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What's Inside?

The Story of **Doughnut Dollies**, our September meeting program topic. A letter from Bunny, our **President**. The always welcomed **news** of what's going on with the **movie group** (read Susan's blog **review!**), the **book club**, the **travel group**, and our **regional** leadership. Discover the names and contact information for our **new members**. Read all about **Rails for Girls**, our STEM project for this year—and how **you can fund** a project, too. Catch up with the **book sale**, the source of that funding for all branch philanthropy. And learn how you can help in upcoming **state elections** as well as national **AAUW funding** projects.



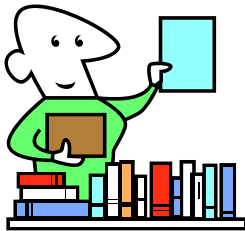
Women in Service: Doughnut Dollies at the Front

At our September 9th meeting, Susan Conklin of AAUW-Falls Church will introduce "A Touch of Home," a documentary about young women who served as Red Cross volunteers in Vietnam from 1966 to 1972. Called "Donut Dollies," over 600 young women served in country in Vietnam at or near combat situations, flying out daily to visit American soldiers, Marines and airmen at "fire bases."

Susan and her colleagues were at or near the “front lines” of Vietnam from January 1968 to January 1969. She will **share some of her experiences**, including being in combat situations and being airlifted with the wounded. There is no longer a women’s volunteer program; **women advocated** for greater roles in the armed services, and the presence of these volunteers and women serving in the armed forces often at or near the front lines was proof that there was a **place for women** in combat. Serving in combat is linked to women’s professional advancement in the armed services and opportunities to assume leadership roles.

Come hear their story

Sept. 9, 2013, 7:30 p.m., at the Falls Church Community Center



Book Group Meeting Sept 17th

Book Group will discuss Sonia Sotomayor's recent book, *My Beloved World*. Amazon says "the first Hispanic and third woman appointed to the U.S. Supreme Court Sonia Sotomayor has become an instant American icon. ...she recounts her life from a Bronx housing project to the federal bench, a journey that offers an inspiring testament to her own extraordinary determination and the power of believing in oneself."

Join us on **Tuesday, September Sept 17, at 7:00 pm, at Becky Gaul's home** (6119 18th Road North Arlington 22205). Everyone is welcome, even if you haven't yet read the book.

Suggestions for future books are welcome as we plan for coming months. If you have ideas but can't come on the 17th, contact Olivia Cedillo (olyced@gmail.com) or Becky (beckygaul@verizon.net).

The group usually meets on the **third Tuesday** of each month.



From the President

Blessed are the flexible, for they shall not be bent out of shape.

This was the message from the AAUW-VA Summer Leaders Meeting held July 13th in Charlottesville where we were urged to look at new ways of doing things in our branch. Kitty Richardson and I spent the day with representatives from around the state addressing the question, “Whom do we want to recruit and how will we maintain these members once they join?” Facilitators from the national AAUW office guided our work and provided written activities and a CD that will be used by our board and our branch in the coming year.

Are you ready for a great year in AAUW? Join me in welcoming our 15 new members! We hope that they will jump in and participate in activities of interest to them. Remember that we have special interest groups – books, movies, travel – in addition to our monthly branch meetings and field trips. Read about the September 9th meeting featuring our very own Donut Dolly in this newsletter.

Welcome also to new members of the Board and Leadership Team. Kitty Richardson is our Membership Vice President and Martha Trunk is our Treasurer. Peggy Howard joins us as Hospitality Chair, Marilyn Falksen as Public Policy Chair, and Sally Brett as Newsletter Editor. Please say “yes” when branch leaders ask you to help with an activity. Working together is the best way to get to know other AAUW members and to contribute to the goals and mission of the organization.

Bunny Jarrett



Rails Girls Workshop Sponsorship Approved

We have our first funded Special Project of the year – and it is a STEM project! The Board has approved \$200 for a contributing sponsorship of the **Rails Girls Workshop** at George Mason University, September 7, 2013. This program combines computer science with the digital humanities. It will give girls and young women an opportunity to learn about current programming skills in a supportive and energizing environment.

Rails Girls was born in Finland but is now a **global, non-profit volunteer effort** to give tools and a community for women to understand technology and to build their ideas. Participants learn sketching, prototyping, and basic programming and get introduced to the world of technology.

Some **explanation of terms** may be helpful. A desktop computer power supply **rail** or **voltage rail** refers to a single voltage provided by a power supply unit (PSU). It is suggested that the term rail in the Rail Girls program implies power and computer savvy energy.

The **digital humanities** are an area of research, teaching, and creation concerned with the intersection of computing and the disciplines of the humanities. Digital humanities embrace a **variety of topics**, from curating online collections to data mining large cultural data sets.

As a **co-sponsor**, **AAUW** will have “advertising space” on tee-shirts given at the workshop and on the website. This is a great way for us to **gain visibility** for AAUW with college-age women. Thanks to Sally Brett for bringing this opportunity to our attention and to Kitty Richardson for submitting the application for Special Projects funding.

Check out the workshop and our AAUW sponsorship at

(http://railsgirls.com/digitalhumanities_fairfax).

AAUWFC Special Project Awards – What Can You Do?

Have you considered submitting a Special Project application? **Any FCAAUW member can** submit a request for a project for a person or organization local to the Falls Church area that **benefits women and/or girls**. Applications are rolling and open each July 1st. Deadline for final submission is March 31st. More information and applications are available from Bunny Jarrett at mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu.

Special Projects Study/Review Committee

The criteria and process for FC AAUW Special Project grants will be reviewed this year by a committee appointed by the Board. If you are interested in serving on this committee, please contact Bunny. (mjarrett@gwmail.gwu.edu.)



AAUW Falls Church Travelers Unite!

A number of members have expressed interest in hearing of members' travels around the nation and the globe. Susan Hesser and other interested members are forming a travel group, and she has agreed to give us a short, colorful report on her recent travels. **Contact Susan re the travel group** seffhess@usa.net

Did You Know?

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 \$3.5 million in fellowships last year. Our sale continues to make us **one of the most productive branches nationwide**, as evidenced by our national recognition for per capita donations.

WELCOME

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What About YOUR Membership Info?

In order to continue to get information from AAUW at the branch, state and national levels, **your contact information should be current.** If you have a change in this information please update it using the following guide.

To Update Your Information

First, find your AAUW member number (3 ways)

1. Look on the label of your *AAUW Outlook* magazine
2. Go to www.aauw.org and click on “Login” at the top. At the Login page, click on “Forgot AAUW Member ID?” and enter required information to get your number
3. Contact AAUW at 800/326-AAUW and ask for your number

Second, if you are online: Enter or edit your address, email, and phone number in the AAUW Member Services Database (MSD)

- Go to www.aauw.org
- Go to bottom of the page and Click on “Member Tools”
- Log into Member Tools (see above if you don’t have your member number at hand)
- Once in Member Tools, click on “Enter Here” at the Member Services Database (MSD) toward the bottom of the page
- Click on “Enter Member Services Database”
- Click on “My Profile in top left column and make changes as directed.
- Alternatively you can call AAUW at 800/326-AAUW and ask that your contact information be corrected.
- Why keep this updated? Your mailing label for *Outlook* and the *Virginia Vision* come from this list, plus the address for all emails to you from national or Virginia is pulled from the MSD.

Notes on the Movie Group

Around the time I retired I was talking with Anne Baxter and mentioned how I was going to see more movies in my newfound freedom. We found out we both had a love of the silver screen. That led to finding other folks in and out of AAUW who enjoy movies. So **started the Movie Group**.

Mid-day on any given Wednesday you will find anywhere from two to six of our group going to a movie. We chose Wednesday because **Cinema Arts** where we started going has a "Paid Your Dues" special all day Wednesday for anyone over 60 and because some of the Lobby Corps so are not available on Thursdays.

I send out an **email around Sunday or Monday** with information on what is playing. Groupies send me comments of their preferences. We choose one film and the time. Lately we have been going to the new theater complex in Merrifield, **Angelika Mosaic** (which is \$6 before noon). The theater is comfortable and there is a wide range of restaurants nearby so if we can, we grab a bite and talk about the movie, the world and life.

Recently the Movie Group tried **something new**. We set up a Saturday viewing date so members who work during the week could join us. And we had an early dinner at The Match Box, a restaurant right next to the theater. Twelve folks (members and friends) enjoyed good food, good company and lively conversation. We will probably do it again! From **Kitty Richardson**

Movie Reviews

Susan Conklin, one of our Movie Group, writes a regular **movie reviews blog** which you can read at <http://suzismovies.blogspot.com/> Or read the latest:

Austenland: Jane Hayes is so taken with Jane Austen's novels that she decides to splurge on a trip to an English resort that caters to Austen fans. But when the authentic period romance Jane was promised proves unacceptable, she acts to alter her fate. **So corny that it is really funny**. The characters are totally unrealistic and over the top in humor. **I give it a 7**. Go to the theater because it is more fun with lots of people laughing.

September Opportunities

Taste of Falls Church at the Fall Festival

FC AAUW is staffing a table at the Taste of Falls Church at the Fall Festival on **September 7** on the Falls Church city grounds. The goal is to promote FC **AAUW and the book sale**. The job is to distribute paperbacks and bookmarks to people inquiring about the sale or the branch. Talk to people about **donating books** and about AAUW membership and FC branch activities. Encourage people to sign our membership mailing list to get the next three newsletters. For more information on the festival see <http://www.fallschurchva.gov/>

We need **two volunteers for each of the time slots: 7:30 (setup), 9:30, noon, and 2:00 (clean-up)**. Please consider helping to help our branch grow!

Contact Mollie Jewell, (703) 941-5643, gjewell@cox.net.

Voter Education and Registration

AAUW Falls Church will distribute **voter registration information** at the PTA Fair at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School on Tuesday, **Sept. 10, 2013**. We need **one volunteer** to participate in this event, **from 6:30 (set-up) until 8:00 p.m.**

The AAUW volunteer will work at the event with a volunteer from the League of Women Voters. The LWV volunteer will supply the voter registration information. Our volunteer will take **AAUW information, including membership materials**, to the event and hand this out **after providing voter registration** information. Our volunteer also take an AAUW sign (a standing sign) for the table and the AAUW banner, which can be affixed to the front of the table with tape, or hung on the wall behind the table. (Setup at 6:30 p.m.: A table and chairs are supplied by the PTA organizers; the volunteers must prepare their table between 6:30 and 7:00 p.m.)

Please contact Bunny if you can take this task.

More for September...

Fall Book sorting starts Sept. 14

Books are starting to get out of control in the Youman's garage, where all donations are stored over the year, so we will hold our first fall books sorting session on **Saturday Sept 14** to sort/consolidate books.

Sorting is a great way to meet people, spend some quality time outdoors, and get a huge sense of accomplishment. On Sept 14, we'll start at 9 a.m. at Mary Youman's house. To help, come any time between 9 a.m. and noon (we hope to finish by 1 p.m.). Mary lives near Ballston at 4419 N. 18th Street in Arlington, just two blocks off Glebe Road. Come, even if only for a little while. If you have questions, call Mary Youman at 703-528-8993.



One melancholy note, Mary won't be able to help with sorting this fall – she is having back surgery on Aug 27. But come to the sorting to wish her well in a very tangible way!

Can't Make the September sorting?

Worry not; the second sorting session is set for

October 19th

10 a.m. until 3:00 p.m.

Come whenever you can!

See you!

On the Calendar for October

Date: **October 26, 2013** from 12:30 to 4:30 pm

Location: **Oakton Public Library, 10304** Lynnhaven Place Oakton, VA 22124-

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Catherine Hill**, Director of Research, AAUW

In 2010, **57% of community college students were women**. About a quarter are mothers and many have significant work and family responsibilities. Dr. Hill will talk about the **AAUW report** *Women in Community College: Access to Success*. This report identifies **challenges** facing student parents and opportunities in **STEM** fields, as well how community colleges can provide more women with a reliable path to opportunity and **economic security**.

Catherine Hill is a Director of Research at AAUW and an author or co-author of many AAUW reports including *Women in Community College: Access to Success* (2013); *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation* (2012); *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* (2011); *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics* (2010) and *Where the Girls Are: the Facts about Gender Equity in Education* (2008). Before coming to AAUW, Dr. Hill was a Study Director at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and an assistant professor at the University of Virginia. She has a bachelor and master's degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in policy development from Rutgers University

This program is free and open to the public. After the program there will be a Northern District business meeting.

AAUWFC Archives at the Mary Riley Styles Public Library

President Bunny Jarrett and Secretary Elizabeth Kessel have submitted AAUWFC materials from the 2013-2014 year to the Local History Room at the MRSPL. The submissions included branch meeting minutes, board agendas, and our monthly newsletter The Flash. These materials, as well as those submitted in past years, are available to the public for research purposes.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Sat., Sept. 7	Falls Church Fall Festival, FC AAUW Info Booth
Mon., Sept. 9	Branch Meeting, 7:30p.m., FC Community Center
Tues., Sept. 10	6:30 – 8 p.m. Voter Registration and AAUW Info Table, T.Jefferson Elementary School
Sat., Sept. 14	First Book Sorting, 9 – 1, 4419 N. 18 th Street, Arlington
Tues. Sept 17	Book Group, 7:30pm, Sonia Sotomayor's recent book <i>My Beloved World</i> , 6119 18 th Road North Arlington
Mon., Oct. 14	Branch Meeting, 7:30p.m., FC Community Center
Sat. Oct. 19	Book Sorting, 10– 3, 4419 N. 18 th Street, Arlington
Sat. Oct. 26	NoVA AAUW Regional Meeting and Public Program 12:30 – 4:30 p.m. Oakton Public Library
Mon., Nov. 11	Branch Meeting, 7:30p.m., FC Community Center



Empowering Women Since 1881

For membership information contact: Kitty Richardson 703-573-3489 or w.richardson@wap.org

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.

The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

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.