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HERE'S WHAT'S COMING IN 2017

Please do join us for these upcoming events for both AAUW Arlington and AAUW Falls Church branches as listed for January to March. **Please note the new date of our AAUW Arlington March annual meeting. It is now confirmed for Saturday March 25 afternoon, 2 - 3.30 PM at the Arlington Central Library** auditorium and will feature a panel discussion with Arlington County Board members (Katie Cristol and Christian Dorsey) and Arlington School Board members (Reid Goldstein and Tannia Talento) on the theme of *Civics and Civility: A Community Conversation*. Details below. Please do add to your calendars and plan to participate in some or all of these programs for winter and early spring!

- **Sunday, January 8, 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, 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, February 12, 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, February 27 evening** – no meeting scheduled, in deference to the weather. But possibly use for a snow date for the January 23 meeting, and we have reserved Woman's Club of Arlington (see above) if needed.



- **Saturday, March 25, 2017, 2:00 PM - 3.30 PM** at Arlington Central Library, Annual AAUW Branch Meeting, 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, and **a very important AAUW Arlington Branch Annual Meeting 3.00 - 3.30 PM.**

- **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 AAUW/THIS International Coffee Group will have two coffees in January. We hope to have a number of wives of foreign diplomats join us.

On January 11 the coffee will be held at the home of Canadian **Peg Brandon** in Arlington.

Then on January 25 we will home of Egyptian **Heba** Lorton.



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Members of the Arlington AAUW branch are welcome to join the group. For more information please contact **Priscilla Becker** at JBecker841@aol.com or 703-841-0647.

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

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

The second Wednesday, January 11 at 2 pm, at the home of **Dorothy Miller**, 1016 S Wayne St, Apt 903, phone: 703/920-1278, damiller903@verizon.net

The second meeting on the fourth Tuesday, January 24 at 2 pm, at the home of **Barbara Gallagher**, 5100 Fillmore Ave, Apt 509, 703/243-1043, bgallag2@gmail.com.

Our book selection for January is ***Our Souls at Night*** by Kent Haruf.

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, January 19, 2017 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 listen to **Nagmeh Merck, a social worker**, who will discuss: "How to seek help in the Community during the new year."



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 the Coordinators, either **Mary Ann or Michele**. We look forward to having you join this very rewarding activity of the Arlington Branch AAUW.

Michele Milden and **Mary Ann Ullrich**

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AAUW BRIDGE GROUP

No news this month. Hope your holidays were wonderful.
More to come in 2017, a new year! **Susan Senn**

Let's take a look back on 2016:

National AAUW OPEN HOUSE A HUGE SUCCESS

AAUW had a successful on Thursday, Nov. 17 as Member Appreciation got to hear AAUW Board Fae Ho talk about how organization is to have thoughtful members. She also addressed members' great disappointment in the election results, that the glass ceiling was not broken. A wonderful Middle-Eastern – themed lunch was provided with wine to toast AAUW's 135th year of empowering women.



Open House part of week. All Chair Patricia grateful the such active,

We participated in the “Marvelous Member Punch Card” game to tour the new building and learn about national’s finances, fellowships and grants, history, meeting all the staff and much more. We saw all three floors of the headquarters. The headquarters is fitted with state-of-the art electronics and the interior is designed for a collaborative work environment, but if you need a peaceful space to be alone, it exists.

The Lobby Corps was out in force as were our AAUW Virginia Co-Presidents, Sandy Lawrence and Patsy Quick. Members from Virginia and Maryland were present. I was our branch’s representative.

Marcy Leverenz, Co-President

Ladies and Gentlemen Have a Festive Lunch

On December 10, the Branch celebrated the winter season with a wonderful lunch at Patton Hall, formerly the Ft. Myer Officers’ Club. The club was festively decorated for the holiday season and a delicious lunch was served. About 33 branch members came



together to hear **Suzanne Gould**, AAUW Archivist talk about our founders and their contribution to the world of academia, pharmacy and beyond. Suzanne shared with us that the subject of AAUW's initial research report was to disprove the popular notion of the time that higher education was detrimental to the health of women. She said that when she shares this with twenty-year olds, they are in disbelief.

We would like to thank **Michele Milden** for all her hard work in coordinating the lunch and all the work of putting it together. We had goodies at our table of candy and AAUW prizes, pens & thumb drives. The tables were decorated with greenery and red and green stars.

For this Co-President **Marcy Leverenz** anointed **Michele** with the Snow Queen Wand for her successful effort. See photo.



Also, in attendance was branch member, **Arlene Shapiro** who is a member of the AAUW Archival Corps. This group meets at AAUW headquarters on Monday. Call **Suzanne**, sgould@aauw.org, if you are interested in this activity.

Betty Dunn, branch Treasurer brought her daughters and husband .

And branch Newsletter Editor **Michelotti** brought her Janet Marco, a teacher in County. Several other brought guests.



Cece daughter, Fairfax members

It was a wonderfully festive occasion; a social light in this winter season.

Marcy Leverenz Co-President

WHAT'S in the NEWS for 2017?

LOBBY CORPS TRAINING SESSION

Don't miss the Lobby Corps Training session on Wednesday, January 11, 2017, 10 a.m. to 3:00 PM at

The American Association of University Women,
1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005.

Learn to be an advocate for the public policy issues that you voted for as a member of AAUW.

If you have any questions, please send them my way or contact **Pam Yuen**, Lobby Corps Manager at AAUW, yuenp@aauw.org. We are looking forward to a new lobby year with new strategies. Please join us, lend a hand, lend a voice.

Marcy Leverenz mleverenz@comcast.net

AAUW Lobby Corps Coordinator

Below is a 6/16 photo of Pam Yuen, AAUW Lobby Corps Manager giving the Lobby Corps and NCCWSL participants a briefing at the Rayburn House Office Building.



What major AAUW event happens every six years in Washington, D.C.?

The National AAUW Convention!

And that time is now! The AAUW National Convention will be in our backyard, in Washington, D.C., June 14-17, 2017. The nearly 1,000 attendees will hear inspiring speakers, attend informative workshops, network with other members and staff, and eat delicious food. Along with all that, there are opportunities to lobby Congress, tour AAUW national headquarters, and visit historical sites in the area.

Best-value registration closes January 15, so register now! Thinking about the expense? Here are some ways to save money:

- The state board will give \$400 to each branch that sends at least one branch member full-time attendee at the National Convention for the branch to divide among attendees. Want to drive but don't want to pay for parking? Members can park their cars at Northern District members' houses and take the METRO to the convention.
- Need a hotel roommate? We can connect you with a roomie.
- Don't want to drive – Take Amtrak. The Northeast routes have many stations in or near VA branch cities. Go to <https://www.amtrak.com/northeast-train-routes> for more information. You also might check with nearby branches and arrange a carpool.

On top of this, you save the cost of an airline ticket since this is local travel. We've checked around, and the hotel rates that AAUW negotiated at the Renaissance Hotel are actually excellent! Book your room early. They fill fast!

So sign up today! Let's have a huge Virginia turnout! <http://convention.aauw.org/> Sandy and Patsy

ON THE LOCAL FRONT:

On a sad note: **FRANCES CAMPBELL**, an Arlington Branch honorary life member, died recently. **Marcy Leverenz** spoke with her son, Andrew, on Dec. 7, and expressed the branch's condolences to him and his father.

Funeral arrangements are forthcoming. Andrew said that Frances really enjoyed AAUW and that the AAUW branch would be mentioned in her obituary.

Arlington AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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Happy New Year!

Did you know that January is designated as National Mentoring Month?!

I had no idea but was pleased to learn more about this initiative from the National AAUW website. While it is aimed at mentoring youth in general, we have the opportunity to focus specifically on reaching out to girls and young women in both formal structures and informally in our lives.

Arlington AAUW serves a vital role in supporting the young women at The Arlington Community High School through the ongoing "Lunch Bunch" program and we encourage more members to step up and develop supportive relationships with these students.

Over the last few years we have also provided support for young students to consider STEM fields and hope to continue those efforts in the future.

In addition to these activities, many of us also have had professional experiences that put us in a position to reach out and support young women beginning their careers.

National AAUW is encouraging members who have had years in their careers to serve as role models and offer career advice particularly for women seeking leadership roles in politics, STEM fields and other areas where women have been under-represented . They suggest using social and political capital to actively promote young women beginning their careers, help them make connections and provide them with increased visibility.

This month is a great opportunity to remember this year's theme of our lunch bunch group,

"Reaching For Your Dreams"

and broaden it to consider how each of us can have a positive impact on young professional women reaching for their own dreams in a world where they may not yet see the results they are dreaming of!

Meg Tuccillo, co-president

MORE GOOD NEWS

It's Half-Year Dues Time!

Starting January 1 through March 16, dues for **new members** are half-price for the period through June 30. The total is \$40, with \$24.50 for national (of which \$21.50 is deductible), \$7.50 for state, and \$8.00 for the branch. Then, starting on March 16, new members may join for the fifteen and one-half month period from March 16, 2017 through June 30, 2018 for \$80 total, which is lowest per-month price available.

During either period, if the **new member** joins at one of our public meetings, his/her national dues are further reduced by half as part of the Shape the Future Program.

So bring a friend to a meeting! **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.

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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

Jan. 8, 2-4

Jan. 23, 7-8:30pm

Feb. 12, 2-4

Feb.27, make up?

March 25, 2-3:30 – Annual Branch Business Meeting

April/ May not finalized



BOARD MEETINGS

Jan. 17

March 21

May 16

July 18