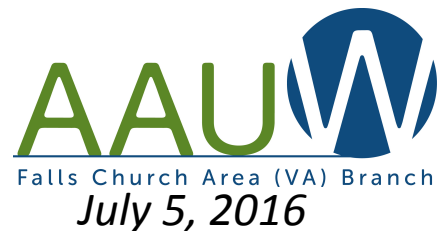


## AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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### September Meeting

When: Monday, September 12 at 7:30 pm

Where: Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St, Falls Church

Topic: What Do I Do Now?—Keeping active and growing in our later years (or those of our parents)

### President's Thank you

Thank you for your support of Falls Church AAUW during this past year. Your enthusiasm for AAUW goals and support of our many branch activities have made my year as interim president much easier than I had anticipated. So many times when I asked someone to do something, the answer was “already done!” or “Yes, I will also...” This spirit has made my job a joy. Thanks to all for your spirit of cooperation.



Now, as of July 1, the newly elected branch officers have officially taken their positions, and all have been hard at work already. I had a productive transition meeting with Kristan McMahon, our new president, who is has been thinking deeply about her office and will be reaching out to branch members over the summer. Diane Bodeen and Sally Brett have started program planning. We are looking forward to Sally's return to Falls Church in September, meanwhile she and Diane are collaborating by long distance. The third new board member is Aida Loomis (communications/secretary); Aida is a relatively new member who will do an able job. If you haven't met her at book sorting or sale or a branch meeting, go ahead and introduce yourself when you have a chance.

Wearing my other hat (book sale), Mary Youman and I have booked the FC Community Center gym for the 2017 book sale on April 7 & 8, with setup on April 6. This is the weekend before Easter. So, if you have them, you can mark your calendars now.

Now that July 4 is upon us, I wish you a good summer. I'll see you at the September meeting, if not before! With all my sincere thanks for a wonderful year,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read 'Mark Jewell'. The signature is fluid and cursive.

### **Sally Brett bio (incoming Co-VP for Programs)**

Sally Brett returns to the branch leadership after a two-year hiatus in Ohio. As a two-term President, she charged committees to (1) study the allotment of funds from the book sale which resulted in increased funding for the scholarship committee and greater transparency to the membership; (2) study the book sale to ascertain long term plans; and (3) create scholarship committee rota policy and standardize criteria for selection. She also created, with Diane Bodeen, the I Am book as a means of renewing membership motivation. Sally looks forward to returning to the dynamic and smart branch that so quietly leads Northern Virginia AAUW in many ways!

### **Aida Loomis bio (Incoming Communications/Secretary)**

Aida Uribe Loomis was born in Brownsville, Texas. She grew up in Miami, FL where she graduated from an all-girls high school and the University of Miami. Shortly after graduation, Aida married, moved to upstate New York, and started a family. While raising three beautiful, intelligent young women, she completed her MBA at the Rochester Institute of Technology. Today, Aida has over 20 years experience in sales and customer operations in the telecom industry.

Aida's love of the arts started as a young girl with ballet. She continues to be an aficionado of the visual arts. She attends musical theater shows and ballets and takes flamenco and castanet lessons. Her other life long passion is current events. Aida is ready on a moments notice to share the talking points on many recent news topics.

Aida is excited to be a part of AAUW and to be more actively involved as Secretary of the Falls Church branch.



**Summer flowers**

## Book Sale April 7 & 8, 2017

We have booked and paid for the Community Center for next year's sale: April 7 and 8, with setup on Thursday April 6. Shortly after the sale, we cleaned up the Youman's garage. Now, yes, we have officially started accepting books for the next sale. If you are bringing books or talking to folks about donations, use the guidelines that follow here.



AAUW collects gently used books at the house of Mary and Chuck Youman, which is located in north Arlington on 18th St. off Glebe Rd between Washington Blvd and Lee Highway at - 4419 N. 18th Street. To deliver books, call the Youmans (703/528-8993) to arrange delivery. Donations are 50% tax deductible, and the donor sets the value.

**Donation Guidelines:** we cannot accept:

1. Books that are not in good condition (falling apart, musty, moldy, smelly - e.g. from cigarette smoke)
2. Reader's Digest condensed books, encyclopedias
3. Textbooks or out-of-date technical books.

We sell the books at our annual sale April (7&8) – the profits fund scholarships for local girls and AAUW's national scholarship program. So, we are looking for good, clean, saleable books. The others we just have to throw these in the trash, which taxes the energy of our hard-working volunteers. :-)



AAUW Educational Equity Booksale  
Falls Church Community Center  
April 7 and 8

*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.

Profits to AAUW scholarships for girls.

\_\_\_\_\_  
Falls Church Area AAUW  
(703) 941-5643

\_\_\_\_\_ Date \_\_\_\_\_

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

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## Lobby Corps News

The Virginia AAUW is again offering mini-grants for activities that address public policy issues covered by either the AAAUW Public Policy Program of 2015-2017 or Virginia AAUW 2016-2018 Public Policy Priorities such as Title IX, eliminating campus violence, health care, voting rights, the gender pay gap. I believe we received a mini-grant in 2015 for our program on human trafficking, which was an AAUW priority that year. Grants must be submitted by October 1 and will range from \$50 to \$500. If one of our programs for 2016-17 fits into this category, we may be able to receive a grant to help defray the cost of a speaker or other expenses. Let Marilynn know if you want to pursue this opportunity.

## Notes from Kitty Richardson:

### Cultural Diversity Event

Group Dinner: Present Restaurant serving Imperial Vietnamese Cuisine

6678 Arlington Blvd. (corner of Arlington Blvd. and Annandale Road)

**Date: Monday, July 25<sup>th</sup>**

The MIT Alumni Club of which my husband, Bill, is a member sponsored a group dinner at Present Restaurant a few months ago. The price was \$35 per person for a family style dinner of many courses. The owner explained food preparation, the Vietnamese culture and the history of the Vietnamese community in Northern Virginia – particularly Falls Church.

Present is consistently highly rated for its excellent food beautifully presented.

At our planning picnic in June a list was compiled to assess interest. Of those present there was a count of 10 to 20 people who would be interested. (Some signed up for 1 or 2 in their party which explains the variance.)

More information about the particulars such as menu will be coming out after the July 4<sup>th</sup>. weekend.

If you are interested in signing up or if you have questions call or email Kitty @:

[kittyrichardson6@gmail.com](mailto:kittyrichardson6@gmail.com) (703) 573-3489

## Book Club News

Greetings AAUW book fans. Polly Rosenstein and Kathleen Gerrity are organizing the book club this season. Notes from Kathleen Gerrity:

We're going to start off by reading The Highest Glass Ceiling: Women's Quest for the American Presidency by Ellen Fitzpatrick.

We'll meet at Kathleen's house on **Tuesday September 20th at 7:00 PM.**

Address is:

**424 Great Falls St.**

Falls Church, VA 22046

You can text/call me at:

(571) 214-3620

Or, send Polly or me a message at:

[gerrityk@verizon.net](mailto:gerrityk@verizon.net)

[prosenstein@hotmail.com](mailto:prosenstein@hotmail.com)

Polly and I are also asking you to choose books from the following submissions that you'd like to tackle this year. ***Please respond with your favorites by July 20th.***

We'll read your top two picks in October and November and select other books when we meet this Fall. We're also planning a grab-bag book exchange at Christmas.

- My Life on the Road by Gloria Steinem
- Dead Wake by Erik Larson
- Double Cross by Ben McIntyre
- The Summer Before The War by Helen Simonson
- Everything I Never Told You by Celeste Ng
- The Yonahlossee Riding Camp for Girls by Anton Disclatani
- Louisa: The Extraordinary Life of Mrs. Adams by Louisa Thomas
- Empress Dowager Cixi: The Concubine Who Launched Modern China by Jung Chang
- Saint Mazie: A Novel by Jami Attenberg
- The Language of Flowers: A Novel by Vanessa Diffenbaugh



## Falls Church Area (VA) Branch

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September                      7:15 PM                      FC AAUW Branch Annual Meeting  
Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St

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