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Editor's note: Since this newsletter is a bit shorter than usual, I'm taking the liberty of placing the most up to date, and important pieces first. I've then summarized other pieces that are still current. This is in an effort to give our readers a shorter newsletter, with important information, but less reading time.

**(Feedback is appreciated.)
C. Michelotti**

DON'T MISS

- *Sunday Oct 30, 2016. 2-4 pm*

***The Muslim Women's Coalition (MWC) for Greater
Washington DC***

Time: 2:00 - 4:00 PM

***Where: Kenmore Middle School Cafeteria
200 S. Carlin Springs Rd.
Arlington VA***

***Important:
RSVP needed to reserve a seat ASAP***

Please contact Uzma Farooq at

***Uzma.Farooq@mwcoalition.org
Tel #703 738 3440***

- *Friday, Nov. 11, 7-9 pm*

AAUW Wine and Cheese Social



Wine

*Meet and Greet New Members.
Visit with friends. Bring a friend
at Susan Senn's Home*

*5626 N. 6th St., Arlington, VA
703-243-0913 (h) 703-244-0175*

Bring NEW bras to donate- larger sizes.

Bring BOOKS to exchange

COME for a fun filled evening!

sennsu@verizon.net

R.S.V.P. much appreciated

Saturday, December 10, 2016 at noon

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.

The Ft. Myer Club will be beautifully decorated for the holidays. This will be a wonderful time to bring along a friend or two to enjoy a lovely luncheon, a great speaker, and see other Arlington Branch members before the holidays.

Michele Milden 703-820-7794 or mbmilden@aol.com



The Arlington Branch AAUW

Cordially invites you and friends for a *Holiday Luncheon*

Ft. Myer Club, The Campaign Room

214 Jackson Avenue, Ft. Myer VA 22211

Saturday, December 10, 2016

Social hour 12 p.m., Luncheon 12:30 p.m., Program 1:15 p.m.

Guest Speaker: Suzanne Gould, AAUW Headquarters Archivist

Menu:

Choice of **Breast of Chicken Picante** (light lemon butter caper sauce) or
Pasta Primavera served with a House Salad, Vegetables, Potatoes or Grains,
Rolls and Butter, Coffee, Tea, and Cake.

***Cost:* \$30. Please send a check (write entrée choice on the memo line) made out to: *Arlington Branch AAUW* and mail it to:**

Betty Dunn

1964 Rockingham Street

McLean, VA 22101-4922

Reservation Deadline is December 2, 2016.

Picture ID Required at Gate.

For directions or questions contact Michele Milden

703-820-7794 or mbmilden@aol.com

EVENTS COMING IN 2017

- **Monday January 23, evening 7:00 - 8:30 PM** program at the Women's Club of Arlington, 700 S Buchanan Street, Arlington VA 22204
- **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 afternoon, 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.
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Save these dates and please do **join us** for our AAUW Arlington branch's evening **and** daytime programs, discussions and events throughout the coming year.

Mary Beth Pelosky
Mary Van Dyke
Co-VPs for Programs

Membership News

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE

The THIS/AAUW International Coffee group will gather on Wednesday, November 9 for its annual Thanksgiving luncheon.

It will be held at The Woman's Club of Arlington 700 S. Buchanan Street Arlington, VA. All American volunteers are asked to bring a contribution of food.



And... mark your calendar for:
December 14: Holiday Luncheon
Hostess: **Karen Russo**
in McLean

For more information please contact
Priscilla Becker
703-841-0647
JBecker841@aol.com

AAUW LUNCH BUNCH

The Arlington Branch AAUW Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, November 17, 2016** from **12:40 to 1:20 p.m.** at the new **Arlington Community High School** located at **800 S. Walter Reed Drive in Arlington**. We will meet in **Room 115**.

The school is diagonally across the parking driveway from the Arlington Career Center. **This year's theme** will be **Reaching For Your Dreams.**

During this meeting, the girls will listen to a recent graduate from Arlington Mill HS who is attending college now; and also a single mom who started her own business. The girls will learn how these women overcame obstacles to create their own dreams.



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,

Michele Milden and **Mary Ann Ullrich**
mbmilden at aol.com maryann.ullrich.va at gmail.com
703-820-7794 703-573-2002

LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

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

The second Wednesday, November 9 at 2 pm, at the home of **Wren Gurney**, 1005 N Larrimore St, 703/534-1282, [wrenznet at yahoo.com](mailto:wrenznet@yahoo.com) and

The fourth Tuesday, November 22 at 2 pm, at the home of **Betty Dunn**, 1964 Rockingham St, 703/536-4930, [betty.dunn3 at verizon.net](mailto:betty.dunn3@verizon.net)



Our book selection for November is ***The Dark Money: The History of the Billionaires Behind the Rise of the Radical Right*** by Jane Mayer.

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

Barbara A Gallagher
[bgallag2 at gmail.com](mailto:bgallag2@gmail.com)

AAUW BRIDGE GROUP

We are always looking for more Bridge players. Each member of the Bridge Group contributes \$20 to the Arlington AAUW Fund at the beginning of each playing year. If you are interested in joining this year's round of games, please contact **Susan Senn** at [sennsu at verizon.net](mailto:sennsu@verizon.net) or by phone, 703-243-0913 or cell 703-244-0175.



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.

In 2017, **Meg Tuccillo** and **Marcy Leverenz** will end their terms as co-Presidents.

We are seeking a nominating committee to select one or two members to serve as President or as co-Presidents for 2017-19. This committee has a focused, time-limited job, from January to

March, requiring at most two meetings and making phone calls to prospective candidates.

It is a good way for new members to learn more about our Branch. If you think you might be interested in serving on the Nominating Committee, please contact **Sara Anderson** at

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

Arlington AAUW PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

I always struggle when it's my turn to share words of wisdom in the newsletter so, as I often do, I went back to the National website to see what inspiration might be there. In looking at the site, I was struck by a piece about the most recent national convention and the recipients of AAUW's leadership awards.

In 2015, the [AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Award](#), [Achievement Award](#), and [Alumnae Recognition Award](#) were awarded to Juanita Johnson-Bailey, Maria Klawe, and Faith Ringgold, respectively. These three women are well regarded in their fields and shared valuable advice to those at the convention and I pass along their advice for all of us.

Whether we are in the work world environment, at home with family, volunteering, mentoring, lobbying or community activists, as part of AAUW, we can make a positive difference in our world for women by considering these important tips!

1. "You can do the job."

"I'm 84 and will continue to be a force in the art world, [where women are underrepresented](#)," said Faith Ringgold, the 2015 Alumnae Recognition Award winner, during her acceptance speech.

Ringgold devoted her life and career to gaining recognition for women, and she spoke of other realms still largely closed to [women's leadership](#) — namely, politics and religion — and encouraged attendees to step up and use their strengths to blaze a different path and definition of leadership.

Women know how to use words instead of violence to solve problems, and that's the kind of leadership the world needs, she said.

2. “It’s so much harder to change the culture in a place that is already successful.”

When Achievement Award winner Maria Klawe left Princeton University to become president of [Harvey Mudd College](#), her friends thought she was crazy. Instead she’s transformed the culture of the school so that it now graduates computer science classes that are [38 percent women](#), compared with the national average of 18 percent. Klawe says that she can do in a semester at Harvey Mudd what it would take eight semesters to do at Princeton.

3. “The time you spend talking about someone else is five times more powerful than the time you spend talking about yourself.”

People discount what you’re saying when you talk about yourself, said Klawe. Don’t go through life thinking you’re the smartest person in the room, she warned. That mindset blinds you to the genius of those around you and limits your own advancement. That’s why it’s so important to create [networks of others working to create change](#) and leverage those efforts.

4. “Look beyond what exists when it does not serve you.”

University of Georgia Professor Juanita Johnson-Bailey has made her career challenging the preconceived notions of her students and the preexisting conditions of the world. The Eleanor Roosevelt Award winner encouraged attendees to challenge the status quo, to be aware of what’s happening not just to you but around you, and to take on the task of envisioning and creating a better future.

5. “Tell as many secrets as you can.”

“Everyone struggles,” said Johnson-Bailey. The difference is that some of us hide that struggle and pretend it doesn’t exist. Johnson-Bailey said she had to read Virginia Woolf over and over again before finally getting her, and she’s honest with her students about that. “I don’t want you to feel less because you’re struggling,” she said. “Everyone struggles.”

Meg Tuccillo -

Co-President

NOVEMBER 30th COULD MEAN THE END OF YOUR MEMBERSHIP IN AAUW

Did you remember to pay your 2016-17 dues, which were due on June 30th? You can check to see if you've paid in the Member Services Database: (<https://mg.mail.yahoo.com/neo/launch?.rand=8ak5vvagrfigs>).

Or you can contact Betty Dunn (see below for contact information).

If your 2016-17 dues are not recorded by November 30th, your membership is considered terminated. Several inconvenient things happen on December 1st:

- 1) AAUW National drops you from the rolls.
- 2) AAUW Arlington issues the annual directory of members but does not include un-renewed members.
You will not be included in the directory.
- 3) AAUW Arlington will remove your name from the list receiving the newsletters and messages from our leadership.

For these reasons, please pay your \$80 annual national, state, and branch dues ASAP.

The easiest way is to pay with a credit card online--an email receipt including information about the tax-deductible \$46 of your national dues will be sent to you from national.

OR

You may send a check made out to AAUW Arlington Branch to our Treasurer, Betty Dunn, 1964 Rockingham St, McLean, VA 22101, [betty.dunn3 at verizon.net](mailto:betty.dunn3@verizon.net) or 703-536-4930; she needs a few days to process your payment, so please send it to her to arrive before November 30th to assure your not being dropped from the rolls.

If you miss the deadline, your lapsed membership may be renewed within two years.

Carol Dabbs, VP Membership"
Betty Dunn, Treasurer

***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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Calendar of Events

Branch Members meeting dates to consider:

GENERAL MEETINGS

Oct. 30, 2-4 pm

Nov 11, 7-9 pm,

Dec 10, noon -...

Jan 23, 7-8:30pm

Feb.27, make up?

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

April/ May not finalized

BOARD MEETINGS

Sept. 20

Nov. 15

Jan. 17

March 21

May 16

July 18

