

AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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Picnic and Planning Event Closed the Program Year



Top left: Vicki Hendershot and Kristen Clarke

Below left: Susan Conklin (incoming Secretary) and Kristan McMahon (incoming Programs co-chair)

Photos by Elizabeth Kessel



What's Inside

Haul out your calendars for this year and next; inside we have the branch year in a detailed time line starting with August 2014. Also news from the Board, the Book Club, and the treasurer. What's in your future? Read page 4 for a clue.

From the President

Summer has arrived for AAUW. We had our last meeting of the year, the well-attended Planning Picnic on June 9. We are now looking ahead to 2014-2015. The Planning Picnic yielded many good ideas for programs and activities for the coming year. Our new Program VPs are following up on your suggestions to get our fall meetings off to a great start.

As we welcome our **incoming Program VPs Peggy Montgomery and Kristan McMahon and our new Secretary Susan Conklin**, we say a heartfelt thanks to **Sharon Zackula and Elizabeth Kessel**. Sharon has served as Program VP the last two years. All of us can attest to her success in organizing engaging programs and educational and fun field trips. Our thanks goes to Elizabeth for her detailed minutes of our meetings and for her timely submission of documents to the AAUW archives in the Mary Riley Styles Public Library in Falls Church.

The other person who needs to be recognized is the editor of *The Flash*, Sally Brett. Sally has done a terrific job publishing our monthly newsletter. It is attractive and user-friendly and always contains timely information for members. Sally has agreed to share her expertise by mentoring a new editor this summer and into the fall. **Think about volunteering for this important job that enables you to stay current with news of our branch while engaging in a creative endeavor.**

Please note when you look at the calendar that the Board made changes in setting the 2014-2015 calendar based on feedback from members. **The September and November meetings have been changed from the second Monday to the first Monday in order to avoid three-day holiday weekends.** The draft calendar is published at the end of this newsletter.

It has been a great year here in our Falls Church Branch. Thanks go to all of you for your participation, your interest, and your support of AAUW's mission. We had a lot of fun and we did a lot of good. I look forward to the coming year and our continued work and friendship in AAUW.

Bunny Jarrett, President

Remembered Your Dues?

Don't forget to renew your membership in AAUW national and our local branch. Our fiscal years begin **July 1**. You can renew online or send your check for \$77 to Martha Trunk (6571 Snowball Lane, Falls Church 22042-2254).

Reminders will be sent in mid-July but on time renewals allow the board to better plan for the upcoming fiscal year.

From the Board

The Board met on Monday, June 23 at the home of Bunny Jarrett. New Board members Kristan McMahon, Program Co-VP, and Susan Conklin, Secretary, joined the meeting to aid in their transition to the new Board.

Programs: Sharon Zackula and Kristan McMahon reported that they have compiled the program suggestions from the Planning Picnic and have begun planning for the fall meetings. Kristan reported that they are considering a meeting on how to get your daughter into college that would include our scholarship winners. This meeting should appeal to a younger audience. Bunny will contact the LWV-FC to inquire about their date for a meeting on human trafficking.

Membership: Kitty Richardson reported that we have 51 members. Two new members joined at the Book Sale. Board members volunteered to call members who have not renewed by mid-July. The call will be a good reminder and a way of getting feedback about why members are not yet renewing. The New Member Tea will again in August.

Treasurer: Martha Trunk gave the Treasurer's Report. She emphasized that our finances look good this year because of additional new members from last Spring and the transfer of \$500 from the Book Sale account to support administration of the branch. She also noted that she received notice of reimbursed expenses from members, but knows that there are additional expenses not reported. Martha presented the budget for next year with some small adjustments to last year's budget. She recommended that the Branch consider a raise in dues during the coming year. The Treasurer's Report and 2014-2015 Budget is available with the Board minutes.

Board members have received the revised Fundraising Policy from national. There was discussion, and questions were raised by Board members about fundraising and about our tax-exempt status. Questions will be forwarded to Caroline Pickens who is doing a presentation on the policy at the Summer Leadership Conference, July 26th.

Public Policy: Marilyn Falksen announced that **a policy webinar will be offered the evening of July 15.** Members who would like information about the webinar should contact Marilyn. (falksen@yahoo.com or 703.534.8740)

Book Group and Travel Group Surveys: Results of these surveys are being tabulated by Becky Gaul (Book Group) and Susan Hesser (Travel Group). The results will be used in planning for the coming year.

Summer Leadership Conference: Bunny Jarrett will report on the Visioning Project that the Branch underwent during the past year. She received many suggestions from Board members and welcomes additional suggestions from members. The meeting will be attended by Bunny, Martha Trunk, and Mollie Jewell. Susan Conklin will attend as the new Communications Chair for AAUW-VA.

NOW IS YOUR CHANCE!

VOLUNTEER TO WORK WITH SMART, FUN, AND INTERESTING WOMEN!

There are several opportunities for members to volunteer for tasks in the coming year. Working on a committee or an individual task is a great way to get to know your fellow members and to learn more about AAUW. Contact Bunny at mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu, 703 533-8230 to learn more about these opportunities:

Newsletter Editor: The newsletter, *The Flash*, is published monthly from September through July. Articles are submitted by Board members, AAUW-VA, and individual members. The job of the editor is to put the information into the established format and send it to the President for distribution. Sally Brett will mentor the new editor during the summer and fall. Feel free to contact her to talk more about the editorship: sally.brett@gmail.com or 703.237.1767.

Scholarship Committee Shadow Member: The work of the committee takes place in the spring when they review the scholarship applications from local high school girls. Each member rates the girls, and the committee then makes a group decision on the winners. The Shadow Member participates in the work of the committee, but does not have a vote. This prepares her for full committee membership the following year. This is a favorite committee of our members, so volunteer soon!

Bylaws Committee Chair: We revised our bylaws two years ago to make changes desired by our Branch. Last year, revisions were made as required by national. Little work on the bylaws is anticipated for coming year, but we need to fill this position.

You Choose: Think about what areas of our work interests you. Let Bunny know your preference, and we will call on you when needed.

Book Group News

Thanks for all the comments & suggestions submitted via the Book Group Survey. As soon as we choose our September book, we'll let everyone know with enough lead time for our **next meeting on Tuesday, September 16th**, location TBD.

July 15 Call: What You Need to Know about Supreme Court Decisions

[Sign up today](#) for a call wrapping up the U.S. Supreme Court's latest term. Federal courts are sometimes the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination. On this free call, which begins at 8 p.m. on July 15, **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) staff will highlight decisions from the past year that will affect the rights of women and girls.** LAF had a terrific [call last fall](#) laying out the issues before the court — don't miss this chance to hear what the justices actually decided. [Registration](#) closes July 8. Just click on the highlighted "registration" link or go to www.aauw.org/event/2014/07/scotus-wrap-up-call to sign up.

AAUWFC 2014 – 2015 Draft Calendar

AUGUST 2014

TBA

Friday, 29

New Member Tea

Deadline for Newsletter submissions

SEPTEMBER

Wednesday, 3

Monday, 8

Saturday, 13

Thursday, 11

Saturday, 20

TBA

Monday, 22

Friday, 26

Newsletter sent to members

AAUW Branch Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center

Taste of Falls Church – Books and Book Drive Bookmarks distributed all day

AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps on Capitol Hill today and most Thursdays, 9:30 – 12:30

Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington, 9:00 a.m. - 1:00 p.m.

Book Club Meeting, 7:00

AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30

Deadline for Newsletter submissions

OCTOBER

Monday, 6

Wednesday, 1

TBA

Saturday, 18

Saturday, 25

Monday, 27

Friday, 31

AAUW Branch Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center

Newsletter sent to members

Book Club Meeting, 7:00

AAUW-VA Northern District Meeting

Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington,

AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30

Deadline for Newsletter submissions

NOVEMBER

Monday, 3

Tuesday, 4

Tuesday, 4

TBA

Monday, 24

Friday, 28

Sunday, 30

AAUW Branch Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center

Newsletter sent to members

Election Day

Book Club, 7:00

AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30

Deadline for Newsletter submissions

Removal of Unpaid Members from Membership

DECEMBER

Wednesday, 3

Sat or Sun, TBA

Monday, 15

Newsletter sent to members

Holiday Party, 2:00 p.m.

AAUW Funds Reports due to State AAUW Funds Chair: Branch AAUW Funds Chair or Branch President

JANUARY 2015

Thursday, 1

Monday, 5

Half Dues for New Members Begin

Deadline for Newsletter submissions

Thursday, 8 Newsletter sent to members
Sunday, 11 AAUW Branch Meeting, 2:00, FC Community Center
TBA Book Club Meeting, 7:00
Monday, 26 AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30
Friday, 30 Deadline for Newsletter submissions

FEBRUARY

Tuesday, 3 Newsletter sent to members
TBA *State Lobby Day in Richmond*
Sunday, 8 AAUW Branch Meeting, 2:00, FC Community Center
TBA Book Club Meeting, 7:00
TBA **Book Sale Organizing Brunch**
Monday, 23 AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30
Friday, 27 Deadline for Newsletter submissions

MARCH

TBA *List of Names Honored to State AAUW Funds Chair: Branch
AAUW Funds Chairs*
TBA *Branch Reports due to State Conference Program Booklet
Chair: Branch President*
Saturday, 7 Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington,
9-4:00
Tuesday, 4 Newsletter sent to members
Saturday, 14 Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington,
9-4:00
Monday, 9 AAUW Branch Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center
Saturday, 21 Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington,
9-4:00
*Sunday, 15 Half Dues end for New Members (new members after March
15th pay full dues, which are good through June 30, 2015)*
TBA Book Club Meeting, 7:00
Monday, 23 AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30
Friday, 27 Deadline for Newsletter submissions
Saturday, 28 Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington,
9-4:00
Tuesday, 31 Deadline for Special Project Applications

APRIL

Wednesday, 1 Newsletter sent to members
Saturday, 4 Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18th Street, Arlington,
9-4:00
Distribute bookmarks at the Farmers Market
TBA *Pay Equity Day*

Thursday, 16 Book Sale Set-Up, FC Community Center
Fri, 17 Sat, 18 Book Sale, FC Community Center
Saturday, 18 Book Sale Celebration Dinner
Saturday, 18 AAUW-VA Conference
TBA Book Club Meeting, 7:00
Monday, 27 AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30
Friday, May 1 Deadline for Newsletter submissions

MAY

Tuesday, 5 Newsletter sent to members
Monday, 11 AAUW Branch Scholarship Awards Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center
TBA Book Club Meeting, 7:00
Monday, 18 AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30
Friday, 22 Deadline for Newsletter submissions
TBA *Federal Lobby Day, Washington, DC: All Members*

JUNE

Monday, 1 Newsletter sent to members
Monday, 1 Roster of Branch Officers due to National AAUW and State President: Branch President
Monday, 8 AAUW Annual Program Planning Picnic, 6:00, Picnic Shelter adjacent to Falls Church Community Center
TBA *National AAUW Online Voting Closes*
TBA *AAUW of Virginia Online Voting Closes*
TBA Book Club Meeting, 7:00
Monday, 22 AAUW Board Meeting, 7:30, 200 Forest Drive
Tuesday, 30 Year-End Financial Statement: Branch Treasurer
Tuesday, 30 Annual Reports of Branch Board Members due to President



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>