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Give + Get: Empowering by Design

Monday, September 21, 2015
7 pm – 8:30 pm
The Woman's Club of Arlington
700 S Buchanan Street Arlington VA 22204

Please join us for our first program of the 2015- 2016 year, a panel presentation and workshop **Give + Get: Empowering by Design**. Leadership, mentoring and diversity are central issues to the AAUW mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

We are honored to welcome an expert panel of presenters for this evening's panel discussion and to facilitate "roundtable" conversations:

- Nyambo Anuluoha, Business Development Manager for Arlington Community Federal Credit Union
- Krysta Jones, Founder and CEO, Virginia Leadership Institute
- Leora Lihach, Senior Honors Student and Honors Vice President, Marymount University
- Dania Matos, Chair, Latinas Leading Tomorrow

How have mentors helped you define, plan and achieve goals?
How do you actively mentor people within your organizations?
Come, discuss and share your stories too.

RSVP on the googleform <http://goo.gl/forms/3ZuWaMeruk> or email Mary Van Dyke at maryvandyke4 (at) gmail.com to reserve a place.

The event is free, and all are welcome.

Thanks to the Woman's Club of Arlington for hosting this public program event and several other forthcoming programs for our AAUW Arlington Branch this year at their clubhouse. You can get directions in the next article. Thanks to Meg Tuccillo and others for arranging hospitality.

Please bring a children's book to this and other AAUW Arlington Branch programs of the year if you would like to. The books will be collected and donated to a local hospital.

Mary Van Dyke
Co-VP Programs

AAUW Arlington Branch Forthcoming Programs for 2015 - 2016 and new venue to be the Woman's Club of Arlington

Our AAUW Arlington Branch Programs for 2015-2016 are scheduled to be held at the Woman's Club of Arlington clubhouse that is at 700 S Buchanan Street, Arlington, 22204.

The clubhouse has a beautiful and comfortable meeting room (capacity 200+), a downstairs (elevator-accessible) hospitality room with kitchen, and there is an off-road parking lot.

Please note the dates of the AAUW Arlington programs that will be at the Woman's Club of Arlington for evening meetings, Mondays at 7 PM are:

- September 21 - Give + Get: Empowering by Design (see article in this newsletter)
- October 26 - Welcome social and introduction to AAUW for new, prospective and current members
- November 16 - theme of reproductive choice, with presenter Tarina Keene
- January 25 2016
- February 22 2016

Many thanks to Sandra Newton, President of the Woman's Club of Arlington for enabling this connection for our AAUW Arlington Branch, and also for advertising forthcoming AAUW events on the Club's media. Please see their website for details of the club and the venue: <http://womansclubarlington.org/>. For those of you who

use Google Maps, here is the link to get your directions.

<https://goo.gl/maps/XZYr6>

Additional AAUW Arlington Branch program dates hosted at other venues during the year include the:

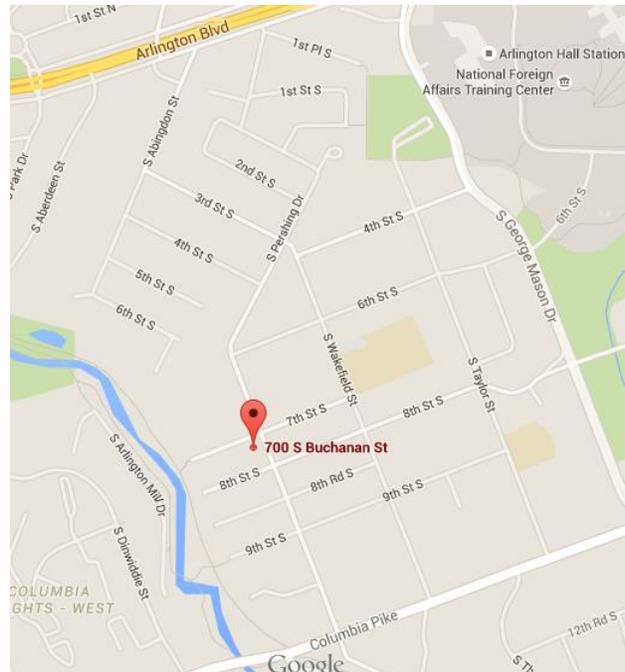
- Saturday, December 5 Potluck Luncheon, to be at Barbara Oliverere’s home,
- Spring Tea in April
- Spring Luncheon in May

We hope to welcome you at all or some of these events during the year!

Mary Beth Pelosky and Mary Van Dyke
Co-VP’s Programs



The Woman’s Club of
Arlington
700 S Buchanan Street
Arlington VA 22204



RIDE MATCHING FOR MONTHLY MEETINGS OFFERED

If you can offer a ride to our September 21st 7 pm meeting at the Women's Club of Arlington (700 S Buchanan St) for another AAUW member, please contact Carol Dabbs, our incoming VP for Membership. Similarly, if you want a ride to the September 21st meeting, please contact her. She can be reached at carol_dabbs at yahoo.com or 703-379-6840, and will do what's possible to connect those volunteering a ride with those who'd like a ride.

Carol J. Dabbs
Membership Vice-President

Presidents' Message

No the title doesn't contain a misplaced apostrophe. **Meg Tuccillo** and I are co-presidents of the branch. We will be alternating writing the presidents' message.

At our July board meeting, the board agreed to charge an admission fee to branch meetings. Yes, you read correctly. But before you think that the board has gone off the deep end, read on. We are asking that at the general meetings, members bring a new or gently used children's book. This book will be donated to Virginia Hospital Center, for use in waiting rooms, and pediatrics. Several board members had experienced taking ill children to the hospital and waiting to be seen, there was adult reading material but no children's books available. The books will be stamped "Donated by Arlington Branch, American Association of University Women" and delivered by **Barbara Olivere** to the hospital. As one of my Facebook posts read: A child who reads will be an adult who thinks.

An adult who thinks is definitely a goal of AAUW. Some members who might not be familiar with these goals can look to this space to read about each of the AAUW goals. The one we are most used to reading about is Educational Funding. According the AAUW's website, our organization provides more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants in the 2015-16 academic year. The fellowships and grants cover 5 categories: American Fellowship, Career Development Grants, International Fellowships, International Project Grants and Selected Professions Fellowships.

One of our branch past presidents, **Vivian Kallen** received a grant from AAUW. I asked Vivian when she received this grant and she said: "I think it was in 1964." This grant was established through money donated to AAUW from the Rockefeller Foundation and the applicant had to be over 35 years old with, nondependent children and returning to school with the goal of teaching in higher education or research. Vivian went to American University in Political Science. In addition to Vivian carving out a wonderful career at Northern Virginia Community College, her full-time academic work at American University was a model for her son, Jeff. He knew he was going on to college and appreciated Vivian's serious attitude and hard work.

Please go to AAUW.org and learn more about our work in providing funding to women for their academic pursuits. Share this information with friends and family. And, of course, donations are always welcome.

Remember, the admission fee for branch meetings: new or gently used children's book.

Marcy Leverenz

Membership News

Barbara Gallagher and **Pat Dowd** have moved; their new address is 5100 Fillmore Avenue, Apt 509, Alexandria, VA 22311-5042. Their phone number remains the same at 703-243-1043. And I am happy to report that Barbara and Pat will remain members of the Arlington Branch.

Robin Strub has moved to London, England to study and have some wonderful adventures. Her email is robin.strub@gmail.com.

"Like" the AAUW Arlington Branch new Facebook Page

Thumbs up to the new Facebook Page for our Arlington branch of AAUW. If you are on Facebook, search for **AAUW - Arlington VA Branch** and you will see the new Facebook page.

Our AAUW Arlington Branch public programs this year will be posted on Facebook as well as on other media. Social media is a great way to get the AAUW message out to a wider and prospective member audience as well as to our membership. The FB stats are impressive: It is two weeks since I posted the event news for our September 21, 2015 AAUW program: **Give + Get: Empowering by Design**, and in two weeks the Facebook event page stats are:

- 484 people received the event news
- 86 people viewed the page
- 20 people engaged
- 8 people RSVP'd positive "going"
- 12 people responded "maybe"

You're invited to take a look at the new **AAUW - Arlington VA Branch** Facebook page, "like it", and "share it" with your friends - and look out for our programs and news that we can post there.

If you have content to post on the AAUW - Arlington VA Branch please contact Meg Tuccillo and Marcy Leverenz.

Please note while you are on Facebook, that **AAUW, Tech Savvy by AAUW, AAUW of VA** and several other programs of AAUW also have FB pages that you might "like" too!

Mary Van Dyke
Co-VP Programs



Notes from the Finance Officer, aka Treasurer

First, note that Cece Michelotti will be delayed in assuming the office of Finance Officer while she recovers from surgery. In the interim, I will continue to serve in this office.

Second, please pay your \$80 (\$46 of which is deductible) membership dues for the July 2015-June 2016 membership year. It's easier than ever online (www.aauw.org), or you can send your check to me for processing at 3335 S Stafford St, 22206.

Third, if you wish to be reimbursed for expenses you incurred on behalf of the branch for activities in our approved budget, or any expenditures separately approved by the President, please send a Refund Request Form (found on our website, <http://Arlington-va.aauw.net>) and receipts documenting your expenditures to me at the above address not later than September 30th. After that date, the books for FY 2015 will be final.

That's all folks.
Carol Dabbs

Upcoming Events

Tech Savvy STEM Conference

On Saturday, October 24, 2015, the Arlington Branch AAUW will cohost, along with the



Alexandria Branch AAUW, the National AAUW Tech Savvy STEM Conference at the Annandale Campus of Northern Virginia Community College. The attendees will be 150 6th-9th girls from both Alexandria and Arlington public schools, and their parents. The sponsor of this event is BAE Systems. They have provided the funds. There will be a range of presenters from IT, computer, and engineering fields for the hands-on workshops, the Savvy Skills workshops, and the Parent sessions. There also will be a panel and a keynote speaker from BAE Systems. The day will begin at 8 am and will end at 4:30 p.m.

We are looking for volunteers for this event. The volunteer jobs are many and varied, with varying time commitments. Attached to this newsletter is a Volunteer Application Form. Please fill it out and send it to Lane Stone, whose name and address are at the bottom. We really need to fill up the slots and make this event the most outstanding and successful STEM Conference that we have hosted (Number#4, this one is)! Thanks in advance.

Susan Senn, Linda Menasco, and Meg Tuccillo

International Coffees

The THIS/AAUW International coffee group starts up again in September. We hope to have a nice turnout of foreign diplomatic wives. The coffees begin at 10 am.

- The first coffee will be held on September 9 at the home of Marjorie Hobart. The co-hostesses are Deborah Campbell and Lily\Katinas
- The second coffee is September 23, the hostess is Juanita Cullen

All branch members are welcome to join us. If you are interested please contact Priscilla Becker (703-841-0647 - JBecker841@aol.com)

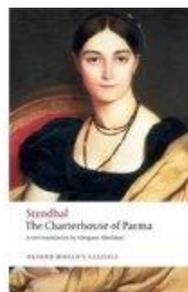


Let's Talk About Books

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

The second Monday, September 14 at 2 pm at the home of Dorothy Miller, 1016 S Wayne Street., Apt 903, 703-920-1279 , damiller903@verizon.net

The fourth Tuesday, September 22 at 2 pm at the home of Vivian Kallen, 2705 N Upshur Street, 703-525-7053, Viviankallen@att.net



Our book selection for September is ***The Charter House of Parma*** by Stendhal. Be sure to let the hostess know if you will be attending the session at her home.

Barbara A Gallagher
bgallag2@gmail.com

The book group meets the second Monday and the fourth Tuesday of each month from 2:00 to 4:00 pm at the homes of members for dessert and coffee and a discussion of the selected book. Both groups read the same title. In December, we have a joint potluck dinner meeting. Our July meeting is also an evening joint session of both groups where we select titles for the coming year. We do not meet in August. There is no set format for the meetings, e.g., published study questions, but if a member has found something they think will be helpful, they present it to the group. We never seem to lack for discussion. Titles on the list for 2015 through July 2016 include:

Sept	The Charterhouse of Parma	Stendhal
Oct	Conversations with Beethoven	Sanford Friedman
Nov	All the Light We Cannot See	Anthony Doerr
Dec	Plainsong	Kent Haruf
Jan	Behind the Scenes at the Museum	Kate Atkinson
Feb	Some Luck	Jane Smiley
Mar	Sandra Day O'Connor	Joan Biskupic
Apr	The Dream Lover	Elizabeth Berg
May	The Light Between Oceans	M L Stedman
Jun	The Sandcastle	Chris Bohjalian
Jul	The Silver Star	Jeannette Walls

So read the books and come join the fun!

Lunch Bunch

The Arlington Branch AAUW members have been volunteering at the Arlington Mill High School for over 24 years. The school serves students from a variety of backgrounds, all working on earning their high school diplomas. Our dedicated Lunch Bunch group offers educational programs to the young women about current issues, including health care, careers, finance, sexual harassment, and navigating legal systems.

Once a month, on the third Thursday, several Arlington branch members meet at the Arlington Career Center with twenty young women during their 45 minute lunch break. We provide a lunch of pizza, salad, fruit and cookies. During this time, a guest speaker engages the students in a relevant topic of discussion. If you would like to attend this inspirational group, or be a speaker at one of the lunches, please contact Mary Ann Ullrich or Michele Milden. We look forward to seeing you at one of our Lunch Bunch programs this year.

Lunch Bunch Coordinators,

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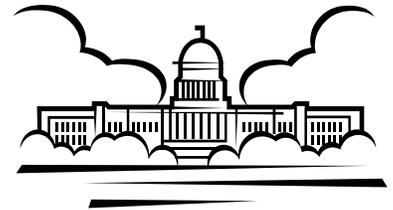
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LOBBY CORPS' 40th Birthday AAUW Lobby Corps' 40th Birthday and the 43rd Anniversary of Title IX was grand; held in the Kennedy Caucus room in a the Russell Senate Office Bldg. This room is really gorgeous, the ceilings are brilliant with guilt, bright paint and frescos. Congresswoman Nancy Pelosi (Democratic Minority Leader) and Senator Maize Hirono toasted the corps' persistence and accomplishments. Lisa Maatz, AAUW lobbyist, spoke of our commitment to gender equal education, STEM and women's economic security. **Mary Leverenz**, Lobby Corps Coordinator and Branch Co-President attended. A good time was had by all and why not with champagne and cupcakes being served.



Above – Marcy Leverenz meeting Representative Nancy Pelosi.

Left – AAUW staff members with Representative Pelosi, Marcy Leverenz and Lobby Corps members.

Medicaid Expansion: Who Benefits? What will be the fiscal and economic impact if the General Assembly adopts Medicaid expansion? Currently, several hundred thousand low-income Virginia residents do not earn enough to afford health insurance and are not poor enough to qualify for Medicaid. That will be the subject of the League of Women Voters forum on Medicaid expansion and its importance to all of us. Please join the public discussion on September 10 7-9 pm. At the

Featured speakers are informed community leaders who have much to share about this important question. They are:

- Dr. Jennifer Lee, Deputy Secretary, Virginia Department of Health and Human Resources
- Sheila Ryan, Director of Clinical Services, Arlington Free Clinic
- Joe Vidulich, Vice President, Government Relations, Fairfax Chamber of Commerce
- **Mary Margaret Whipple**, Regional Director for Community and Member Outreach, Virginia Hospital and Healthcare Association; former state Senator
- Massey Whorley, Senior Policy Analyst, The Commonwealth Institute for Fiscal Analysis in Virginia

The meeting will be held at the Arlington County Department of Human Services 2100 Washington Blvd., Sequoia Plaza (Visitor parking available across the street from 2100)

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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 Nancy Morgan.

Calendar of Coming Events

September 14	2:00 Book Club
September 22	2:00 Book Club
September 9	10 am International Coffee
September 21	7 pm Branch meeting
September 23	10 am International Coffee
October 24	Tech Savvy Conference
October 26	7 pm Branch Meeting

