

AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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We are almost ready! But we need you to...



...take these tasks:

- **Cashiers and sorters at sale (April 11 and 12)**
- **Sorters (Saturday April 6)**
- **Collectors (April 1 – April 6)**
- **Sorters and Organizers (Thursday April 10 starting at 3 p.m.) to sort at the Community Center and to ready the sale displays at each table.**

To volunteer, please do one of the following:

- call Mollie on 703-703/941-5643
- email her at gjewell@cox.net.

After the book sale, come to the celebratory dinner at Panjeer's.

More information on that dinner inside.

From the President

Dear AAUWFC Members,

Pop Quiz! What is the AAUW Vision Statement? What is the AAUW Value Promise?

Both statements have recently been revised by AAUW as part of a new Strategic Plan. The Strategic Plan incorporates the current best practices for a nonprofit organization. Strategic planning has moved away from three- to five-year plans, and thus the Strategic Plan is not dated, but will evolve over time.

The adoption of the new Strategic Plan led me to review several statements that encapsulate what AAUW stands for and what is important to their success. I urge you to read these statements and think about how they reflect your commitment to women and girls through AAUW.

Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

Value Promise

By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women and girls have a fair chance.

Vision Statement

AAUW empowers all women and girls to reach their highest potential.

Diversity Statement

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Do you sometimes get the question, “**What is AAUW?**” Of course, you first have to say it is not an organization of university professors! As you think about your answer, remember the four statements above. You can use them to frame your thoughts about your particular area of interest: equal pay, violence against women, STEM education, scholarships for women and girls. By putting your interests in the context of AAUW, you reflect the thinking of many competent, dedicated women throughout the country.

When people ask you about AAUW at the Book Sale, you will be ready to say, “I’m glad you asked!”

Bunny Jarrett, President

From the Board

The AAUW of the Falls Church Area Board met Monday, March 24, 2014. Board members in attendance were Becky Gaul, Marilyn Falksen, Bunny Jarrett, Mollie Jewell, Kitty Richardson, and Martha Trunk.

VP for Programs: Sharon has sent an email to all members about the May 17 visit to the National Museum for Women in the Arts. Members will meet for lunch before the museum tour. The June Planning Picnic will use the results of the Visioning Project as one of the frameworks for program recommendations for 2014-2015.

VP for Membership: Kitty Richardson has the Membership Table organized for the Book Sale. She also will have a donation jar available at the check out table. Members should encourage friends to join AAUW at the sale.

Treasurer's Report: Martha Trunk indicated that the National Office will send invoices for dues to each member. Dues are due by July 1. Martha will urge the Scholarship Committee to get correct information from awardees so that we can maintain contact with the girls as they move into college (one of our branch goals.)

Book Sale Chair: Mollie Jewell reported that she is on target for completing tasks associated with the book sale. She is relying on book sale volunteers to show up or arrange for a substitute. Book sorting continues on Saturdays through the first weekend in April. We will add information about AAUW to the receipts we give at the book sale. This was a recommendation from the Visioning Project.

Public Policy: Marilyn Falksen will have Equal Pay Day stickers, policy brochures, and membership brochures available for distribution at the book sale.

Bylaws Committee: Martha Trunk reported that she is ready to complete insertion of the changes into our bylaws and send the bylaws to AAUW-VA for approval. The Board expressed their gratitude to Martha for her work on the bylaws.

Virginia AAUW State Conference will be held April 4-6. Bunny will attend. Becky constructed a beautiful gift basket of games to be auctioned at the conference.

Visioning Project: Bunny has had a final debriefing of the workshops with Deepti and Denise. She will keep in touch with Denise through June and ask for her assistance in using the Visioning Project results in planning for the coming year.

Special Projects: The Board discussed making a donation to the AAUW National Office to support young women's attendance at the NCCWSL Conference as a Special Projects grant. It was the consensus of the Board that we should move any excess Special Projects money to our Scholarship Fund. Our branch is dedicated to providing scholarships, and we want to support scholarships in this way. (*Ed. Note:* In the

establishment of the Special Projects Fund, it was stipulated that in each funding year any monies not expended on Special Projects would be moved to the branch Scholarship Fund.)

Future Board Meetings: April 28 at Sharon Zackula's. May 19 and June 23 may be combined into one meeting in mid-June.

Branch Tour of Women in the Arts Museum

The Branch will tour The National Museum of Women in the Arts on Saturday May 17 at 1:30 p.m. The tour is 45-50 minutes. Admission is \$12.00 (including the tour). For seniors 65 years and older, the fee is \$10; if you are a member of the museum, \$6.00.

Fees must be paid in advance for groups; Sharon Zackula will buy the tickets by April 15 or 16. **Please confirm to her by email by April 7 that you will attend or you will not attend.** If you confirm you will attend, she will assume that your ticket cost is \$12, unless you indicate in your email that you are a senior or a museum member.

Schedule

11:25 a.m. - meet at lower level of East Falls Church Metro (by fare card machines) and get your fare card; depart, taking the Orange Line Metro to downtown.

12:00 p.m. - 1:00 Lunch at TBD

1:00 p.m. - walk to Museum (13th and New York Avenue) and pick up tickets.

1:30 - 2:30 - Tour

2:40 - depart Museum, and walk to Metro Center (orange line) to East Falls Church

Book Sale Celebratory Dinner

It is a tradition that the book sellers, sorters, cleanuppers, etc. meet after the sale closes on Saturday to share dinner, libation, and stories—plus learn how much we made!

Please **let Sharon Zackula know by Friday April 11** if you will be buying your own dinner in the company of AAUW friends on Saturday the 12th at Panjsher's on Broad St.

Member Notes

Condolences to **Jean Zapple**, a long-time FC AAUW member, on the recent death of her daughter, Peggy Zapple, at her home in Cape Cod. Peggy was a retired producer for public broadcasting who had lived in Boston, Miami, and Pittsburgh. The service will be held on the Cape later in the spring.

Carol Anne Davis announces with great pride the birth of her fourth grandson: "On Saturday March 15th my son James and his wife had their second child--a boy, healthy, 7 lbs 4 oz. His name is Lucas Nathaniel Sutton. Everyone is fine and so happy. He is a sweet child and his older brother is enjoying his new title of Older Brother. Now I am grandmother to four beautiful boys all under six!! "



Becky Gaul joins AAUW members, interns, and friends in making our stance known re women's healthcare at the U.S. Supreme Court. Neither snow, nor rain....

Travel Group

Travel Group will **not** meet in April. Please check May newsletter for that month's meeting time and place.

Ideas for Angie?

Angie Hattery, the George Mason U. Women and Gender Studies professor who works closely with our branch (she identifies our NCCWSL participant), would like to know: **What workshop or seminar subjects would most interest you?** Angie's department is considering offering a course that would be exclusively for non-degree seeking students, grownups who want a chance to explore the world intellectually for no credit.

She invites your suggestions; please email her at hattery@gmail.com or [703-993-2897](tel:703-993-2897).

Book Group's April Selection

If you'd like to plan ahead, our next reading selection will be the 2013 National Book Award for Fiction winner: ***The Good Lord Bird*** by James McBride. It's the story of a young boy born a slave who joins John Brown's antislavery crusade—and who must pass as a girl to survive. The group meets April 20 at Becky Gaul's house, at 7:30 p.m.

Movie Blog

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.

Book Sale: Volunteers Still Needed!

Just a few more jobs to do as we head into the final weeks of Book Sale preparation:

Thursday April 10 Sorters, Organizers, Toters and More

Please come to the FC Community Center any time after 3 p.m. to help sort and arrange books on their proper tables (categorized by genre). All are needed and welcomed for this key task.



- **About Sorting**

We have **one Saturday left in April** to sort books. Come to Mary Youman's (address on p. 7) any time **between 10 a.m. and 3 p.m.** Call Mollie Jewell at 703/941-5643 or Mary Youman at 703/528-8993 to find out more about sorting.

- **Are We Still Collecting Books?**

YES! Until April 6th, our last sorting Saturday, we are accepting good books. To reduce the amount of trash, we are selective about the books we accept. So, please remind your donors about the guidelines for book donations: **No 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.

- **Receipts for books you collect**

If you are **accepting book donations from your friends**, you can cut out and give them the following receipt:



Educational Equity Book sale
Falls Church Community Center
April 11 and 12, 2014

Promoting education and equity for women and girls

Thank you for your donation of:

_____ Soft cover books

_____ Hard cover books

_____ Other (DVD, video, magazine, audio book, _____)

Value to be established by donor.

Date _____ 2014

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- April 6 Final Book Sorting, 4419 18th St., Arlington VA 22207
- April 4 - 6 Virginia AAUW State Conference, Smith Mountain Lake
- April 7 Final day to let Sharon Zackula know **via email** if you will be taking the branch tour of the National Museum of Women in the Arts.
- April 10 Starting at 3 p.m., Book Sale set up, FC Community Center
- April 11 9 a.m. – 9 p.m. Book Sale
Final day to let Sharon Zackula know whether you will be joining the Book Sale Celebratory dinner on Saturday. Dutch treat.
- April 12 9 a.m. – 4 p.m. Book Sale
- April 12 6:30 p.m. until we go home: **Book Sale Celebratory dinner! Panjsher, 924 West Broad St.**
www.panjsherrestaurant.com for details on menu and prices
- April 20 7:30 p.m. Book Group. 6119 18TH Rd. North, Arlington 22205
- May 17 Noon – 1:15 Pre-tour lunch at place to be determined
1:30 – 2:30 Branch tour of National Women in the Arts Museum
- May 18 Federal Lobby Day. More information in the May newsletter.



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