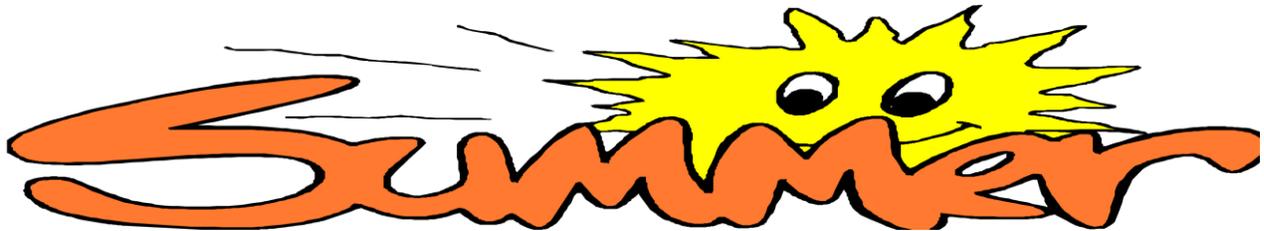


# AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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## **From the President**

*The Past. The Present. The Future.*

*The Past.* Looking back over the past year, I think fun, camaraderie, new knowledge, successful fundraising, and scholarship awards. I see the faces of the members who provided leadership to the Branch; who opened their homes for meetings; who provided an intelligent, thoughtful audience for speakers; who met and welcomed new members; who sorted books, carried books, and sold books to help educate girls locally and young women nationally.

*The Present.* Monday, June 8 is our annual Planning Picnic at Cherry Hill Park. This is a great opportunity to visit with members in an informal setting and sample some good food! Meet new members. Catch up with members you have not seen since the Holiday Party or book sorting. Plan for next year.

*The Future.* Put on your thinking caps and prepare to brainstorm ideas for the coming year. Our Program VPs Kristan McMahon and Peggy Montgomery will lead us in considering programs and activities that meet AAUW priorities, that appeal to the interests of members, and that celebrate our 65th anniversary as the Falls Church Area Branch.

Have you been thinking, "How can we celebrate our 65th Anniversary in a way that honors the women who established our branch on April 6, 1950 and all of the women since that time who have devoted their time and energy to making the Falls Church Area Branch what it is today?" To answer this question, join the Anniversary Committee by emailing me at [mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu](mailto:mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu). Do it today!

See you at the picnic June 8. Who's bringing the brownies?

Bunny Jarrett, President

## Will You Step Up?

I have been proud to serve as your president for the last three years. My term is up June 30, 2015. The Nominating Committee, with Kitty Richardson as chair, has not found a member who is willing to step into the presidency. I thought it would be helpful to describe the duties of President so that you will understand the role that needs to be filled.

First, let me say that you do not need to be a longtime member to be President. I became President a little over a year after joining AAUWFC. The President does not do the work of the Branch. She ensures that the work gets done. We are fortunate to have an experienced Board. The Board members are reliable self-starters who do not need reminders to do their jobs. They have been a pleasure to work with.

The duties of the President fall into two roles: Administrative Contact for National AAUW and AAUW-VA and Administrator of the Branch. This makes it easy to have Co-Presidents with a divided workload. I encourage you to consider a Co-President role. Together, I estimate that the Presidency takes an average of 2-3 hours a week. Some weeks there is little work. Others require such things as follow up from the Board meeting, writing a column for the newsletter, or attending a once-a-year District meeting. Here are the main duties for each role:

### **ADMINISTRATIVE CONTACT**

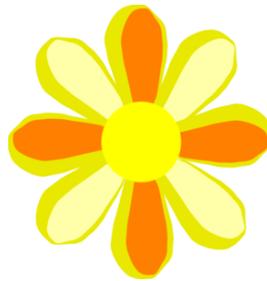
- \*Communicate AAUW and state initiatives and programs through email to the membership and encourage support and participation.
- \*Keep AAUW and the state informed of branch activities.

### **ADMINISTRATOR OF THE BRANCH**

- \*Preside over the board of directors/leadership team and branch meetings and conduct the business of AAUW
- \*With the board/leadership team, plan, implement and monitor branch activities
- \*Act as the face of AAUW in the branch and the community and be the branch's spokesperson.
- \*Participate in community events and projects that advance AAUW's mission. This is limited to a few per year.

Do you have some time to give to AAUWFC? Will you take on the role of President or Co-President? Please consider this request seriously. Contact Kitty Richardson at [kittyrichardson6@gmail.com](mailto:kittyrichardson6@gmail.com). Let me know if you have questions.

Bunny Jarrett, President



## **From the Board**

### **BOARD MEMBER REPORTS**

#### **Programs:** Kristen McMahon and Peggy Montgomery

Kristen and Peggy are planning the picnic for June 8, at 6:00 pm. The main focus of the meeting will be to plan activities and events for the coming year. Jill R. Birdwhistell, PhD, AAUW Chief Operating Officer, will attend the meeting and speak to the members about participation in AAUW. A meeting with representatives of Don Beyer Automotive, who are interested in supporting our activities and those of the LWVFC was 21 May. Bunny and Martha will represent AAUW and Ellen Salisbury, incoming President, will represent LWVFC. We discussed ways to collaborate with Don Beyer such as book sale support, STEM activities, and speaker costs for the 65th Anniversary. AAUW Falls Church Branch will celebrate its 65th anniversary this year. The date of our charter is April 6, 1950, but the celebration will be in the fall. The Board shared ideas on the celebration, such as a special luncheon or brunch with a speaker. Bunny will appoint a committee to explore these ideas and thoughts. Everyone agreed on 7 November 2015 for the celebration. Bunny will confirm this date with members at the Planning Picnic.

#### **Membership:** Kitty Richardson

Bunny reported for Kitty. We have four new members. It was moved that the free National membership we must use by June 30 should go to Marybeth Connelly for all the support she gives the branch through her position with the Falls Church City Public Schools. The new member tea will be 23 August and hosted by Becky Gaul at her home. Bunny and the Nominating Committee continue to explore possible candidates for President or Co-President

#### **Treasurer's Report:** Martha Trunk

The branch account's balance as of 4/30/15 is \$1347.31. As of 5/16/15, 16 people have renewed their membership. The final Book sale receipts are \$21,925.55. Total expenses were \$5,021.63 and about \$110 in unreimbursed expenses. The net book sale results are \$16,903.92, \$1300 above the 2014 sale. Credit card sales were \$4516.10, which resulted in a significant decrease in the number of checks. This is \$1600 more than last year.

We received donations to provide additional local scholarships and the expense for frames and certificates. Bunny will write thank you notes to the donors. Bunny shared an email from Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW President, expressing the concern of AAUW leadership and staff about the growing number of AAUW branches and states that have had their nonprofit tax-exempt

status revoked by the IRS. AAUW's legal advisers are working to determine appropriate advice for Branches and States.

**Just a reminder!**

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership. Another email set of reminders has been sent. If you click on the link in the email, it will take you directly to the AAUW site with your information already populated. You just need to input your credit card information and your dues will be automatically deposited in our bank account. You can also donate to our Career Development Grant by clicking on grants and selecting Falls Church Area Branch Career Development Branch (FY 2010). But if you prefer, you can send your check for \$77 directly to Martha Trunk, 6571 Snowbell Lane, Falls Church, VA 22042.

If you've moved or any of your personal information has changed, you can update your records at National when you pay your dues or at anytime. Just go into the Member Service Database (yes all 3 prompts). Your information will be at the top and there is a prompt to click here to edit your information. This is the only way that National knows where to send the Outlook magazine and other written correspondence. In order for the member listing in the member center on our branches' home page to be updated, you have to let Becky Gaul, Kitty Richardson or Martha Trunk know the correct information. Although we don't do much mailing, it is important to have the correct information.

**Secretary:** Susan Conklin

AAUW-VA State Conference was well received and well attended. Linda Hallman did two excellent presentations on AAUW and where it is going. The Human Trafficking small group session was informative and well received as were all the concurrent sessions. Bunny attended the session on Archiving. She suggested the AAUW archivist as a possible speaker for the anniversary celebration to present the history of AAUW.

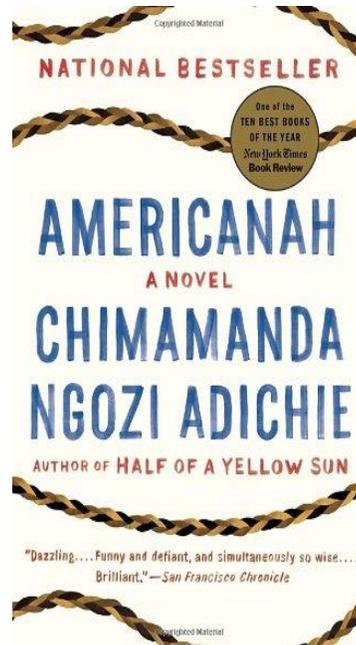


**Book Group:** Becky Gaul

The book discussed was I am Malala at the 19 May meeting.

Thanks to all who participated in reading a variety of books this year, even those who weren't able to get to meetings! We've already got interesting ideas for next year. Please put our next book, for September 15th, on your summer reading list: Americanah by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie. One of the NY Times 10 Best Books of the Year 2014, NPR's review said it's a "knockout of a novel about immigration, American dreams, the power of first love, and the shifting meanings of skin color. . . . A marvel."

Later in 2015, we're considering Down Dark by Hector Tobar (Chilean Mine rescue), Alice Walker's Possessing the Secret of Joy, The Plague by Albert Camus (re: Ebola) and looking at women's roles in Shakespeare. Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't read the book!!!



**Scholarship:** The Annual AAUW FC Scholarship Awards Meeting was held on Monday, May 11 at the Woodrow Wilson Library. Members had the opportunity to meet and encourage our scholarship winners and see how we invest our book sale profits. It was inspiring to hear of their many achievements.

Thanks to all who helped out with the meeting and the selection of the winners including Anne, Sharon and Elizabeth for wading through mounds of paper, negotiating selection of winners, helping with greeting and meeting logistics, Edward for taking his wonderful photos and helping with setup and cleanup, Neale for helping with setup, Dianne for arranging for and transporting our wonderful speaker, Elaine Ayo, Peggy for arranging the wonderful refreshments, Kitty for helping with the meeting setup and logistics, Martha for paying the colleges and universities, all the high school counselors for promoting our scholarships and all our members for their ongoing support of the local scholarship program and attendance at the Scholarship Awards night.

We were all energized by the accomplishments of these young women and their plans for future education.



Photos from the Scholarship Meeting on May 11.

### **Announcements**

\*The Summer Leadership Conference will be 18 July in Williamsburg from 1030 am to 430 pm. Lunch will be served. Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter for further information.

\*Candidate Meet & Greet: Our branch has been asked by Leslie Tourigny through Caroline Pickens to volunteer to help with Candidate Meet & Greets for all the Fairfax County supervisor districts. Bunny will communicate to Caroline that our Branch will issue a call for individual volunteers in August when detailed plans are complete rather than support this effort as a Branch. Marilyn Falksen, Public Policy Chair, will be our point of contact.

\*The June Board meeting will be June 29th at Bunny's home. This is rescheduled from the original June 22 date.

### **Volunteer at Lantern Book Store**

Mary Youman and her family regularly pick up books for our Book Sale from the Lantern Bookstore in Georgetown. Lantern has asked for volunteers for Lantern. Mary says that we get a lot of books from them, many of them good books. It is a mutually helpful partnership. Anyone interested in volunteering should call Lantern at 202-333-3222. At this point they are closed on Monday, Tuesday and sometimes Wednesdays because they just don't have enough volunteers.

### **Can you Help?**

Branch Communications chair Becky Gaul needs volunteers to send notices to the Falls Church News Press, online newsletters, neighborhood blogs, etc. What do you read? Where are you willing to share AAUW news? Please consider this small, but very important, job! Contact Becky at [beckygaul@verizon.net](mailto:beckygaul@verizon.net) or 703-608-9121.





## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- June 8 Planning Picnic-**6:00 pm** at Cherry Hill Park Picnic Shelter next to the Community Center
- June 8 Solving the Equation Research Report discussion w/ Rep. Donna Edwards 8:30am – noon, Google Washington, DC, 25 Massachusetts Ave., NW, Ninth Floor, Washington, DC 20001
- June 29 Board Meeting at 7:30, home of Bunny Jarrett
- July 15 Annual Reports from all Board members should be posted to webpage
- July 18 Summer Leaders Meeting, Williamsburg, VA
- August 23 New Member Tea, home of Becky Gaul
- October 3 Northern Virginia District Meeting

Empowering Women Since 1881

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>

Additional Photos of the May 11 scholarship meeting courtesy of Edward Kessel



**Having trouble finding leaders? Hyperventilating about all that email you receive? Interested in alternative ways to lead a branch?**

**We invite you and your members to attend the  
AAUW of Virginia Summer Leaders Meeting**

**July 18, 10:30-4:30  
Clarion Hotel Historic District  
351 York Street  
Williamsburg, Virginia.**

**Gain a fresh understanding of leadership**

Form carpools with your members and meet us there from 10:30am-4:30pm.

Lunch will be a Deluxe Salad Bar that includes salads of various kinds with soup and bread, costing \$20 per person.

The session topics will include Leadership, Managing Volunteers, Email Management and Public Policy for Branches.

The session will be interactive, with time for networking. Members interested in all aspects of AAUW are encouraged to attend.

**ALL YOU NEED TO DO:**

**1) Reply to Sandy Lawrence ([sandyaauw@juno.com](mailto:sandyaauw@juno.com)) and Patsy Quick ([pnquick@cox.net](mailto:pnquick@cox.net)) with number of attendees by **July 9, 2015**.**

**2) Mail registration form (refer to Bunny's May 26 email) and check/s made to **AAUW of VA** for \$20 per person (lunch) by **July 9, 2015** to**

**Patsy Quick  
5508 Old Mill Rd.  
Alexandria, VA 22309**

**Mark your calendars.**

**SEE YOU IN WILLIAMSBURG!**