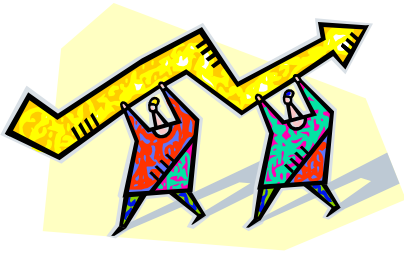


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If you can't dream it, you can't accomplish it.

Join AAUW Falls Church on January 12, a Sunday, in a dual visioning session. One session for the future of the branch (and, ultimately, national). A second session for the well being of you.

We will convene beginning at 2 p.m. at Curves, the ladies' exercise studio recently relocated from a street front space on Broad Street to an upstairs space in the same block. There we will first be guided through the second of the visioning workshops led by national AAUW facilitators, contemplating the future of our branch. You have said what you think that future should be; now the facilitators help us get down to the realia of how to implement and realize that vision.

Then it's no more talk and lots of movement, as leaders of another kind guide us in stretching not our minds but our bodies. Perfect combination, no?

Place: Curves, 246A Broad St. Falls Church 22046. The studio is **upstairs**, with the stairway between the Antiques Store and the Local Market, all facing Broad Street. Off street parking is available behind the building or across the street at the former USPO facility.

Time: 2:00 p.m.

Date: January 12, Sunday

Wear: Comfortable clothes and sneakers or gym/athletic shoes

What's Inside?

Book club readers, your discussion is soon! Travellers, unite at Susan's! Mark Feb. 5-- see Lobby Day article for why! Book sale organizing brunch coming up—details inside.



From the President

Happy New Year to all Falls Church Area Branch Members! Although the official new year begins in the middle of our AAUW year, this is a time of reflection for many of us.

Our branch began a reflective process at our November Branch meeting with our branch focus or visioning workshop. We will continue this process at our January and February Branch meetings with the goal of articulating steps toward our foci of scholarship awards through the Book Sale profits, policy involvement through the Lobby Corps, and socialization through the Branch education and social events. These steps will help guide our planning process in the March Annual Meeting and the June Planning Picnic.

I ask each of you to take a few minutes to reflect on how you will be involved in our Falls Church Branch in the coming months. January and February bring Sunday afternoon meetings with the serious business of the visioning workshops and the fun elements of Curves and a guest speaker. Book sorting begins in earnest in March, and you can join the book sorting group any Saturday in March. The Book Sale is April 11th and 12th. Many of you joined AAUW at the Book Sale, so you realize the importance of this event for our scholarship program and our recruitment efforts. The Scholarship Committee begins its work soon, culminating in the Scholarship Awards Meeting in May.

Obviously, you can choose to be involved a little or a lot. Your decision depends on your time and your interests. I urge you to take advantage of the opportunities to get to know other members as you work toward your goals for yourself in AAUW. The organization needs your help in the areas of pay equity, violence against women, and STEM education, to name a few.

We will be voting to fill several branch offices in the coming year. These include President, Vice President for Programs, and Secretary. When the time comes, please think about putting your name forward to the Nominating Committee or talk to a member whom you think would do a good job and urge her or him to run for one of these offices.

Above all, take some time for rest, relaxation, and reflection after the busy holiday season. I know some of you have plans to travel while others are getting back into their regular schedule of activities.

See you at the Branch meetings, the book sorting, or the movies!

Bunny Jarrett, President

Book Group Meetings

On January 14th at 7:30 pm, we are discussing *Middlemarch* by George Eliot (aka Marianne Evans) at Peggy Howard's home: 613 North Oak Street, Falls Church 22042. Please come, even if you read it long ago or haven't finished the book!

New members and reading suggestions are always welcome. Contact **Olivia Cedillo** or the monthly host with questions. olyced@gmail.com or [571-224-3612](tel:571-224-3612).

Read ahead: In February, we're reading and discussing *TransAtlantic* by Colum McCann. It's contemporary and much shorter!

What Is Your Special Project?

Every branch member can submit an application for a Special Project, for amounts up to \$500. What good can you do, with the support of our branch? Do you know a high school girls' sports team in need of assistance? Remember AAUW is a supporter of Title Nine! What about a STEM project in your local middle school that is limping along after funding cuts? Are we sponsoring a NCCWSL coed this year? Not unless you step up!

Lobby Day

The Virginia General Assembly will be in Regular Session from January 8 until March 8, 2014. On **Wednesday, February 5, 2014**, Virginia AAUW members will be joining with the League of Women Voters (LWV), NOW, and Women Matter (dedicated to the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment) for a joint State Lobby Day in Richmond. In addition to lobbying our lawmakers about some of the bills introduced in the General Assembly, we will also be dropping off our Equal Pay Petitions.

The Organizers of Lobby Day are planning a full day of activities, beginning at 8:30 a.m. with the LWV Women's Legislative Roundtable, which will be followed by AAUW of Virginia's briefing of its members at 9:30 a.m. There will be time to visit our senators and delegates in their offices before we go to the Capitol to be acknowledged on the House and Senate floors. The day ends with lunch at The Tobacco Company Restaurant, a short walk from the Capitol.

If you are planning to participate in Lobby Day, **please send Marilyn your name and email address by January 20, 2014**, so that she can forward them to the organizers who are preparing information packets for participants to drop off at lawmakers' offices. Her email address is falksen@yahoo.com.

NOTE: Several members from the AAUW Greater Richmond Branch will graciously be opening their homes to members participating in Lobby Day who want **to arrive on February 4th and spend the night**. Any member who would like to spend the night of February 4th in Richmond **needs to email Kathy Kelley, Public Policy Chair of the Greater Richmond Branch, at bookie002@yahoo.com by January 15, 2014.**

Sign the Equal Pay Petition Today

For more than 100 years, AAUW has been fighting for pay equity. Even with the Equal Pay Act of 1963 and the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act of 2009, women in Virginia are still making an average of 79 cents for every dollar earned by men. After controlling for factors known to affect earnings such as occupation, college major, and hours worked, a seven percent pay gap persists between male and female college graduates just one year after graduation.

With a record number of women in the workforce and two-thirds of women functioning as primary or co-breadwinners for their families, equal pay for women is critical to families' economic security. The reality is that few women actually know if they are being paid unfairly, and unfortunately, they don't feel safe asking for fear of retribution by their bosses, and some even risk being fired.

Join AAUW of Virginia in supporting women who want to learn the truth about their pay inequity: Sign the petition today at <http://bit.ly/1cneQcQ>! And forward the link to your friends and neighbors, urging them to sign as well.

How to Travel Well and Cheap

Travel Group will meet on Monday night January 20, 2014 at 7:30 PM at Susan Hesser's house, 2912 Rosemary Lane, Falls Church 22042.

We will discuss **how to get good DEALS**. Bring info on credit cards that give you points, how you collect points for airfare, etc. Also, bring info on the websites and travel agencies you use.

Book Sale Organizing Brunch

If you want to help with the book sale or are just curious about what goes on, please join us **for brunch on Sunday afternoon (12:30 p.m.) February 16 at Mary Youman's**. As you can probably guess, we'll have both food and discussion about the sale. Topics will include **sorting, volunteering, recruiting, publicity, and just plain catch-up fun**.

We'll sign-up people to organize lunches on sorting days, to help price "specials", and to do a wide range of other jobs. Come to learn more about how you can help with the sale and the many lead-up activities.

If you'd like to bring a dish to the share at the brunch, we'd be delighted. Call Mary for details at [703-528-8993](tel:703-528-8993). If you can't come about want to volunteer, there are still plenty of opportunities! Hear more about that by calling Mollie Jewell [703-941-5643](tel:703-941-5643).

Mark your calendars: Our famous book sale is April 11-12, with setup on April 10.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Wed., Jan. 1 Half dues for new members until July!
- Sun.**, Jan. 12 2 p.m. Member meeting in two sessions: Second Branch Visioning Workshop. Then a Private exercise session, no fee. Both at Curves, 246A Broad St., Falls Church
- Tues., Jan. 14 7:30 p.m. Book Group discusses *Middlemarch*, 613 N. Oak St., Falls Church 22046
- Wed., Jan. 15 Let Kathy Kelley know if you want to stay with a Richmond AAUW member overnight for Lobby Day. Cf. page 4
- Mon., Jan. 20 Travel Group discusses travel deals, 7:30 p.m., 2912 Rosemary Lane, Falls Church 22042
- Reserve a spot at Lobby Day with Marilyn. Cf. page 4
- Mon., Jan. 27 Falls Church AAUW Board meeting, 7:30 p.m.
- Weds., Feb. 5 State Lobby Day in Richmond VA
- Sun.**, Feb. 9 2 p.m. Branch Focus Workshop (Final Visioning session)
- Sun., Feb. 16 12:30 p.m. Book Sale Organizing Brunch, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington



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