

AAUW FALLS CHURCH *FLASH*

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65th Anniversary Brunch Celebration program details

Next Saturday, November 7, we celebrate the 65th anniversary of the Falls Church Branch.

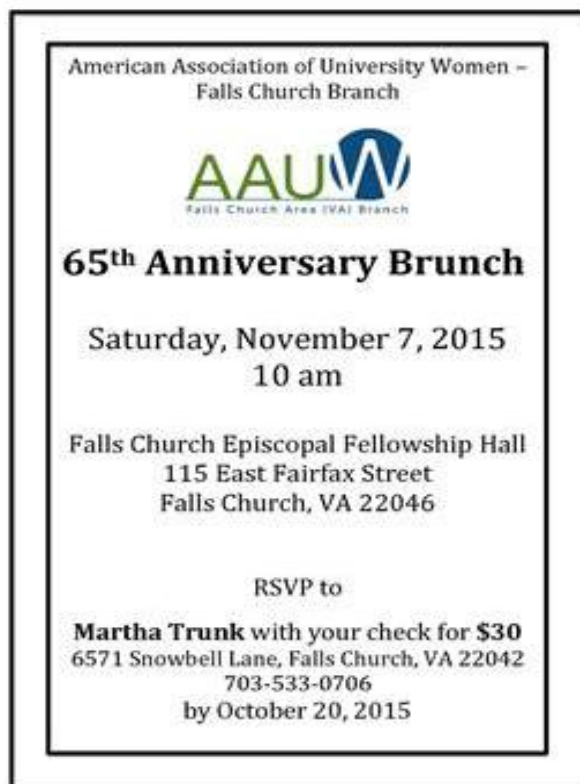
From 10-10:30, enjoy a stroll down memory lane. Review the histories of some of our members. Read news articles of our achievements. Reminisce over pictures of previous branch gatherings and activities. The brunch itself will start around 10:30.

Following our consumption of delicious food, we will have two presentations. The first is Dr. Cristina Stanciu, the 2015-2016 recipient of AAUW's American Fellowship. Dr. Stanciu is an assistant professor of English at Virginia Commonwealth University. She teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in U.S. multi-ethnic and indigenous literatures and visual culture.

The second presenter is Collen Pelar, a storyteller with Better Said Than Done. Ms. Pelar will share a story with the AAUW about how choosing to take chemistry in high school opened her mind to a different way of thinking, drawing parallels between her experiences and the broader themes of helping girls and women develop self-confidence and a willingness to try new things.

Our celebration will round out with our anniversary cake and another opportunity to review our branch's history.

We look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 7 at Falls Church Episcopal Fellowship Hall, 115 East Fairfax Street, Falls Church, 22046. If you have not yet responded that you are attending, please contact Martha Trunk immediately at 703-533-0806.



Treasurer's Report

With new members and renewals, the branch now has 52 members. We are in good financial shape. We have \$1400 in our regular account and \$21,750 in the book sale account. Just a reminder \$8450 goes to national, \$5900 is set aside for local scholarships and \$2500 is for special projects. The balance is for the 2016 book sale expenses.

Mollie's Message

This fall your FC AAUW board has been focused on the 65th anniversary celebration and the all-member survey.



Anniversary Brunch. So, first and foremost, the 65th Anniversary Brunch is Nov 7 in the fellowship hall at the Falls Church Episcopal Church. An historic place for a historic occasion. The program honors the past and the future. We've set aside time for you to look at the memorabilia and historic photos to jog your memory. And we have two speakers. Colleen Pelar will tell us about how choosing to take chemistry in high school opened changed her and Cristina Stanciu, our branch's 2015-2016 American Fellowship scholar, from VCU. Hope you are planning to attend (invitation included below). More about the brunch elsewhere in the newsletter.

Member Survey. We have also sent all members the questionnaire to identify the core FC AAUW functions that are important to you. If you haven't completed the questionnaire, please do so soon. Follow this link to the questionnaire: [FC AAUW Member Survey](#). Tell us if you just pay your dues to support AAUW (that's OK) or if you want us to do more, tell us how we can do it (given our time and resource constraints). If you especially enjoy an AAUW activity, GREAT, tell us about it. If you've held an office, tell us how we can make that job easier. All of this will guide officers in performing their jobs and especially the nominating committee in discussion with prospective nominees after the first of the year.

Fall District Meeting. In lieu of a local October branch meeting, about a dozen FC members met for lunch at Ireland's Four Provinces on October 3 and then attended the fall district meeting that focused on the new Title IX Guidelines. This was a great opportunity to talk to fellow members and to take advantage of the district's planning of an interesting and important topic that is central to the AAUW mission. As an outcome of that meeting, Bunny Jarrett has volunteered to work with Fall Church City Public Schools on the issue.

Looking forward, Peggy Montgomery and Kristan McMahon have begun planning the programs for the rest of the year. Our traditional holiday part is on the slate for December. More details about that and upcoming programs next month.

Invitation to Join the Movie Group



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.

Cristina Stanciu, Ph.D., joins Colleen Pelar as speaker at 65 Anniversary Brunch

VCU news featured an article about Cristina Stanciu, one of the speakers at our 65th Anniversary Brunch. Cristina is this year's recipient of our own FC Branch 50th Anniversary Endowment Grant this year. Here's the article:

Cristina Stanciu has received a prestigious \$30,000 fellowship from the American Association of University Women.

As a recipient of the AAUW's 2015-16 American Fellowship, Stanciu will spend a research year working on her book manuscript, "The Makings and Unmakings of Americans: Indians and Immigrants in American Literature and Culture, 1879-1929," a study of Native American and new immigrant responses to Americanization discourses and practices at the turn into the 20th century.

"I am very honored and humbled by this generous award, and extremely grateful to the AAUW for supporting the academic and activist work of female scholars throughout the world," Stanciu said in a news release. "It is a great gift of time to complete a project I've been working on for several years, and which has required many trips to archives in the U.S. and abroad."

She said she was honored to receive the fellowship. "This is a highly competitive and much coveted national grant, held in the past by leading scholars in their fields," she said. "It carries with it a tremendous sense of responsibility as well as great recognition of my research and work so far."

Stanciu, who teaches graduate and undergraduate courses in U.S. multi-ethnic and indigenous literatures and visual culture, has received a number of notable national fellowships, including from the Newberry Library in Chicago and the Beinecke Rare Book & Manuscript Library at Yale University. Her first book, "Laura Cornelius Kellogg: Our Democracy and the American Indian and Other Works," co-edited with Kristina Ackley, was published this year by Syracuse University Press.



New Title IX Guidelines – Fall District Meeting



In lieu of a local branch meeting, a dozen FC AAUW members attended the AAUW fall district meeting on October 3, with the focus on the new Title IX Guidelines. Rebecca Gettler, staff attorney in the Office of Civil Rights, U.S. Department of Education, was our excellent speaker. She brought us up to speed on the civil rights aspects of Title IX. Leslie Vandivere and Maureen Dwyer briefed the group on coordinating with the Title IX coordinator for the various school districts. Bunny Jarrett will work with Falls Church schools to identify the Title IX coordinator and deliver the Title IX Resource Guide prepared by the U.S. Department of Education, Department for Civil Rights in April. Thanks, Bunny.

AAUW's website captures the essence in a web page [Title IX Coordinators Have Historic New Resources from Department of Education](#). This article cites three key points about the Title IX coordinators:

Title IX coordinators need authority and are independent. Title IX complaints are up, and so is the stress on Title IX coordinators to be independent. From 2009 to 2012, the Office for Civil Rights received nearly 3,000 Title IX-related complaints, more than ever before in a similar period.

Title IX coordinators need resources. Public awareness of the broad scope of Title IX issues is finally receiving attention. The law applies to recruitment and admissions; counseling; financial aid; sexual harassment, including sexual violence; pregnant and parenting students; school discipline; single-sex education; and employment. It also ensures that there are reporting options, grievance procedures, and nonretaliation.

Title IX coordinators should be recognized and thanked for their invaluable work. For the first time in 43 years, Title IX coordinators will get an official recognition of the critical work they are doing to uphold civil rights laws. And, as a bonus, they finally get a detailed job description.

Book Lovers: An Exciting and Rare Opportunity!

Book Reading- Ellen Herbert

Some members of the Book Group attended a reading by Ellen Herbert at One More Page Books back in 2010. She has just come out with her second book, The Last Government Girl, and will be reading from it on Thursday, November 5th, at 7PM again at One More Page Books. This book is a historical mystery novel.

All are invited. Ellen is an enthusiastic speaker who has taught writing at Marymount U. and George Mason U.

One More Page Books
220 N. Westmoreland St., Ste. 101
Arlington, VA 22213

Call for parking info if you have not been here before. (703) 300-9746. The book store is across the street from Cote D'Or restaurant in the middle of the block.



Book Club News

For November 17 [Spare Parts: Four Undocumented Teenagers, One Ugly Robot, and the Battle for the American Dream](#) by Joshua Davis

In 2004, four Latino teenagers arrived at a Robotics Competition at UC Santa Barbara. Born in Mexico but raised in Phoenix, where they attended an underfunded public high school, two science teachers convinced these impoverished, undocumented kids from the desert who had never even seen the ocean that they should try to build an underwater robot. And build a robot they did. ...Their story--which became a key inspiration to the DREAMers movement--went on to include college graduations, deportation, bean-picking in Mexico, and service in Afghanistan. Joshua Davis's *Spare Parts* is a story about overcoming insurmountable odds and four young men who proved they were among the most patriotic and talented Americans in this country--even as the country tried to kick them out.



Invitations to other branch meetings:

Capitol Hill Branch Meeting: YOU ARE WHAT WASHINGTON WANTS YOU TO EAT

Tuesday, November 10, 2015 from 5:30 PM to 7:00 PM (EST) , AAUW National Headquarters, 1111 16th Street Northwest, 7th Floor, Board Room, Washington, DC 20036

Panel Discussion with Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project & Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI).

Distinguished Panelists:

- Jessica Donze Black, RD, MPH, Director, Kids' Safe and Healthful Foods Project.
- Margo Wootan, DSC, Director Nutrition Policy at the Center for Science in the Public Interest (CSPI)



Lisa Maatz to Speak at Mount Vernon Branch Meeting

Lisa Maatz, Vice President for Government Relations at AAUW, will be the guest speaker at the Thursday, November 19, meeting of the Mount Vernon Branch of AAUW.

She will have great stories to tell, including how she felt testifying before a House committee on college campus violence. Lisa will also talk about updates to The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap and the Supreme Court preview call on October 15, as well as other activities of the AAUW staff as they carry out the organization's priorities. The meeting will start at 7 p.m. at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306 (Near Sherwood Hall Regional Library).

TECH SAVVY CONFIDENCE



TECH SAVVY is a heart stopper. Susan Conklin attended the Tech Savvy workshop hosted by Alexandria and Arlington AAUW Branches on 24 October 2015.

This one day STEM career conference was designed to develop the interest of 6-9th grade girls in STEM fields and provide information to their parents on education opportunities. It was exciting to see the excitement of the girls in the "Build and Program a Robot" workshop. This was just one of the many hands on workshops. There were also five universities present to assist parents and girls in developing their STEM education. Sandra Alba Cauffman, who works as a Deputy Project manager at NASA/Goddard Space Flight Center, gave the Keynote speech. She has been awarded the NASA Exceptional Achievement Medal and the NASA Exceptional Leadership Medal and is a role model for girls pursuing STEM careers. Tech Savvy, a program of AAUW, was founded in 2006 by engineer and AAUW Buffalo (NY) Branch member Tamara Brown as a way to encourage middle school girls to explore careers in STEM while giving families information about college preparedness and financial planning.

Our Falls Church AAUW Branch is awarding Alexandria and Arlington a Special Project Award for developing this workshop in our area.



VOTING

AAUW Poll: Tell the U.S. Treasurer Who Should Be on the New \$10 Bill. The Results Are In!



We asked, and you told us, which woman should be featured on the new \$10 bill. Learn the results that we shared with U.S. Treasurer Rosie Rios. The Results Are In!

Rank	Entry	Percentage of vote
1	Barbara McClintock	27.67%
2	Eleanor Roosevelt	22.82%
3	Harriet Tubman	9.82%
4	Rosa Parks	6.15%

RESOURCES



Feminist Fall TV?

Could this season's lineup of women-fueled television be the tipping point for gender equality in Hollywood? Read about the (hopefully) feminist-friendly shows on TV this fall.

JUSTICE



See How Your State Measures up California just passed one of the strongest equal pay laws in our country! Find out where your state stands on the road to equal pay legislation.

EQUAL PAY



All the Work for Half the Pay

It's mid-October, and Latina women's pay just now caught up to non-Hispanic white men's pay from 2014. Learn more about what these numbers mean and how to change them.

AAUW joins League of Women Voters of Virginia's annual "Pre-Session Women's Legislative Round Table,"

The League of Women Voters of Virginia has invited AAUW members to attend its annual Round Table on Capitol Square, Richmond, VA on Wednesday, December 2, to hear first-hand about the pressing issues that will come before state legislators in 2016. The day begins with the Pre-Session Women's Round Table (free) in House Room D followed by an optional luncheon which requires advance reservation and panel.

As always, speakers from widely diverse sectors are invited, including non-profit advocates and members of the Governor's cabinet. Networking with activists and many advocacy groups is one of the top benefits of attending. A full morning of five-minute speeches from issue experts who have been on the front lines during General Assembly sessions will preview, predict, and prepare attendees for action in January. These experts have vast and diverse experiences in witnessing and influencing a wide range of legislation. Representatives from the Governor's Cabinet will enlighten attendees on their priorities.

A registration form with the schedule is attached on page 14 of this newsletter. Note that the registration deadline to attend the luncheon, which costs \$30, is November 25.

Leslie Tourigny, AAUW of VA Public Policy VP, [571 970-1782](tel:5719701782)

For more information, contact Carol Noggle: cnogg@comcast.net



Working Families Day of Action

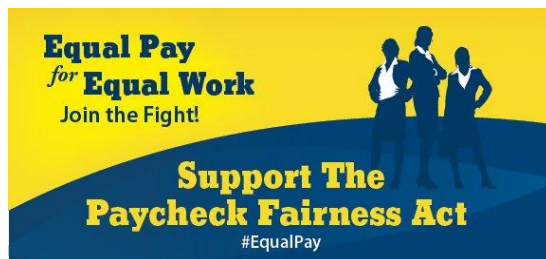
On October 27, the Democratic members of the House Committee on Education and the

Workforce hosted the Working Families Day of Action, highlighting some of the most crucial issues for workers with families and the bills that could help millions of working people if they became law. AAUW has promoted positive work-life balance policies for decades by advocating and sharing personal stories with legislators on Capitol Hill. Legislation such as the Paycheck Fairness Act, the FAMILY Act, the Pregnant Workers Fairness Act, the Healthy Families Act, and the Raise the Wage Act would improve the economic security of millions of families, but they are stuck in Congress. Your support and advocacy is needed to encourage Congress to pass these important bills. Urge your representative to support this package of legislation:

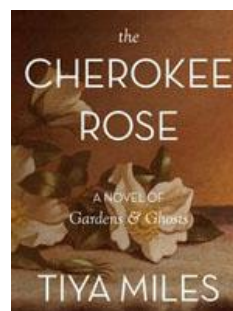
- Paycheck Fairness Act (HR 1619) – Strengthens the Equal Pay Act and helps to close the gender pay gap.
- FAMILY Act (HR 1439) – Provides paid family and medical leave to workers.
- Pregnant Workers Fairness Act (HR 2654) – Requires reasonable accommodations to protect the health of pregnant workers.
- Healthy Families Act (HR 932) – Ensures workers can earn paid sick days each year to use toward recovering from their own illnesses, providing care to a sick family member, or seeking assistance related to a domestic violence, stalking, or sexual assault incident.
- Raise the Wage Act (HR 2150) – Raises the minimum wage and increases the economic security of working women and their families.

Just click on the link below (or copy it into your browser). This will bring you to the “Two-Minute Activist” page. If you already are a “Two-Minute Activist,” a letter to send to your representative will appear. If you are not an “Activist,” type your zip code in the designated spot and submit it. Your representative’s name and a letter that can be sent to him will appear. Fill out the form with your name, address, and email and submit it; the letter will be sent from you to the representative.

[Two-Minute Activist](#)



November is Native American Heritage Month, and we are recognizing it with our first [¡Adelante! Book of the Month Club](#) online book discussion. We will meet to talk about [The Cherokee Rose](#) on December 3 at 7 p.m. ET with the book’s author, [former AAUW grantee](#) and [MacArthur Genius Grant winner](#) Tiya Miles. When you [register](#) for the discussion by November 22, you’ll also be able to submit a question for Miles to answer at the meeting.





*The League of Women Voters of Virginia
Invites You to Attend*



PRE-SESSION WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE ROUNDTABLE
On Capitol Square -- Wednesday, December 2, 2015

General Assembly Building, House Room D

Speakers: Non-Profit Representatives & Governor's Cabinet Members

Topic: Legislation in the 2016 General Assembly

MORNING: Free and Open to the Public

9:00 A.M. - 12:00 P.M.

Coffee and Tea Will be Available

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LUNCHEON: \$30

Luncheon Guest Speakers:

Brian Moran, Virginia Secretary of Public Safety and Homeland Security

Tonya Chapman, Deputy Secretary

Topic: "Criminal Justice Reforms in Virginia"

Note: Registration for Luncheon: Deadline: November 25, 2015

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For more information visit our website www.lwv-va.org or contact: cnogg@comcast.net

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Luncheon Reservation Form: Deadline: November 25. No Refunds.

Please Print: Name _____ Phone: _____

Email: _____ Number of Reservations _____

League or organization _____ Vegan choice needed? _____

Add names on back of this form as needed. Detach and mail completed form with your \$30 check made payable to:

LWV of Virginia - Address: LWV-VA c/o Pat Hurst, 12 Georgetown Green, Charlottesville, VA 22901

Fall Book Sorting Concludes

THANKS to the 15 or more branch members, friends, and family that came to our October book sorting. Starting at 10 am, and working until well after 1pm, we got all the books collected so far sorted! And that includes the books collected during our fall book drive at the FC Community Center; the fall book drive is officially ended. So, we are all set for winter.



The branch will resume the book drive again in mid-February, and we are asking donors to hold their books until February, when possible. Donors who must dispose of books immediately may deliver them to the Youmans, 703-941-5643, at 4419 N. 18th Street in Arlington near Ballston. Ask the donors to please box them for better stacking and storage and remember the donation guidelines:

Donation Guidelines: We can't accept or sell magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, nor can we accept books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition – but we will be happy to receive your saleable books in good condition.



65th Anniversary Brunch

Saturday, November 7, 2015

Program

10-10:30 – A walk down memory lane

10:30 – Brunch begins

Following brunch, two presenters:

Cristina Stanciu, AAUW's 2015–16 American Fellowship recipient

Colleen Pelar, Storyteller

11:30ish – Celebration Cake

Falls Church Episcopal Fellowship Hall
115 East Fairfax Street
Falls Church, VA 22046

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

November 5	7:00 PM	Book reading (<u>The Last Government Girl</u>) by Ellen Herbert at One More Page Books, 220 N. Westmoreland St. Ste. 101, Arlington, VA 22213
November 7	10:00 AM	65 th Anniversary Brunch Falls Church Episcopal Fellowship Hall 115 East Fairfax Street Falls Church, VA 22046
November 17	7:00PM	Book Club- <u>Spare Parts</u>
November 19	7:00 PM	Mount Vernon AAUW Chapter meeting Mt.Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306
November 26		Thanksgiving
December 2	9:00AM-Noon	League of Women Voters Roundtable, Luncheon and Panel General Assembly Building, Richmond, VA
December 3	7:00PM	Online book discussion of <u>Cherokee Rose</u>



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