



# **American Association of University Women**

## **Falls Church Area Branch**

### **Member Handbook 2013–2014**

## **AAUW: BREAKING THROUGH BARRIERS FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) empowers women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. Since AAUW's founding in 1881, our members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political.

**AAUW's Mission:** AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**AAUW's Value Promise:** By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

### **AAUW ORGANIZATIONAL STRUCTURE**

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is a nationwide network of more than 165,000 members and supporters across the United States, as well as 1,000 local branches and 800 college and university partners. The organization includes both a section 501(c)(3) public charity, the primary membership organization, and the AAUW Action Fund, a smaller section 501(c)(4) social welfare organization that may engage in limited activities related to member activism and voter education.

### **AAUW ISSUES**

AAUW's voice has long influenced legislative debate on critical social issues such as education, sex discrimination, civil rights, reproductive choice, affirmative action, Title IX, welfare reform, vocational education, pay equity, family and medical leave, and health care reform.

### **MEMBERSHIP IN AAUW**

AAUW believes that together we can transform society for the better. Our vision is simple—we bring people together united behind the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. By joining our 165,000 members and supporters across the United States, you become part of AAUW's powerful voice.

Since its first meeting in 1881, AAUW has been a catalyst for change. When more than a century ago a Harvard physician claimed that higher education jeopardized women's health, AAUW conducted research that proved he was wrong. When the number of female college students grew, AAUW funded fellowships to support them. When girls and boys were treated differently in school, AAUW research put gender bias on the national agenda. When women receive less pay than their male colleagues for the same job, AAUW continues researching, educating, and advocating for equity. We invite you to learn more about the value of belonging and to become a part of this smart, passionate, and creative community.

### **AAUW LEADERSHIP PROGRAMS**

Through AAUW Leadership Programs, women and girls acquire the skills they need to succeed and assume leadership roles in their academic, professional, and personal lives. Programs include Campus Action Projects, the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, the Student Advisory Council, and Elect Her.

### **AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND**

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to combat sex discrimination in higher education and workplaces through campus outreach programs, an online resource library, and research reports. LAF

also provides support to workplace sex discrimination cases that have the potential to make a difference for all women.

### **AAUW ACTION FUND LOBBY CORPS**

The AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps has been visiting congressional offices for over 36 years. Their meetings result in support, co-sponsorships, and votes for AAUW priority issues. Recent issues of concern included the Paycheck Fairness Act, Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act, Equal Pay Day Celebration, Student Loan Affordability Act, Contraceptive Coverage Rule, and STEM Education for Dreamers.

### **EDUCATION FOUNDATION (EF)**

The Educational Foundation is the “heart of AAUW.” Designed to help “gifted women use their intellectual powers for the good of humanity,” the program focuses on providing scholarships and graduate fellowships for scholarly research, creative arts, and career preparation. There are three components of EF: Fellowships Program, Research and Projects, and Special Programs.

### **AAUW FELLOWSHIPS AND GRANTS**

AAUW has a long and distinguished history of advancing educational and professional opportunities for women in the United States and around the globe. One of the world’s largest sources of funding for graduate women, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 245 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2013–14 academic year. Due to the longstanding, generous contributions of AAUW members, a broader community of women continues to gain access to educational and economic opportunities—breaking through barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

AAUW’s five national fellowships and grants include American Fellowships, Career Development Grants, Community Action Grants, International Fellowships, and Selected Professions Fellowships.

The AAUW Branch and State Local Scholarship Clearinghouse Program created a centralized, standardized, online undergraduate scholarship application posting and processing initiative that supports AAUW’s local scholarship programs across the United States.

### **AAUW CONTACT INFORMATION**

**National:** AAUW, 1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036  
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(800) 326-2288  
connect@aauw.org  
www.aauw.org

**Facebook:** [www.facebook.com/aauw.national](http://www.facebook.com/aauw.national)

**Twitter:** [www.twitter.com/aauw](http://www.twitter.com/aauw)

**State:** [aauw-va.aauw.net/](http://aauw-va.aauw.net/)

**Local:** [fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net](http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net)

## **AAUW of the Falls Church Area Leadership 2013-2014**

*President* — Marian (Bunny) Jarrett

*Vice President for Membership* — Kitty Richardson

*Vice President for Programs* — Sharon Zackula

*Treasurer* — Martha Trunk

*Newsletter Editor* — Sally Brett

*Communications Chair* — Becky Gaul

*Book Sale Co-Chairs* — Mollie Jewell, Mary Youman

*Public Policy Chair* — Marilyn Falksen

*College/University Partnerships* — Kitty Richardson

*Hospitality Chair* — Peggy Howard

*Book Group* — Olivia Cedillo

*Movie Group* — Kitty Richardson

*Travel Group* — Susan Hesser

*Lobby Corps* — Kitty Richardson

## AAUW of the Falls Church Area

### BRANCH STATEMENT OF PURPOSE

The branch unites the alumnae of AAUW-approved colleges and universities for practical educational work to concentrate and increase their influence in the community for the solution of social and civic problems, to participate in the development and promotion of the AAUW, to contribute to its growth and influence, and to cooperate in its state and regional work.

Though small in size, the Falls Church branch consistently ranks high in the state of Virginia for fundraising for scholarships and fellowships, all accomplished through the annual used book sale. We have the reputation of being one of the highest per capita fundraisers. We take our scholarship mission very seriously. AAUW of Falls Church Area (AAUWFC) has established an International Foundation of \$100,000 through its book sales. During 2010, AAUW of FC established a new Career Development program with a goal of \$70,000. Also, each year the branch awards scholarships to local high school students entering post-secondary education.

Our branch funds Special Project grants to support education for women and girls from our local community. These efforts have included:

- We were the lead Northern Virginia AAUW branch to partner with George Mason University to establish an AAUW student branch to reach out to more women students and faculty.
- We have supported the efforts of Homestretch, which serves needy families with children under the age of 18, to attain permanent housing and self-sufficiency by giving them the skills, knowledge, and hope they need to become productive participants in the community.
- We have supported the Aurora House, a residential counseling center for girls ages 13 to 17, certified by the Virginia Department of Juvenile Justice. Aurora House offers long-term community based treatment for a group of up to 12 girls. Aurora House provides the nurturing, structure, and support necessary to help court-involved adolescents through the difficulties that they experience. Aurora House also gives girls and their families the opportunity to make positive changes toward a brighter future.
- We have supported college field trips for high school students who would be the first in their family to attend higher education and also funded Latina students to attend workshops on Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math (STEM) careers.

Due to our proximity to Washington, D.C., branch members can participate in the National AAUW Lobby Corps. The Lobby Corps meets weekly while Congress is in session. Members are briefed on key AAUW issues by the national staff and visit legislative offices to discuss the AAUW position with staff. Our branch Lobby Corps members keep us well informed on all relevant pending legislation and provide dynamic speakers for our monthly programs.

### BRANCH PROGRAM AND ORGANIZATION

**Branch meetings** are usually held on the second Monday September through May at 7:30 pm, with the exception of January and February, when meetings are held on the second Sunday of the month. Meetings are at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, VA 22046; Phone: (703) 248-5077. Field trips and excursions are individually scheduled to meet the needs of the members. If in doubt about the location or date of a meeting, call Bunny Jarrett, (703) 533-8230, or Sharon Zackula, (703) 356-4140.

**Board meetings** are held monthly on the fourth Monday at 7:30 pm. Dates are noted on the calendar included in this directory. Any member is welcome to attend a Board meeting. Call Bunny Jarrett, (703) 533-8230, to learn the location of a specific Board meeting.

**Book Group** is held at various locations announced in the AAUWFC newsletter. The group usually meets on the third Tuesday of the month.

**Movie Group** attends movies of the group's choosing on Wednesdays at local theaters.

**Travel Group** meetings will be announced in the AAUWFC newsletter.

**AAUWFC Newsletter** is published September through June. Articles should be submitted to the editor by the second day following the fourth Monday of the month.

**Book Sale.** The branch used book sale, a fundraiser for the Educational Foundation, is held annually in April at the Falls Church Community Center. The exact dates are listed in the calendar.

# AAUW of the Falls Church Area 2013–2014 Calendar

activity key:  
**bold**=AAUWFC  
*italics*=AAUW-VA or national

## AUGUST

- Sunday, 25 New Member Tea, Becky Gaul's 3:00–4:30 pm  
Wednesday, 28 **Deadline for newsletter submissions to Sally Brett, Editor**

## SEPTEMBER

- Tuesday, 3 Newsletter sent to members  
Saturday, 7 **Taste of Falls Church—books and book drive bookmarks distributed all day**  
Monday, 9 **AAUW Branch meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Community Center**  
Tuesday, 10 Get Out the Vote activity: FC Elementary PTA Information Fair, 6:00–8:00 pm,  
Thomas Jefferson Elementary, AAUW/LWV Table  
Thursday, 12 AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps on Capitol Hill today and most Thursdays,  
9:30 am–12:30 pm  
Saturday, 14 Book sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 am–1:00 pm  
Sunday, 15 *Falls Church Area Branch article due to the AAUW-VA the Vision*  
TBA Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
Monday, 23 **AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, 25 Deadline for newsletter submissions

## OCTOBER

- Tuesday, 1 Newsletter sent to members  
Monday, 14 **AAUW Branch meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Community Center**  
TBA Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
Saturday, 19 Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 10:00 am–3:00 pm  
Saturday, 26 *AAUW-VA Northern District meeting*  
Monday, 28 **AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, 30 Deadline for newsletter submissions

## NOVEMBER

- Monday, 4 Newsletter sent to members  
Tuesday, 5 Election Day  
Monday, 11 **AAUW Branch meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Community Center**  
TBA Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
Monday, 25 **AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, 27 Deadline for newsletter submissions  
Saturday, 30 *Removal of unpaid members from membership: Membership VP*

## DECEMBER

- Wednesday, 4     Newsletter sent to members  
Sat or Sun, TBA     **Holiday Party, 2:00 pm**  
Sunday, 15     *AAUW Funds Reports due to State AAUW Funds Chair: Branch AAUW Funds Chair or Branch President*

## JANUARY

- Wednesday, 1     *Half dues for new members begin*  
Wednesday, 1     Deadline for newsletter submissions  
Monday, 6     Newsletter sent to members  
Sunday, 12     **AAUW Branch meeting, 2:00 pm, FC Community Center**  
TBA     Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
Monday, 27     **AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, 29     Deadline for newsletter submissions

## FEBRUARY

- Monday, 3     Newsletter sent to members  
TBA     *State Lobby Day in Richmond*  
Sunday, 9     **AAUW Branch meeting, 2:00 pm, FC Community Center**  
TBA     Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
Saturday, 15     **Book Sale organizing brunch**  
Monday, 24     **AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, 26     Deadline for newsletter submissions

## MARCH

- TBA     *List of Names Honored to State AAUW Funds Chair: Branch AAUW Funds Chairs*  
TBA     *Branch Reports due to State Conference Program Booklet Chair: Branch President*  
Saturday, 1     Book sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Monday, 3     Newsletter sent to members  
Saturday, 8     Book sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Monday, 10     **AAUW Branch Meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Community Center**  
Saturday, 15     Book sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Saturday, 15     *Half dues end for new members (new members after March 15 pay full dues, which are good through June 30, 2015)*  
TBA     Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm  
Monday, 24     **AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Wednesday, 26     Deadline for newsletter submissions  
Saturday, 29     Book sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Monday, 31     **Deadline for Special Project applications**



## APRIL

- Tuesday, 1 Newsletter sent to members
- Saturday, 5 Book sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 am–4:00 pm  
Distribute bookmarks at the Farmers Market
- Fri–Sun, 4–6 *AAUW-VA Conference, Smith Mountain Lake*
- TBA *Pay Equity Day*
- Thursday, 10 Book Sale set-up, FC Community Center
- Fri, 11 & Sat, 12 **Book Sale, FC Community Center**
- Saturday, 12 **Book Sale celebration dinner**
- TBA Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm
- Monday, 21 **AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm**
- Wednesday, 23 Deadline for newsletter submissions

## MAY

- Thursday, 1 Newsletter sent to members
- Monday, 12 **AAUW Branch Scholarship Awards Meeting, 7:30 pm, FC Community Center**
- TBA Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm
- Monday, 26 **AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm**
- Wednesday, 28 Deadline for newsletter submissions
- TBA *Federal Lobby Day, Washington, DC: all members*

## JUNE

- Monday, 2 Newsletter sent to members
- Monday, 2 *Roster of Branch Officers due to National AAUW and State President: Branch President*
- Monday, 9 **AAUW annual program planning picnic, 6:00 pm, picnic shelter adjacent to FC Community Center**
- TBA *National AAUW online voting closes*
- TBA *AAUW-VA online voting closes*
- TBA Book Group meeting, 7:00 pm
- Monday, 23 **AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30 pm, 200 Forest Drive**
- Monday, 30 *Year-End Financial Statement: Branch Treasurer*
- Monday, 30 *Annual Reports of Branch Board members due to President*

## JULY

- Monday, 1 *Branch Dues Reports due to National and State Finance VP: Branch Treasurer*

As you can see, our programs are a source of intellectual stimulation, networking, and pure fun. We are blessed with group members known for longstanding loyalty and a talent for making new members feel at ease. We are a diverse bunch spanning the generations and sharing in treasured moments together. You will not be bored!

## **AAUW of the Falls Church Area — Chartered April 1950**

### **PAST LEADERSHIP**

**2008–2012** Sally Brett

**2006–2008** Barbara Ann Harrison

**2002–2006** Martha Trunk

**2000–2004** Becky Gaul

**2000–2002** Mary Youman

**1998–2000** Kitty Richardson

**1998–2000** Cindy Silberblatt

**1996–1998** Nadyne Rosin

**1994–1996** Judy Miles

**1993–1994** Eda Harris

**1992–1994** Mollie Jewell

**1992–1993** Van Ton

**1990–1992** Wanda Thompson

**1988–1992** Anne Baxter

**1986–1990** Anne Peabody

**1982–1986** Ellen Blalock

**1980–1982** Mollie Jewell

**1978–1980** Alice Skalnik

**1976–1978** Sondra Gillice

**1974–1976** Dorothy Lowerre

**1972–1974** Carol Rogers

**1968–1972** Leah Porzel

**1966–1968** Bertha Myers

**1964–1966** Ann Vandivere

**1962–1964** Ethel Houston

**1960–1962** Mrs. Lowell Lashbrook

**1958–1960** Mrs. Harold Dupuy

**1956–1958** Mrs. L. W. Lathroum

**1954–1956** Ann Vandivere

**1952–1954** Alice Skalnik

**1950–1952** Mrs. John Levick