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(More information coming) **See pg. 13**

LETTER FROM OUR BRANCH CO-PRESIDENTS

Time, Talent, and Treasure

Although I've borrowed the title above from the writing of others, I am struck by the concise way it expresses how contributions can be made to essentially any effort. Time is the brute force, if you will, necessary to get things done. Talent is the skill we bring to various tasks; hopefully we volunteer for things that we're good at, or are motivated to learn how to do. And treasure, or money, is needed in some quantity to get most things done.

As AAUW implements its recently-finalized Vision and Strategic Plan, we hope that all members will consider how to best contribute to achieving their objectives. The full version of the new Strategic Plan can be found at <https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan/>. In brief, it focuses on three strategic Areas of Focus, and each is defined. For each Area of Focus, Goals and related Activities AAUW will undertake to achieve it have been articulated.

The Economic Security Area of Focus, defined as "Ensuring Livelihoods for Women," has as Goals:

- Achieve pay equity by 2030;
- Create inclusive career pathways for women, free of systemic barriers and biases, to attain economic security;
- Deepen women's retirement security and quality of life.

The Education and Training Area of Focus, defined as “Addressing the barriers and implicit biases that hinder advancement of women,” has as Goals:

- Champion equal access to all levels and fields of education; and
- Ensure education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

The Leadership Area of Focus, defined as “Closing the gender gap in leadership opportunities,” has as Goals:

- Bolster the participation of girls and women in leadership roles throughout their lives; and
- Advance the number of women in leadership, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

There is also a Governance and Sustainability Area of Focus regarding AAUW’s own operations, defined as “Ensuring the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW well into the future,” which has as Goals:

- Implement best practices in governance, inclusion, and organizational functioning; and
- Enhance financial sustainability by increasing and diversifying revenue.

Which Area of Focus is most interesting to you? What are the best ways to contribute your time, talents, and treasure, through AAUW or work or other organizations?

Our Program VPs and the Board of Directors have developed this year’s programs for Branch members, guests, and the public, which present issues corresponding to the mission of AAUW as outlined in the new Strategic Plan. We welcome you to participate in these meetings and experiences, to **bring your friends and neighbors** who are interested in these issues, and to share with your networks the availability of these excellent programs, which are open to the public.

Carol Dabbs and **Meg Tuccillo**, Co-Presidents

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Lots to do in 2018- The League of Women Voters / Advocate for the ERA, and help inform voters about the elections!

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September 13; (Thu) 7:00-8:30 pm. **Arlington School and County Boards Candidates' Forum** in the Auditorium, Arlington Central Library, [1015 N.Quincy St.,22207](https://www.aarlingtonva.gov/1015-N-Quincy-St-22207).

We are co sponsoring with the Arlington League of Women Voters.
Contact Sara Anderson for ways you can help

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Participate and/or help staff our AAUW table.
Register at [beyer.house.gov](https://www.beyer.house.gov)

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Come with questions for incumbent Don Beyer (D) and Thomas S Oh (R), about pay equity, paid sick leave and other issues important to women and families.

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Speakers/discussion of Start Smart and Gerrymandering and how to work for more fairly drawn Congressional Districts in 2021.

Now about ERA:

Here is some information from the AAUW of Virginia Public Policy chairs:

AAUW of Virginia announced at the **Summer Leadership Meeting July 28**, in Harrisonburg, that there will be two main areas of focus for the state this year: Pay Equity and the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA).

Regarding ERA, only one more state is needed to ratify, and Virginia could be that state! Coalitions have formed, and the campaign is on! AAUW is right in the middle of this push. Many legislators in Richmond believe the votes for ratification are there, if it gets out of committee.

There will be much written and talked about the ERA from now until the General Assembly session convenes January 9, 2019. On the way to being ratified in the 70's, the movement was stymied in part in the 80's by traditionalist's organizations in Illinois, which literally delivered bread, jam and apple pies to Illinois Legislators. They used slogans like "Preserve us from Congressional jams, vote against the ERA sham." And, "I am for mom and apple pie." They had little girls parading with signs saying, "Don't draft me." That was then. This is now: Illinois recently became the 37th state to ratify the ERA!

WHAT CAN YOU DO?

- ❖ Arm yourself with information. Here are 2 great videos to view: <https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Y4yHijhForU>
<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=h-y4nzzjxgwA> (Ruth Bader Ginsburg)

Google ERA and read, read, read.

- ❖ Watch for emails asking you to contact your legislators, and respond immediately.
- ❖ Write letters-to-the-editors.
- ❖ **Wear an ERA button (<https://www.cafepress.com/+era+buttons>) on your lapel or purse, and have some of these talking points on the tip of your tongue:**

1. "Equality of rights under the law shall not be abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

This simple sentence, the **EQUAL RIGHTS AMENDMENT** (ERA), was first proposed in Congress by the National Women's Party in 1923. In 1972 Congress overwhelmingly passed the ERA and sent it to the states to ratify. It was slammed by a negative campaign in the 80s and ratification came to a halt. It is now one state short of ratification, thanks to Nevada and Illinois who recently brought it to life.

2. It is the will of the people: most polls say that 90+% of Americans believe we need it. In other polls 88% of the people believe it is already in the Constitution and that equality of rights is a given.

There are lots more talking points. Please contact Sara Anderson for the entire article.

Who will be the final state to ratify the ERA? Let's work to make sure it will be Virginia! ***"Certainly the constitution does not require discrimination on the basis of sex. The only issue is whether it prohibits it. It doesn't."*** --Justice Scalia, 2010, UC Hastings College of Law.

submitted by **Sara Anderson**

Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Needs Help

In time for the 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment, the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial will be built close to the Workhouse near Occoquan where suffragists were imprisoned in 1917 for picketing outside the White House for the right to vote. Their treatment and forced feeding became national news and a turning point in public

awareness. AAUW of Virginia became a charter member in 2013 when our Virginia members contributed more than \$2,000. Now our help is needed again as the deadline to raise \$2 million by 2019 is fast approaching. The location of the stone memorial in a lovely park by the river will be a natural for large gatherings for the national celebration. If you would like to support the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, you can contribute at www.suffragistmemorial.org.

submitted by **Carol Dabbs**

Start Smart Seminar

Start Smart is a two hour seminar developed and licensed by AAUW to train women before they graduate from college on how to negotiate salaries at the start of their careers, so they are not behind the pay curve from the outset. This supports the national goal of AAUW to increase economic security of women entering the workforce. They set a goal of providing this proven training to 75,000 young women by 2022. Virginia AAUW has made this a priority for the Commonwealth. The McLean AAUW branch has taken the lead for the Northern Virginia area and invited other area branches to join in making this an on-going career offering from the three higher education institutions in Northern Virginia: Marymount, George Mason University and Northern Virginia Community College.

The **branches and their representatives** --which make up the Northern Virginia Consortium-- include McLean (**Sue Christie** and **Barbara Sipe**), Fairfax City (**Anita Light** and **Dottie Joslin**), Reston-Herndon (**Janine Greenwood**), Mt Vernon (**Paula Lettice**), and Arlington (**Meg Tuccillo**). We have met twice with a third meeting scheduled for August 23.

GOAL: The goal of this initiative is to help implement Start Smart in the three institutions to the point it is self-sustaining, to include having certified trainers on their staffs. Our estimate is that it will take 3-4 years to ensure that every woman graduate can take advantage of this training. We anticipate the first sessions will start in March-April of 2019 at all three institutions.

- ❖ **PROGRESS:** We have to date: Identified the size of the target audience for the training among the three institutions. Approximately 5,000 women graduate each year. Most graduate in December or May and the three institutions need to be offering multiple sessions in early to mid-fall and spring since many graduates are already interviewing for jobs. We estimate at full capacity the institutions will be training some 2500 young women each year. This equates to 80 sessions within several weeks each fall and spring, requiring major logistical support.
- ❖ Identified a list of potential sponsors/underwriters in the northern Virginia area which have already made strides in ensuring gender equity in their organizations, are headed by women, want to be good community partners or want to increase

their visibility or standing in the community. Some of these organizations and businesses already have partnerships with the three institutions and we will focus on those initially.

- ❖ Identified the range of ways in which organizations can be supportive should NOVA, Marymount or GMU require or want support in this effort. Businesses can offer to pay for the licenses; sponsor receptions; pay for or loan staff for the considerable logistics involved; or host follow-up networking events;
- ❖ Developed first draft of informational materials to use in discussions with both the institutions and businesses/corporations we meet with. AAUW has provided some promotional materials but as of this date does not have camera ready marketing materials.
- ❖ Assigned committee members as **point person** for each institution: Our own, **Meg Tuccillo: Marymount**; Janine Greenwood: GMU; Sue Christie: NOVA.

Ways to Help

- **“Talk up” this initiative whenever and wherever possible.**
- **Identify contact people for those organizations we decide to focus on and send that information to a Start Smart Northern Virginia Consortium representative.** We will send out emails to the appropriate branch officers requesting that information at the right time.

submitted by **Carol Dabbs**

SMART START MEETING WITH Meg Tuccillo was held on Thursday August 23

Meg added the following request for all members:

Arlington Branch members,

Please let me know if you have connections with businesses that might be interested in sponsoring these seminars. Thanks. MEG

AAUW Virginia Summer Leadership Meeting

As is customary, AAUW Virginia held a one-day meeting focusing on leadership among branches and the state branch. This year’s event was held on Saturday, July 28th in Harrisonburg; Sara Anderson and I were there, and she also participated while there in Board of Directors meetings for AAUW Virginia, on which she represents the Northern District.

The keynote speech was by Deanna Reed, who shared her story of becoming Mayor of Harrisonburg. My takeaway was primarily that she didn’t set out with burning political ambitions, but instead became gradually involved in local government out of interest in the issue of crowding in the schools—sound familiar? She also described that

a major challenge of being Mayor as a woman is that she has to balance being tough to get the work of the City Council accomplished while being pleasant enough to keep folks content, which is not easy, and is sometimes impossible.

Caroline Pickens shared with us what's new at AAUW this year. She explained the new structure of senior personnel at national offices and the changes in board terms and structure that the membership recently approved. She also described the new Strategic Plan for AAUW—see more details in the Presidents' Column this month. The most interesting answer she gave to a question was that the AAUW Bylaws require that any proposal from a member for Bylaws changes must be presented to the members for a vote, which explains why we've been asked to vote year after year on some issues.

Susan Burke and Sylvia Rogers, the AAUW VA Co-VPs for Public Policy this year, introduced Jane Newell and Trish Wallace, from the Greater Richmond Branch, who spoke and took questions on the issue of Virginia's consideration of the Equal Rights Amendment. After being rather skeptical about continuing to work on this issue, their presentation changed my mind. The slides are at <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2018/07/ERA-Summer-Leadership-2018-v4.pptx>. A critical point is that the Article of the US Constitution concerning amendments does not grant to the Congress the right to set time limits for approval by the states, nor the right to the states to rescind approvals of amendments. . . For more information on these efforts in Virginia, including multiple showings of the film *Iron Jawed Angels* on the subject, see www.varatifyera.org.

At lunch, we were grouped at tables by function within our branches. The Presidents' table primarily discussed succession planning and identifying volunteers to carry out Branch activities.

Leslie Tourigny led a panel discussion on Title IX which covered both the perspective of the Title IX coordinator at Bridgewater College (private), Heidi Hoover, and of the Chair of the Harrisonburg City School Board, Deb Fitzgerald. They stressed that Title IX is much broader than athletics and sexual misconduct. Questions included STEM instruction and prevention and response to sexual misconduct.

Sylvia Rogers led a discussion about Pay Inequity, with strong data presented to illustrate what's going on. Her slides are at <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2018/07/Gender-Pay-Inequity-Math-Not-Myth-july-24.pptx>. Take a look—lots of good data there! Leslie Tourigny followed up with a discussion of Salary Negotiation efforts by AAUW.

Neola Waller, the AAUW VA Historian, spoke to us about archiving branch documents. Arlington Branch archives our documents annually at the Arlington Public Library. The group was so enthusiastic that AAUW Virginia agreed to collect and place on their website a list of where each branch is archiving their documents.

submitted by **Carol Dabbs**

Starting in October Proctors Needed in APS!

Arlington Public Schools will be expanding its proctor data base this fall to assist in administering ACCESS for English Language Learners, College Board Advanced Placement (AP) exams, and International Baccalaureate (IB) exams during the 2018-19 school year. The testing window for ACCESS is mid-January to mid-March. The testing window for AP and IB exams is the month of May.

If you have already been a proctor for APS, there is no need to reapply. As we approach each testing window, we will send you an interest survey. Please make sure that we have your current e-mail address.

AAUW members are eligible to be proctors regardless of your professional background.

Here is what you need to know:

- ✓ Teachers (former or retired) may be proctors for AP and IB, in subject areas other than those in which they have taught.
- ✓ The proctor rate is \$30.00 per hour.
- ✓ ACCESS, AP, and IB exams have different administration requirements, so all proctors must participate in the requisite training prior to being proctors for any of these exams. Proctors attending the required training will be paid.
- ✓ Scheduling of proctors will vary according to school size and needs.

AP Proctors may not be employed part or full time at a test preparation company. Proctors also cannot administer an exam for which an immediate family or household member may be taking the exam. Proctors may not participate in any coaching activity that addresses the content of secure College Board tests.

APS Proctor recruitment will begin in October.

If you are interested or have questions, contact fellow AAUW member **Terry Bratt** via e-mail at theresa.bratt@apsva.us or amy.ramirez@apsva.us.

AAUW Lunch Bunch

As the 2018-2019 school year opens at Arlington Community High School, our AAUW Lunch Bunch members, Principal **Dr. Barbara Thompson**, and Counselor **Patricia Sanguinetti** are looking forward to another successful Lunch Bunch program. AAUW members have been motivating, encouraging, and supporting the Lunch Bunch students for close to 30 years. The school serves students from diverse cultural backgrounds, all hopeful of attaining a high school diploma.

If you are looking for an opportunity to be part of a team effort to make a real difference in the success of young women in the Lunch Bunch program (age 18-30), please join us, either as a full-time member or visitor. Our Lunch Bunch monthly **meetings are on the third Thursday of the month** (October through May) from 12:30-1:20 PM at 800 S. Walter Reed Drive in Arlington. AAUW provides pizza or chicken as a main course and asks volunteers to bring a salad, fruit or dessert.

Our educational programs and themes are developed cooperatively with the school administrators and with input from volunteers and students in the program. Topics and themes frequently relate to current issues identified through student surveys and concerns, including immigration issues, health care, community resources, careers, finance, continuing education, sexual harassment, and navigating legal systems, to name a few.

Last year's theme, "A Healthier You," sent a clear message about the importance of taking care of one's self. It is because of the ongoing support and encouragement of AAUW's volunteers and presenters that the Lunch Bunch numbers continue to grow. This

is where you can make a difference and be there to encourage and inspire the Lunch Bunch young women to stay focused and reach their dreams.

Please contact the Lunch Bunch Coordinators:

Michele Milden or **Mary Ann Ullrich**, if you can join us for the October 18 meeting or need more information: mbmilden@aol.com 703-820-7794 or maryann.ullrich.va@gmail.com 703-573-2002.

Let's Talk About Books

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

The third **Wednesday, Sept 19**, 2 pm at the home of **Terry Bratt**, 111 N Edison St., 703-525-4264, theresabratt@gmail.com and the fourth **Tuesday, Sept 25** at 2 pm at the home of **Elizabeth Anderson**, 1303 24th St. S, 703-892-8216, paarkerea@comcast.net. Our book selection for September is *My Dear Hamilton* by Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie.

In October we meet on Wednesday, October 17 at 2 pm at the home of **Dorothy Miller**, 1016 S Wayne St, Apt 903, 703-920-1279, damiller903@verizon.net and on **Tuesday, October 23** at 2 pm at the home of **Barbara Gallagher**, 5100 Fillmore Ave, Apt 509, Alexandria, 703-243-1043, bgallag2@gmail.com. Our October book selection is the *Line Becomes a River: Dispatches from the Border* by Francisco Cantu.

Be sure to let the hostess know if you will be attending the session at her home.

The book group meets the third Wednesday and on the fourth Tuesday of every 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. Also we do not meet in August and our July meeting is a joint session of both groups where we select titles for the coming year. Each member can lobby for books that they would like to have on the list. All present at the July meeting vote on titles that they want on the list. This usually gives us a good mix of fiction, non-fiction, current and classics. We try to be sure that the titles are available at the library or are in paperback. 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 Sept 2018 through July 2019 include:

| Dates | | Title | Author |
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| 9/19 | 9/25 | <i>My Dear Hamilton</i> | <i>Stephanie Dray and Laura Kamoie</i> |
| 10/17 | 10/23 | <i>The Line Becomes A River: Dispatches from the Border</i> | <i>Francisco Cantu</i> |

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| 11/14 | 11/27 | <i>Hillbilly Elegy</i> | <i>JD Vance</i> |
| 12/17 | 12/17 | <i>The Bad-Ass Librarians of Timbuktu</i> | <i>Joshua Hammer</i> |
| 1/16 | 1/22 | <i>A Gentleman in Moscow</i> | <i>Aamor Towles</i> |
| 2/20 | 2/26 | <i>Camino Island</i> | <i>John Grisham</i> |
| 3/20 | 3/26 | <i>Code Girls</i> | <i>Liza Mundy</i> |
| 4/17 | 4/23 | <i>The Expats</i> | <i>Chris Pavone</i> |
| 5/15 | 5/21 | <i>The Millionaire and the Bard</i> | <i>Andrea Mays</i> |
| 6/19 | 6/25 | <i>The Plot Against America</i> | <i>Phillip Roth</i> |
| 7/15 | 7/15 | <i>Vindication: A Life of Mary Wollstonecraft</i> | <i>Lyndall Gordon</i> |

So read the books and come join the fun!

submitted by **Barbara Gallagher**

Lobby Corps/VA-FEDERAL LOBBY DAY -

This year AAUW-VA Federal Lobby Day is tentatively scheduled for Thursday, September 27, 2018, and will be subject to the Congressional calendar. We wanted to give our members a breather between State Lobby Day in February and other Spring AAUW meetings. But we are planning now for this gratifying event.

Federal Lobby Day is the opportunity for our members to accompany AAUW's Lobby Corps to lobby congressional offices on legislation important to AAUW. It is a fun way to meet other AAUW members and an important way to make AAUW's voice heard on the Hill.

Members will meet the morning of September 27 at a designated spot on Capitol Hill. At that time we will:

1. Receive a briefing from AAUW National on the legislation that will be the focus of that day's lobby efforts;
2. Meet our experienced Lobby Corps partner, and then;
3. We're off to visit congressional offices to advocate for specific bills.

Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers 571-236-0426

Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy, AAUW of Virginia

DETAILS on OTHER FALL ACTIVITIES

Wed. Sept. 12 International Coffee Group. The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will begin this year with its first coffee on September 12. After that coffees will be held on the second Wednesday of each month except January. This group brings together both Americans and wives of foreign diplomats for a morning each month to share experiences and conversation.

The chairmen this year are Jamie Harding and Shari Lama.

Members of the Arlington AAUW Branch are welcome to join. For more information please contact **Priscilla Becker** at

JBecker841@aol.com(703-841-0647).

Mon. September 17 6:30 p.m.- 8:30 p.m. **AAUW First Branch Meeting and Activities Fair**

Arlington Mill Community Center 909 S. Dinwiddie St. Arlington, VA 22204. Come at 6:30 for a Welcome Back Reception introducing our special interest groups:

- ❖ Lobby Corps,
- ❖ Book Club,
- ❖ Lunch Bunch for GED students, and
- ❖ International Coffee and Hospitality Group

These are open for all to join. Learn about their activities and meeting times. Following this at 7 pm we'll learn about the Status of Women in other countries.

What's the Lowdown on Women's Rights in the Middle East and Asia? We will hear two experts on women's rights in Saudi Arabia and India. **Kristin Smith Diwan** with the Arab Gulf States Institute will focus on Saudi Arabia and the Middle Eastern Countries and **Nancy Xiong**, Associate Director and undergraduate Academic Advisor for Instruction at George Mason University, will focus on India.

Fifty years ago women in Saudi Arabia weren't allowed to wear lipstick let alone drive a car.. It's a far different world now for Saudi women who are learning to drive --and wearing lipstick too.

But just how far have women come in this part of the world? Driving a car marks some independence but are women in the Middle East and Asia now voting, running a business, meeting with men as equals, and getting paid as equals? Is Jordan the same as Saudi Arabia or Burma the same as Thailand?

Come and bring a friend or two to hear these women give us their lowdown on the role of women in these countries. It is sure to be an eye-opener.

Mon. October 15 **AAUW Branch Meeting.** A social time at 6:30, followed at 7 p.m. by the program: **GIRLS GET GOING WITH STEM AT ARL. TECH**

This meeting will be held at the **Arlington Career Center** 816 S. Walter Reed Drive Arlington, VA 22204

Come and hear from **Catherine Steinmetz**, coordinator of the exciting STEM-focused Arlington Tech Program at the Career Center. **Catherine** was named one of AAUW's educators of the year this past May. She has been instrumental in encouraging young girls to consider careers in STEM fields and in promoting unique opportunities. We may find ways to support APS girls in STEM areas.

Wed, October 17 Come to The 8th Congressional District Candidate Debate!

7:00 PM – 9:00 PM EDT **LOCATION:** Grace Presbyterian Church

[7434 Bath St Springfield, VA 22150](http://www.gracepres.org)

The debate is between Rep. **Don Beyer** (D) and challenger **Thomas Oh** (R.) This is a joint effort between the Fairfax, Falls Church City and Arlington Leagues - moderated by **Arlington League of Women Voters President, Joan Porte**. Come with questions for incumbent **Don Beyer** (D) and **Thomas S Oh** (R), about pay equity, paid sick leave and other issues important to women and families.

Mon. November 19 AAUW Meeting: BECOMING AN AMERICAN

Hear the stories of three immigrants and their experiences of becoming an American. The panel will relate the trials and joys of the first days, months and years and how they adjusted. What was important—knowing how to take the Metro and not get lost, finding a place to live, or learning inside jokes and slang? (Look for future info.)

December 1 or 15 TBD

Our holiday lunch will feature a legal eagle who can amuse and inform us of some legal cases the AAUW has brought to ensure the legal rights of women. (Look for Future info.)

**LONG TIME MEMBER, Marcy Leverenz
MOVES ON.**

After 33 years in the Arlington Branch of AAUW, I have moved my branch membership to Springfield-Annandale.

A memory of my first Arlington Branch meeting was in February, 1985 at the Lyon Park community house off of Pershing. And who met me at the door but Martha Ann Miller. She asked me where I lived in Arlington and then told me I might want to move out of that neighborhood. And after 33 years, I have.

Take care everyone. Here is my new contact info:

Marcy Leverenz

7452 Spring Village Drive. Apt. 524

Springfield, VA 22150

703-270-5926

AAUW Arlington, Virginia Branch Officers, 2018-19

Co-Presidents: Carol Dabbs, 2017-19
Meg Tuccillo, 2017-19

Co First Vice Presidents for Program:
Susan Nelson, 2017-19
Mary Beth Pelosky, 2017-19

Second Vice President for Membership:
Marie Schryver, 2017-19

Secretary: Terry Bratt, 2017-19

Treasurer: Chris White, 2018-20

Assistant Treasurer: Susan Senn, 2017-19

AAUW Funds Officer: **Vacant**

Public Policy Officer: Sara Anderson, 2017-19

Note from the Editor

Any articles for publication should be emailed to Editor, Cece Michelotti using: cecemich@gmail.com with the SUBJECT line: Newsletter (with the months included).

Thanks to each person who has submitted pieces in the past. Your care in writing and promptness in sending are greatly appreciated. I hope the next issue I'll include clip art and pix again.
C.M.

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.

Our Branch website:
<http://arlington-va.aauw.net/>