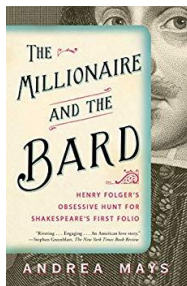


AAUW CALENDAR MAY/JUNE 2019

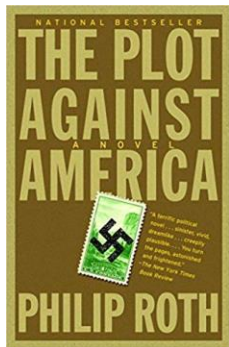
- May 8: International Coffee Group, 10:30 am, Home of Karen Russo
May 15: Book Group, 2 pm, Home of Priscilla Becker
May 16: Lunch Bunch, 12:30 pm, Arlington Community School
May 20: May Scholarship & Awards Event, 7 pm, Arlington Woman's Club
May 21: Book Group, 2 pm, Home of Vivian Kallen
June 19: Book Group, 2 pm, Home of Barbara Gallagher
June 25: Book Group, 2 pm, Home of Wren Gurney

**HERE ARE THE IMPORTANT DETAILS
FROM THE 2019 CALENDAR**

Let's Talk About Books



Our May meetings will be on the Second Wednesday, May 15, 2 pm at the home of Priscilla Becker, 2375 N Vernon St., Arlington, VA 22207, 703/841-0647, jbecker811@aol.com and the fourth Tuesday, May 21 at 2 pm at the home of Vivian Kallen, 2705 N Upshur St, 703/525-7053, viviankallen311@gmail.com. Our book selection for May is ***The Millionaire and the Bard*** by Andrea Mays.



Our June meetings will be on the Second Wednesday, June 19, 2 pm at the home of Barbara Gallagher, 5100 Fillmore Ave., Apt 509, Alexandria, 703/243-1043, bgallag2@gmail.com and the fourth Tuesday, June 25 at 2 pm at the home of Wren Gurney, 3440 S. Jefferson St., # 473, Falls Church, 703/842-3119, wrenznet@comcast.net. Wren suggests carpooling since parking can be difficult. Our book selection for June is ***The Plot Against America*** by Philip Roth.

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

MAY JUNE LUNCH BUNCH ACTIVITIES

In keeping with the theme of “**Finding My Voice**”, the **April 25** meeting will feature the return of **Judy Pendergast, Black Belt Karate practitioner and instructor** as our presenter. She will offer the Lunch Bunch a hands-on experience and recommend **skills and techniques for developing self-confidence and self-defense**. Judy’s presentation last year was inspiring and most informative and we look forward to her return this year.

The **May 16** meeting for the Lunch Bunch **is our final meeting of the year** with the girls and will be **dedicated to the celebration of the good work accomplished by our girls**. As part of the celebration, we will announce the selection of the senior candidate award winner of the AAUW \$500 Scholarship. In addition, recognitions with monetary awards for exemplary attendance at our monthly meetings will be presented to the top three participants in terms of attendance.

At this May meeting, the girls will also have an opportunity to provide us with personal feedback on the degree to which they found this year's topics relevant to their particular circumstances and interests. Finally, we will survey the girl's interests and needs for the following year to guide us in the development of our theme for 2019-20.

We are most grateful for the monthly support we receive from our dedicated AAUW Lunch Bunch volunteers, **Debby Churchman, Terri Doxsee, Betty Dunn, Betsy Marron, Susan Nelson, Susan Senn, and Arlene Wilson**. The Lunch Bunch program is in large measure successful due to the ongoing support we receive and the cooperative planning we participate in with Arlington Community High School Principal, **Dr. Barbara Thompson** and Counselor, **Patricia Sanguinetti**.

INTERNATIONAL COFFEE GROUP

The THIS/AAUW International Coffee Group will hold its Spring luncheon on Wednesday, May 8 from 10:30 to 12:30 at the home of Karen Russo in McLean. All members both foreign and American are asked to bring a contribution.

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

MAY SCHOLARSHIP AND AWARDS EVENT

Please plan to join us on **May 20th** at The Woman's Club of Arlington (700 S Buchanan St, Arlington 22204) for our annual event to honor Arlington students and teachers for their fine work.

This year we are delighted to be presenting a \$1000 scholarship to LaKyla Thomas, an outstanding student at Yorktown High School who was described by her nominating teacher as an exemplary artist, student leader and mentor to others.

We will also provide a \$1000 scholarship to Kiery Argueta, one of our Lunch Bunch seniors who arrived in the United States from El Salvador at 15 years old, not knowing any English and now planning to attend Nova Community College with the ultimate goal of becoming a teacher.

We will also be presenting a \$500 award in the name of Tim Cotman, a teacher at Thomas Jefferson Middle School, to his school in recognition of his work in organizing student leadership conferences, arranging college tours and creating the first Lego League Robotics Team specifically for girls of color and immigrants.

We are impressed by the work of LaKyla, Kiery and Tim and are excited to recognize them on May 20th at 7 pm. Please plan to be there to celebrate these individuals and the efforts of AAUW in providing these financial supports.

DONATIONS FOR OUR SCHOLARSHIP AND EDUCATOR OF THE YEAR FUNDS!!!!!!

As we prepare for our May Awards event, please know we depend on your contributions to both the Educator of the Year Fund and the Elizabeth

Campbell Scholarship Fund. We are only able to support these students and teachers over the years if we have your financial support to do so! Please consider making a donation to one or both of these funds by May 15th so we can begin to plan for our budget for next year's awards.

Separate checks for each fund can be sent to our treasurer, Chris White, at 3440 South Jefferson St, Apartment 937, Falls Church, Va, 22041

***To contribute to the Elizabeth Campbell Awards Fund (Scholarship Fund), make the check out to the Arlington Branch, AAUW, and put the wording, Elizabeth Campbell Awards Fund in the memo line at the bottom of the check.**

***To contribute to the Educator of the Year Award Fund, make a separate check out to the Arlington Branch, AAUW, and put the wording Educator of the Year Fund in the memo line at the bottom of the check.**

A WORD FROM YOUR CO-PRESIDENTS

Happy 75th Anniversary to Our Arlington Branch!!!!

I recently spent some time in the Virginia History Room at the Central Library looking at the Arlington Branch archives. Until I read back to our founding, I hadn't realized this is our 75th anniversary – wow to us!! The first actual meeting was held in December of 1943 but official recognition from National Headquarters was announced at the February, 1944 board meeting. The first annual banquet was held that year at The Little Tea House (1920-1963) on Arlington Ridge Road. The Tea House was owned by a supporter of AAUW, Gertrude Crocker who was herself a nationally known suffragette and treasurer of the National Women's Party. By the way, the cost of that first banquet was 75 cents!!

One of the first legislative activities of our branch was to fight for women in Virginia to be allowed to serve on juries. This effort, begun in 1948, finally resulted in women having that right in Virginia by 1951. During the 1950s, in addition to expressing concerns about atomic fallout, the branch was involved in defending against claims that Arlington Public School textbooks had been infiltrated by subversive propaganda. School integration was a focus of the second half of the 1950s and several prominent Arlingtonians (and AAUW members) helped fight "massive resistance" in the General Assembly in 1959.

There is much more in our archives but this glimpse of our early years sheds some light on our legacy and the important results that have come from the involvement of our branch. During our 75th year, perhaps it is time to look back to appreciate our history – and forward to ensure we maintain our involvement in important issues of our day. Our recent collaboration with The League of Women voters on the ERA Virginia issue is one example of the value of our work. Let's look ahead as we begin to plan for next year and think about how we can make an impact on issues important to women and help support the AAUW plan of advancing equity for women and girls in education and training, economic security and leadership.

Meg and Carol
Co-Presidents

From Vivian Kallen, on the occasion of her 90th Birthday



Thanks to Arlington Branch members for helping me celebrate my 90th birthday. I needed help because, frankly, 90 has a scary ring to it but being surrounded by lovely people and a gorgeous, chocolate cake left me feeling warm and happy. Again, thanks.

Vivian

AAUW State Conference Focused on Diversity and Inclusion
by Sara F. Anderson



The 2019 State Conference held in Roanoke on April 6 reflected a perennial concern of AAUW and many other groups in our nation today. How do we break down barriers of race and ethnicity and welcome a wider variety of people into our membership?

The State Board started the theme by voting to add a new position, that of Diversity and Inclusion Vice President. Cindy Shanahan, outgoing VP for Membership and Branch Development, will assume the new position on July 1.

On Friday evening, the members of AAUW of Greater Roanoke Valley presented an excellent video production on how gender role identity starts in early childhood.

Keynote speaker, Idella Glenn, Special Advisor on Inclusivity and Diversity at Hollins College explained the ways in which Hollins has worked to attract a more diverse student body, and more importantly, the work they've done to make all students feel valued and welcome--that's the 'inclusivity' part.

Denise Murden's talk on unconscious bias was very enlightening for an audience predisposed to want to be unbiased, but often unaware of how unconscious associations affect their behavior toward others. She recommended the Harvard unconscious bias test, available at <https://implicit.harvard.edu/implicit/taktest.html>. Try it!

Sessions included silent interviews in which pairs of women listed assumptions about the other just by looking at each other. Laughter erupted often as we did so, then talked about what we got right and wrong about each other.

Another interesting session was called "DIE + K--Responding vs. Reacting"

in which we examined New Yorker covers first to describe what was actually there, "I see a baseball cap," and then interpreted what was there, "This person is vaguely Mona Lisa like."

Next year the Conference will be here in the Northern District, so many of you will find it convenient to attend. Leslie Tourigny, one of the state Co-Presidents, is from Alexandria, and is already seeking committee members. Please let Sara Anderson know if you'd like to be involved in this event.

Also--the Summer Leadership Conference is in Harrisonburg on **July 27**. We hope several of our officers and members will be able to attend.

DUES REMINDER DURING THE SUMMER

Our 2020 fiscal year starts on July 1, 2019. Since we do not have a newsletter during the summer, we are letting you know now that during July 2019 you will receive a special email from memberinfo@aauw.org. This email is specific to you because it already contains your AAUS membership ID number, your contact information, and the amount of dues you owe.

When you receive this email from "memberinfo@aauw.org," just click on it and you can easily renew by credit card!

AAUW recently improved their membership payment program (MPP) to make it easier for you, than past years.

If you have any questions after you receive the renewal email, please contact our branch treasurer, Chris White, at njwwc@aol.com. She can walk you through the process, if you need extra help.

This new improved process also saves our treasurer from the extra work involved when a member renews by personal checking. Renewing by check means that our treasurer needs to (1) take a trip to the bank to deposit your checks in our Branch checking account; (2) to take another step in order to pay National separately for that portion of your check that is actually national and state dues. On the other hand, when you pay by credit card, our branch checking account is automatically credited with your branch dues. No trips to the bank needed!!

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Note from the Editor

Any articles for publication should be emailed to Editor, **Debby Churchman** using: dchurchm@yahoo.com with the SUBJECT line: Newsletter by August 15, 2019.

Thanks to each person who has submitted pieces in the past. Your care in writing and promptness in sending are greatly appreciated.

- **Debby**

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/>