

## **HISTORICAL DAY FOR WOMEN - 1-21-17**

### WOMEN'S MARCH ON WASHINGTON

January 2017 was important for many reasons in our country and January 21, 2017 was perhaps one of the most meaningful days for about 500,000 women (and men) who participated in the Women's March on Washington. What started as a reaction to



the November election results, grew to be an opportunity for hundreds of thousands of folks to stand for issues that impact our country including healthcare access, equal pay, climate and the environment, discrimination, racism, immigration, education opportunities and the people who make and enforce our laws.

It was a privilege to be among the many pink-hatted women who rallied and marched the day after the inauguration to be sure everyone's voice is heard. I was there with my two adult daughters and eight of their friends from Georgia but we saw and spoke with folks from around the country and met a group of women proudly wearing huge AAUW pins as we listened and cheered as Gloria Steinham, Sister Simone Campbell (founder of Nuns on the Bus), Cecile Richards from Planned Parenthood, Ashley Judd, Michael Moore and others called for the crowd to not just march that one day

but to take positive action to ensure these issues are addressed and our new leaders hear our voices.

There were many creative and unique signs held high by young girls with their moms, teenagers together with their BFFs, groups of middle-aged women who traveled from across the country and old folks like me with bad backs! There were lots of chants, songs and cheers and one that was repeated throughout the day was "This is what democracy looks like!"



**Meg Tuccillo**

## **UP AND COMING IN FEBRUARY AND MARCH, 2017**

Please do join us for these upcoming programs for AAUW Arlington branch as listed for February and March. Our February 27th evening program focuses on discussions about race in our local community, while our March 25th afternoon program features incoming County and School Board members in a panel discussion on civics and civility, and as elected officials their inspiration to serve and represent the community. Please do add to your calendars, and plan to participate in one or both of these programs for early spring! Details below:

**Monday, February 27, 7.00 – 8.30 PM at the Barcroft Woman’s Club of Arlington, 700 S Buchanan St., Arlington 22204**

Please join us for an engaging, necessary conversation on building community within (and amongst) Arlington County and its residents. Ms. Kim Durand, Coordinator for the Arlington

Partnership for Children, Youth and Families, (**APCYF**) will provide an overview of the **APCYF's** community engagement efforts centered around the issue of race in Arlington. **APCYF** is currently hosting a series called "Let's Talk about Race" led by Challenging Racism, which has been facilitating this dialogue with employees of the Arlington Public Schools for several years. Ms. Durand will discuss the thinking behind this important initiative, the structure of the series, lessons learned and the hopes for the next steps for the participants, and the community.



**Saturday, March 25, 2.00 - 3.30 PM**, AAUW Arlington Branch Annual Meeting, at Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201, with a panel program ***Civics and Civility: A Community Conversation*** with Arlington County



Board members, Katie Cristol and Christian Dorsey, and Arlington Public School Board Members, Reid Goldstein and Tannia Talento.

The panel discussion will focus on issues of civic engagement and civility.

- What inspired you to serve and represent the community?
- Do you see yourself adjusting or refining any of your ideals or values now that you are elected? If so, how?
- How do you continue to learn and grow as an elected official?
- What are the current issues facing our community?
- How can we as a community engage in civil conversations: open, transparent and productive?

Doors open 1.45 PM, Panel discussion 2.00 - 3.00 PM, AAUW Arlington Branch Annual Meeting 3.00 - 3.30 PM.

Everyone welcome, events are free, no prior registration required.

**Mary Beth Pelosky** and **Mary Van Dyke**

Co-chairs

## **LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS**

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

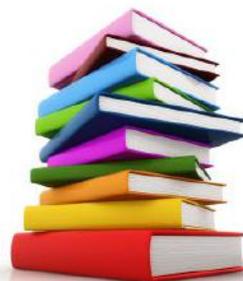
The second Wednesday, February 8 at 2 pm, at the home of  
Kathryn Scruggs, 935 N Liberty St,  
703/536-9148, [kmscruggs0@gmail.com](mailto:kmscruggs0@gmail.com)

and

The fourth Tuesday, February 28 at 2 pm, at the home of  
Sharon Schoumacher, 3800 Fairfax Dr, Apt 1006,  
703/522-9014,  
[sharon1006@verizon.net](mailto:sharon1006@verizon.net).

Our book selection for February is:

*Lit Up: One Reporter, Three Schools,  
Twenty four Books that Can Change  
Lives* by David Denby.



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

**Barbara A Gallagher**

## **AAUW LUNCH BUNCH**

The Arlington Branch AAUW Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, February 16**, 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 is: *Reaching For Your Dreams*.

During this meeting, the girls will interact with **Ashley Emerson, Community Involvement Ambassador from the Arlington Community Federal Credit Union**, who will focus on the theme of "Love Yourself, Pay Yourself First."



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.

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and **Mary Ann Ullrich**

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## **Arlington AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**



We are in the month of St. Valentine's Day and love is all around us.

But is it? AAUW has a plethora of diversity tools, webinars, community involvement plans, and much more. Headquarters even recommends appointing a Diversity Officer. One of the ways to achieve engagement with new and veteran members – members of diverse opinions, backgrounds, ages, abilities, skin colors and the list goes on and on - or those visiting our meetings is ...

to make them welcome and to talk about issues that AAUW supports:

women's health, fair pay, sexual harassment.

Being open to the opinions of the visitor or new member is a good way of learning about her, and how you can facilitate her experience. You may briefly mention how involved the branch is with STEM, the award for teacher of the year and the arts award. Some times we get so involved in what we are doing or saying we don't see the person in front of us.



Let's see if we can spread the word far and wide and connect with more women in our community.

As I mentioned above, we are planning our annual Spring Awards Event. Meg and I will be spearheading the event, but we need help. Please join us in this important effort to continue our tradition of presenting the Teacher of the Year Award and the Elizabeth



Campbell Award for Advancement of the Arts in Arlington.

The Branch needs your expertise in seeking out those who are worthy of the awards.

Please step-up and take a leadership position to help get this event moving.

THE BRANCH NEEDS EACH OF US!

Happy Valentine's Day and here is hoping there are a lot of chocolates coming your way.

Marcy Leverenz, Co-President

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**SOMETHING NEW AND INTERESTING HAS BEEN ADDED:**

**AAUW Bioptic "A Closer Look"**

I am starting a new piece in the monthly newsletter called AAUW Bioptic, "A Closer Look". It will be a short biography of two members of the branch, one "old" and one new. We need to get to know one another, especially the new members, and make a greater effort in outreach. This is our time, ladies. We have an advantage of global effort. I hope you will like the new section.

**Susan Senn**

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I joined AAUW in 2007 simply because a member, whom I know and highly respect, asked me to. I see it as an opportunity to work with very smart women. And, I am passionate about the goals of the AAUW organization. I have held several positions. They include: hospitality, secretary,



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VP-Membership, and STEM.

Currently, in addition to "A Closer Look", I am Assistant Treasurer, and the keeper of the list serve, the directory and the website (Arlington-va.aauw.net).

In June, 2016, I was awarded the "Woman Of Vision" by the Arlington Commission on the Status of Women, thanks to the nomination by my fellow AAUW colleagues. I've lived in Arlington since 1971, almost 40 years in the same house, with my husband, Jim, our dog, Jackson. We have two daughters, Maggie and Anna Katharine, a son-in-law, Sean, and our wonderful granddaughter, Isla.

I exercise, read, cook, swim, volunteer with AAUW's Lunch Bunch, and at Free Clinic for the past 18 years. I read to Virginia Karl, 100 years old. We are reading our seventh book, *John Adams*. I am dedicated to the work of AAUW and welcome the rest of you to join in as well.

AAUW Bioptic

**Xiang (Michelle) Liu**



I am an Associate Professor of Information Technology at Marymount University in Arlington, VA. I have been a faculty member and student advisor for Marymount's Cyber Center and Information Technology Department since 2008.

I am the PI(Principal Investigator) of one of the NSF

(National Science Foundation) grants aimed at TUES (Transform Undergraduate Education in STEM) and the co-PI for two NSF cyber security grants.

My academic background includes a BE in Textile Engineering with a Foreign Trade minor from Nankai University, China, MS in Management Information Systems in Tianjin Polytechnic University, and doctorate in information systems from Boston University.

My research interests broadly center on the areas of cyber security and the uses and impacts of emerging technologies on social activities and behaviors.

My teaching areas include information security principles, software engineering, database technology, electronic document and records management, and mobile apps development.

My research has appeared in many journals and conference proceedings including Information Systems Education Journal, International Journal of Business Performance Management, Journal of Computing Sciences in Colleges, and the Learning Organization.

During my leisure time, I like reading, surfing the Internet, and exercising. My favorite exercise are Ping Pong and Tai Chi.

**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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**NOTIFY ME IF YOU NEED MORE TIME, PLEASE.**

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## *Calendar of Events*

Branch Members meeting dates to consider:



### **GENERAL MEETINGS**

Jan. 23, NO MEETING

Feb.27, 7-8:30

March 25, 2-3

March 25, 3-3:30 Annual Branch  
Business Meeting

### **BOARD MEETINGS**

March 21

May 16

July 18