

AAUW FALLS CHURCH *FLASH*

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American Association of University
Women – Falls Church Branch

65th Anniversary Brunch

Saturday, November 7, 2015
10 am

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



Books published in 1950

- [Paul Bowles](#), *The Delicate Prey*
- [Ray Bradbury](#), *The Martian Chronicles*
- [Ernest Hemingway](#), *Across the River and Into the Trees*
- [Mary McCarthy](#), *Cast a Cold Eye*
- [Isaac Bashevis Singer](#), *The Family Moskat*
- [Wallace Stevens](#), *The Auroras of Autumn*
- [Lionel Trilling](#), *The Liberal Imagination*

Science News and Events in 1950

- Col. David C. Schilling (USAF) makes the first nonstop transatlantic jet flight in 10 hours and 1 minute
- The first Xerox machine is produced.
- The first self-service elevator is installed by Otis Elevator in Dallas.
- Richard Lawler (US) performs the first successful kidney [transplant](#) at Loyola University.

President's Letter

Thank you for electing me president of Falls Church AAUW in the September meeting. This job is both an honor and challenge, and I'm counting on your help for a year of both fun and work.

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS. Lots of volunteers signed up at the September meeting. People volunteered to staff the Fall Festival and book collection. In addition Kristan McMahon volunteered to update the bylaws and Mary Ellen Gannon has volunteered to be the shadow member of the scholarship committee. We do still need a Communications and a Hospitality coordinator.

NOW TO WORK! As you know my goal as president is to have clear and willing candidates for all offices in our March elections. To make the jobs more exciting, we (me, the board and YOU) are embarking on an exercise to simplify the workload associated with the various offices. The next board meeting will focus on suggestions from the current office holders about how to make their jobs easier. Becky Gaul is preparing a survey to solicit member ideas on where our branch should focus efforts and how you think we could simplify. And we are planning an outreach by phone to get as broad a picture as possible.

NOW TO FUN! The 65th Anniversary Celebration is approaching on November 7. Plan to attend this festive brunch to celebrate AAUW accomplishments and to just have a good old time. We are now interviewing long-time members to get their impressions of our contributions to life in Falls Church and we'll have lots of photos and other memorabilia. Not to mention the good food. RSVP to Martha Trunk with your \$30 check.

Last Fall Book Sorting date: 10/24

Mark your calendar for Saturday Oct. 24 - for AAUW book sorting.

The September sorting went very well, indeed. We had a nice day and a good turnout. And we were able to sort most of the books that were in the garage and "put them to bed" for the winter. For the Oct. 24th sort, we will start at 10 and shoot to be done by lunch time. If you can come, we'd appreciate the help.

Date: Saturday Oct 24

Time: 10am to ??

Place: Youmans, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington VA.

Phone: 703-528-8993

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. 18th 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.

Our annual used book sale (next sale will be held at the Falls Church Community Center on April 8 & 9, 2016) 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.

Book drive continues through mid-October

Our book drive continues through October 24. Tell your over-booked friends and family that we are collecting good, clean books in the collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center. Alternately, you can bring them to the book sorting on October 24.

We need all kinds of books: hard-covers, paperbacks, novels, non-fiction, children's, cookbooks, etc. that are suitable for re-sale (no magazines, encyclopedias, text books, or damaged books, please). We will be selling them in our annual book sale to be held on April 8 - 9, 2016. The book sale benefits scholarship/projects for women, including local Falls Church high school girls. Donating couldn't be easier. For more information, contact (703) 941-5643, gjewell@cox.net for larger donations.

During the drive, members have generously volunteered to pickup books at the Community Center. The schedule can be found online. To check on the date you volunteered, right-click on the link, then click on "Open Hyperlink [AAUW Fall book collection](#).

THANK YOU VOLUNTEERS. Lots of volunteers signed up at the September meeting. People volunteered to staff the Fall Festival and book collection. In addition:

Kristan McMahon has volunteered to serve as our bylaws chairman, conducting our review and update of FC AAUW bylaws as required by national.

Mary Ellen Gannon has volunteered to serve as shadow member of the Scholarship Committee. Mary Ellen will learn the process this year and then rotate into the committee next year.

Aida Loomis has volunteered to be the Hospitality coordinator.

Thank you, Aida, Kristan and Mary Ellen!

Meanwhile, we are still searching for a Communications coordinator (maintain the web site and publicize branch activities). If you are interested, contact Mollie Jewell, 703-941-5643 or gjewell@cox.net

From AAUW

PROGRAMS: **AAUW Launches Ambitious Salary Negotiation Initiative in Boston**

AAUW Work Smart will provide negotiation training for half of Boston's working women in the next five years and even more nationally. For more information, see

<http://www.aauw.org/article/work-smart-boston/>

JUSTICE: **What's Next for Women and Girls at the U.S. Supreme Court,**

Sign up for AAUW's latest members-only call, October 15, to find out which issues may be brought up in the next term, including reproductive freedom, affirmative action, and health care access. For more information, see

<http://www.aauw.org/event/2015/10/register-for-the-2015-supreme-court-preview-call/>

Falls Church Schools of the Future, October 17, 9:00 a.m. - noon

FCCPS is planning for a new or renovated George Mason High School and addition to Mary Ellen Henderson Middle School. This is a once-in-a-lifetime opportunity to build academic spaces and community schools for the next generation. Community input is essential. Everyone is a stakeholder.

To attend, register via this link: [Register here.](#)

To volunteer to facilitate a small group, contact Mollie Jewell, 703-941-5643, gjewell@cox.net.

Panelists

- Josh Lasky, Sustainability Educator, Center for Green Schools, US Green Building Council
- Doug Gehley, VMDO Architects (part of the team that designed the new Discover Elementary in Arlington)
- Bruce Beddow, EMX Energy Management (innovative energy solutions, including Net-Zero)
- Michael Mondshine, WSP/Parsons Brinkerhoff (Eco-Districts & Campus-wide sustainability)

Authors Among Us

You are invited to a program focusing on Authors Among Us, co-Hosted by the Women 2 Women Committee of the Tower Club & The Women in Business Initiative of George Mason University. Tuesday, October 27th, 5:30PM - 8:30PM, Presentation begins at 6:30PM, cost is \$30. TedX Style Presentation, Hors d'Oeuvres & Cocktails, Authors will be available to sign books & books are available for purchase at the event.

Contact Peggy Montgomery for more details at peggy.montgomery@gmail.com

New DC Location for AAUW Headquarters

Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW Chair of the Board of Directors, has just announced that the national offices will be moving from the current building on 16th Street to a new location on L Street NW, just a few blocks from the old offices and still close to the White House and Capitol Hill. The move will take place in June 2016.

AAUW has maintained its national office in DC since 1919 in four different locations. The sale of the 16thStreet property, which was badly in need of costly renovation, will allow the organization to have state-of-the-art offices with room for activities and the archives.

McLean \$42,000 book sale.

Just in case you were wondering: McLean has announced the sales of their September sale as \$42,000. That is a big WOW. We all know the hard work that goes into the sale. Nancy Richardson, booksale co-chair, cites the following factors for success: Collections, Stone Ridge sorting tips (fewer and cleaner books), Pricing, Presales, Ability to take credit/debit cards, Publicity, Book sale subcommittee chairs, Branch volunteers, Help from friends and spouses, Student/scout help, Refreshments, Customers and business partners, Location, Our cause, Excellent weather, MCC signs, Or was it our membership display/donation jar.

I think we'd all agree! Falls Church members have the same great spirit, and our per-capita sales easily match theirs.

AAUW LOBBY CORPS TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

Several Falls Church Branch members will be attending the AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps' Fall Open House on Thursday, October 15, 2015. The event runs from 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m. at AAUW National Headquarters, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC, and includes lunch. We will be traveling by Metro to the Open House. If you would like to join us, please contact Marilyn Falksen at falksen@yahoo.com or 703-534-8740, so we can make arrangements to meet you. The Open House is a great way to learn more about Lobby Corps and how to become an integral part of AAUW's efforts to make a meaningful and significant impact on legislation pertaining to issues of concern to women and their families. You can register by clicking on the link below and following the prompts.

http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=4163

Treasurer's update

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 booksale 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 booksale expenses.

Nominating Committee Report

At the September 14th meeting the Nominating Committee presented the nomination of Mollie Jewell for president of our branch. The vote was unanimous in support of Mollie.

Mollie agreed to serve for one year. She spoke about her plans to interview the membership about their volunteer experiences within the branch, ideas of how to streamline each office/task and thus encourage members to volunteer for those offices.

Mollie has been a member of the Falls Church Branch for many years. She has held many positions including co-chair of the Book Sale Committee for some years. One of her huge accomplishment within AAUW was to chair the Registration Committee for the AAUW National Convention here in Washington. She earned her "Herding Cats" merit badge on that one.

We all look forward to a successful year under Mollie's leadership. She certainly has my support. Kitty Richardson, Membership VP – Chair of Nominating Committee

Thank you to Mollie Jewell for accepting the position of President of our Falls Church AAUW Branch!



CONGRESSMAN BEYER TO HOLD PROGRAM FOR WORKING WOMEN

On Saturday, October 10, 2015, Congressman Don Beyer, in conjunction with George Mason University, is hosting a free program "Women Driving the Economy". The keynote speaker is Small Business Administration Administrator Maria Contreras-Sweet, a pioneer in establishing women in leadership roles in the economy. Her address will be followed by a panel consisting of Judith Warner from the Center for American Progress, local small business owner El Brown, and Rebecca Shambaugh, a leadership trainer for women in the workforce. The panel will be moderated by Megan Beyer. The event will also include training sessions on a number of topics affecting working women, including resume writing, using social and career networks, financial planning, perfecting interview skills, and salary negotiation.

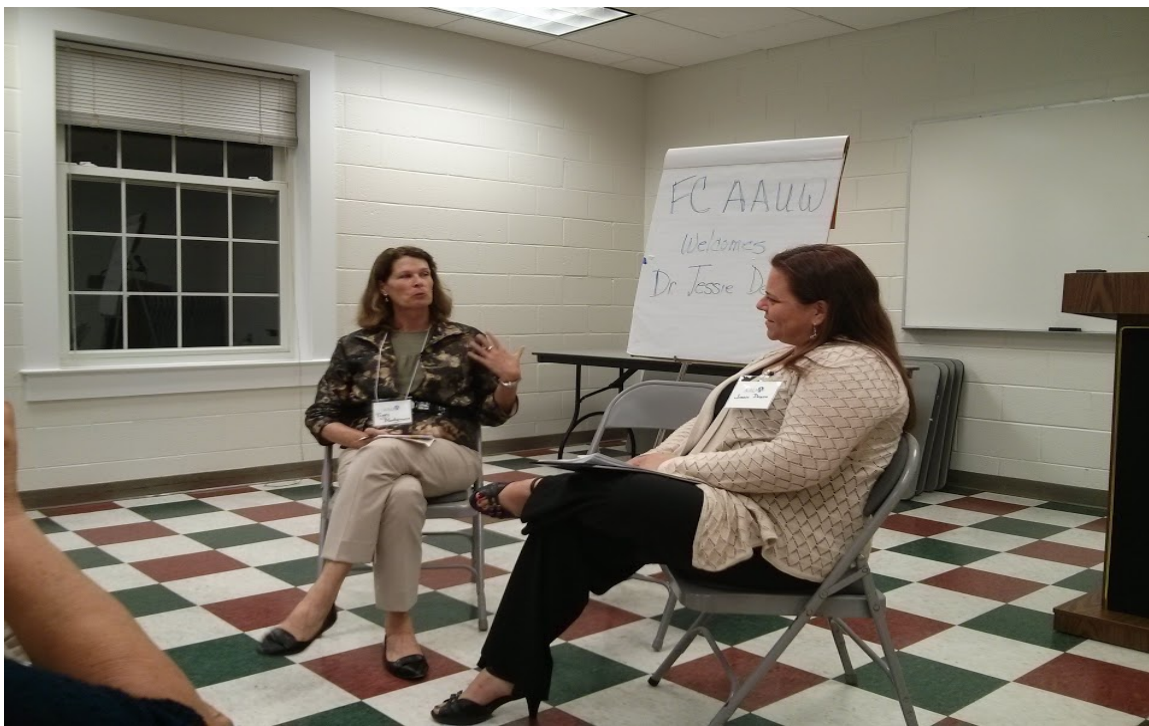
The event will be held at the Arlington Campus of George Mason University from 8 a.m. until 12 p.m. Childcare will be provided. For additional information and to register (by October 9) for this event, click on the following link:

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/women-driving-the-economy-registration-17924084419>

AAUW FC September 2015 program

You are an educated woman, talented in science and engineering subjects in high school and you graduate college ready for the next step. You seek a future in the sciences and research and apply to graduate school. Armed with a B.S. degree in Chemistry (or other field) and past academic success, you look forward to new courses and projects, more complex challenges in science. Once you get there, you find that not much has really changed in this male-dominated subject area. They don't really hear when you speak, you have to do twice as much publication to gain professional respect, male peers get more attention or win more resources for research. You experience stereotype threat, implicit bias, and unconscious aggressions among your peers, even from your instructors and counselors. It's a too common experience.

To make a difference in such a landscape, Dr. Jessie DeAro, Ph.D., is heading up a program called ADVANCE at the National Science Foundation to seek systemic change in STEM education at higher learning institutions. On September 14, we talked with Dr. DeAro, PhD, for our regular monthly member meeting at the Falls Church Community Center. Peggy Montgomery led the conversation interview-style to ask Dr. DeAro about her story and the program. ADVANCE seeks to improve the female faculty success in STEM. We learned about the challenge, the effort, the current impact, trends, and plans for ADVANCE.



Branch Program Co-chair Peggy Montgomery leads discussion with Dr. DeAro, NSF

The ADVANCE program uses an organizational change model for the introduction to strategies for change at institutions of higher education (faculty and leadership training on implicit bias, policy review and revision, etc.) and the research that informs those strategies (implicit bias, mentoring deficits, macroaggressions, etc.). Dr. DeAro discussed the benefits that women provide to educational institutions and corporations that come from the diversity in answers to complex problems and the outcomes on the science. Indeed, women engineers have solved design problems in car manufacturing and other areas where different viewpoints need to be considered in new and traditional areas of STEM education institutions and corporations. Systemic change will evolve the definition of excellence without the loss of quality.

Jessie DeAro, Ph.D. short bio:

Dr. Jessie DeAro's federal career started in 1999 as a Presidential Management Fellow (PMF) after earning her doctorate in physical chemistry from the University of California at Santa Barbara. She has fifteen years of experience managing federal capacity building and education research programs to improve the participation and success of underrepresented minorities and women in STEM education and workforce. During this time she has worked at two different federal agencies: the U.S. Department of Education and the National Science Foundation (NSF). She spent a year detailed to the White House Office of Science and Technology Policy in 2010 working on policy projects related to STEM education and diversity. She has served eighteen months in temporary Senior Executive Service roles as acting Deputy Division Director in two Divisions in the

Directorate for Education and Human Resources (EHR) at NSF. She is currently program officer for the EHR Core Research program and the ADVANCE program. The ADVANCE program focuses on changing institutions of higher education to be more inclusive of diverse faculty to increase the participation and advancement of women in STEM academic careers.

Sources for some of the data showing the numbers of women in academic careers include <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/>. The report addressing diversity, *Women, Minorities and Persons with Disabilities in Science and Engineering*, is at <http://www.nsf.gov/statistics/2015/nsf15311/>.



Falls Church Branch members enjoying conversation at the September 2015 Branch meeting!

Book Group News

Our October meeting will be Tuesday, Oct 13th (second Tuesday, instead of usual 3rd), 7:30 pm at Becky Gaul's home. That's **very soon**, so the selection is **very short**, only 180 pages. Come join our discussion, even if you haven't finished the book!!!

For October 13, 7:30 at Becky's:

The housekeeper and the professor by Yoko Ogawa; translated by Stephen Snyder
He is a brilliant math professor, with a peculiar problem--since a traumatic head injury, he has lived with only 80 minutes of short-term memory. She is an astute young housekeeper with a 10-year-old son who is hired to care for the professor. Between them, a strange, beautiful relationship blossoms.

For November 17th (Host TBD):

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.

Book Reading

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.

Breaking News

Kitty Richardson's daughter is in the Boston area and is going to her first AAUW meeting this Sunday there. Here is information she received in an email from Patricia Ho, AAUW national president:

"AAUW Work Smart Boston, a model partnership between AAUW national and the City of Boston was announced yesterday by AAUW and Mayor Marty Walsh. AAUW and AAUW-MA are very proud of this pilot project in which 85,000 women in Boston will receive salary negotiations training within five years. Amazing and ambitious! " Here is more info.

<http://www.aauw.org/article/work-smart-boston/>

<http://www.wbur.org/2015/09/28/salary-negotiation-workshops-boston-women>

Falls Church Fall Festival

Thanks to our branch members who participated in the FC Fall Festival and Taste of Falls Church with a tent/booth. We were there to remind the citizens that we are The Book Ladies, that we have an annual book sale in April and that we are collecting books most of the year. We mentioned the book bin that will be in the lobby of the Community Center during October to receive donations. We gave away paperback books and chatted with a number of interesting folks. Several women gave their email addresses so they could receive our newsletter.



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.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October 3	2:00 PM	Northern Virginia District Meeting- Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd., Burke, VA
October 15	10:00 AM	VA Lobby Corps Open House-AAUW National Headquarters, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC
October 24	TBA	Book Sorting
November 7	10:00 AM	65 th Anniversary Brunch Falls Church Episcopal Fellowship Hall 115 East Fairfax Street Falls Church, VA 22046



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