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From the President (On behalf of Traveling President)

March brings with it excitement generated by Women's History Month, book sale prep and the promise of Spring.

Women's history took a giant step forward in December with the Congressional approval of legislation calling for the creation of a privately funded, bipartisan congressional commission to study and produce a plan for a national women's history museum in the nation's capital. The bipartisan legislation was co-sponsored by Senator Susan Collins (R-ME), Representative Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), Senator Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) and Representative Marsha Blackburn (R-TN). The bill was signed into law by President Obama that same month.

We are All About the Book Sale! Mollie has already coordinated several activities in preparation. At the March 9th meeting there will be an emphasis on filling volunteer slots for the numerous jobs that help make our signature annual effort a success. So please bring your calendars, day timers and/or iCals so you know which times you are available to contribute your unique skills to this effort.

News Flash - we will be accepting credit cards at the book sale for the first time this year.

Kristan McMahon and Peggy Montgomery arranged two hugely successful programs in January and February. March is our annual business meeting. Work we have done in the past years (the visioning project, task forces generating reports on our scholarship program, book sale and budget) have paid off with a clear framework to guiding branch activities. One item of business this year will be to start the discussion about the AAUWFC Corporate Donation Fundraising Feasibility Report January 2015 which is posted on our website under the secured Members page. Each members' input is important.

April 14th is Equal Pay Day. GMU, our College/University Partner, plans events to bring the issue to the attention of young men and women on campus.

Kitty Richardson



From the Board

The Board met February 23rd at the home of Marilyn Falksen. Kitty Richardson called the meeting to order at 7:30pm. Becky Gaul moved to approve the 15 January 2015 Board Minutes. Martha Trunk seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

Programs: Kristan McMahon and Peggy Montgomery reported that the 25 January Human Trafficking program was a huge success and that an after action report has been sent to national. The possibility of a follow-up program was discussed and deferred to the March meeting. The Brain Functioning Program on 8 February after action report has been completed and sent to national. Again there are potential follow-up programs that are possible and will be deferred to the March meeting.

Membership: Kitty Richardson reported that the Exit Interview Feedback survey had been sent to 10 former members. One response was received and that individual renewed their membership. In the future, it was suggested using Survey Monkey to get feedback. Kitty also reported on the Northern District meeting held on Saturday, January 17. Kitty reported on our Diversity Subcommittee activities.

Treasurer: Martha Trunk reported that the regular bank account has \$1305.79 for expenses incurred for the Human Trafficking Program from a grant from AAUW-VA. \$31.97 will be used to reimburse Peggy Montgomery for expenses incurred for making copies and the branch will be reimbursed for the donation to Courtney House. The 2014-2015 budget was \$685. Our income of \$585 was for 45 members and \$100 from reserves. So far this year we have spent \$321.27 which includes the \$65 donation to Courtney House. There is also \$! 38.23 of reimbursed expenses. We do not have a room assigned for the May meeting (a \$20 liability if we use the Community Center). We also owe for the Fall Festival in October 2015 (\$55) and the gift basket for the VA state convention (budget \$50). We have not received any other expense requests. For 2015-2016, Martha proposes the same amount for expenses, using 42 members as the base plus \$139 from reserves. The book sale bank account has \$11,783.06. There is \$6000 set aside for scholarships and \$2340 for special projects. This leaves a balance of \$3443.06 for Book sale expenses.

Nominating Committee: Kitty Richardson reported that Monday, March 9th is one of the most important meetings of our program year. It is our annual business meeting in which we discuss what we have accomplished over the past year and what we are planning for the coming year. Member input is vital to the process.

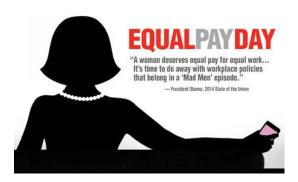
There are three offices to be filled this election - President, Membership VP and Treasurer. The election will take place as part of the business meeting.

The nominating committee reports the following candidates:

President - no candidate found Membership VP - Kitty Richardson is willing to serve another term Treasurer - Martha Trunk is willing to serve another term.

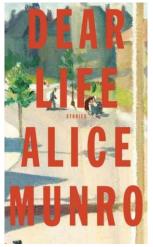
Nominations will be accepted from the floor and added to the ballot prior to voting. Discussion is ongoing with senior state and national AAUW leaders concerning alternative leadership options available to us (instead of the presidency model we have used).

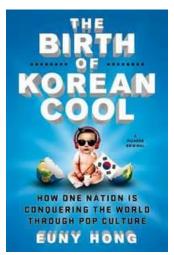
Public Policy: Marilyn Falksen discussed the current hot issue in Congress—Elementary and Secondary Education Act which the House votes on this week. She also discussed Equal Pay Day on 14 April. There will be materials on equal pay at the membership table at the book sale along with equal pay stickers to hand out. She will prepare a Letter to the Editor to be published by the Falls Church newspaper. She is also working on a request that the Mayor of Falls Church declare April 14 Equal Pay Day in Falls Church.



Book Sale: Mollie Jewel reported on the Book Sale. There are numerous jobs that go into making the book sale a success. Mollie and Becky are revising the "sign up" sheets and process. Early in the March time frame, meeting time will need to be provided to explain and get the volunteers needed. Book sorting starts Saturday, March 7th. Becky and Martha talked to Judy Page of the McLean Branch about accepting credit cards during their September book sale. The use of credit cards was thoroughly discussed and it was agreed that we will implement their use this year. Volunteers with phones will be trained on use of the system. Martha Trunk will be the point of contact on this project. Please continue reading this newsletter for more detailed information!

Book Club: The February book meeting was cancelled. The discussion of Alice Munro's short story collection Dear Life will be discussed Tuesday, March 17th at the home of Anne Baxter.





Diversity: Mary Riley Stiles Library has an interesting new book, <u>The Birth of Korean Cool: How One Nation Is Conquering the World Through Pop Culture</u>, by Euny Hong. The book combines humor and in-depth reporting to recount "how South Korea vaulted itself into the twenty-first century, becoming a global leader in business, technology, education, and pop culture". Residents of Fairfax County with South Korean background make up an influential portion of our community

Special Projects: The Special Projects application has been posted on the website on the members-only password protected page. Two special project applications were brought before the board for approval.

- Application for \$425 scholarship for the National College Campus Women Student Leaders' Conference (NCCWSL) for Brenna Dinicola, a George Mason University student was requested by Elizabeth Kessel.
- Application for \$200 to partially cover the expense of renting Hunting Ground, a film produced by the producer/director team that made The Invisible War.
 Hunting Ground will be shown on campus in coordination with the annual week of events to raise awareness of various incidents of violence in our society and specifically on our campuses. Requestor was Kitty Richardson.
- Motion to approve funding of both requests was unanimous. Marilyn moved to accept and Mollie seconded the motion.
- There are more funds available for Special Projects. Members are encouraged to look at the application information on the members' page of our website and apply on behalf of a worthy cause.

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 or 703-608-9121.

Movie Blog



The Movie Group is still viewing the latest from Hollywood! If you want to read one member's take on the films of the day, go to Susan Conklin's blog http://suzismovies.blogspot.com/ And consider joining the group any Wednesday; contact Kitty Richardson kittyrichardson6@gmail.com for information.

Information to Share: The online member list has been updated. Kitty will also check for alternative venues for the May Scholarship meeting since we do not have a room reserved at the Falls Church Community Center. She will check with the Falls Church Fire Station community room and the Westover Library in Arlington for availability of meeting rooms. In 2016, the state convention will be held in Northern Virginia at a hotel near Dulles Airport.

Book Drive Started. Bin at Community Center.

Book collection...already started and our collection bin is ready at the Falls Church Community Center thanks to Becky Gaul. If your friends or neighbors are cleaning-up or downsizing remind them that they can donate their books to our sale and help send a girl to college. We are looking for gently used books of all kinds: hardcovers, paperbacks, fiction, nonfiction, children's and more!

Donors can deposit good, clean, saleable books in the book collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center between March 1 and April 5. Or they can bring them to Mary's during book sorting Youman's (4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington), 10-4 any Saturday in March between 9am and 3pm. If that isn't convenient, call the Youmans (703/528-8993) to make sure someone will be home when they deliver the books.

Donations are 50% tax deductible, value assigned by the donor. Sale profits fund scholarships and grants for local girls and AAUW's national scholarship program for women and girls. So when you donate a book you help send a girl to college.

You can help transport books. Sign up to transport books from the bin in the community center to the Youman's - plenty of slots available. Sign up at the March meeting or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer.

Reminder: Book Sorting Starts March 7

Book Sale - April 17 and 18



Book sorting starts on Saturday March 7. Aside from good weather, our biggest need is **your help.** Once again, we have a mountain of books to sort before the sale and we'll need lots of people to setup and staff the sale.

Come any Saturday (March 7 to April 11) to sort at 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington). We sort in the driveway from 10am to 4pm; we are outdoors, so

We invite all book sorters to share in a simple lunch each week, so you don't have to worry about getting hungry. And, remember, book sorters get first crack at the books!

Call Mollie Jewell (703-941-5643) or Mary Youman (703-528-8993) with your questions or to volunteer.



Book Sale Volunteer Opportunities



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

Sorting books ... Saturdays, March 7 - April 11 (Sundays in case of rain)

dress for the weather.

- Book Sale Setup and Training ... Thus, April 16
- Selling books... at sale (April 17 and 18)
- Posting publicity ... April 12-April 18.

Other Misc. Jobs. We also have a host of other jobs transporting books, distributing book marks at the Farmer's Market, helping with various jobs at book sorting, sale photographer, and others. Sign up at the March meeting or at book sorting, call Mollie Jewell (703-941-5643, or fill out the online staffing sheet by clicking on the link: 2015 book sale staffing.xlsx. Note that this spreadsheet has 3 tabs: one for Sorting Season jobs, Week of the Sale, and Publicity/Signs.



Book Sorting

Book sale setup

Sorting is our biggest worry right now. We'll sort books every Saturday starting March 7 (weather permitting). The job description is straightforward: sort books and box them by subject. If you have a few hours, you really can accomplish a lot. Remember, we sort outdoors, so dress appropriately; and call first if the weather looks bad (Mary Youman 703-528-8993). AAUW provides sandwiches for lunch, so don't worry about that going hungry.

Come to Mary Youman's (near Ballston at 4419 N. 18th Street) any time between 10am and 4pm on Saturdays in March. Sign up and we'll give you a reminder call or email. Call Mollie Jewell at 703/941-5643 or Mary Youman at 703-528-8993 to find out more about sorting.

Book Sale Posters

Publicity is also important because it draws paying customers. In addition to our announcements and ads in papers and on radio and TV stations, the posters draw many customers. That's where you come in. Christiane de Jong has redesigned the posters for this year with our slogan "Buy a book, help send a girl to college." Pick up your posters at the March meeting or sorting session and signup for a convenient location. Starting April 1, hang the posters. Then each time you return, make sure the sign is still up. Many stores change their policies each year or regularly remove signs - so keep at it!

Selling



Selling books is what it's all about! The job is comparable to retail clerking; if you like books, people, or money, it's really lots of fun. Sign up for at least one 3-hour shift!

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.

Credit Cards at Book Sale!

We plan to accept credit cards at this year's Book Sale. Using McLean Branch's positive September sale experience with 'free' Square card readers, we'll use that service. Customers who want to charge purchases will be directed to a special cashier with a card reader. We'll charge \$1 to cover the 2.75% processing fee. If you have an iPad or iPhone and are willing to help, please let Becky, Martha or Mollie know. Very brief training will be provided before Book Sale weekend.

Volunteer for many jobs!

Remember, you don't need to limit yourself to just one job. Sign -up at the meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to volunteer, call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643.

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.

Book donations

The books are coming in. We already have a lot of books and the collection bin at the Community Center. If you, your friend, or neighbor has good, saleable books, we'd love to have them.

Guidelines for book donations. We've gotten selective about accepting books. We just can't sell magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, and books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition – no matter how meaningful they are to the donor. So please tell donors that we are accepting only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can't accept. The other books, unfortunately, must be put in the trash.

If you are accepting book donations from your friends, you can cut out and give them the following receipt:

AAUW Educational Equity Booksale Falls Church Community Center April 17 and 18 Promoting education and equity for women and girls Thank you for your donation of:
Soft cover books
Hard cover books
Other: Value to be established by donor. 50% Tax deductible. Benefits AAUW scholarships/projects for girls.

April 17

Book Sale Celebration and Dinner

After helping out at the book sale, plan to attend the annual Book Sale Celebration on Saturday night, April 17. Returning to a former tradition, we'll be gathering at the new Anthony's (Rt. 50 and Annandale Road) in Falls Church right after the sale closes. This is an event for book sale workers and family. Don't miss this very special (and fun) event -- it's a great chance to celebrate our success.

Publicity you can use.

Below are two blurbs that you can use to publicize the book sale in your local community newsletter, list serve, or other outlet.

Used Book Sale

April 17 and 18



Fri. April 17......9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sat. April 18......9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

Buy a book, send a girl to College

Falls Church Community Center 223 Little Falls Rd, Falls Church VA More information call (703) 941-5643

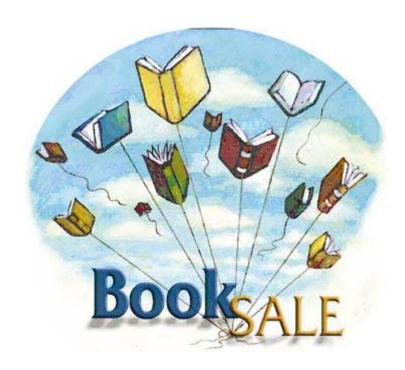
http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale/
Falls Church Area Branch AAUW

FC AAUW Used Book Sale April 17 and 18 Buy a book, send a girl to college

Fri. April 17......9 a.m. - 9 p.m. Sat. April 18......9 a.m. - 4 p.m. Benefits women's scholarship programs

Falls Church Community Center 223 Little Falls Rd, Falls Church VA For more information call (703) 941-5643 http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale/

Falls Church Area AAUW





TIME IS TICKING AWAY UNTIL THE AAUW-VA CONFERENCE

The AAUW-VA Conference on 18-19 April is getting close and time will be running out to get the discounted registration rate by 27 March. The conference speakers focus on our state priorities and issues that are relevant to women and girls.

Geoffrey Skelley, media relations coordinator for the University of Virginia Center for Politics and associate editor of Sabato's Crystal Ball which is the Center's non-partisan newsletter on American campaigns and elections will be discussing the implication of the 2014 elections. What does he foresee as our political priorities leading to the 2016 elections. How will this shape our national and state priorities?

Virginia does have Human Trafficking and Lara Powers, of the Polaris's national HumanTrafficking Resource Center will address that issue. As a Regional Specialist for the Mid-Atlantic region of the even states that includes Virginia.

Campus Domestic Violence is another hot topic at the conference. Mary Ann Sprouse, Director of George Mason University's Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education and Services, along with JoAnn Bautti, Assistant Director, Old Dominion University Women's Center, will speak on Preventing Campus Domestic Violence.

This is also a great opportunity to get up to speed on AAUW. Suzanne Gould, AAUW Archivist will discuss our rich history and significant milestones. Linda Hallman, AAUW Executive Director, will answer your questions on AAUW's Impact. In another session she discusses our future.

There is also some play involved like the Ash-Lawn-Highland tour of James Monroe's home. You will help us build a cake with your wishes for AAUW. Actually, there isn't enough space to list all the fun events so you just have to come and see for yourself.

Don't forget to buy your copy of The History of AAUW of Virginia for only \$10.00. The author Neola Waller will accept cash and checks.

Don't miss this opportunity to celebrate AAUW of VA' 90th anniversary. SEE YOU IN CHARLOTTESVILLE!!.

Get all the information you need at:

http://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2012/08/2015-Conference-Brochure-FINAL5.pdf

Bunny Jarrett will be driving down and back on Saturday, April 18 and can give members a ride.

Registration AAUW VA/WVA State Conference April 18-19, 2015

DoubleTree Hilton, Charlottesville

Name	AA	UW Branch	
Street Address			
City	State		Zip Code
Phone	Email		
Check all that apply:			
	Current Branch President	dent?	Student Affiliate?
Past State President?	Current Branch President Current State Board M	Member?	Presenter?
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Received by March 27:	\$80 Received after March	27: \$90	\$
Saturday Buffet Dinner and Special needs:			<u> </u>
Lodging Information: Doub	leTree by Hilton Hotel	Charlottesville	
990 Hilton Heights Road, Charlo	•	1-434-973-2121	
http://doubletree.hilton.com/en/dt/er			ex.ihtml?WT.mc_id=POG
Or call 800/222-8733 and request the			
Exclusive AAUW Virginia rate:	Standard room \$139.00 (olus tax) Not inclu	ded in registration.
Sunday James and Elizabetl	n Monroe's Ash Lawn-	Highland Tour	
10:00 to 12:00 noon			
Tour departs from the DoubleTre	ee at 9:15 a.m.		
Tour and Box Lunch \$20 x nun	nber attending:		\$
(Note: lunch choices	below. Please check you	r choice.)	
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Make check payable to AAUN	⁷ Virginia NW District (N	ote: No refunds a	fter April 10)
Mail registration form and che	ck to: Mary Froehlich, l	l 12 Oak Ridge Dı	., Stephens City, VA 22655
	(h) 540/869-1728 froeh	@comcast.net	
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Saturday Workshops (choos			
A. Human Trafficking	B. Branch Archives	C. Campus S	Sexual Violence
Sunday Breakfast Meeting (Cost of breakfast buffe	t not included)	
Counterparts Meeting: Your off	ice?		
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Sunday Ashlawn-Highlands	Tour Box Lunch Salac	tions Indicate sel	ection/s
Served with 8-oz bottled water a			
Dietary Restrictions?	nu nun saiau, choice or pe	nato or pasta salau	(circle one), and a orowine.
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•The Chickadee Sliced grilled chick		-	
•The Hammer Black Forest ham, H			
•The Roma Mozzarella, romaine le			_
•The Henny Penny Grilled chicken	Monterey Jack whole grain me	evonnaise romaine to	mato on ciabatta roll



Build-a-Cake!

We are proud and excited to be celebrating 90 years of AAUW of Virginia this year! Through the decades we have had many challenges and many successes! But, there are also many things left to do! We can't wait to create an even stronger future for women and girls. Join the celebration! What do you wish for the next 90 years?

We will build –a –cake with your wishes at the Conference. There are 2 ways to participate:

- Write down your wish at the State Conference in Charlottesville at the birthday table,
- Send a wish early by email by April 15 to pnquick@cox.net, or sandyaauw@juno.com;

Show your pride and your hope for the future! Help us build-a-cake!

The League of Women Voters and the Arlington branch, AAUW is co-sponsoring an update for citizens on the work of the 2015 Virginia General assembly Session. It will be held Saturday, March 14 from 11am-1pm at the Campbell Room of the Shirlington Branch Library. State Delegates and Senators from our area will be there to take questions from the audience.

The League of Women Voters has scheduled a public forum on "Firearms: Reducing the Risk in Fairfax County" on March 22, 2015 @ Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road, Burke, Va.

LWV of the Fairfax Area has done 3 studies on firearms risk and safety. We see this as a forum for the general public, to educate them about the risks of firearms in the home and environs. The main point of the presentation is to show how Fairfax agencies and police work together to identify people at risk and try to reduce the risk. The cooperation among the police and the social service agencies in this county is very encouraging to us when we did our studies.

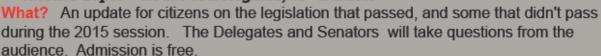
Please refer to the following flyers for further information.

Come Learn about the 2015 Virginia General Assembly Session

When? Saturday March14, 11:00 am-1:00 pm

Where? Campbell Room, Shirlington Branch Library, 4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, Va

- Who? Adam Ebbin Virginia Senate, District 30
- Barbara Favola Virginia Senate, District 31
- Janet Howell Virginia Senate, District 32
- Patrick Hope House of Delegates, 47th District
- Rip Sullivan House of Delegates, 48th District
- Alfonso Lopez House of Delegates, 49th District



Sponsored by League of Women Voters of Arlington and the Arlington Branch, American Association of University Women. For more information: Sara Anderson, 703-532-3830





FIREARMS: REDUCING THE RISK IN FAIRFAX COUNTY

a special forum presented by

The League of Women Voters® of the Fairfax Area

When: Sunday, March 22, 2015 (2:00 - 3:30 pm)

Location: Pohick Regional Library, 6450 Sydenstricker Road

(off the Old Keene Mill Road)

Burke, VA 22015 (703-644-7333)

Speakers:

Sandra Bromley, JD, Fairfax County-Wide Domestic Violence Coordinator Risk of Firearm Misuse in Domestic Violence

Jesse Ellis, Prevention Manager

Fairfax County Department of Neighborhood and Community Services Risk of Firearm Misuse in Suicide

John T. Frey, Crime Prevention Officer

Fairfax County Police Department Firearm Safety

Kristin Goss, PhD, Moderator

Associate Professor of Public Policy Studies and Political Science
Duke University
President of the Arlington League of Women Voters
Author of "Disarmed: The Missing Movement for Gun Control in America" and
"The Gun Debate: What Everyone Needs to Know" (with Phillip J. Cook)

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

March 9	AAUWFC Annual Meeting, 7:30pm, FC Community Center
March 14	League of women Voters -Update on the 2015 Virginia General assembly session, 11:00am-1:00pm, Campbell Room, Shirlington branch Library, 4200 Campbell Avenue, Arlington, VA
March 17	Book Club, 7:30pm at Anne Baxter's home- <u>Dear Life</u> by Alice Munro
March 22	League of Women Voters- "Firearms: Reducing the Risk in Fairfax County", 2:00-3:30pm, Pohick Regional Library
April 16, 17, 18	Book Sale, FC Community Center
April 18-19	AAUW-VA Conference, Charlottesville, VA
May 11	Scholarship Awards meeting, 7:30pm, location TBA
June 8	Planning Picnic

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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.

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