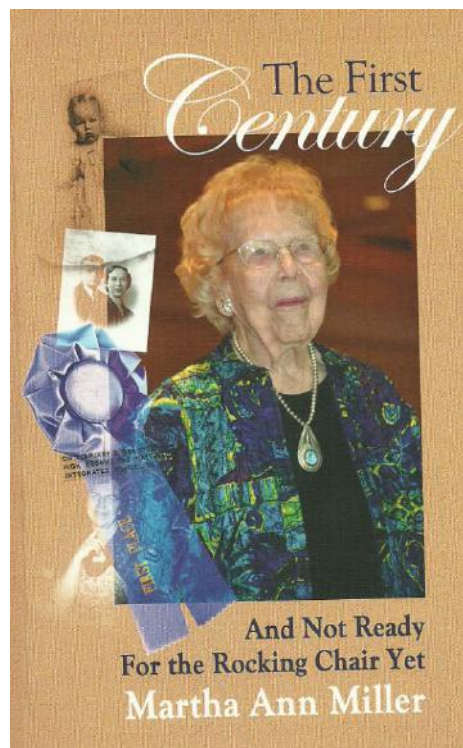


## **ARLINGTON AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

I recently checked out the national AAUW website to see what new issues and updates they had to share – and – guess who was highlighted? Our very own **Martha Ann Miller!** There she was, on the National AAUW community blog titled “A Century of Women’s Rights Work Through the Eyes of a Centenarian”. **Martha Ann** shared in her story that, for the 73 years she has belonged to AAUW (known as the Association of Collegiate Alumnae when she joined in 1944), she has been committed to advancing opportunities for women. When asked about goals for the future for AAUW, **Martha Ann** voiced the same thoughts I hear from my 12-year old soccer-playing granddaughter, Samantha. Sam adores the Olympic Women’s Soccer Team players and supports their fight for pay equal to their male professional counterparts. **Martha Ann** said her goal for AAUW is to achieve equal pay for women. “Same pay for same work,” she said. “That’s the goal right now and that’s what AAUW is working on.”



**Martha Ann Miller** continues to be active and involved in AAUW issues including her active involvement in helping to decide the

first woman to be pictured on a U.S. bill. Harriet Tubman will be depicted on the \$20 bill in 2020 thanks to **Martha Ann's** participation in discussions with the U.S. Treasurer, Rosie Rios.

So, if **Martha Ann** is still involved and speaking out, what's holding the rest of us back? We need your active participation in our Arlington branch business, we need leaders willing to move us forward and we need folks at our annual meeting on Saturday, March 25<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm at the Central Library to hear from local elected officials, discuss branch business and vote for new officers. Let's keep the light burning!!!!

**Meg Tuccillo**  
**Co-President**

**Join us for AAUW ARLINGTON PROGRAMS**  
**in February and March!**

Our February 27th evening program focuses on conversations about race and our local community, while our March 25th afternoon program features incoming County and School Board members in a panel discussion on civics and civility. As elected officials, what is their inspiration to serve and represent the community?

Please plan to participate in these programs!  
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, 2017, 2.00 - 3.30 pm**

AAUW Arlington Branch Annual Meeting, at Arlington Central Library auditorium, 1015 N Quincy St, Arlington, VA 22201

Come join your fellow AAUW women to hear and participate in 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**

Program Co-chairs

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

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

The second Wednesday, March 8 at 2 pm, at the home of

**Marjorie Hobart**, 239 N Barton St,  
703/527-4647, [marjhobart@aol.com](mailto:marjhobart@aol.com)

and

The fourth Tuesday, March 28 at 2 pm, at the home of **Wren**

**Gurney**, 1005 N Larrimore St,  
703/534-1282, [wrenznet@yahoo.com](mailto:wrenznet@yahoo.com).

Our book selection for March is *Nightengale* by Kristin Hannah.

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



**Barbara Gallagher** Chairperson

[Bgallag2@gmail.com](mailto:Bgallag2@gmail.com)

### **ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL COFFEE GROUP**



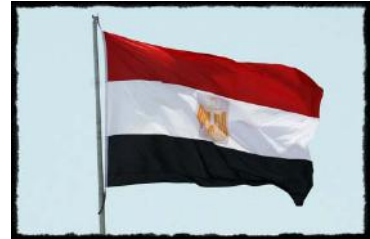
March 8-Our annual St. Patrick's Day Coffee will be held at the home of **Juanita Cullen** in Vienna. There will be plenty of Irish food, music and singing to enjoy.

10 a.m. to 12 noon

## INTERNATIONAL COFFEE continued

March 22-Enjoy a wonderful presentation of Egyptian Food and Culture by **Heba Famy** at her home in Lorton.

10 a.m. to 12 noon



**Arlene Shapiro**, Chairperson  
arleneshapiro@yahoo.com  
703-719-5467

## AAUW LUNCH BUNCH

The Arlington Branch AAUW Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, March 16, 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*.

# Join Me For Lunch



During this month's meeting, the girls will hear from two guests: **Jessica Sleep**, LCSW, Mental Health Therapist, Youth Transition Clinical Coordinator, Arlington County Behavioral Healthcare, **and Kevin Early**, a Peer Specialist.

**Jessica** will discuss overcoming stress and providing available resources for health, medical, and mental health services in the county and **Kevin** will speak on his own journey through recovery.

Our Lunch Bunch offers educational programs to young women (ages 18 to 30+) along with lunch once a month from October through May. Contact either **Mary Ann** or **Michele** if you would like to volunteer with this group. 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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**It's newly renovated \***

**Arlington AAUW Website**

Members, please check out the newly "renovated" Arlington AAUW website.



Soon to come will be a Gallery of photos from various events.

If you have any suggestions for inclusions, please email or call **Susan Senn**.

The link is [www.arlington-va.aauw.net](http://www.arlington-va.aauw.net)

\*Thanks **Susan**

## **LOBBY CORPS**

On **Feb 5** Lobby Corps resumed activities with a resounding

HERE WE ARE! Here are the stats for this one day:



120 visits      46 participants - 21 of the 46 were new to LC.

3 AAUW Public Policy Interns

**in one day!**

Several of the new members already had lobbying, legal or legislative experience. Branch members, **Mary Spatz** and **Marcy Leverenz**, participated.

The **week of February 9**, 2017 we were out again in force with 36 participants, making 107 visits, with Branch members: **Jackie Fishman, Marcy Leverenz and Mary Spatz participating.**

We are overwhelmed with women who want to be involved, protect what we have, and move forward.

If you're thinking you might want to join us, call one of us and we'll fill you in, and encourage you to try it.

**Marcy Leverenz**, Lobby Corps Coordinator

**PLEASE WELCOME VISITORS AND NEW MEMBERS**

As we arrive at our (almost) monthly public meetings, most of us are happily greeting and exchanging news with our friends and fellow members—that's part of what makes AAUW so rewarding!

But this can create a situation where it's hard for visitors or new members to break into our conversations. So, please be alert for attendees you don't know yet (who are likely to be visitors or new members).



Introduce yourself, and extend a warm welcome to them. This should go a long way to encouraging visitors to join, and

new members to stay on for a second year.

As VP for Membership, I'll be at the welcome table (or have a stand-in—my thanks to **Susan Senn** and **Michele Milden** already this year!), and will do my best to identify new members to our Co-Presidents so that they can also be introduced during the opening of the meeting.

Thanks in advance. Together we'll make our AAUW Branch a happening place for all.

**Carol Dabbs**, VP Membership

## **TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST - JOIN THE CLUB**

### **Become a Two-Minute Activist**

Receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress right in your inbox. Join the AAUW Action Network today!

### **Make Your Voice Heard in Congress**

Take a moment to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then take one more minute to personalize and e-mail a message to your member of Congress.

### **Education**

- [End Sexual Violence on Campus](#)
- [Create STEM Gateways Today](#)
- [Take Action on Education](#)
- [Women Need Action on Student Loan Debt](#)
- [Tell Congress: No Voucher Schemes](#)
- [Protect Students from Bullying and Harassment](#)



## **Economic Security**

- Protect Funding for Planned Parenthood
- Urge Congress to Move on Paycheck Fairness
- Support Paid Parental Leave for Federal Workers
- Raise the Federal Minimum Wage
- Support Paid Family and Medical Leave
- Tell Congress to Support Paid Sick Days Legislation

## **Civil Rights**

- Support Fair and Equal Judicial Confirmation
- Time to Ratify the Equal Rights Amendment
- Sign the Petition for Campaign Finance Reform
- Urge Congress to Reform Our Broken Immigration System
- Help End Violence Against Women Worldwide
- Demand Accountability to End Sexual Assault in the Military
- Stand Up for Voting Rights
- Tell Congress to Fix the Hobby Lobby Decision

**Go to [AAUW.org](https://www.aauw.org) Two Minute Activist and sign-up.**

**Marcy J. Leverenz**

Co-President Arlington Branch

## CHARTING THE COURSE



You all have received the email regarding AAUW's Charting the Course fundraiser for unrestricted funds which has surpassed the \$1 million goal.

But did you know what these funds have been used for:

- Training 4,000 college women to run for office since 2010.
- Twelve thousand middle school girls participated in AAUW's STEM programs last year.
- Helping 900 AAUW college and university partners take action.

Thanks to all who participated.

We are mighty.

**Marcy Leverenz**

Co-President

**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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Editor **Cece Michelotti**  
cecemich@yahoo.com

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

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**

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