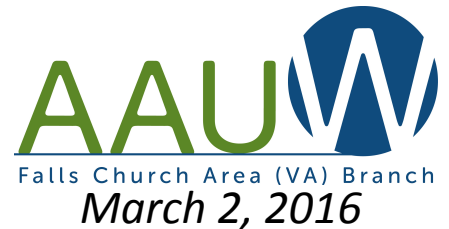


## **AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH**

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### **March Meeting**

When: Monday, March 14 at 7:15pm

Where: Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls St. In the senior center

What: Annual business meeting including election of officers.

Agenda: See article below.



### **President's Letter**

With our nominating committee hard at work for March elections, our bylaws updated, book sorting starting March 5, book collection underway, and our scholarship committee gearing up – March shapes up to be a busy month. And this is only a prelude to an even busier April when we will have our book sale (April 8-9) and Celebration Dinner followed by the state conference (April 15-17).

We've got details on all these in this issue of the newsletter, but I just want to highlight a few things. Please come to the March meeting, we need a quorum to conduct official business. Not only that, but, wearing my book sale hat, I'd like to get lots of people signed up to help at the book sale and with a variety of other preparatory jobs.

And speaking of the sale, a variety of activities are already underway. Most notably, we are sorting books starting Sat. Mar 5, and continuing right up to the sale. And the scholarship committee is gearing up to spend the money we earned last year, check out their activities described below.

Finally, check out the state conference information provided below. This year's conference is in Herndon, so commuting is a definite possibility (as is staying at the Dulles Hyatt). This is a great opportunity to attend a state conference with minimal effort and expense.

### **March business meeting – Preliminary Agenda**

As prescribed by our bylaws, the March meeting is our annual business meeting. Please plan to attend so we can make our quorum (25% of the branch members). We need your vote on new officers and the upcoming budget. In addition to the business, we will have a recognition of our legacy members and will discuss the results of the member survey conducted last fall. Plan to attend on March 14.

- Legacy recognition
- Nominating committee
- Bylaws vote
- Budget: 2015-2016 report, 2016-2017 projected.
- Other officer reports

- Convention news
- Member survey: results report - very short presentation
- Book sale signups

## Plan to attend the VA AAUW Conference

April 15-17, 2016, Dulles Hyatt

All branch members are invited to the 2016 AAUW of Virginia Conference, April 15-17, at the Hyatt Regency Dulles in Herndon, Virginia. We are very excited about the workshops, presenters and activities. You will enjoy it all! Join those of us who have already registered and secured lodging. This year you can register online. Make it a weekend get-away. Our theme is Women Leading.

Check out a few highlights:

- Friday night we start off with a Washington-style Salon, featuring cider tasting (the latest trend), musical entertainment from a clarinet duo, and a gorgeous photo display with tips and tidbits from the photographer. In between the presentations, enjoy finger foods and socializing.
- On Saturday Rebecca Norlander (WA), our dynamic AAUW Board visitor, will address us at lunch, followed by a choice of workshops and minibreaks.
- Our 2016 Woman of Achievement will be the highlight of the Saturday night banquet. You won't want to miss Dr. Kathryn Thornton, former astronaut and now a UVA professor of aerospace engineering.
- The "Women Breaking Through" panel on Sunday will feature the quarterback of the national champion Divas who is also a homicide detective, the first female elected sheriff for Fairfax County, and a naval aviator and Rear Admiral who was in the first graduating class of women from the Naval Academy.

**Hotel.** Make your hotel reservations today at the Hyatt Dulles in Herndon, VA. The dates are April 15-17, 2016. The room rate at the Hyatt Dulles is a bargain \$99 plus tax a night with breakfast included. Rooms can accommodate three but only two breakfasts per room. Book today at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016>. This is a luxury hotel with free parking and easy access. For those so inclined there is a fitness facility and walking paths.

**Conference Registration.** You can access the online registration form by going to the AAUW VA website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>) and clicking on CONFERENCE. On the conference page is "Register for the 2016 AAUW of Virginia Conference." Click on Register and the form will come up. You also can click on Register in two places on the home page for the form. After entering your information on the registration form, click SUBMIT at the end of the form. You will be directed to a PayPal page. You can pay with a credit card or with a PayPal account, if you have one. Following registration, you will receive a receipt for the charge from PayPal. There is a \$50 rebate per branch when members register for the conference.

## Book Drive starts March 1

### Collection Bin at Community Center or Deliver to Youmans

Book collection...already started. 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!

**Donation is Easy.** Deposit good, clean, saleable books in the book collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center between March 1 and April 2. Or bring them to Mary Youman's (4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington) during book sorting, 10-3 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 tax deductible.** value assigned by the donor. Sale profits fund scholarships 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.

**Guidelines for book donations.** Our customers don't buy magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, or books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition – no matter how meaningful they are to the donor. So please explain to people that we accept only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can't take. The other books, unfortunately, should be recycled.

**You can help.** Sign up to help at the March meeting or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer.

## Mark your calendar:

**Book Sorting Saturdays starting March 5**

**Setup - April 7**

**Book sale – April 8-9**



## Book Sorting – Every Saturday March 5 to April 2

**Location: 4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Arl. 10am to 4pm. Call 703-528-8993.**

**Watch your emails for make-up dates, if needed**

With sale time approaching, sorting starts on Saturday March 5. Aside from good weather, our biggest need is YOU. We have lots of books to sort before the sale.

**Sorting basics.** We sort from 10am to 4pm in the Youman's driveway (4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington), so dress for the weather. We suggest layers and sunscreen.

Never sorted before? Don't worry. No experience is necessary, we offer on-the-job training. And we have uploaded our "How to sort books" onto Google, so you can see it at

[<Book sort fact sheet>](#). And 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 purchasing the books!

Talk to Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer.

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## Book sale Volunteers Need for 200 Jobs



Yes, I counted them all. Including pre-sale jobs and selling and follow-up, we have over 200 distinct jobs. Many of you have already signed up for jobs, but we need MORE! As always, we need your help with the book sale! Our biggest need is for your help

- Sorting books ... Saturdays in March (Sundays in case of rain)
- Selling books... at sale (April 8 and 9)
- Posting publicity ... April 1-April 9.

Sign up at the March meeting, call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643, or signup online. After the March meeting, our updated signups will be online. If you don't receive the email with the link to the online sign-up sheets, contact Mollie Jewell (703-941-5643) or [gjewell@cox.net](mailto:gjewell@cox.net).

### Book Sorting

Sorting is our biggest effort starting in March. We've already told you about sorting above. But it's an important job and actually fun. It's also a good way to meet people, so we don't want you to miss it.

### Publicity

Publicity is key, because it draws paying customers. Pick up your posters and book marks at the next meeting or sorting session and signup for a convenient location. Start distributing book marks NOW. And hang the posters the week of April 3..

### At sale jobs

We have several different jobs at the sale. The two main jobs are selling and straightening books.

The goal of straightening books is to keep things looking good so buyers stay longer. Pick a table that is fairly empty of buyers; smile and tell them what you are doing and go to it! Make sure the spines are all facing the same direction. Consolidate loose boxes by moving books from the floor or combining boxes. The goal is to make the sale as easy and inviting for buyers as possible. This is the job for people who don't like handling money or want to exercise their inner neatnik.

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 rewarding. There are 70 distinct "shifts" during the sale, so sign up for at least one 3-hour shift!

### Volunteer for many jobs!

Remember, you don't need to limit yourself to just one job. We're recruiting people to help with almost 200 distinct tasks to prepare for and run the book sale. 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

### **Our book sale helps women and girls.**

Wondering what we do with the money we earn? Well, our branch provides scholarships to local high schools girls and grants to local organizations helping educate girls. We also donate generously to the AAUW Fellowships.

AAUW 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. Last year, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in 241 grants and fellowships to scholars, researchers, and community-based programs.

Currently, our branch is funding the endowment a career development grant which we expect to fully fund in the next few years. When fully funded (\$75,000), this grant will help women return to university for education to advance their careers.

## Book donations

### **Book collection has resumed at Youmans**

We have resumed accepting books at the Youmans, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington: call ahead to make arrangements 703-528-8993. If you have a friend or neighbor whose spring cleaning includes some good books, please approach them about donating to our sale.

**Guidelines for book donations.** Avoid magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, and books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition. 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.

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 8 and 9

*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.

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

Falls Church Area AAUW  
(703) 941-5643

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

Falls Church AAUW 2016

## Lobby Corps News



AAUW of Virginia members meet with Senator John Edwards

### Virginia AAUW State Lobby Day

Kitty Richardson, Becky Gaul, and Marilyn Falksen joined a dozen other Virginia AAUW members at the Women's Equality Coalition (WEC) State Lobby Day in Richmond on Wednesday, February 3. The WEC is a coalition of several organizations that are in agreement on many issues such as equity for women, voters' rights, and legislation to deal with human trafficking. This year's top three legislative priorities for AAUW of Virginia are equal pay legislation aimed at eliminating the gender pay gap; measures to assist victims of human trafficking, especially minors; and ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment.

The AAUW members began their day by visiting Senator Donald McEachin, who introduced equal pay legislation this year. Unfortunately, the bill died in Committee. Next, the group had a very congenial meeting with Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam, who spoke about the Governor's priorities during the current session of the General Assembly. He was receptive to AAUW's concerns. This meeting was followed by a short visit with Speaker of the House William Howell to thank him for his leadership in getting human trafficking legislation passed last year and for measures he implemented to make the



legislative process more transparent. The group also discussed the need for additional legislation to help victims of human trafficking and asked for House support on the ERA. The group's final meeting was with Senator John Edwards, who has been a champion for victims of human trafficking and has introduced several bills on this topic this session.



Lieutenant Governor Ralph Northam with AAUW of Virginia members

AAUW members also met individually with their own representatives and senators to provide materials on AAUW's legislative priorities. Becky and Marilyn had an informative meeting with Representative Patrick Hope. During the discussion, he raised the possibility of working with AAUW, among other entities, on combatting sexual assault, which has become a serious problem among millennials in the Northern Virginia area. Anyone interested in participating in this effort should contact Marilyn Falksen at [falksen@yahoo.com](mailto:falksen@yahoo.com) or 703-534-8740.



## Nominating Committee

Nominating committee members Kitty Richardson, Dianne Bodeen and Olivia Cedilla are pleased to present the slate of candidates for election at the March, 2016 business meeting. They are:

President – Kristan McMahon

Program Co-VPs - Dianne Bodeen; Sally Brett

Secretary – To be announced.

These candidates are offering their time and energies to further the goals of the branch. Please attend the business meeting to celebrate their generosity and contribute to the process.

## Notes from Kitty Richardson:

### Cultural Diversity

The Harlem Renaissance Fair at the Annandale campus of NoVA Community College was amazing. This was the first year for the program of historical information, music by Thad Wilson's 10 piece jazz orchestra, internationally known jazz singer, Sharon Clark, Guardian Dance Company of Baltimore, Dreamweaver: The Works of Langston Hughes by actor David Mills and Johnny O'Neal, pianist/vocalist. Add to that catered food by Margaret's Soul Food and you have a memorable experience. This is the first year the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation presented this program in honor of Black History Month. Look for a repeat in 2017.

I met with Elizabeth Kessel, her husband and a friend of theirs before the show. An AAUW friend was to sit with me but she had to go out of town so I sat alone. I was a little uncomfortable at first since I did not know any other folks. However, when the program started I was swept up in the dialogue and the music. The intimate and comfortable theater, the close proximity to the musicians plus the stunning talent of the musicians and dancers made for an experience that exceeded my expectations.

### Food for Thought

My husband and I attended an alumni event at Present Vietnamese restaurant here in Falls Church. For \$35 per person attendees were served many courses family style. The owner explained some of the dishes, their ingredients and the art of Vietnamese cooking. Toward the end of the meal he talked about the Vietnamese community in Falls Church, how his countrymen happened to settle here and their present contribution to the community. He mentioned Falls Church has the fourth highest concentration of Vietnamese in the U.S. after Los Angeles and New York City and one other city.

I asked the manager how large a group they would need to do a similar event for a smaller group. He said they could consider it for 15-20 people.

This started me thinking about other cultural dinner possibilities. One could combine tastes of other countries with some information about the country and the experience of immigrants to Falls Church.

This is certainly food for thought when we plan activities for the coming year.

## Book Club News

The March book selection is "The Notorious RBG: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg" by Irin Carmon & Shana Knizhnik

Tuesday, March 15, 7:30pm, Martha Trunk will host

\*\*\*\*Put your name on a library reserve list as this is a popular book. Members also agreed to share the book if they purchased it.

There is NO April book group meeting due to the Book Sale preparations and actual sale.

For our final Book Group meeting for 2015-16 on May 17 the group decided to read a mystery. Put on your thinking caps and recommend a mystery at the next meeting.

**Please consider stepping up to be the Book Group contact person for 2016-2017. Becky Gaul has done this task for several years and is ready to pass it on.**

## Note from Becky Gaul:

The Girls Who Glow - Branch members Pam Martinov, Martha Trunk and Becky Gaul attended the February 11 AAUW/LWV sponsored presentation of Girls Who Glow by the Yorktown High School Theater Department. Adapted from a screenplay written by a Yorktown graduate, it's the forgotten story of 1920s factory girls slowly poisoned by radium paint they used on watch faces. After the performance, the cast, writer, crew and Drama teacher hosted an informal Q & A session about their production experience. It was an enjoyable and enlightening evening!

## A Thank You Note:

"This is the statement I received from last year's recipient of your generous support, Hela Baer."

Thanks again so much for your support!

Angela J Hattery, Ph.D., Professor and Director, Women & Gender Studies, George Mason University

Here is a note from Hela Baer, NCCWSL attendee/GM student funded via one of our 2015 Special Project Grants: "NCCWSL was an amazing opportunity to connect with powerful women leaders on all levels - students, scholars, politicians, activists and artists. I was surprised by the diversity of the participants and speakers, and touched by the inspiring talks and conversations. The conference was also a great opportunity to be exposed to different forms of leadership and to more deeply understand how to channel my passions in a way that contributes to my own community at George Mason University. Finally, I left the conference feeling energized and motivated to find more opportunities for activism and personal development, and feel that I have a stronger understanding of the resources and possibilities out there. Thanks to the conference, I now know that I am very interested in policy and political processes, and intend to apply to internships in that field. Thank you very much for the opportunity to participate in such an inspiring gathering of women leaders." Hela Baer, GM Student

## Feb Meeting - Mothers: Employed or Stay at-home

Deborah Kahn, author of The Roads Taken: Complex Lives of Employed and At-Home Mothers, generated enthusiastic discussion at the February 6 meeting. This book grew out of her doctoral dissertation in Counseling and discusses the stresses and challenges mothers encounter caring for children and family, self, and often, career.

Deborah's research identified three key factors in the mother's decisions: money, health (of the mother, child, or other family member), and passion (for home or job). This contradicts other studies that seemed to indicate that at-home mothers were more nurturing and employed were more goal-oriented. Deborah found goal-oriented and nurturing mothers were to be found in both groups. All mothers found the need for validation of their path, but at-home mothers often have to be more resourceful to find it.

Furthermore, both groups attributed the success of their children to their choice. Employed mothers said their children had to learn to be independent because their mother wasn't always available to help them while at-home mothers said their presence gave their kids the freedom to make choices.

One of the keenest points of discussion was the attitudes and judgments of each group toward the other. A divide that continues even today.



### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

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