAUW Virtual Branch are discussing derived from the above goals:

- To provide links to AAUW State and National Diversity and Inclusion initiatives
- To provide general resources related to Diversity and Inclusion (D&I), for example: conferences or a list of some useful publications and/or links to relevant D&I websites in the US and globally
- Seek input from the AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch members as to what they would like to see on their website related to D&I

Anita thanks and congratulates **Heide Parreño**, **María Ellis** and other members of the of the AAUW Empire State Virtual Branch for their leadership in bringing diversity and inclusion issues to the forefront of their branch discussions.

More
on



quotes

diversity, inclusion and unconscious bias from **Anita Nahal** at her blog: <http://diversitydiscover.blogspot.com/>

Bylaws changes—ARLINGTON Branch and National

There are two pieces of news about AAUW Bylaws:

First, the attorneys for AAUW have determined that despite having made extensive mandatory changes to branch bylaws last year, there are additional mandatory changes which must be made this year. Last year we took the opportunity of making the mandatory changes and to also make a few changes specific to the Arlington branch. The latter changes required a vote by our membership at our Annual Meeting. But this year, we only propose to make the changes required by national, which, due to their mandatory nature, do not require a vote by the branch membership. When our new bylaws are approved, they will be posted on the Virginia AAUW website, replacing the current version.

Second, in the alternate years when there is a national convention, AAUW members vote online on proposed amendments to the national-level AAUW Bylaws. Now through December 5, 2016, you can comment on the amendments recommended by the AAUW Governance Committee and propose amendments that you'd like to see on the ballot in the AAUW national election next spring. To participate in this process, see the following url:

https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/omoVote/index_amendment.asp?type=N&mid=5088137&wponce=ce471a8652&access_str=a9b9f779d1be2d9662d697868f7eeb8f.

Carol Dabbs, AAUW Arlington Bylaws Chair

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Every March our Branch holds its annual business meeting. One of the most important items on the agenda is the election of officers. Our officers serve two year terms, with different offices up each year, so we don't have an entirely new governing group.

Due to various circumstances, our Vice President for Membership, **Carol Dabbs**, did not assume those duties until 2016. She has agreed to stand for re-election for a one year term, 2017-18.

Likewise, **Betty Dunn** did not assume Treasurer's position until 2016, and is also willing to be a candidate for 2017-18.

In March, 2017, we need candidates for the two positions for 2 year terms, 2017-19:

- President, or co-Presidents
- Vice-President for Programs (also can be shared by two members)

We are seeking a nominating committee to find and select these candidates. This committee has a focused, time-limited job, from January to March, requiring **at most two meetings** in addition to making phone calls to prospective candidates.

It is a good way for new members to learn more about our Branch, and for long-time members to get to know women they don't already. Seize this opportunity to serve on the Nominating Committee! Please contact:

Sara Anderson

sfpaaauw6382(at) aol.com, or call: 703-532-3830.

Arlington AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Thank you to **SUSAN SENN**. A good time was had by all who attended the November 11 meeting at Susan Senn's house. A big thanks to Susan for providing the delicious cheeses, wine, cake and much more. Thanks also to those who provided additional goodies. The conversation was wonderfully thought provoking, funny and poignant.

Here we are at the end of the year and all the year-end holidays are on us. Wow, time flies when you are having fun. And speaking of fun, have you RSVP'd for the December lunch meeting at Ft. Myer? Suzanne Gould, AAUW Archivist will delve into our AAUW past. What secrets are there?

And remember, if you can, bring some NEW panties to the Holiday Luncheon to donate to women in need through ASPAN.

But the past informs the future. Our branch is in the forefront of paving the future of AAUW by being one of the top contributors to the AAUW Fund in this fiscal year. And many branch members are on the Legacy Circle honor role. **Meg** and **I** are so proud of us. We are proud of our collaborative work in presenting **From Public Service to Public Office: The Role of Gender in Politics** and **How Islam Empowers Women**. At each of these October events there were more than 70 folks present and we learned that the

AAUW message of education is really what brought us all together for these events. We are on a roll, and let's continue the good work

Continuing the good work means that branch members need to step forward next year to fill the offices of President or Co-President, Vice President for Programming (also a shared position). The branch also needs a coordinator for the Arts and Educator of the Year Award event. If AAUW means as much to you as it does to us, we know you will seriously consider these leadership opportunities.

HAPPY HOLIDAYS AND RAISE A GLASS TO US FOR ALL OUR HARD WORK!

Marcy & Meg

MORE GOOD NEWS

HALF-PRICE DUES FOR NEW MEMBERS?

How does that work?

- Each year, the period between January 1st and March 15th is a good time for new members to try out AAUW branch membership.
- During this period, they may join for half price for the rest of the dues year, through June 30th, for a total of \$40 (\$24.50 national, \$7.50 Virginia, plus \$8 Arlington).
- And if a new member joins at one of our public meetings, national dues are reduced by \$12.25, for a total of another half to \$27.75.
- Prior members who have not paid (in this case or more may re-rates; those who dues for two dues years 2014-15 and 2015-16) have only missed one year may re-join at price during this period. paying dues for the regular (\$80)
- Starting on March 16th each year, new members who join pay price, but the dues remainder of the dues year (through June 30th) and the entire next dues year (through June 30th of the following calendar year).



Carol Dabbs, VP Membership

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.

The Arlington Branch Report is published monthly from September through June by the Arlington Branch of the American Association of University Women.

Articles for the January, 2017 *Branch Report* should be mailed or emailed by December 10, 2016 to Editor **Cece Michelotti** cecemich at yahoo.com

Address changes or corrections should be made to **Elizabeth Dunn**.

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Calendar of Events

Branch Members meeting dates to consider:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Dec 10, noon -...

Jan. 8, 2-4

Jan 23, 7-8:30pm

Feb. 12, 2-4

Feb.27, make up?

March 18, 2-3:30 – Annual Branch Business Meeting

April/ May not finalized



BOARD MEETINGS

Dec. 6

Jan. 17

March 21

May 16

July 18