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PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

The Branch is now wrapping-up the September, 2015 – May, 2016 year. Endings always a time of reflection. AAUW VA always asks the Branches what went well for your branch and what can you improve. These are difficult questions to answer. Meg and I answered the questions from the Presidents' views. But what about your view?

We would like to know what you enjoyed about the branch, what meeting was good for you, what would you like to see happen in the Branch and what you can do to make that happen.

Think of your monthly newsletter highlighting Branch activities: Let's Talk About Books, International Coffees, STEM, monthly meetings, Lunch Bunch, the bridge group, theater outings, the Spring Lunch, Lobby Corps? Have I missed anything? What would you like to see happen?

Speaking of happening, the Business section of the Washington Post, 4/9/16, had a small article regarding the gender pay gap. This is now a mainstream economic/business issue. You may have received an invitation to hear Cokie Roberts at the Newseum in a panel discussion about AAUW's new report *BARRIERS AND BIAS, The Status of Women in Leadership*. AAUW is in the forefront of these economic issues.

What do you want to hear about, do, or contribute to? Let me know.

Marcy Leverenz
Co-President

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Co-Presidents Meg Tuccillo and Marcy Leverenz

Sara Anderson, Carol Dabbs, Denise Decker, Marjorie Hobart, Marcy Leverenz, Michele Milden, Martha Ann Miller, Mary Beth Pelosky and Meg Tuccillo represented the Arlington Branch and a good time was had by all.

Friday evening a salon was held with cider tasting, photo tips and U.S. Army Band musicians. The keynote speaker at the opening session was The Honorable Jane Marum Roush who was an interim appointee to the Supreme Court of Virginia.

Rebecca Norlander, an AAUW Director and executive of her tech company, 123 Health, chaired *Women Breaking Through* panel.



Rear Admiral Sandy Daniels, USN, Retired, Alyson Hamlin, quarterback for the DC Divas and Prince Georges County Homicide Detective, and Sheriff Stacey Ann Kincaid, the first woman to lead the Fairfax County Sheriff's Office. A lively discussion ensued both serious and humorous. These women shared their experiences of how in predominately male fields they broke through barriers.

Workshops were attended. Some of the workshops covered fundraising, body language, retention and acquiring new members. **Sara Anderson** and **Marcy Leverenz** attended the workshop on fundraising.

At the banquet, Dr. Kathryn Thornton, Ph.D. was presented the Woman of Achievement Award. She is a professor at the University of Virginia's School of Engineering and Applied Science in the Department of Mechanical and Aerospace Engineering. She served from 1999 until 2012 as the Assistant Dean and later Associate Dean for graduate programs. Selected by NASA in May 1984, Dr. Thornton is a veteran of four space flights. She has logged over 975 hours in space.

Our very own, **Martha Ann Miller** was honored at the Saturday Lunch for her 72 years of commitment to AAUW.

Rebecca Norlander, AAUW Director, presented AAUW's new research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*.



*Front Row: Marjorie Hobart, Michele Milden, Denise Decker.
Back Row: Carol Dabbs, Mary Beth Pelosky, Marcy Leverenz, Sara Anderson.*

This was a wonderful meeting filled with women leaders from all fields and filled with friends from all over AAUW. We encourage all to attend the next one and the AAUW National Convention in Washington DC, next June.

Meg Tuccillo
Marcy Leverenz
Co-Presidents

Membership News

ONE LUCKY EARLY RENEWER

One member whose 2016-17 dues are received by the Treasurer or paid online by June 1 will be selected at random to receive her national dues (\$49) for free this year. We've earned this free membership based on the number of new members

who joined at a public meeting during the 2015-16 dues year. Board members are not eligible to participate.

I have already renewed my 2016-17 dues online and was impressed with the convenience. It just takes a few seconds and you get an immediate acknowledgement. In addition, their software sends correct amounts to the branch, state, and national, which saves the treasurer quite a bit of work. Thank you.

Betty Dunn
Treasurer

ISO Newsletter Editor

After almost nine years, I am resigning as your newsletter editor as of July 1, 2016. I have had a great experience as editor but I need to move on to other undertakings in my life including two beautiful grandsons. I have been using Microsoft word; I send it to our list serve, have it loaded up to our website and send about 20 copies to members without email. It is not a difficult job but I think we need a fresh editor. If you would like to assume this position, please contact our co-presidents, Marcy Leverenz or Meg Tuccillo or myself.



Thank you,
Barbara Olivere

Upcoming Events

International Coffee

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

- May 11 Hostess: Juliana Madan who lives in Annandale; Co-Hostesses: Yoko Arai and Florence Brodkey

- May 25 End-of-the-Year Luncheon 10:30 am to 12:30 pm Hostess: Karen Russo who lives in McLean; Co-Hostesses: All Volunteers and Diplomats.



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

Let's Talk About Books

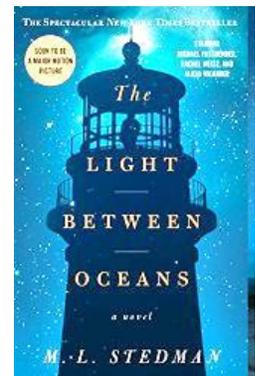
Our May meetings will be at the following times and locations:

- The second Monday, May 9 at 2 pm, at the home of Dorothy Miller, 1016 S Wayne St, Apt 903, 703/920-1279, damiller903@verizon.net and the'
- fourth Tuesday, May 24 at 2 pm, at the home of Marjorie Hobart, 239 N Barton Street, 703/527-4647, marjhobart@aol.com

Our book selection for May is *The Light Between Oceans* by M L Stedman.

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

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Arlington Mill Lunch Bunch

The last meeting of the AAUW Lunch Bunch will be at the Arlington Mill High School on Thursday, May 26, 2016 from 12:40 - 1:15 pm This is not our usual week, so please make a note of the date. We will be having an end of the year celebration by acknowledging the girls' who will be graduating. Certificates and awards will be distributed for participation in Lunch Bunch.

Please RSVP to Michele or Mary Ann if you can join them for the May 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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First Lunch Bunch Scholarship Recipient

Rosa emigrated from Chiapas, Mexico, at age 13, having walked across the border with a coyote. Her mother encouraged her to leave Mexico "for her own good" because she felt Rosa had no future. She walked with her sister, leaving her mother behind. (Someday, Rosa will tell the story of her journey). The two eventually ended up in Culmore, Falls Church as that was where her sister's boyfriend lived. Neither Rosa nor her sister knew they could go to school because they were undocumented, so Rosa watched TV until age 16 when she was able to work for cash at a restaurant. Her sister returned to Mexico with her boyfriend and Rosa was without any family. She went to live in Arlington with a friend and her cousin. Rosa became pregnant and went to Human Resources in Arlington for prenatal care. At that time, she learned she could attend the Teen Parenting Program for school and so, she started school at age 19. As soon as her son was born, Rosa started working at McDonald's on Columbia Pike and has done so since that time.

Rosa was very successful in school in Mexico and, therefore, was able to transfer some credits to her high school program here. Now, at age 24, Rosa has passed all of her courses, all of her SOLs needed for graduation which she will do on June 23rd of this year. Her greatest wish is to first, attain DACA status in the U.S. and

be able to reunite with her mother and to work for a college education to improve her life for herself and her son.

Rosa has attended the Lunch Bunch sessions faithfully since the Teen Parenting program merged with Arlington Mill three years ago. This year, she has been a leader in recruiting other young women to attend these sessions.

The AAUW Lunch Bunch group thought that Rosa deserved a little help with her college education so we are awarding her a \$500 scholarship for next year. Hopefully, we will be able to establish a fund in the budget to continue funding this effort. The AAUW Lunch Bunch group will work to establish a process and criteria for further scholarship recipients in the future.



The AAUW Lunch Bunch group would happily welcome more participation from the AAUW branch members. We meet once a month, on the third Thursday, in the Library at Career Center, essentially, for one hour only – 12:30 – 1:30. We always have a speaker or some program, such as “Girls Rising”. We furnish pizza, water, fruit and sweets for the girls at lunch with special celebrations along the way. It is a very worthy way to spend an hour listening to these girls and getting to know them and their stories.

Susan Senn

Lobby Corps - GUESS WHO WE MET?

During one of our Lobby Corps Thursday mornings on the Hill, we met Danyelle Carter, from the Virgin Islands and a Spellman College student. Danyelle saw our nametags and thanked AAUW profusely for helping her. She took part in *Elect Her Training*, which is a collaboration between AAUW and *Running Start* that encourages and trains college women to run for and win student government positions on their campuses. The 4.5-hour training covers skills such as how to mobilize a constituency, how to craft a message, and how to speak confidently and present oneself as a candidate. There is no cost to the college or university for the training.

Danyelle currently has a paid internship with Representative Evyette Clarke of Brooklyn, New York. Danyelle was very excited that this position was very

professional and thought her Representative would be interested in AAUW's new research report, *Barriers and Bias*.

Here is to another success for AAUW, encouraging women to be involved in politics and policy. Here is to you Danyelle!

Marcy Leverenz
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Lobby Corps Coordinator

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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

May 6	Board Meeting
May 9	Book Club
May 11	International Coffee
May 12	Federal Lobby Day
May 16	Lunch Bunch
May 24	Book Club
May 25	10:30 International Luncheon

