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## April

What: Book sale celebration and sales total announcement, cash dinner.

When: April 8-9 Book sale,  
followed by April 9 Celebration Dinner. Saturday April 9, 5:30 - 7:00pm

Where: Dinner at Panjshir Restaurant, 924 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046,  
[panjshir](http://panjshir.com) website.

## May Meeting

When: Monday, May, 9, 7:30pm

Where: Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road- In the Senior Center

What: AAUW Scholarship Awards and J.E.B. Stuart HS Speakers from AVID

The May meeting will be held Monday, May 9 at 7:30 pm in the senior center at the Falls Church Community Center. Falls Church AAUW scholarship awards will be announced at this meeting. Also, young women who are members of J.E.B. Stuart High School's AVID classes will speak on their experiences, especially the field trips to regional colleges which are supported by our branch. AVID (Advancement VIA Individual Determination) is a global nonprofit organization dedicated to closing the achievement gap by preparing all students for college and other postsecondary activities.

## Join us: Book Sale Celebration and Dinner



After book sale clean-up is complete, plan to attend the annual Book Sale Celebration on Saturday night, April 9. Returning to a former tradition, we'll be gathering at Panjshir in Falls Church right after the sale closes (approximately 5:30, depending on how long cleanup takes). Seating is first-come, first served. Everyone is welcome.

Don't miss this event for all! We'll be tired, but in high spirits-- it's a great chance to celebrate our success. Be the first to know the book sale gross total by coming to the dinner for the big announcement.

If you aren't familiar with the restaurant, Panjshir is located at 924 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046 (located on Rt. 7 near the light at West Street), serving Afghan cuisine, see the menu at [panjshir website](http://panjshir.com).

## Book Sale Publicity you can use.

Below is a blurb that you can use to publicize the book sale in your local community newsletter, list serve, or other outlet.

### Book Enthusiasts

For book bargains and selection, plan to shop the AAUW used book sale on Friday April 8 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) and Saturday April 9 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, just off Route 7.

More than 40,000 books for browsing and buying. Huge selection. Most books priced at \$3 or less. Proceeds benefit scholarships and grants for women and girls. Buy a book, send a girl to college.

For more information about the book sale, visit <http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale/> or call (703) 941-5643.

## Book Sale Volunteer Opportunities



As always, we need your help with the book sale! We're recruiting people to help with 3 main jobs:

- Book Sale Setup and Training ... Thus, April 7
- Selling books... at sale, Friday and Saturday, April 8 and 9
- Posting publicity ... April 1-April 8.

To sell books, fill out the online staffing sheet by clicking on the link: [2016 book sale staffing.xlsx](#). Note that this spreadsheet has 2 tabs: one by time and one by name.

### Thursday setup

Thursday afternoon starting at about 3pm, we really get busy setting up for the sale. Sarah John and Becky Gaul will have already arranged the table and the three truckloads of books will have arrived at the Community Center.

Now the job is to move all the books to tables and sort the “big” books that couldn’t be pre-sorted. Students from Aurora House and JEB Stuart will come after school to help, as will some from George Mason. But there’s still plenty for us to do.

Drop by the Community Center gym any time Thursday from 3-8 to help. Call Mary Youman at 571-277-5537 (cell) or Mollie Jewell at 571-331-3297 (cell) at the setup and sale.

### Book Sale Posters - NOW

Publicity is key – it gets paying customers. Hang your posters NOW where-ever you can. Also, send the blurb (below) to any and all locations you can think of.



## **Selling - Friday April 8 and Saturday April 9**

Selling books is what it's all about! You can still sign up at [2016 book sale staffing.xlsx](#) or just come and sell.

To find out when you are signed-up. Check the same file, but see the second tab: By name.

This year, we will hold a training session for book sellers on Thursday evening, April 16 (the night before the sale) at the Community Center. While it's not mandatory, the training will be an opportunity for you to ask questions. And, remember, we are accepting credit cards this year.



## **AAUW Educational Foundation**

### **How our book sale helps...**

In addition to our local scholarships and grants, our branch book sale benefits the programs of AAUW's Educational Foundation. The AAUW Educational Foundation, which is the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women in the world, supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. This year, our branch has just begun funding the endowment for a career development which we expect to fully fund in the next few years.

## **President's Letter**

Seems like things are moving fast and faster.

Our March meeting featured a heartfelt celebration of our legacy members and election by acclamation of our new slate of officers. Minutes of the March meeting and the officer reports will be posted to the FC AAUW website (after the book sale). A big thank-you to all who made this possible:

- Anne Baxter and Becky Gaul for organizing the legacy member recognition.
- Kitty Richardson, Diane Bodeen and Olivia Cedillo for their hard work on the nominating committee leading to our successful elections.
- Newly elected officers: Kristan McMahon (President-elect), Diane Bodeen and Sally Brett (Program Co-Vice President-elects, and Aida Loomis (Secretary-elect) for accepting positions to steer FC AAUW forward.
- Kristan McMahon for revising bylaws.
- Martha Trunk for budget,
- Other branch officers for their reports.

On Monday night, March 25, FC AAUW was privileged to receive the proclamation of Equal Pay Day from the Falls Church City Council thanks to the work of Marilyn Falksen, who has written

an article to describe the event. Then, on Sat April 2 we finished sorting all those books, thanks to the dedicated work of a dozen members who preserved through several rain delays to finish the job.

Speaking of the book sale (April 8 and 9 at the Community Center), our plans are now in motion. Come to the sale and bring your family, friends and neighbors. Help us setup, sell, and publicize the sale. Elsewhere in this newsletter you will find the “blurb” for the sale – publicize it far and wide, please. Send it to you neighborhood electronic bulletin board or any other outlet you can. We need customers! And plan to attend the Celebration dinner after the meeting on Sat. evening, April 9, 5:30 - 7:00pm at Panjshir Restaurant, 924 W. Broad St. for the announcement of the book sale totals.

Quickly following the book sale is the AAUW VA conference in Herndon April 15-17 Plan to attend by registering at the AAUW VA website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>)

Then, the next thing you know, it will be May and time to award our local scholarships, so plan to attend the May 9 meeting when we announce the winners.

### Not too late:

## **Attend the VA AAUW Conference**

April 15-17, 2016, Dulles Hyatt

All branch members are invited to the 2016 AAUW of Virginia Conference, April 15-17, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. Don't miss the exciting workshops, presenters and activities including the Friday night Washington-style Salon featuring cider tasting and entertainment to our 2016 Woman of Achievement Award to Dr. Kathryn Thornton, former astronaut and now UVA professor of aerospace engineering who will highlight the Saturday night banquet. The "Women Breaking Through" panel on Sunday will feature the quarterback of the national champion Divas who is also a homicide detective and the first female elected sheriff of Fairfax County. You will enjoy it all!

**Conference Registration.** You can access the online registration form by going to the AAUW VA website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>) and clicking on CONFERENCE. On the conference page is “Register for the 2016 AAUW of Virginia Conference.” Click on Register. Conference registration is \$90; optional events include Friday Night Salon (\$15) and Saturday Banquet with Cash Bar (\$35). Make hotel reservations at <http://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016>

Attending the conference from FC AAUW are: Anne Baxter, Susan Conklin, Becky Gaul, Martha Trunk, Kitty Bunny Jarrett, and Mollie Jewell (and there may be others). Join us, register today.

## **Equal Pay Day Activities**

Tuesday, April 12, 2016, is Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when women have finally earned as much money as men earned in 2015. Yes, on average it takes women more than an additional three months to make the same amount as men make in a year! This year the branch is recognizing Equal Pay Day in several ways.

## Mayor of Falls Church Proclaims Equal Pay Day

On Monday, March 28, several Branch members attended the City of Falls Church Council meeting at which Council member Marybeth Connelly sponsored a proclamation declaring April 12, 2016, Equal Pay Day in the City of Falls Church. The proclamation urged Falls Church residents to “recognize the full value of women’s skills and significant contributions to the labor force” and encouraged businesses “to ensure women and being paid fairly”. After unanimous approval by the Council, Mayor David Tarter signed the proclamation and presented it to President Jewel, who spoke briefly, emphasizing that it takes women more than three additional months to earn what men earn in one year.



Branch Members  
Martha Trunk, Marilyn  
Falksen, President Mollie  
Jewell, Kristan  
McMahon, and Olivia  
Cedillo with the City of  
Falls Church Council

and Falls Church Area  
AAUW President Mollie  
Jewell speaking to the City of Falls Church



Council about the gender pay gap.

## Letter to the Editor

In an effort to raise awareness of the gender pay gap, our President sent the following “Guest Commentary” to the Falls Church News-Press. Hopefully, the editor will print it.

### *Guest Commentary – Equal Pay Day*

*On Tuesday, April 12, 2016, the American Association of University Women (AAUW) will recognize Equal Pay Day, the symbolic day when women’s earnings finally catch up to what men earned in 2015. According to U.S. Census Bureau statistics, the median earnings for women working full time, year-round is only 79 percent of what men working full time, year-round make. And, the situation is even worse for women of color. Latina women make only 54 percent of what white men make, and African American women make just 63 percent. In our own State of Virginia, the statistics are only slightly better: median earnings for women are 80 percent of men’s earnings.*

*The pay gap is not caused solely by differences in career and lifestyle choices made by men and women. AAUW’s 2012 report, “Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation”, controlled for many factors such as college major, occupation,*

*industry, region, workplace flexibility, parenthood, and hours worked and found that one year after graduating from college, women still earned 7 percent less than their male counterparts*

*The wage gap between men and women isn't just a number; it's an economic issue for many families. A 2013 Pew Research Center study found that in 40 percent of households with children, the mother is the sole or primary wage earner. Pay equity is the key to families making ends meet and moving working families into the middle class.*

*Something must be done to close the gender pay gap. The Paycheck Fairness Act, introduced on March 25, 2015, in the U.S. House and Senate, is an important step in that direction. The measure updates and strengthens the Equal Pay Act of 1963 by creating stronger incentives for employers to follow the law, enhances federal enforcement efforts, and prohibits retaliation against workers who ask about a company's wage practices. I encourage readers to ask their Senators and Representative to support this important legislation.*

*Mollie Jewel, President, AAUW Falls Church Area*

## **AAUW Publication on the Gender Pay Gap**

At the annual book sale on April 8-9, Branch members will distribute literature about AAUW and the issues it supports, including the AAUW publication "The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap". This excellent research report provides documented statistics about the differences in pay received by men and women and breaks those differences into several subgroups, including race/ethnicity, age, and education. It also compares the salaries of men and women in various occupations and gives practical advice about steps that can be taken by employers, individuals, and governments to work toward eliminating the gender pay gap. If you would like a copy of this report, please contact the Branch's Public Policy Chair, Marilyn Falksen, at 703-534-8740 or via email at [falksen@yahoo.com](mailto:falksen@yahoo.com).

## **Governor Proclaims Equal Pay Day**

At the request of the AAUW of Virginia, Governor Terry McAuliffe signed and posted on his website a proclamation designating April 12, 2016 as Equal Pay Day in the Commonwealth of Virginia. Here's the link to the proclamation:

<https://governor.virginia.gov/newsroom/proclamations/proclamation/equal-pay-day-2016/>



## Federal Lobby Day

On Thursday, May 12, 2016, AAUW of Virginia members will participate in Federal Lobby Day. This event is held under the auspices of the AAUW Lobby Corp. AAUW of Virginia members will be matched up with experienced Lobby Corps members and assigned Congressional offices to visit that day. Seven Branch members already participate in this important program. Attending Federal Lobby Day is a good way to find out what being a Lobby Corps member entails.

If you are interesting in participating in Federal Lobby Day, please email the Branch Public Policy Chair, Marilyn Falksen, at [falksen@yahoo.com](mailto:falksen@yahoo.com) by April 22, 2016. Since the events on May 12 will begin in the morning, out-of-town AAUW members may wish to arrive on May 11 and stay overnight. If you are willing to host an out-of-town member, please email Marilyn.

## Martha Ann Miller

Some AAUW members may remember Martha Ann. She held many offices in the Arlington branch. She was a dynamo at membership recruitment! And she's still at it...

Martha Ann Miller at 104 was a speaker on a panel about teaching two black children on the first day public schools integrated in Virginia. Her story was in USA Today on 18 February. Read it at <http://www.usatoday.com/story/opinion/voices/2016/02/17/voices-ordinary-persons-extraordinary-life/80376908/> .

## New Members

### Generosity of New Members

We welcomed Aida Loomis as a new member in April of last year and Polly Rosenstein in September. Since then they quickly assimilated into our group by enthusiastically participated in our meetings and activities.

At the beginning of this year Aida agreed to manage the Hospitality Committee for our meetings. When the nominating committee met Aida's name came up as a new member who already demonstrated skills and energy. They asked her to submit her name as a candidate for secretary. Aida asked for the job description in the bylaws and considered the offer then said "yes". At the March meeting candidates were announced and Aida was voted in as secretary. That left the Hospitality Committee without a coordinator. However, at the end of the meeting Polly Rosenstein approached several officers to volunteer to take on the position. Polly actively attended most meetings since joining so had a good sense of what AAUW-FC is doing. The generosity of both new members to donate their time is greatly appreciated. Their courage to put themselves forward to take on a new task deserves our commendation. The way they

considered the opportunity to serve, analyzed the work and time commitment then agreed to help inspires confidence that they will do an excellent job. We thank them for their generosity.

## News from and about our members

Peggy Montgomery sends her heartfelt thanks for the warm sympathy she received on her father's recent death. She extends her thanks for the card we sent.

Condolences to Renate Alison-Rigl on the recent death of her mother-in-law.

Kitty Richardson is home recovering from knee surgery. She expects to come to the book sale, so drop by and say "Hi"

## March Snapshots



Book sorting in March is always an adventure!





Our March meeting honored Heritage members, including Jean Zapple.



Leah Porzel's family attended the March meeting and accepted gifts in her honor.



Anne Peabody could not attend, but was also honored.



There is time for lively conversation before and after meetings!

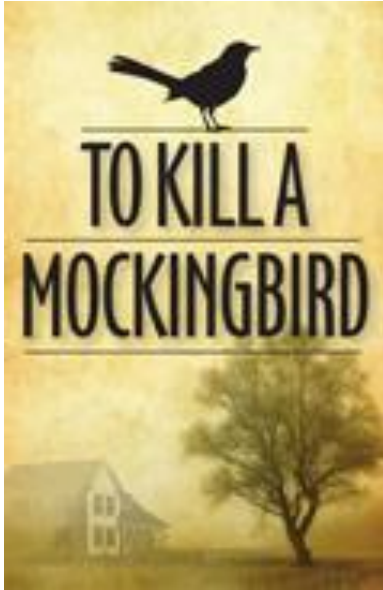


The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability.

<http://aauw---va.aauw.net>

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

April 7	Book Sale Set up- Falls Church Community Center
April 8	9am-9pm- Book Sale- Falls Church Community Center
April 9	9am-4pm Book Sale- Falls Church Community Center 4pm-5:30?pm Clean Up 5:30-7:00pm Celebration Dinner at Panjshir Restaurant, 924 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA 22046
April 12	Equal Pay Day in the Commonwealth of Virginia
April 15-17	VA AAUW Conference at the Dulles Hyatt
April 26	Alexandria Branch Fundraiser- "To Kill A Mockingbird" Little Theater of Alexandria
May 12	Federal Lobby Day



## **Alexandria Branch**

**Fundraising Event  
April 26, 2016**

**Little Theatre Of Alexandria  
600 Wolfe Street  
Alexandria, VA 22314**

Join the Alexandria and Mt Vernon AAUW Branches on April 26 to see a performance of this classic story set in Alabama during the Great Depression. Based on Harper Lee's Pulitzer Prize winning novel, *To Kill a Mockingbird* follows the journey of Jem and Scout Finch, whose father has been appointed to defend Tom Robinson, a black man framed for a crime he didn't commit. As the trial progresses, Jem and Scout witness their community in a tense tug of war between justice and racism. This timeless classic compels us to take an honest look at our nation's past and our moral responsibility to each other.

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Ticket proceeds support AAUW's Educational Funding and Awards programs  
(<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>)

**Tickets are \$30.00 each, \$12 is tax-deductible.**

**Contact Ginger Chamberlain for tickets, [gbcAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:gbcAAUW@gmail.com)**

**Become a Patron by donating \$10 or more to our fundraising effort.**

**A reception starts at 7:00 PM in the Green Room.**

**The performance starts at 8:00 PM with a 15 minute intermission.**

**Buy Raffle tickets at \$5 each or 3/\$10 to win one of 6 beautiful gift baskets!**