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and girls through advocacy,
education, philanthropy and
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ARLINGTON BRANCH EVENTS

March 21st, Saturday, 10:30 am, **Annual Meeting** (Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr.).

Our branch programs this year are intended to reflect goals of the National AAUW Strategic Plan and we have already addressed important issues such as Work Smart opportunities, preventing sexual harassment and the impact of Title IX regulations on Arlington schools.

Our upcoming meeting program will continue with focusing on these goals at our branch annual meeting on Saturday, March 21st from 10:30 to noon with a presentation on Women's Financial Security, presented by Ann Summerson, CFP, and Director at The Wise Investor Group in Reston. Financial planning and knowledgeable investing are important aspects of achieving personal financial stability for women and we will have an opportunity to learn from, and ask questions of, Ann as part of this presentation before we deal with our official business as part of our annual meeting.

Please plan to join us on March 21st for this important presentation and to help select our next slate of elected officers which will include Secretary, Co-VP for Membership and Treasurer. The nominating committee will share the slate of nominated candidates by e-mail before the annual meeting for your information.

April 25th, Monday, 7 pm, Arlington Career Center, 816 S. Walter Reed Dr. – **Recognition of female APS Science Fair** Winners and presentation by NASA speaker.

May 18th, Monday, 7 pm, Woman's Club of Arlington, 700 S. Buchanan St. – **Annual Spring Celebration** – Scholarship Awards in the Arts for female high school seniors and Educator of the Year Award.

2020 AAUW VA Conference

The conference will be held in Alexandria at the Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites on April 17-19. It promises to be an excellent remembrance and celebration of the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19 Amendment.

The conference is being hosted by the AAUW Virginia Northern District Branches. Each branch in the district has been asked to sign up for specific responsibilities in order to make the conference happen. We (Arlington) have agreed to staff the registration table, in addition to the Registrar of the conference, Tammie Mullins-Rice of the Virginia Beach Branch. (See below for how to sign up).

Each branch will also be asked to donate a basket to be raffled off at the event. These can be themed any way that branches deem appropriate; it has been observed that those with wine included seem quite popular.

Here is the program:

Friday, April 17

Pre-Conference Optional Tour of the Alexandria Black History Museum (2:30 p.m.)

- Registration (3:00-7:00 p.m.)
- Evening get together (cash bar) (6:30-9:30 p.m.)
- Presentation by the ladies from the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial

Saturday, April 18

Optional morning walk (6:45-7:15 a.m.)

Registration (7:45-10:00 a.m.)

CONFERENCE BEGINS 8:30 a.m.

- Keynote Speaker - Janice E. Ruth, Library of Congress
- Business Meeting
- Workshops (Choice of 1 morning & 1 afternoon session)
- Luncheon with Alexandria City Public Schools Superintendent Dr. Gregory C. Hutchings, Jr., Speaker
- AAUW: 20/20 Vision—Kendra Davis, AAUW Senior Vice President for Advancement and Partnerships
- Panel Discussion
- First Timers/New Member Reception
- 7:00 p.m. Conference Banquet Honoring Woman of Achievement Awardees Senator Janet Howell and Scientist Ana Humphrey

Sunday, April 19

Optional morning walk (6:45-7:15 a.m.)

- Branch Diversity and Inclusion Points-of-Contact Meeting (8:00 a.m.)
- District Meetings (8:30 a.m.)
- Basket Drawings
- Panel Discussions
- Business Meeting – adjourned by 12 noon

Post-Conference Optional Activity (12:45 p.m.) Women's History Walking Tour given by Elisabeth Johnson, PhD

To register online, go here: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2020-aauw-of-virginia-state-conference-registration/>

Guaranteed Way to Meet Scores of AAUW Virginia Members!

Plans for the AAUW Virginia 2020 Conference in Alexandria April 17 and 18 are coming together. Looking at the program, it should be an exciting and educational event. This Conference runs on volunteer effort; each AAUW branch in Virginia is asked to take on a specific task, and altogether, a complete conference occurs!

Gail McGinn and I are on the organizing committee, and have agreed that AAUW Arlington's part will be to staff the registration desk, providing our branch the opportunity to meet, and welcome to our neighborhood, literally scores of AAUW Virginia members from all over the state. These are among the most interesting folks I've ever met, no kidding. (Also, Carol is from Tennessee, and wants to share the experience of being a volunteer with everyone!)

While the Registrar of the Conference will be there to collect registrations and payments, we will sign in Conference attendees, get them their nametags, packets, and meal tickets, etc.

The shifts we need to staff with 2 persons each are:

Friday, April 17:

2:00PM to 4:00PM

4:00PM to 6:00PM

6:00PM to 7:30PM

Saturday, April 18:

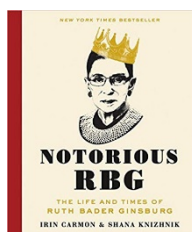
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9:15AM to 10:30AM

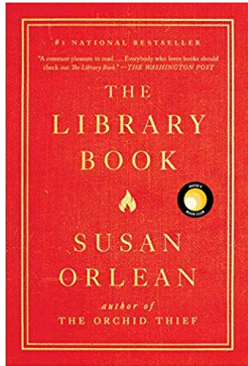
Please let us know your availability and your shift preferences by email to Carol Dabbs (presarlvaauw@gmail.com) and Gail McGinn (gail@mcginn.org) to sign up!

--Carol Dabbs and Gail McGinn

Let's Talk About Books



Wednesday, March 18, 2PM at the home of Terry Bratt and Tuesday, March 24, 2PM at the home of Vivian Kallen. Our book selection is **Notorious RBG** by Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik.



Wednesday, April 15, 2PM at the home of Sharon Schoumacher, and Tuesday, April 28 at 2PM at the home of Marjorie Hobart. Our book selection is ***The Library Book*** by Susan Orlean.

Be sure to let the hostess know if you will be attending the session at her home. See the membership directory for contact information.

Barbara Gallagher



The AAUW/THIS International Coffee Group continues its monthly coffees in March and April.

In March we will meet at the home of Juanita Cullen in Vienna. Hostesses are Alicja Terzian and Diane Moran. Our theme will be St. Patrick's Day.

On April 8 we plan to visit a local park to see the spring blossoms.

AAUW Branch members are welcome to join us. For more information please contact Priscilla Becker. See the membership directory for contact information.

2020 Annual Spring Awards - Fundraising

Good news... but we still need your help.

First, thanks to your donations during our Holiday Luncheon in December, we have fully funded the Educator of the Year award.

Second, we are making good progress to funding the two Elizabeth Campbell awards. We have received \$1015 toward the goal of \$2,000, which means that we have fully funded the first scholarship but still need \$985 for the second Elizabeth Campbell scholarship.

This year we created a new scholarship - and this will be awarded to a student who is participating in the Lunch Bunch program. We received on Valentine's Day(!) the first \$50 contribution toward the \$1000 which is needed.

LET'S KEEP UP THE MOMENTUM. BEFORE OUR MARCH meeting, please dig deep and donate generously. We will announce at our March meeting what we have raised thus far. It would be wonderful news if we could announce that we met our goals, but we can't do that without your help.

Make checks payable to "AAUW-Arlington" and designate on the check "Elizabeth Campbell Scholarship" or "Lunch Bunch Scholarship." If you wish to donate to both funds, please issue separate checks. Mail your checks to Chris White, Treasurer. See the membership directory for contact information.

On behalf of our wonderful teachers and future scholarship recipients, thank you.

AAUW Arlington Representative to Advisory Council on Instruction (ACI) Sought

ACI is an advisory body to the Arlington County School Board, comprised of representatives from all of Arlington's schools and programs, as well as a few community organizations selected specifically by the School Board. AAUW is one of those organizations chosen by the School Board, but somehow, in the past few years, the arrangement has lapsed, and we do not currently have a representative on the ACI.

Current chairs of the ACI are Dana Milburn and Rebecca Hunter, who have reached out to us as they work to have full representation on the ACI.

The mission of the ACI is to provide the School Board with community input and feedback for instructional planning in the school system. The ACI representatives include one from each elementary school, two from each secondary school, plus the representatives from community organizations. The ACI is in turn advised by curricular/subject-matter advisory committees.

At this point, AAUW Arlington seeks a member who would like to represent us on the ACI. If you are interested, please get in touch with Carol Dabbs, presarlvaauw@gmail.com, our President, for more complete information.

- Carol Dabbs

AAUW at the Virginia Assembly

Update on the ERA. After Virginia voted to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment, it went back to the House of Representatives. Here is an excerpt from the report from Virginia AAUW on what happened there:

On February 10 the U.S. House of Representatives voted on a resolution to nullify the deadline to ratify the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) following [Virginia](#) becoming the 38th state to ratify the amendment last month. Currently, the National Archives and Records Administration is refusing to certify the ERA due to a U.S. Department of Justice [opinion](#) declaring the amendment invalid because it was not ratified during the initial window set by Congress. [Shilpa Phadke](#), vice president of the Women's Initiative at the Center for American Progress, released the following statement: Today's vote marks an exciting step toward ensuring that the ERA can officially become part of our nation's Constitution. This vote reflects both [the will of the people](#) and the fundamental importance of enshrining equality regardless of sex in our nation's founding document.

Susan Burke reported on plans for the lobby day on Feb.12, but as of our newsletter deadline we did not have a report. Here is what was proposed.

Because Lobby Day was at crossover time, [the date when bills are passed from the House to the Senate and Senate to House] AAUW was not able to arrange a meeting with a member of the House leadership. Consequently, we visited individual legislators to distribute copies of the new AAUW 2020 Gender Policy Agenda.

If you would like to visit your own representatives, it is recommended that you contact the office in advance to try to make an appointment. (FYI: Susan and Leslie will be visiting Sen. Creigh Deeds [on Feb. 12] to discuss pay equity.)

If you have particular concerns about Virginia legislation, please contact your Delegate or Senator asap to express your views.

- Sara Anderson

Board of Directors, 2019-20

- President: Carol Dabbs (continuing, term expires 2021)
- VP for Programs: Chioma Eni and Meg Tuccillo to co-chair position (2019-21)
- VP for Membership: Michele Milden (2019-21)
- Treasurer: Chris White (continuing, term expires 2020)
- Assistant Treasurer: Teri Doxsee (2019-21)
- Secretary: Terry Bratt (continuing, term expires 2020)

NOTE FROM THE EDITOR

*Any articles for publication should be emailed to Editor, **Debby Churchman** using: newsarlvaauw@gmail.com with the SUBJECT line: Newsletter by April 15, 2020*