



## **AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH**

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### **September Meeting**

When: Monday, September 12, 7:30pm

Where: Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road- In the Senior Center

What: What Do I Do Now?—Keeping active and growing in our later years (or those of our parents)

With so many of us retired, and others with parents in their senior years, we thought it might be helpful to remind ourselves of what opportunities there are for us who maybe have newly found free time or who may want to take a different direction in their choice of activities. To that end, we will have a speaker from RSVP, a volunteer clearing house, and Encore Learning, offering classes for those in midlife and older. Note that Encore registration begins that day, so if you think you are interested, have a look at their catalog on line and be early in the registration “line.”

The September meeting will be held Monday, September 12 at 7:30 pm in the senior center at the Falls Church Community Center.

### **President’s Letter**

Welcome to a new year. I’m excited to take over the leadership of our branch and I look forward to all of the great programs in store for us this year.

Our branch has a breadth of membership with varied histories and interests. I think that is one of our greatest strengths. Please feel free to forward ideas to Dianne Bodeen, Sally Brett, and me regarding programs, speakers, and community occurrences of interest to you. Continue to speak about AAUW and our branch to your neighbors and friends. We are always interested in additional members. Finally, I hope that you will continue to be involved in our branch activities – monthly meetings, the book sale and its prep work, Movie Club, Book Club, and community outreach. I’d like to get everyone involved in at least one activity outside of our monthly meetings. Let me know in what you have an interest. If a group does not already exist, we can

explore creating one. For example, the Diversity Dinner in July was such a success that we are discussing resurrecting the Gourmet Dinner Group. What else would you like to see?

Warm Regards,

Kristan



## Lobby Corps

### AAUW LOBBY CORPS TO HOLD OPEN HOUSE

The AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps is holding an Open House on Wednesday, September 7, at AAUW's new headquarters: 1310 L Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC. The event, which begins at 10 a.m., will last until 2 p.m. and include lunch. All AAUW members are invited; however, if you wish to attend, you must register at the following link:

[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event\\_KEY=7273&killorg=True](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=7273&killorg=True)

Due to security procedures at AAUW's new building, you will need to bring a photo ID to the event.

Lobby Corps is made up of AAUW members in the metro area who meet with Members of Congress and/or their staffs on a regular basis. Attending 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. Several Falls Church Branch members will be traveling by Metro to the Open House. If you would like to join us, please contact Marilyn Falksen at [fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com) or [703-534-8740](tel:703-534-8740), so we can make arrangements to meet you.

## Equity

Use the power of the purse to support a fellow AAUW member and women in Hollywood – **invite your AAUW branch (and potential members!) to see [Equity](#), a new movie about women on Wall Street, on opening weekend (August 12 and September 2 in VA)!**

### What Is Equity?

Equity is a Wall Street drama about women who thrive on competition, ambition, deals, and strategy, but who must carefully calibrate every aspect of their lives – professional and private – to stay equal in the game.

### Why should you take your AAUW branch to see Equity?

Equity is directed, written, and financed by women! It's a collaboration among women in Hollywood and the real-life women of Wall Street who produced the film because they wanted to see their story told. Best of all, AAUW of New Jersey member Candy Straight is the Executive Producer who helped make this happen.

Equity's story also [aligns closely with AAUW's latest research report](#) on the barriers and bias that women leaders face. Fans of AAUW's advocacy, research, and programs will have plenty to discuss after seeing this film – all making for an engaging AAUW outing!

### When is Equity coming to my city, and where can I see it?

Check [Equity's website](#) to see when and where it will be playing your city, then show your support for this film by women, about women by seeing it in theaters opening weekend.

## Cultural Diversity Dinner, July 25 at Present in Falls Church





Falls Church AAUW members enjoy an evening together sampling delicious Vietnamese food.

Elizabeth Kessel, Anne Baxter, and Barbara Lathroum. Barbara is president of the Downingtown PA branch of AAUW and a former member of our branch (1975-78). Her mother, Harriet Lathroum, was president of our branch in 1956-58.

## Wine Tasting Anyone?

The Vienna Area AAUW Branch is trying a new fundraiser for AAUW Funds this year: a wine tasting on October 2nd led by a professional sommelier.

Sunday, Oct. 2 ~ 2:30-4:30 pm

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax, Program Building (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)

2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA 22124

\$35/pp

RSVP by Sept. 30 – email or call Diane Hoyer ([dthoyer@hotmail.com](mailto:dthoyer@hotmail.com) or 703-421-0564)

Please see the flyer on the last page for additional details.

## League of Women Voters Announcement

LWVFC Community Forum: State Constitutional Amendment

“Right to Work Laws vs Encouraging Collective Bargaining”

Sunday, September 18

3 – 4:30 p.m.

Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street

Free and Open to the Public

This program will present an overview of the issues around the proposed state constitutional amendment that will appear on the Nov. 8 election ballot. The forum will feature Stanley Greer, senior research associate for the National Institute for Labor Relations Research and editor of the “National Right to Work Committee Newsletter,” and Daniel Duncan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. After brief presentations, the forum will be opened for comments, questions and discussion.

## Northern District Meeting: Sat., Oct. 22, 2 p.m., King's Park Library

**"Gender Bias in Politics--Is It Real?"** Most of us would say, "Yes," but you might be surprised at the how and when. It's a timely subject and also fits with AAUW's latest research on "Bias and Barriers." We will feature Melissa Richmond, vice president of Running Start (a non-partisan organization that trains young women to run for office), and Melissa Jackowski, campaign services manager for TargetSmart Communications (which provides data-driven solutions to campaigns) and former AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager. Both women have incredible backgrounds in politics and electoral campaigns. Watch for more details in early October and put October 22 on your calendar.

### CALENDAR OF EVENTS

September 7	AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps Open House 1310 L Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC.
September 12	Branch meeting at the Falls Church Community Center, 7:30pm
September 18	LWVFC Community Forum
October 2	Vienna Area AAUW Wine Tasting (see flyer)
October 22	Northern District Meeting, King's Park Library, 2 pm



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

**FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE**

**League of Women Voters Hosts September 18 Forum**

**On “Right to Work” Constitutional Amendment**

The League of Women Voters of Falls Church will host a forum Sunday September 18 to review a proposed amendment to the Virginia Constitution regarding so-called “right-to-work” laws. The forum will be held from 3 to 4:30 p.m. at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street.

Currently, state law prohibits labor agreements that make membership in a union or organization a condition of employment. On the November 8 ballot, Virginia voters will be asked whether the state’s Constitution should be amended to incorporate similar language.

The LWV forum will feature Stanley Greer, senior research associate for the National Institute for Labor Relations Research and editor of the “National Right to Work Committee Newsletter”; and Daniel Duncan, executive secretary-treasurer of the Maritime Trades Department of the AFL-CIO. After the speakers make brief presentations, the forum will be opened up for comments, questions and discussion.

The program is free and open to the public. For more information on the Falls Church League and its activities go to [www.lwvfallschurch.org](http://www.lwvfallschurch.org). For more information on the proposed constitutional amendment, go to the League’s comprehensive online voters’ guide, [www.vote411.org](http://www.vote411.org).



## *Wine Tasting Event – Open to the Public*

A Fundraiser for the AAUW Fund\* by  
American Association of University Women – Vienna Branch

- Experience ~ Old World and New World wines  
~ How to choose the best wines for different foods  
~ The fine points of wine etiquette
- Enjoy ~ 6 wine tastings with appropriate light bites  
~ An event organized by a professional sommelier

### *Speaker: Vienna Vintner Sommelier Jacqui Lafon*

Vienna Vintner is a local wine shop specializing in unique wines from around the world.  
233 Maple Avenue East, Vienna, VA 22180



**Sunday, Oct. 2<sup>nd</sup> ↔ 2:30 - 4:30 pm**

Unitarian Universalist Congregation of Fairfax  
Program Building (3<sup>rd</sup> from right)  
2709 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton, VA 22124

**Reservation Required by Sept. 30:** E-mail or call Diane Hoyer ([dthoyer@hotmail.com](mailto:dthoyer@hotmail.com) or 703-421-0564). Limited seating. Checks for \$35/pp payable to "Vienna Area AAUW"  
Tax deductible form will be provided at event.

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