



ARLINGTON BRANCH REPORT AAUW OF VIRGINIA

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MANY INTERESTING BRANCH EVENTS COMING UP

November 7, Election Day

Vote, vote, vote!

The nation's eyes are on Virginia this year as we elect a governor and other officials. Our election is widely seen as a kind of referendum on President Trump's administration. Even in politically savvy Arlington, the numbers fall off drastically in these off year state elections. In fact, that is exactly why Virginia chose to hold state elections in odd numbered years. **So--make it a point to vote, and urge family and friends to vote as well. Election day is Nov. 7, but absentee voting is already in progress.**

Thank you!!

Sara Anderson - Public Policy Chair

November 13,

Please join your Arlington, VA AAUW colleagues and welcome VA state chair of Public Policy **Leslie Tourigny**. Leslie will be joining the branch on **November 13th at 7:00 pm** at the Women's Club of Arlington, 700 South Buchanan St.


She will give us an in depth view of the state board's **Public Policy Priorities**. Come learn how you can become a Two Minute activist and help AAUW of Va keep our local, state and national elected officials aware of and action oriented on our priorities.

November 18 - COMING EVENT & AAUW STEM News

Our Arlington AAUW Branch has been asked to join with Arlington Public Schools Office of Minority Achievement to conduct a STEM Conference for 150 middle-school girls at Marymount University. Currently, I am working with **Sylvia O'Neal** to coordinate and to provide contacts for the venue and for presenters.

The date of the Conference is **Saturday, November 18**. We will most likely be asked to help provide support on the day of the conference. STEM is one of our main principles of action for women. So please, put this on your calendar and plan to volunteer to participate. This one day means a lot to many. **Susan Senn**

November 18, 7:00 pm - "A don't want to miss lecture."



**The Night of Terror
Women's Right to Vote
Centennial Commemoration**

**A Special Presentation
by Kathleen Pablo**
Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association

*Sponsored by The
Victorian Society at Falls Church*

**Saturday, November 18, 2:00 p.m.
Dogwood Room,
Falls Church City Hall**

This historically important program is free and open to the public.

November 14, 1917...*The Night of Terror*

One elderly woman was picked up by two prison guards and thrown into her cement cell. Her head hit the metal bed frame and she was unconscious – and unattended – so long that her cellmate thought she was dead and suffered a heart attack herself. The other 32 women arrested in front of the White House that afternoon were beaten, shackled to the bars of their cells, stripped and humiliated, fed gruel infested with moving maggots, and denied contact with each other and the outside world. Some protested with a hunger strike, and were strapped down and force-fed through an inserted tube.

Where did such cruelty occur? Right here in Northern Virginia, at the Occoquan Workhouse.

What crime earned such brutality? Silently picketing the White House for women's right to vote.

Now, when the percentage of eligible voters who actually cast a ballot continues to fall, it's important to reflect on how and when and why women were so long denied. Perhaps when citizens realize the price the Suffragists were willing to pay for the right to vote, they will better value and exercise their franchise.

This lecture will focus on the personalities and singular courage of some of the major figures in the long struggle to ratify the 19th Amendment, and on the turning point in that struggle, the "Night of Terror."

To reserve your seat we ask that you contact Terry Hooper at terryhooperknapp@aol.com no later than Wednesday, November 15. Seating is limited so reserve your seat today.

December 2

Our holiday luncheon on December 2, not December 9 will be prepared by a group of Arlington dreamers--the culinary students at the Arlington Career Center on South Walter Reed Drive. The luncheon will be held in the main dining room with holiday décor and traditional foods.

The menu will feature grilled beef and turkey loin, garlic and herb roasted vegetables, pasta primavera, slider rolls, fruit and vegetable platters, dessert of blueberry crumb cake and beverages. The cost, yet to be finalized, will be less than \$20 per person. Make your reservation early. We're in for a real treat.

This event will feature the Dreamers Project, a federal program that has allowed children who came to this country without documentation to attend school and now are facing potential deportation after high school graduation.

Because the Trump Administration has rescinded an Obama Administration Act granting the Dreamers an additional two years after high school to obtain work visas or other documentation the Dreamers Project may be ending unexpectedly soon.

We'll hear the latest – hopefully a grant of time from Congress for all undocumented children to obtain needed documents – at this December meeting.

The sister of the director of the Dreamers Project in Arlington was featured in a Sports Section story of October 20 in the Washington Post. The story of **Nicolle Uria**, an Annandale athlete, details the anxiety these children now face, not knowing whether they will be deported or allowed to stay and continue to college or work. Nicolle's sister, **Lizzett Uria** who heads the Arlington Dreamers, has a temporary Green card which puts her on track for permanent residence.

Come, join us in starting the holidays with delicious food and an opportunity to learn more about the hopes of our Dreamers.

January 22 Branch Meeting with Guest Speaker

Meet **Alice Tangerini**, our guest speaker for the January 22 Branch meeting. As a Staff Illustrator for the Botany Department at the National Museum of Natural History, Smithsonian Institution, **Alice** has been specializing in drawing plants in pen and ink

and graphite since 1972. And, since 2007, her illustration media has included digital color. She has illustrated at least 1,000 species of plants appearing in scientific periodicals, floras, and botanical and nature books.

In addition, **Alice** teaches classes in illustration techniques in botanical gardens and in academic institutions. Her responsibilities in the department also include managing and curating an extensive collection of botanical illustrations, a portion of which can be viewed in the Department of Botany public website; <http://collections.mnh.si.edu/search/botany/?ti=6>

Alice Tangerini



We are very much looking forward to hearing her speak and share her career and her art. Please feel free to invite friends and family to join you at the January meeting at the Women's Club of Arlington, 800 Buchanan St. N, Arlington, VA 22204 from 7:00 - 9:00 pm

We are keeping **February** open as a possible snow month.

March 12 (details coming in later issue).

The **April and May** dates for officer elections and awards events will be announced later.

MONTHLY BRANCH ACTIVITIES

LUNCH BUNCH

The next meeting of the Arlington Branch AAUW Lunch Bunch will be on **Thursday, November 16, 2017** from **12:30 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**. The school is directly across the driveway from the Columbia Pike Branch Library.

During this lunch meeting, the girls will follow up with **this year's theme of A Healthier Me**. The goal will be to understand that emotional, mental, and

physical health are connected to doing well in school and at home. If you know of a female speaker who can offer inspiration to these girls, please contact us.

The school serves students from diverse cultural backgrounds, all working on earning their high school diplomas. Our Lunch Bunch offers educational programs along with lunch once a month (on the third Thursday) from October through May. The young women (ages 18 to 30+) will learn about county-wide services available to them and navigating legal systems.

We look forward to having you join this very rewarding activity of the Arlington Branch AAUW. Email us to add your name to our list of volunteers.

Lunch Bunch Coordinators,

Michele Milden and **Mary Ann Ullrich**
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LET'S TALK ABOUT BOOKS

Our November meeting will be at the following time and location:
The fourth Tuesday, November 28 at 2 pm, at the home of **Karen Bopp**,
6505 Lily Dhu Lane, Falls Church, 703/354-1337, kjbopp@aol.com

Our book selection for November is ***Citizens of London*** by Lynne Olson.
Be sure to let the hostess know if you are planning to attend the session at
her home.

Barbara Gallagher, chairperson

ARLINGTON INTERNATIONAL COFFEE GROUP

The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will complete 2017 with 2
events.

The first one is a Thanksgiving Luncheon on November 8 from 10:30 a.m. to
1 p.m. at the home of **Alicia Terzian** in Annandale. All volunteers will
serve as co-hostesses.

The second one is a Holiday Luncheon on December 13 from 10:30 to 12:30
at the home of **Karen Russo** in McLean. Again all volunteers will serve as
co-hostesses.

Members of our branch are welcome to join.

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

INTERNATIONAL COFFEES with "THIS":

Ever wonder what "THIS" is all about? Here's the description from their web site, www.thisfordiplomats.org.

THIS FOR DIPLOMATS: Description & Mission

THIS (pronounced T-H-I-S) for Diplomats, The Hospitality and Information Service, was organized in 1961 at the request of the State Department to welcome diplomats posted in Washington DC.

Headquartered in Meridian International Center, THIS offers eight different cultural exchanges and presents programs which are useful both personally and professionally. Our 250 volunteers organize "insider tours" to democratic institutions and historical landmarks, cultural events and the opportunity to freely exchange ideas and information with distinguished speakers on topics of worldwide concern.

All the endeavors of THIS are designed to fulfill our Mission:
"To promote international understanding and friendship through educational, informational and cultural exchanges with members of the diplomatic community in Washington, DC."

This mission springs from our core belief in the power of Citizen Diplomacy - that is the building of understanding and personal relationships between ordinary individuals from different cultures. In President Dwight D. Eisenhower's words, "If only people will get together, then so eventually will nations."

Thanks to **Chris White**

LOBBY CORPS

Lobby Corps met on September 7, 2017 at AAUW Headquarters for an intensive training session on making the most out of our lobbying visits and amplifying the AAUW Lobby Corps message.

Below is a **photo of the 48 members** from the Washington Area who attended.

For more information, see pages 7 and 8 in our October, 2017 Newsletter.



October 4, 2017 Mary Margaret Whipple's Latest Campaign

"Celebrating the Power of Women" was a wonderful meeting held on October 4, 2017 at The Woman's Club of Arlington. Former Virginia State Senator **Mary Margaret Whipple** and **Krysta Jones**, community leader, joined for a conversation on **Senator Whipple's** leadership journey, the important role of women in history, and the Women's Monument of Virginia.



Voices from the Garden, which is to be built in Virginia's Capitol Square. will acknowledge the genius and creativity of twelve Virginia women and their presence and contributions to the Commonwealth. The monument is a metaphor for the often unrecognized voices that have been responsible for

shaping our culture, country, and state for over 400 years. The women reflect various spheres of influence and geographic areas of the Commonwealth.

Mary Margaret needs contributions to see this project to completion. Make your check payable to: **Virginia Capitol Foundation** and designate "**Women's Monument**" in the memo line. Mail check to **PO Box 396, Richmond, VA 23218**, More information can be found at www.womensmonumentcom.virginia.gov.

Michele Milden

On Saturday, October 21st we met AAUW'S New CEO

On Saturday, October 21st, the AAUW Northern District meeting hosted a presentation by AAUW's new CEO, **Kim Churches**. More than 70 AAUW members from all 11 Northern district branches, including Arlington, had an inspiring opportunity to hear about Kim's vision for the future of AAUW. She shared her thoughts on where we are now, where do we want to be and how will we get there. She explained her business model with increased cross-department support and her belief in focus, relevance and impact potential as we define our work. She has organized a Strategic Plan Task force to help guide AAUW to new heights in the coming years and challenged us all to reach out to meet people where they are – not wait for them to "find" us!

Here are a few nuggets and challenges from Kim's talk-

- Rebellious founders of AAUW were risk-takers. Are we today?
- If you were on vacation and met someone who wanted to know what you do, how would you describe AAUW's work in 15-20 seconds?
- What if we became the go-to resource for non-profits and higher ed on leadership development for women – what would we look like?

Kim has laid out the challenges to the organization – where do we step in to make a difference??

Meg Tuccillo Co-President

CO-PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Because **Cece** is so good at getting our newsletter out in a timely manner, I am confident you will be reading this before **November 2nd, Latina Equal Pay Day**. Each year this issue is marked in November because it takes almost an extra year (January 1 to November 2nd) for Latinas to earn what the average non-Hispanic man took home the previous year! Overall, women in our country earn, on average, just 80% of what their male co-workers earn – a pay gap of 20%. Latinas fall even lower on the ladder and need our support!

AAUW calls on us all to urge our members of Congress to introduce and support strong legislation to close the gender pay gap and particularly to focus on equity for minority women. The Paycheck Fairness Act and the Fair Pay Act would be positive steps and are both long overdue. While we work locally to raise the issue through programs and publicity, we can be part of a large group taking action in a variety of ways. Do you do Twitter (it really isn't that hard!)? From **2 to 3 pm on November 2nd**, AAUW is sponsoring a one hour Twitter "storm" where they will share new data, explain the issues and suggest next steps. Follow @AAUW and use hashtag #LatinaEqualPay.

Another way to be involved is something we have mentioned in this column previously. Have you become a **Two-Minute Activist** yet? It is a great way to make your voice heard – as AAUW says, "You provide the voice. We'll provide the microphone." You will receive notices on your e-mail when action is needed on an issue. AAUW will provide the tools needed to call or send message to your state legislators and members of Congress – it's that simple. Go to the AAUW website to sign up. Latina Equal Pay Day would be a great issue to start!

Meg Tuccillo and **Carol Dabbs**

A USEFUL NOTE FROM OUR CO-PRESIDENT

I got a notice in the mail from AAUW about a discount that **Office Depot/ Office Max** gives to AAUW members for either our personal or organization copying needs.

Here's how to print out a card that will get you b/w copies for 2.5 cents

a page. Please use it, and don't be shy about seeking reimbursement for AAUW expenses:

Go to: <http://www.officediscounts.org/aauw>.

The page that opens has a black button which says "shop in store" with "print your Free store purchasing card" under it.

Press the black button.

A new page opens which includes a purchasing card that says right on the front 2.5 cents per b/w copy.

Print that out and take it with you. . .

Apparently there are discounts on essentially everything they sell, but the discount varies by item.

Carol J. Dabbs

Arlington AAUW Representative Needed for APS Advisory Council on Instruction!!!

Arlington Public Schools has included AAUW in its representation on the School Board's Advisory Council on Instruction for many years. This important group of citizens and community members is charged to work closely with the school system to meet the goal of educating the whole child and ensure success for all students.

AAUW can contribute to those goals by bringing issues around opportunities for all girls to the attention of ACI and paying attention to opportunities for minority girls in the school system. **Terry Bratt** has been our representative but, since she is currently a consultant to APS, she can not serve in that role. We need someone interested in educational issues at the local level, right here in Arlington, to step forward to take on this interesting task. ACI meets monthly on Wednesday nights at the Syphax Building near Washington Blvd and Arlington Blvd.

Please let **Meg Tuccillo**, at mtuccillo4@comcast.net, know if you are interested in filling this role.

Will you take AAUW's mission to the Civic Association?

AAUW Arlington is a member of the Arlington County Civic Association (ACCF), where we are able to learn about public policy issues currently confronting our county and its government bodies and present AAUW's perspective on them. Our voice is embodied in the 4 votes we are allowed to cast at ACCF meetings, which can be made by any combination of the 4 delegates and 4 alternates we have identified to the ACCF, as well as the opportunity to speak or ask questions about such issues during ACCF meetings. This magnifies our impact in Arlington.

However, we need additional delegates or alternates to be able to claim our full 4 votes and opportunities to speak to ACCF during discussions of issues. **Please contact Meg or Carol if you would like to be a member of our delegation.**

The work involved is limited--our delegates and alternates need to review the monthly newsletter they receive in a single monthly email, and coordinate attendance with the rest of the AAUW Arlington delegation to maximize our voting power at one monthly meeting. **(The meetings occur September through June on the first Tuesday of the month at 7 pm at Arlington Hospital Center, where free parking is provided.)** When there is an issue of interest, a delegate reports back to our Board of Directors, which can be by email or by attending the next BoD meeting.

Carol Dabbs, Co-President

DUES STATUS UPDATE

Reminder:

If you still haven't paid your AAUW dues, please send them as soon as possible. AAUW removes unpaid members from our branch directory in November. **Remember that \$46 of your dues are tax deductible.**

Betty Dunn

***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.

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:

11/07 Election Day

11/13 Arlington Branch Meeting

11/18 "THE NIGHT of TERROR" lecture

11/18 APS STEM Conference

12/02/17 (note that date has changed)

01/22/18 Smithsonian Inst. Speaker Gen. Mt.

02/2018 no meeting

03/12/18

04/18 TBD

BOARD MEETINGS

AUW board meetings will usually be on the 4th Wednesday of odd numbered months (except for November when it will be the 5th Wednesday of the month). All board meetings are at Meg Tuccillo's home at 7 pm

Nov 29

Jan 24

March 28

May 23

July 25

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