

# AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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***Our first meeting of the season Monday September 8<sup>th</sup> at 7:30 pm at the Falls Church Community Center, focuses on STEM: Science, Technology, Engineering and Medicine***



## **Inspire Her Mind, Electrify Her Future**

How we talk to our girls impacts how they see themselves and the choices they make for their future. Learn how to help shape their self-image. Encourage them to explore with curiosity and creativity. Foster an interest in science, math and technology. Expand their opportunities. Discuss strategies for long-term success. Speakers include:

- Patsy Mangus, Project Director, Virginia Girls Summit
- Holly Kearl, founder of the nonprofit organization Stop Street Harassment, author, and adjunct professor at George Mason University
- Dr. Denise Akob, microbial ecologist, U.S. Geological Survey

**Monday, September 8th at 7:30  
Falls Church Community Center  
223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church**

## **From the President . . .**

Where have all the August days gone, long time passing? It is hard to believe the summer is behind us, and we are moving into another AAUW year. I hope you had many lazy days traveling, gardening, reading, and visiting with family and friends. Or, many active days swimming, hiking, and scuba diving.

Your Falls Church Board has been busy organizing our activities and planning our programs for the year. AAUW-VA's priority areas are STEM, GOTV (Get Out the Vote), and Human Trafficking. Our branch will align our program activities with these priorities in ways that meet our individual branch priorities. These three areas give us an opportunity to address issues that are of interest to our members and to the community at large. Given these foci for our activities, we should be able to attract an ethnic-, age-, gender-, and economic-diverse audience to our meetings. Please spread the word to your friends and associates when our meetings are announced. Let's ramp up our attendance and the diversity of our membership this year!

During the last year, we defined our Branch Mission and Goals through the Visioning Project. We have one more step in this process – delineating the actions we will take to meet our goals. Included in this process will be revision of the timeline for preparation for the Book Sale to begin in the fall. When you hear the report of the subcommittee working on these action steps, be prepared to give your opinion and step forward to help in whatever way you can.

Our first branch meeting is Monday, September 8 at 7:30 pm in the Falls Church Community Center. We will have three dynamic speakers addressing STEM (see complete information in this newsletter). I look forward to seeing you and your friends at the meeting!

Bunny Jarrett, President

## **From the Board . . .**

The Board met August 25<sup>th</sup> at the home of Bunny Jarrett for their annual organizing meeting. Present were Bunny Jarrett, President; Peggy Montgomery and Kristan McMahon, Co-Programs VPs; Kitty Richardson, Membership VP; Martha Trunk, Treasurer; Susan Conklin, Secretary; Becky Gaul, Communications Chair; Mollie Jewell, Book Sale Co-Chair; and Mellen Tanamly, Newsletter Co-Chair.

Programs: Peggy and Kristan reported that the theme for the September Branch meeting will be STEM. They have scheduled two speakers for the evening. For the October meeting, Melissa Jackowski, Grassroots Advocate from the National AAUW Office, will speak on AAUW issues and the November election. Members will be encouraged to advertise these meeting to friends and other organizations. The topic of the January meeting will be Human Trafficking. The meeting will be on Sunday, January 25, and it will be co-sponsored with the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Falls Church. Bunny and Peggy will apply for an AAUW-VA IMPACT Grant of \$100 to support this meeting. The Board agreed that we should communicate opportunities in the STEM area to members who can individually volunteer to support STEM activities of other branches and organization.

Membership: Kitty reported on a successful New Members Tea with five new members and twelve continuing members attending. Kitty supplied AAUW membership materials for the welcoming packets of all new teachers in the Falls Church City Public Schools in August. Kitty will be our representative at a table shared with the LWVFC at the FC Elementary Schools PTA Information Fair on September 9. Both organizations will distribute membership materials and information on voter registration.

Treasurer: Martha reported that we made \$21,000 on the Book Sale with a profit of \$15,600. The profit will be divided 50% for the AAUW National Career Development Fund, 35% for Local Scholarships, and 15% for Special Projects. Martha reported on the revised policies concerning our 501(c)(4) that were presented at the Summer Leaders Meeting in July. Martha will write an article for the newsletter explaining the changes.

Book Sale: Mollie reported that Mary Youman's garage is ready for us to begin sorting books. We will sort on Saturday, September 6 and October 25. Books will be collected in bins at the Community Center from mid-September to mid-October. Mollie is organizing volunteers to work at the Taste of Falls Church, September 13. A seasoned member will pair with another member for each of the time slots.

Visioning Project: Bunny presented our work to date on the visioning process our branch underwent during the past year at the Summer Leaders Meeting. A sub-committee of Bunny, Susan, Mollie and Anne Baxter will develop Action Steps for each of our goals so that we can monitor our progress over time.

### ***AAUW Fundraising Policy***

AAUW has issued a clarification on fundraising policies for the states and branches. The primary issue for the branch is that we are a 501(c)(4). This means that contributions to the branch are not tax deductible even if used for local scholarships. Contributions to our Career Development Grant, which are managed by AAUW headquarters, are tax-deductible. On the memo line of the check, you should indicate that it is for "The Falls Church Area Branch CDG #4350".

Another change is that we must clearly indicate the percentage of the donation that is tax-deductible. Local Scholarships, in which our members pick the recipient(s), and Special Projects are not tax-deductible. So book donations are only 50% tax-deductible and all receipts should indicate that percentage.

The board has agreed unanimously that we should limit the donation percentage to 50% so that we can maintain our branch control of awarding the local scholarships.

There is also a prohibition about raising funds for another organization. Monies given to other organizations, like Aurora House or AVID, are not funds raised for them but rather donations in support of their programs, which also meet our goals.

## ***The AAUW Falls Church Branch Book Sale News***



### **Book collection resumes!!**

After this summer's moratorium on books, book collection resumes effective immediately. It's the usual drill: bring books to the Youman's garage at 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington, near Ballston. Call before you bring books, 703-528-8993. If donors have questions, they can also call Mollie Jewell, 703-941-5643.

### **Book sorting starts Sept 6**

Mark your calendar for Saturdays Sept 6 and Oct 25 - for AAUW book sorting.

The Youman's report that the books are now accessible in their garage and there are plenty of them. So, with the moratorium on book collecting over, we have scheduled sorting dates for Sept. and Oct. with work starting at 9am (yes that early). If you can come, we'd appreciate the help. We're planning to end both sessions at around noon, so we won't have to bother with lunch.

Sorting is a great way to meet people, spend some quality time outdoors, and get a huge sense of accomplishment. Come to Mary's any time between 9am and noon. Mary lives near Ballston at 4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street in Arlington, just 2 blocks off Glebe Road. Come, even if only for a little while. If you have questions, call Mary Youman at 703-528-8993. Mary is progressing very fast after her surgery and is now walking unassisted; but I think she will still be excused from sorting in October.

Our annual used book sale (held at the Falls Church Community Center in April) supports the branch's scholarship program for local high school girls and the AAUW's nationally known Educational Foundation that granted almost \$4 million in fellowships last year.

Sorting Date: Saturdays Sept 6 and Oct 25

Time: 9am to noon

Place: Youman's driveway,  
4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington, VA

Phone: 703-528-8993



## ***Travel Group***

The Travel Group will meet the third Monday in October at 7:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the home of the group chair Susan Hesser, 2912 Rosemary Lane, Falls Church 22042. The discussion will center on: Do we really want to do this? Contact Susan at [seffhess@usa.net](mailto:seffhess@usa.net) with any questions.

## ***Book Group News***

Thanks to everyone who completed our survey last spring. We have plenty of good ideas for the coming months. We're reading Euphoria by Lily King for September. It's an award-winning historical novel inspired by anthropologist Margaret Mead's early adventures. We'll discuss it on Tuesday, September 16th, 7:30 pm, at Peggy Howard's home, 613 N Oak St in Falls Church. New members are always welcome, even if you haven't read the book!

For October, we'll use a public library Book Group kit (title still TBD) that will allow us to distribute copies of the selected book at the September Branch meeting. Contact Becky Gaul ([rgaul@verizon.net](mailto:rgaul@verizon.net)) for more info or to be added to our email list.

## ***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](mailto:kittyrichardson6@gmail.com) for information.

## ***Member Notes***

Sally Brett, former AAUW Falls Church Branch President (2009-2011) and Newsletter Editor, has moved to Ohio. Under her leadership we conducted studies on the Scholarship/Fundraising/Special Projects/Book Sale process. As Newsletter Editor she brought us into communications in the electronic age. We are grateful for her many years of leadership, service and contributions to our Branch. And we appreciate George's service as our official photographer at Scholarship Award Ceremonies and other Branch events.

Sally is still unpacking boxes in Beavercreek Ohio. She sends regards and regrets missing the first book sale sorting! Her new address: 3671A Catalina Drive, Beavercreek OH 45431. Cell phone number is the same.

## ***CALENDAR OF EVENTS***

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| September 6 | Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18 <sup>th</sup> St, Arlington,<br>9:00 - 12:00 |
| September 8 | AAUWFC Branch Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center, 223<br>Little Falls St, FC 22046  |

September 9	Elementary School PTA Information Fair and Ice Cream Social, Thomas Jefferson Cafeteria, 6:30-8:00 pm, table with LWVFC
September 11	AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps on Capitol Hill today and most Thursdays, 9:30 – 12:30
September 11	Book Club Meeting, 7:00. Contact Becky Gaul
September 13	Taste of Falls Church – Member recruitment and Book Sale promotion. Volunteers needed.
September 25	AAUWFC Board Meeting, 7:30
October 6	AAUWFC Branch Meeting on AAUW Policy Priorities, 7:30, FC Community Center.
October 9	Book Club Meeting, 7:00. Contact Becky Gaul
<i>October 18</i>	AAUW-VA Northern District Meeting, "The Ups (and Downs) of Electing Women," 1:00 pm, Burke Center Library.
October 25	Book Sort at Mary Youman's, 4119 N. 18 <sup>th</sup> St, Arlington, 9:00 - 12:00
October 27	AAUWFC Board Meeting, 7:30
November 3	AAUWFC Branch Meeting, 7:30, FC Community Center
November 4	Election Day
November 13	Book Club, 7:00. Contact Becky Gaul
November 24	AAUWFC Board Meeting, 7:30
December TBA	Holiday Party, 2:00

## **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.**

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