



## AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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## February Meeting

When: Sunday, February 12, 2:30 pm

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

What: “Conversation with Caroline” at **2:30 p.m. on SUNDAY, 12 February**- We will gather with Caroline Pickens, our Northern District Representative.

## President's Letter

Welcome to 2017. AAUW is off to a roaring start in January. Lobby Corps is gearing up for an active year; the training session a couple weeks ago was widely attended. If you still would like to get involved, please reach out to Marilyn. If you don't have the space in your schedule to lobby, sign up for the [Two Minute Activist](#). That is a literal two minutes. We all have that much time to lend our voice to the issues about which we feel strongly.



Our February program brings the estimable Caroline Pickens to our branch for a roundtable I have taken to calling “Conversation with Caroline.” It is a fabulous opportunity to plumb the depths of her AAUW and Northern Virginia branches knowledge to enhance our branch. I look forward to seeing you on Sunday, February 12 at 2:30 pm. Don’t miss it!

Warm regards,

Kristan

## Program Notes

As noted in last month's newsletter, the first three winter 2017 meetings are AAUW focused: January, national; February, regional; and March, branch.

"Conversation with Caroline" is the February topic. At **2:30 p.m. on SUNDAY, 12 February**, we will gather with Caroline Pickens, our Northern District Representative, to hear her observations on regional issues and activities and to speak of our own concerns. You may have seen the three-question survey recently sent out by the regional AAUW, the results of which will be discussed at the Northern District meeting on Saturday, February 25. As one of the survey sponsors, Caroline will have insights into that survey and its results; she will be equally interested in our observations and concerns in that larger context. Come prepared to listen, discuss, and learn!



In the January branch gathering, Pam Yuen, Coordinator of Government Relations for AAUW, spoke of the AAUW analysis of the 2016 Presidential election voting patterns and trends. Addressing an almost packed community center room, she reminded us that AAUW is nonpartisan and focused on legislation benefitting women and girls in education and civic life. Thus, unlike other analysts, we do not parse patterns to reshape our mission. But we do learn from voting analyses how issues of concern to women are viewed and shaped in the public discourse. This in turn informs our research and our lobbying efforts.

## FC AAUW Welcomes

Madalyn Cafruny heard of AAUW from a fellow League of Women Voters member, Bunny Jarrett. Madalyn strongly supports the concept of women's organizations and women's activism.

Madalyn's father was a professor at a number of medical schools so her childhood was enriched by living in a number of states. She attended Ohio Wesleyan University for an undergraduate degree in Sociology then received a Masters in Communication at American University. In her professional life Madalyn worked for many years for a trade association. Since her recent retirement she accepted the position as Assistant Registrar of Voters for the city of Falls Church. Madalyn and her husband, Jeff Tarbert, moved to Falls Church in 1986. Presently one of her goals is to prioritize time for home and family while continuing to participate in activities of the women's organizations she values. We welcome Madalyn and will enjoy the time she can share in our company.

## Book sale organizing brunch - Sat. Feb 18

Sign up early (and often) for book sale jobs!

Come to the brunch on Saturday, Feb 18 to learn more about this year's sale, catch up with your friends, and volunteer for one the many activities that make our sale so successful. You can also bring books if you have been collecting them this winter.

The book sale organizing brunch will be Saturday, February 18 at 11:30am. The location, familiar to many is at Mary Youman's at 4410 N. 18th Street, Arlington. It's a potluck affair, so bring a dish to share if you can. Call Mary for details at 703-528-8993.

Oh, and if you can't come and want to volunteer, there are still plenty of opportunities. I'm using SignupGenius for jobs at the sale itself. You should get a link via email in mid-February, or go to [Signup-FC AAUW 2017 Booksale](#). Pick you jobs/time slots from the list and hit the **Submit and Sign Up** button at the bottom of the page, then just enter your name and email address as prompted. Or we will have paper sign-up sheets at meetings, brunch, and book soring. Or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643.

## Mark your calendar:



**Book Sorting Saturdays starting March 4**

**Setup - April 6**

**Book sale – April 7-8**

Book sale time is approaching and sorting starts on Saturday March 4, weather permitting. Aside from good weather, our biggest need is **your energy and enthusiasm**. Despite the tremendous sorting efforts last fall, we now have lots of books to sort before the sale. The garage is once again filling up! Just come on the sorting dates (4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington), no sign-up needed!

We sort from 10am to 4pm in the Youman's driveway, so dress for the weather. No experience is necessary, we offer on-the-job training. And we invite all book sorters to share in a simple lunch each week, so you don't have to worry about getting hungry. And, remember, book sorters get first crack at the books!

Talk to Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer.



## Book sale Volunteers - Don't be shy

Staffing the book sale and related activities is a challenge for a small branch like ours. As always, we need your help with the book sale! Our biggest need is for your help

- Sorting books .....Saturdays in March (some Sundays in case of rain)
- Selling books..... at sale (April 7 and 8)
- Posting publicity. April 2-April 8.

## Book Sorting

Sorting is our biggest effort starting in March. The job is straightforward: sort books and box them by subject. Even a few hours of your time helps get the job done. Come to Mary Youman's (near Ballston at 4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street) any time between 10am and 4pm on Saturdays in March. We sort in the driveway, so dress appropriately. This is a good opportunity to get your vitamin D!



## Publicity

We need to get the word out all around town and PUBLICITY is key to drawing paying customers. Pick up your posters at the next meeting or sorting session and sign up for a convenient location. And, starting April 2, hang the posters. Send online announcements to everyone you can think of. Here's what I am telling people:

### **Book Enthusiasts**

For book bargains and selection, plan to shop the AAUW used book sale on Friday April 7 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) and Saturday April 8 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, just off Route 7.

More than 40,000 books for browsing and buying. Huge selection. Most books priced at \$3 or less. Proceeds benefit scholarships and grants for women and girls.

Buy a book, send a girl to college.

## Sales

Selling books is what it's all about! The job is comparable to retail clerking; if you like books, people, or money, it's really rewarding. There are 70 distinct jobs during the sale, so sign up for at least one 3-hour shift! The link is [Signup-FC AAUW 2017 Booksale](#).

## Volunteer for many jobs!

Remember, you don't need to limit yourself to just one job. We're recruiting people to help with almost 200 distinct tasks to prepare for and run the book sale. Sign -up at the meeting. If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to volunteer, call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643.

# \$3.7 million

awarded in fellowships and grants to support  
241 women in their professional and  
academic careers.

## AAUW Foundation

### Our book sale helps...women and girls

Wondering what we do with the money we earn? Well, our branch provides scholarships to local high schools girls and grants to local organizations helping educate girls. We also donate generously to AAUW's Foundation.

The AAUW Foundation, which is the largest source of funding exclusively for graduate women

in the world, supports aspiring scholars around the globe, teachers and activists in local communities, women at critical stages of their careers, and those pursuing professions where women are underrepresented. Last year, AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in grants and fellowships to 241 scholars, researchers, and community-based programs.

Currently, our branch is funding the endowment a career development grant which we hope to fully fund this year. When funded (\$75,000), this grant will help women return to university for education to advance their careers. This grant will join our previously funded fellowship in empowering women. See [FC 50th Anniversary American Fellowship winners](#) for a list of our past recipients.



**Photos from last year's book sale!**

**Remember how all that hard work pays off for girls and women in our community!**

### Book collection starts Feb 18

Starting Feb 18, we will resume accepting books at the Youman's, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington: call ahead to make arrangements 703-528-8993. If you have a friend or neighbor whose spring cleaning includes some good books, please approach them about donating to our sale.

### Book deposit at Community Center

In case people ask, we will be collecting books at the Falls Church Community Center again this year. Expect to start collection about March 1. So, once again, we will need volunteers to transport books from the center to the Youman's – another opportunity to help with the sale! We'd prefer that people take books to the Youman's, but the collection bin at the FC Community Center is an option.

**Guidelines for book donations:** Avoid magazines, textbooks, encyclopedias, old reference books, and books that are damaged, moldy or in poor condition. Please tell donors that we are accepting only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can't accept.

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



AAUW Educational Equity Booksale  
Falls Church Community Center  
April 7 and 8

*Promoting education and equity for women and girls*

Thank you for your donation of:

\_\_\_\_\_ Soft cover books

\_\_\_\_\_ Hard cover books

\_\_\_\_\_ Other:

Value to be established by donor.

50% Tax deductible.

Profits to AAUW scholarships for girls.

\_\_\_\_\_ Falls Church Area AAUW    Date \_\_\_\_\_

(703) 941-5643

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

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## Nominating Committee

It is time to identify candidates for two offices for the coming two year term. The offices of Treasurer and of Membership VP are to be filled. Martha Trunk has performed the duties of treasurer admirable for the past four years. Kitty Richardson has served as Membership VP for the same four years.

Both offices are two year terms. Kitty will be seeking help on the Nominating Committee to find members willing and able to fill these two positions. If you are interested (or you want to nominate someone) please call or email Kitty at [kittyrichardson6@gmail.com](mailto:kittyrichardson6@gmail.com) or [\(703\) 573-3489](tel:7035733489).

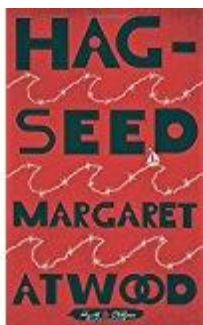
Your help is appreciated.

## Book Club

Falls Church AAUW Bookworms will be meeting Tuesday evening Feb. 21st at 7:30 PM at the home of Anne Baxter, 6337 Hillcrest Pl., Alexandria, VA 22312. We will be discussing Hag-Seed by Margaret Atwood. Please join us for great snacks, lively conversation and good fun. No need to have read the book.

Hag-Seed (Hogarth Shakespeare) by Margaret Atwood (Goodreads Author) Hardcover, 301 pages

When Felix is deposed as artistic director of the Makeshiweg Theatre Festival by his devious assistant and longtime enemy, his production of The Tempest is canceled and he is heartbroken. Reduced to a life of exile in rural southern Ontario—accompanied only by his fantasy daughter, Miranda, who died twelve years ago—Felix devises a plan for retribution.



Eventually he takes a job teaching Literacy Through Theatre to the prisoners at the nearby Burgess Correctional Institution, and is making a modest success of it when an auspicious star places his enemies within his reach. With the help of their own interpretations, digital effects, and the talents of a professional actress and choreographer, the Burgess Correctional Players prepare to video their Tempest. Not surprisingly, they view Caliban as the character with whom they have the most in common. However, Felix has another twist in mind, and his enemies are about to find themselves taking part in an interactive and illusion-ridden version of The Tempest that will change their lives forever. But how will Felix deal with his invisible Miranda's decision to take a part in the play?



For March the Bookworms have something special planned. We are going to see the play "To Kill a Mockingbird" performed by the Providence Players at the James Lee Community Center and then go to dinner to discuss the book and the play. More details to follow, but you can already start reading the book if you're interested.

We hope you will join us whenever you can.

Polly Rosenstein and Kathleen Gerrity

## AAUW National Elections Approaching

We are rapidly approaching the opening of AAUW's National Election. Candidate bios and videos will be available online as of January 30 as will the call for appointed candidates to the AAUW board. Please encourage individuals you think would serve AAUW well in this role, and of course, consider yourself! If a board position is not of interest, then perhaps you'll consider serving on a national committee this year. Either way, AAUW needs you!

## Women's March January 21, 2017

Inauguration weekend was an exciting time to be in the District. Several members of our branch joined hundreds of other AAUW members and hundreds of thousands of people downtown for the Women's March. Here are their thoughts:

**Sally Brett:** The four of us (my daughter and our two house guests from Houston and Boston) stopped by the AAUW headquarters around 8:45, just as they were setting up in the lobby. We picked up the biggest pins ever seen and wore them proudly throughout the March! They prompted many questions and I was glad to have an elevator speech, stressing the Lobby Corps, given the context.



As we walked to the meeting site on the SW side of the mall to stand with another group, we marveled at the many, many cheerful and energized people pouring forth from the Metro stations. Because we were on a side street, none of us saw or heard much of the rally, even though we moved a couple of times. But then, many other people were doing the same: It was packed!! The best part of the whole day was when, after the rally was winding down, we caught up with those marching from



the rally down Pennsylvania. I loved the calls and responses, the energy, the excitement and most of all the cheerfulness.



**Becky Gaul:** I'm glad I participated in the Women's March. Even as I was walking to Metro before 8 am, I could see that it would be a special event. There were people parking along Washington Blvd, meeting friends at corners, and a crowd outside the EFC station. Trains were jammed full of all kinds of people, young and old, but everyone was polite and friendly. I was pleased that the AAUW contingent included about 100 people - local members, several members from out of state, lots of college affiliates, plus AAUW staffers and friends, male and female. It was fun to march down Pennsylvania Ave from the Newseum, across the Mall, to near 7th & Independence where the crowd was so dense, we had to stop. People commented positively on our signs and AAUW. Luckily, we had a

decent view of a large screen so could see and sometimes hear the speakers. I was part of an amazing, friendly crowd, standing shoulder to shoulder for almost 4 hours, listening, talking, and reading all the great signs. Even as I headed home from the Smithsonian Metro station, more people were still arriving on incoming trains! I hoped the crowd would be bigger than for the Inauguration and it absolutely was, without any doubt! It was exhilarating to be part of so many people, peacefully protesting Trump and his new administration, registering their views and intention to continue to speak up about important issues. We have plenty of work to do in the coming months!

**Bunny Jarrett:** The Women's March was the largest march I have ever attended, and it was an experience of a lifetime. There were women, men and children as far as the eye could see. Although many were there to protest, the over-riding attitude was one of celebration, of women coming together to stand for their rights and by extension for the rights of all citizens. The goodness and the good intentions of the group were palpable. We are strong. We will work together. We will fight for our rights - and we will win.

**Kristan McMahon:** Students from my alma mater, St. Bonaventure University, were in town that week for learning opportunities and to witness the Inauguration. At a reception earlier in



the week, a few of the students indicated they were interested in marching, and I suggested they join the AAUW contingent. Their professor and about eight students took me up on that offer.

The size of the crowd was astonishing – before, during,

and after the rally. I was frustrated with the audio at our standing point on Seventh Street. While I'm sure the messages were interesting, I fear much of the ability to rally the crowd was lost. I wish the media had not characterized the rally and march as anti-Trump because I think that makes it too easy to dismiss. I do not mind that many messages were carried through the March, but I am actively looking for ways to channel my energy into concrete efforts. The 10 actions in 100 days is a good start (<https://www.womensmarch.com/100>).

I've been noodling on this for a few days, and I'm pretty sure this was my first protest march. The positive energy and feelings of solidarity were astonishing. And, it was a privilege to experience the March through the eyes of the students as well.

**Pam Martinov:** Due to a prior commitment, I was only able to attend the beginning and what was supposed to be the end of the March. From the moment I walked up to the East Falls Church Metro stop and met Kristan, the excitement in the palpable. Here it was, a quiet, early Saturday morning, and people of all ages were streaming into the station. The metro ride was crowded and yet, everyone was cheerful and polite. We walked over to the Newseum and happily put on large AAUW buttons. It was amazing and heartwarming to see the number of people demonstrating for women's rights. Later, I joined in as marchers moved from the rally point towards the White House. I marveled at the creativity of many of the sign makers. While the marchers' ideals were varied and broad, I was pleased that AAUW participated in the Women's March to show support for gender equality.



**Sharon Zackula:** At the march, signs and slogan showed the diversity of issues women face and care about. There were more than any one organization can persuasively address. Clarity of purpose and intense focus will be needed to protect us from the current wave of assault on women's rights. I think AAUW should considerin g narrowing its focus to develop a stronger voice and be a more effective advocate.

## March Forward with AAUW

OUR MEMBERS ARE ASKING WHAT CAN THEY DO TO SUPPORT the 10 Actions/100 Days Campaign.

AAUW members and supporters were among the millions who marched worldwide to deliver the message that women's rights are human rights. But our march forward does not end there. It's more critical now than ever that we come together to raise our voices.

**Join AAUW in the 10 actions/100 days campaign now! Add your name to the AAUW electronic postcard and make your voice heard. It will be sent to your senators and representative.**

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## FALLS CHURCH MEMBERS ATTEND LOBBY CORPS TRAINING



On Wednesday, January 11, eight Falls Church Branch members -- Marty Behr, Marilyn Falksen, Becky Gaul, Bobbi Graham, Bunny Jarrett, Aida Loomis, Pam Martinov and Kristan McMahon -- joined several dozen AAUW members from DC, Virginia, and Maryland for Lobby Corps training. The conference room at AAUW headquarters in DC was filled to capacity for the event. Pam Yuen began by providing a summary of the Lobby Corps' work during the past year. Lobby Corps members visited the office of every Representative and Senator at least once, providing the elected official and his or her staff with information about AAUW's position on various bills and initiatives before Congress. Anne Hedgepeth, Government Relations Manager, and Lisa Maatz, Vice President of Government Relations, spoke about some of the special challenges AAUW will face this year. Ms. Maatz emphasized the importance of AAUW's role in "speaking truth to power" about the effects proposed government actions could have on women and their families. She also pointed out that AAUW has a distinct advantage over many other groups; as a nonpartisan organization, AAUW is respected by and able to work with Members of Congress on both sides of the aisle.

After lunch, Pam Yuen explained the logistics of how Lobby Corps works. Lobby Corps lobbies on most Thursday mornings when Congress is in session, and members are expected to attend regularly. On Monday or Tuesday of a week Congress is in session, members receive an email with the issue to be lobbied on and whether Lobby Corps will go to the House or Senate. By Tuesday evening, members must notify the Lobby Corps Coordinator if they intend to lobby that week. By Wednesday evening, members receive via email an in-depth briefing on the issue so they can familiarize themselves with the issue. On Thursday morning, participants meet in either the Senate Dirksen or House Longworth cafeteria for an oral briefing with an opportunity to ask questions. Members are paired, given the name and room number of six or seven Representatives or Senators, as well as the name of the staffer who handles the issue in each office, and then proceed with their visits, typically finishing before noon. After the visits, one member of each pair enters the feedback they received from each office into an online feedback form.

For over 40 years, Lobby Corps volunteers have made tens of thousands of visits to congressional offices, making AAUW a familiar and respected name among Members of Congress and their staffs. Whether it's fighting for stronger equal pay laws or supporting measures to improve gender equity in education or other issues of importance to women and their families, Lobby Corps volunteers continue to be a critical voice on Capitol Hill. Consider



joining this dynamic group of women and make your voice heard on issues of concern to you. Newcomers are always welcome. Come to the first lobbying day this year on Thursday, February 2, even if you were unable to attend the training session. You'll be paired with an experienced Lobby Corps member and will be fully briefed before you begin your visits. If you are interested in participating in this important program or want more information, email Marilyn Falksen at [fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com)

## MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD

Now, more than ever, it is important that public officials hear from individual Americans. Here are two ways you can "make your voice heard".



First, join Action Network, the cornerstone of AAUW's e-advocacy efforts. To become a "two-minute activist" go to <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/> and fill in the requested information. Once you're signed up, you'll receive urgent email notices to contact your elected officials on important issues, such as equal pay, education, and ending violence against women. With this tool, it takes just minutes to make your voice heard. You'll receive a summary of the issue, AAUW's position and the reasons for it, and a draft letter to the pertinent elected official(s) that you can modify or send as is. Once you click on "send your message", it will be automatically sent to the appropriate official(s).

Second, join AAUW's 10 actions/100 days campaign. On March 21, millions of people across the United States marched to deliver the message that women's rights are human rights. In order to ensure that this message continues to be heard, AAUW is implementing the 10 actions/100 days campaign. You, too, can join this effort by signing AAUW's first action, an e-postcard petition demanding that women's priorities be America's priorities. AAUW Lobby Corps members will deliver signatures and messages to Senate offices in person. To sign the petition, go to [http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=20640&killorg=True](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o50796/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=20640&killorg=True) and fill in the requested information. By signing this petition, you will also become a member of the Action Network and will receive notice of future actions you can take to ensure women's voices are heard and their concerns addressed.

**Make Your Voice Heard on Capitol Hill with AAUW!**

## Register for the National Convention

<http://convention.aauw.org/register/>

2017 Registration Rates	Early Bird	Regular	Daily
	Jan 15, 2017 – Mar 31, 2017	April 1, 2017 – June 14, 2017	Oct 1, 2016 – June 17, 2017
Member	\$575	\$625	\$300
Non-Member*	\$650	\$675	\$350
Student**	\$335	\$350	\$125
Guest***	\$365	\$380	\$225

\* A non-member looking to become an AAUW member should choose the "Become a Member" option on the registration page. One full year of membership with the 2017 convention discount costs only \$24.50. This discount will be added to the member registration rate.

\*\* Rate listed is for both member and non-member undergraduate students. If you choose a student registration type, you will be able to become a member through registration. One full year of student affiliation with the 2017 convention discount costs only \$8.50.

\*\*\* A guest may only attend convention plenary sessions and must purchase tickets for special events. Guests can only be registered by members who use an AAUW member ID as their host member ID. Guests cannot register themselves or be AAUW members.

## George Mason University Women and Gender Studies Center February 2017 Programs

A new feature! Following is a list of activities supported or sponsored by the Women and Gender Studies Center at George Mason University. Our branch, among others in Northern Virginia, has provided support to this Center. Most of these events are open to the public, and it would be great for our members to attend. Look forward to seeing you there!



## Global Inauguration Conversation

February 2, 2017, 5:00 p.m. – 7:00 p.m., Dewberry Hall

Join us for a conversation on the implications of our inauguration on international students and the globe. The event is hosted with INTO Mason, Office of International Programs and Services, and University Life. Refreshments will be served.

## Let Them Play (Get Paid)- Women & Sports Event

February 7, 2017, 6:00 p.m. – 8:00 p.m., JC Cinema

A women's sports panel including former athletes, sports broadcasters, and faculty who study sports gather to discuss the inequalities surrounding women in sports. Sponsored by African and African American Studies, Athletics, XSport Fitness, and Title Club Boxing. Refreshments will be served.

## W.E.B. DuBois Lecture with Eduardo Bonilla-Silva

February 9, 2017, 1:30 p.m., HUB 1

Sociologist Eduardo Bonilla-Silva will be leading a lecture titled "The Diversity Blues: Toward a New Diversity Agenda at Historically White Colleges & Universities." Hosted with African & African American Studies. Reception will follow.

## February 13th

GMU Visiting Filmmakers: Screening of **13th** (dir. Ava DuVernay) and Q&A with Director of Photography and GMU Professor of Film and Video Studies, Hans Charles

4:30pm – 7:10pm, Johnson Center Cinema

<http://fams.gmu.edu/events/6437>

This is a screening of 13<sup>th</sup> followed by a Q&A with one of the film's cinematographers, Hans Charles. Who is also an assistant professor of cinematography in GMU's Film and Video Studies Program.

## Women Faculty Brownbag

**Courtney Hughes-Rinker and Nancy Xiong**

February 16, 2017, 12:00 p.m. – 1:00 p.m., JC Room A

Join us in welcoming core and affiliate faculty as they discuss their current Women & Gender Studies influenced research interests. This month features Associate Director of Women & Gender Studies Nancy Xiong and Assistant Professor in Anthropology Courtney Hughes Rinker. All are welcome to attend!

## Women & Gender Studies Annual Breakfast

February 22, 2017, 10:00 a.m. – 12:00 p.m., JC 240K

This annual event welcomes students back to George Mason and provides an opportunity to network with Women & Gender Studies students, faculty, and staff.

## Sojourner Truth Lecture-Redefining Black Womanhood: An Evening with Janet Mock

February 28, 2017, 7:00 p.m., Center for the Arts

(ticketed event) Students \$5/ Faculty \$10/ Community \$15

Janet Mock, writer of *Redefining Realness*, TV host, and trans advocate will speak on black womanhood and her experiences. Join us for an amazing event and see us award our community organizations that do important work.



## STEMtastics 2017 Seeking Volunteers

The Fairfax City, McLean Area, Springfield-Annandale, and Vienna Area AAUW Branches are once again partnering in support of STEMtastics 2017. They are looking for volunteers again. Please contact Marlene Chivavibul, [marlenechiv@yahoo.com](mailto:marlenechiv@yahoo.com) if you can volunteer this year. This is a wonderful way to support AAUW's efforts to promote STEM education for girls, it is fun and you'll receive lunch! Please see the flyer at the end of the newsletter

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

February 12	Branch meeting at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road, 2:30pm
February 18	Book Sale Organizing Brunch at 11:30am at Mary Youman's, 4410 N. 18th Street, Arlington
February 21	Book Club 7:30 PM at the home of Anne Baxter, 6337 Hillcrest Pl., Alexandria, VA 22312
March 4, 11, 18 & 25	Book Sorting 10am-4pm at Mary Youman's, 4410 N. 18th Street, Arlington (weather permitting)
April 6	Book Sale Set-Up afternoon, Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road
April 7-8	Falls Church AAUW Book Sale, Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Road



## CALL FOR VOLUNTEERS

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- ❑ INTERESTED IN ENCOURAGING STEM (SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING, AND MATH)? – THEN VOLUNTEER AT **STEMtastics 2017**, A HALF-DAY EVENT FOR FAIRFAX COUNTY MIDDLE SCHOOL GIRLS
- ❑ STEMtastics IS SPONSORED BY 4 NORTHERN VA BRANCHES OF AAUW (AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN), FCPS, AND NOVA SYSTEMIC SOLUTIONS
- ❑ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR TASKS SUCH AS
  - CHECKING IN STUDENTS AT REGISTRATION
  - SERVING AS STUDENT WORKSHOP ASSISTANTS
  - SETTING UP AND SERVING MORNING SNACKS
  - HANDING OUT PROGRAMS AND FEEDBACK FORMS
  - HALL MONITORING
- ❑ VOLUNTEERS NEEDED FOR ASSIGNMENTS AS EARLY AS 7:00 AM UNTIL 12:15 PM ON **SATURDAY, MARCH 11, 2017**, AT THE NOVA-ANNANDALE CAMPUS
  - SHORTER ASSIGNMENTS ARE POSSIBLE
- ❑ IF INTERESTED, CONTACT MARLENE CHIVAVIBUL, VOLUNTEER COORDINATOR, AT [marlenechiv@yahoo.com](mailto:marlenechiv@yahoo.com) - INDICATE ANY PREFERENCE FOR TIME AND TASKS



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. 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.

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