

# **AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH**



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## **March Meeting**

When: Monday, March 12 at 7:30

Where: American Legion Post 130 Hall located at 400 North Oak Street, Falls Church

What: Annual Business Meeting

## **President's Letter**

Happy March Everyone!

I think we can definitely say that March came in like a lion this year, and I hope that everyone weathered that safely and if you lost power, it has been restored by the time you get this.

March is always one of my favorite months. I appreciate the focus on women's history, although of course, I don't think it should be limited to just one month. Our stories have value. Our stories are worth exploring and sharing. As such, watch our website for some focus/highlights of women who have paved the way. And if you have suggestions for anyone you'd like to see featured, please let me know.

Another reason I like March is that it is also our yearly business meeting – a wonderful opportunity for us to showcase what we have done this year and set the direction for our branch for the future. Right below this you'll see the list of nominees for our open positions. If you'd like to self-nominate or nominate someone during the business meeting, that is also an option. One of the articles below showcases the proposed AAUW Bylaw changes, and we'll discuss that next week. We also will have a lot of volunteer opportunities to discuss at this year's business meeting. I look forward to seeing everyone on March 12.

We're also down to the final stages of planning for the book sale. Please see the information from Mollie Jewell below re sorting dates and other opportunities for you to help.

Warm, and less windy, regards,  
Kristan

## Nominations

The nominating committee is pleased to submit the following slate of candidates for three offices:

President –	Kristan McMahon
Secretary –	Aida Loomis
Program Co-VPs –	Susan Conklin Dianne Bodeen

Pursuant to re-election, Kristan, Aida, and Dianne have agreed to continue in the roles in which they have been serving. Susan agreed to be a co-VP with Dianne. The election will take place at the March meeting.

A sincere thank you to all who served on the Nominating Committee:  
Shannon LaBarbera, Kitty Richardson, Kathleen Gerrity and Martha Trunk.

## AAUW Proposed National Bylaw Changes

You should have received an important email on February 22 from the National Board of Directors. (If you didn't, that is a good indication National does not have your email address, which is an easily solvable problem.) The email offer three very important proposed AAUW Bylaws amendments that you will vote on this spring. You have from **now until March 22** to (a) comment on the proposals, (b) amend them, and/or (c) propose you own amendment to anything in the AAUW Bylaws. The proposed amendments are:

1. Change the structure of the national board to staggered three-year terms, which begin with elections in 2019 (the primary reason for voting this year on amendments is to put this in place)
2. Delete the requirement that national board members must be AAUW members; the board composition of 15 must have at least 10 AAUW members so no more than five can be non-members. Non-members could serve in all board positions, including board chair.
3. Delete the degree requirement and open membership to all who support our mission.

The website explains the rationale for each of the proposed amendments. It is important to review the proposed amendments, comment or amend as you see fit, consider if there are other places in the AAUW Bylaws where you want to submit an amendment, and then **VOTE** between April 25 and June 9 (May 21 for paper ballots).

How do you find the amendments? Click on the link to the AAUW website in the second paragraph of the email and then click on the yellow book that says "Bylaws." Did you miss or delete the email? Simply go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click on "National Bylaws Amendment VOTE" on the home page.

## Programs

### **March Meeting:** We Are All Business

Our **Monday, March 12** meeting will be held at the American Legion Post 130 beginning at 7:30 p.m. As customary, the March meeting is our annual business meeting to include election of various Branch officers. And, as has been our wont for the past two years, the meeting will conclude with a rally, so to speak, for the imminent Book Sale. Come get an update on all we do, what we will do, and how to increase membership, knowledge of AAUW, and book sales!

### **February Meeting:** Workshops for the Working Woman Explained

Representatives from Northern Virginia Regional and the Virginia State AAUW (Caroline Pickens, Sandy Lawrence and Cheryl Spohnholtz) and from the Vienna branch joined our 20-odd members for the February 12<sup>th</sup> meeting at which we heard the latest in the ongoing development of AAUW's Start Smart and Work Smart salary negotiation workshops. Jesse Rauch, Senior Program Advisor, ably spoke and fielded many questions from the audience. He stressed that both workshops have been in a development phase while AAUW worked toward a scalable format, with the goal of offering the workshops, online and on site, across Branches, corporations, and local governments to thousands of recent college graduates and working women across the salary spectrum. He also disclosed the very recent pricing structure for workshops, which encouraged all in attendance to consider sponsorship in the future. This clearly is a program that can only grow in numbers and significance.

In the business meeting following, Sandy Lawrence updated us on the Lobby Day in Richmond; Cheryl Spohnholtz spoke briefly on AAUW funding, and Caroline Pickens reminded all of the upcoming regional district meeting. Branch members also announced various local events and volunteer opportunities focused on women and education, e.g., the Women's History Walk in Falls Church slated for Tinner Hill on March 18 and the Thomas Jefferson Elementary School request for mentors.

## Treasurer's Message



Our branch has funded Special Project grants to several community groups, which support programs for women and girls. This year we've made local grants to Homestretch, JEB Stuart High School, and Aurora House. Each organization sent a THANK YOU message for our donation. We also recently funded a scholarship for a GMU student to attend the annual AAUW National Conference College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June

## BACK TO COLLEGE!

With help from our branch (see above) JEB Stuart High School students in the AVID program will make several college trips this spring. These college trips really make a big difference in motivating and helping students go to college. There are 48 students on each trip (different students on different trips). If any of our members would like to join the group on one of these trips, Eric Welch, AVID Program Coordinator, invites you to come and see firsthand the experience this is for students

Here is a list of the upcoming college trips:

Tuesday, March 20: University of Virginia

Wednesday, March 28: Franklin and Marshall College (PA), McDaniel College (MD)

Monday, April 16: Philadelphia colleges trip (we will visit Ursinus, Villanova, Haverford, St. Joseph's, and Bryn Mawr)

You can contact Eric Welch at [ewelch@fsps.edu](mailto:ewelch@fsps.edu), if you are interested in volunteering.



Last spring, Pam Martinov and Anne Baxter (assisted by Neale Baxter), talked about Memorial Day history and did activities with children 5-11 at Morningstar group held at the Woodrow Wilson Library from 10 a.m. to noon on Saturdays. The children were attentive and had fun making a Memorial Day poppy.

Morningstar is looking for volunteers for their Saturday morning programs. Morningstar is sponsored by Hispanics Against Child Abuse (HCAN-- [www.hacan.org](http://www.hacan.org)). The program provides participants with a safe environment that empowers and educates them to make wise decisions during their adolescence. For more information contact Carmen Fernandez at 703-379-0798 or [hacaninfo@gmail.com](mailto:hacaninfo@gmail.com).



AAUW dues, local and national, will increase effective July 1, 2018. Our branch voted in March 2017 to increase the local dues from \$13 to \$15. Local dues had not been increased for over 10 years. AAUW national voted to increase dues at the last convention from \$49 to \$59. National dues had not been increased for 10 years. AAUW national, state, and local dues for 2018-2019 total \$89.

Members received an email earlier this year with a message from Kim Church, CEO, and Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair, why the increase was needed and how AAUW will utilize the

additional revenue. In case you missed the video, here is a link to it--  
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/>

In **late April/early May** you will receive a membership renewal message from AAUW. It is easy to renew and pay your bills on line. As always you are welcome to pay dues directly to Anne Baxter, Falls Church AAUW Treasurer. Contact Anne if you have questions at [vabaxter@verizon.net](mailto:vabaxter@verizon.net) or 703-256-6567.

## Public Policy

### Virginia State Lobby Day

On February 7, four Branch members – Becky Gaul, Marilyn Falksen, Aida Loomis, and Kitty Richardson drove to Richmond where they joined two dozen other AAUW members from across Virginia for AAUW of Virginia’s State Lobby Day. Participants first went to their respective State Senator’s and Delegate’s offices, where they met with the legislator or staff and left materials explaining AAUW of Virginia’s top legislative priorities for the 2018 General Assembly.



AAUW of Virginia members meet with Governor Ralph Northam



Leslie Manning and Aida Loomis meet with Senator Chap Peterson during AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day

Leslie Manning and Aida Loomis meet with Senator Chap Peterson during AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day. These priorities are ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment; equal pay legislation aimed at eliminating the gender pay gap; fair, nonpartisan legislative redistricting; paid sick leave; and measures to assist victims of human trafficking, especially minors.

After meeting with legislators and/or staff, all participants met with Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax. He expressed appreciation for AAUW’s support and urged the group to keep working toward our goals, saying that he sees change happening in Virginia.

The group next met for over 20 minutes with Governor Ralph Northam, who also expressed his appreciation for AAUW’s support and listened carefully to our concerns. We made two requests of the Governor. First, we asked that on April 10 (Equal Pay Day) he issue an

Executive Order prohibiting state agencies and offices from asking job applicants for their past wage history. Such an action would ensure that state employees receive salaries that are commensurate with their skills, qualifications, and experience and is a step toward eliminating the gender pay gap. The Governor of New Jersey issued such an Executive Order in January, and AAUW's Vice President for Public Policy gave Governor Northam a copy, which he said he



AAUW of Virginia members meet with Lieutenant Governor Justin Fairfax

would consider. The second “ask” was for State assistance with AAUW’s “Start Smart” and “Work Smart” salary negotiation training programs. The Governor was very opening to pursuing a collaboration with AAUW and provided contact information for staff working on economic development. State AAUW officers are following up with the appropriate Virginia officials.

The morning ended at The Berkeley Hotel for lunch and conversation with members of the Virginia League of Women Voters, who were also lobbying

## Lobby Corps Training

On February 21, six Branch members – Marty Behr, Sally Brett, Marilyn Falksen, Becky Gaul, Bunny Jarrett, and Kitty Richardson – attend Lobby Corps training at AAUW’s headquarters in Washington, DC. This year, Lobby Corps has two goals: 1) enhancing the members’ skill sets so that the members carry a unified, quality message to Capitol Hill, and 2) diversifying the make up of Lobby Corps. On February 21, we worked on developing our skills. As part of this process, we looked at a sample briefing on a bill, determined what we were asking of the Member, listed two or three reasons why that particular piece of legislation was needed, and explained briefly how the bill addressed the issue. We then broke into groups to hone our skills. Some participants played the role of a Member of Congress or staffer and others acted as the Lobby Corps member trying to get support for AAUW’s position.

Lobby Corps is using a new method of recruiting members this year. Rather than having separate training days to which new people are invited, potential Lobby Corps members will see Lobby Corps in action by actually going to Capitol Hill and visiting Members of Congress and their staffs. New people will be paired with experienced Lobby Corps members who will act as mentors and guide the “newbies” as they make their visits. The first Lobby Corps recruitment day will be Thursday, March 22. As the number of new people will be limited to 10, interested individuals will need to sign up in advance. AAUW will have a link on its website that you can use to sign up, which is expected to be live the week of March 5. If you are interested in

participating on March 22, send an email to Marilyn Falksen at [fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com](mailto:fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com), and she will forward the link to you as soon as it is live. In the alternative, you can send an email with your name, email address, and branch to [votered@aauw.org](mailto:votered@aauw.org). If you are not one of the first 10 individuals to sign up, your name will be added to the list for the next recruitment day, which will be June 21.

### **Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society to Meet on March 15**

Mr. Edward Saltzberg, member of the Falls Church Economic Development Authority since 1981 and former chairman, will be the featured speaker at the Falls Church Village Preservation and Improvement Society (VPIS) membership meeting on March 15. The meeting will be held at the Falls Church American Legion Hall, 400 North Oak Street, and will begin at 7 p.m.

Mr. Saltzberg's topic is the continuing challenge of attracting retail development in Falls Church, the Little City's advantages and disadvantages with an historical perspective and an eye toward the future. Mr. Saltzberg's 15-minute presentation will be followed by a moderated, audience generated question and answer period.

This event is co-sponsored by Citizens for a Better City, The Falls Church City Chamber of Commerce, The Falls Church American Legion Post 130 and the Tinner Hill Association.

If you have questions, contact Sally Ekfelt at [fallschurchcbc@gmail.com](mailto:fallschurchcbc@gmail.com).

### **Book Club News**

Next meeting is Tuesday 3/20 at Starbucks at Harris Teeter, 301 W. Broad St., FC at 7:30 PM. Kathleen checked to make sure we could still occupy the seats even after Starbucks closed (Harris Teeter will still be open). It should be quieter than other venues (fingers crossed).

We will be discussing our bio pick *The Girl with Seven Names: a North Korean Defector's Story* by Hyeonseo Lee. Jennifer also suggested that if we have time, also read *Nothing to Envy: Ordinary Lives in North Korea* by Barbara Demick.

See you there and hopefully at the movie *a Wrinkle in Time*, opening 3/8 at AMC Tyson's. We have talked about seeing it Sunday, March 11th. in the early afternoon. Time is not yet available. Some folks might want to have a bite to eat afterward and talk about the film. Contact Polly or Kitty for more up to date information.

### **Book Sale News**

#### **Book Drive Underway**

#### **Collection Bin at Community Center or Deliver to Youmans**

Book collection...already started. Tell your friends or neighbors they can donate their books during March to help send a girl to college. We are looking for gently used books of all kinds: hardcovers, paperbacks, fiction, nonfiction, children's and more!

**Donation is Easy.** Deposit good, clean, saleable books in the book collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center between March 1 and March 31. Or bring them to Mary Youman's (4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington) during book sorting (10-3 Saturdays in March – except March 24) between 9am and 3pm. If that isn't convenient, call the Youmans (703/528-8993) for a time to deliver the books.

**Donations are 50% tax deductible.** value assigned by the donor. Our sale profits fund scholarships for local girls and AAUW's national scholarship program for women and girls. So when you donate a book, you help send a girl to college.

**Guidelines for book donations.** Our customers don't buy 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. So please explain to people that we accept only saleable books in good condition and remind them about the list of things we can't take. The other books, unfortunately, should be recycled.

**You can help.** Sign up to help at the March meeting or call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643 with your questions or to volunteer. Or use the link sent to you by Signup Genius on Feb 8; the subject is: FC AAUW book sale 2018 Invite.

Mark your calendar:

**Book Sorting Saturdays in March**  
**Setup - April 12**  
**Book sale – April 13-14**



**Book Sorting – Every Saturday except March 24**

**Location: 4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington. 10am to 4pm. Call 703-528-8993.**

**Watch your emails for make-up dates, if needed**

With sale time approaching, sorting has started. Aside from good weather, our biggest need is **YOU**. We have lots of books to sort before the sale.

**Sorting basics.** We sort from 10am to 4pm in the Youman's driveway (4419 N. 18<sup>th</sup> Street, Arlington), so dress for the weather. We suggest layers and sunscreen.

Never sorted before? Don't worry. No experience is necessary, we offer on-the-job training. And we have uploaded our "How to sort books" onto Google, so you can see it at [<Book sort fact sheet>](#). Hungry? 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 purchasing the books!

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

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## Book sale Volunteers Need for 200 Jobs



Yes, I counted them all. Including pre-sale jobs and selling and follow-up, we have over 200 distinct jobs. Many of you have already signed up for jobs, but we need MORE! As always, we need your help with the book sale! Our biggest need is for your help

- Sorting books ... Saturdays now til sale, except March 24 (Sundays rain date)
- Selling books... at sale - April 13 and 14
- Posting publicity ... April 8-April 14.

Sign up at the March meeting, call Mollie Jewell 703/941-5643, or signup online for selling using the link sent you. If you don't receive the email with the link to the online sign-up sheets, contact Mollie Jewell (703-941-5643) or [gjewell@cox.net](mailto:gjewell@cox.net)/[molliejewell2@gmail.com](mailto:molliejewell2@gmail.com).

### Book Sorting

Sorting is our biggest effort starting in March. We've already told you about sorting above. But I am repeating because it's an important job and FUN, too. Sorting is also a good way to meet people, so we don't want you to miss it.

### Publicity

Publicity is key, because it draws paying customers. Pick up your posters and book marks at the next meeting or sorting session and signup for a convenient location. Start distributing book marks NOW. And hang the posters the week of April 8.

This year we are trying to increase our online publicity. If your organization has an online presence, please copy and send the "blurbs" below at the appropriate times.

### At sale jobs

We have several different jobs at the sale. The two main jobs are selling and straightening books. Both are covered by the job title of Book Handler, signup with the link sent to you.

Straightening books entices buyers to stay longer. So to keep things looking neat, target a table that is fairly empty of buyers; smile and tell them what you are doing and go to it! --- Make sure the spines are all facing the same direction. Consolidate loose boxes by moving books from the floor or combining boxes. If there is space, spread out the boxes enough that people don't have to crowd to see them. The goal is to make the sale as easy and inviting for buyers as possible. This is the job for people who don't like handling money or want to exercise their inner neat-nic.



Selling books is what it's all about! The job is comparable to retail clerking with a cause. If you like books, people, or money, it's really rewarding. There are 70 distinct slots during the sale, so sign up for at least one shift using the

## **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 or use the link sent to you by Signup Genius on Feb 8; the subject is: FC AAUW book sale 2018 Invite. If you have any questions or suggestions, or wish to volunteer, call Mollie Jewell 703-941-5643.

## **AAUW Educational Foundation**

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

Are you wondering where our money goes? Well, our branch provides scholarships to local high school girls and grants to local organizations helping educate girls. We also donate generously to the AAUW Fellowships (third largest donor in Virginia in 2016).

AAUW 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. AAUW awarded \$3.7 million in funding for more than 230 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and nonprofit organizations in the 2016–17 academic year.

This Falls Church AAUW has completed funding the endowment for a career development grant. It joins our fully funded American Fellowship grant that is supporting Amaka Okechukwu's fellowship at George Mason this year. Amaka has received a grant to assist in publishing her thesis: Social Movements, Race and Ethnicity Intersectionality. For more information see [https://www.aauw.org/aauw\\_check/fellowships\\_directory/#rid4284](https://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/fellowships_directory/#rid4284)



## **OUR 2017 IMPACT!**



**17,000**

people learned to negotiate their salary through AAUW workshops.



**\$3.7 MILLION**

was awarded to women and community projects.



**270,000**

messages were sent to lawmakers by AAUW members and supporters.

## Blurbs for local online publications


**Release: through March**

### **Cleaning-up? Down-sizing? Donate your books in March**

The Falls Church Area American Association of University Women, AAUW, is collecting books in March. Books are for the annual book sale to be held on April 13 and 14 at the Falls Church Community Center. The book sale benefits scholarship/grant programs for women, including local Falls Church high school girls.

Donating couldn't be easier. Contact me at [enter your contact information]. Or just deposit your good, clean, saleable books in the book collection bin at the Falls Church Community Center (223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church) in March. For donations of multiple boxes, contact (703) 941-5643, [gjewell@cox.net](mailto:gjewell@cox.net).

The AAUW needs 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.

	<p>AAUW Educational Equity Booksale Falls Church Community Center April 13 and 14</p> <p><i>Promoting education and equity for women and girls</i></p> <p>Thank you for your donation of:</p> <p>_____ Soft cover books</p> <p>_____ Hard cover books</p> <p>_____ Other:</p> <p>Value to be established by donor. 50% Tax deductible. Profits to AAUW scholarships for girls.</p> <p>_____ Date _____</p> <p>Falls Church Area AAUW (703) 941-5643 <a href="http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale/">http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale/</a> Falls Church AAUW 2016</p>
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**Release: April 8.**

**Readers...Antiquarians....Mysteries...Cooks...Historians...Children...Bargains!**

Come to the book sale April 13-14 in Falls Church.

Sale is Friday April 13 (9 am - 9 pm) and Saturday April 14 (9 am - 4 pm) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, just off Route 7 in the city of Falls Church, sponsored by the American Association of University Women, AAUW.

Thousands of books for browsing and buying. Huge selection of hardback, paperbacks, fiction, and non-fiction of all kinds. Most books priced at \$3 or less. The book sale benefits scholarship/grant programs for women, including local Falls Church high school girls.

For more information about the book sale, visit <http://fallschurcharea-va.aauw.net/booksale> or call (703) 941-5643, [molliejewell2@gmail.com](mailto:molliejewell2@gmail.com).

### **April 14 – Saturday night Book Sale Celebration Dinner**



After helping out at the book sale, plan to attend the annual Book Sale Celebration on Saturday night, April 14 at Panjir's new location near the Falls Church: 114 E Fairfax St, Falls Church, VA 22046. Don't miss this very special (and fun) event -- it's a great chance to celebrate our success.

Thanks to Sharon Zackula for hosting this event. Contact Sharon ([zack2913@verizon.net](mailto:zack2913@verizon.net)) to sign up!

### **Visiting the National Museum of African American History and Culture**

***By: Elizabeth Kessel***

Visiting the NMAAHC is a purposefully daunting experience. The museum covers the totality of the African-American experience in America, from the horrors of the transatlantic slave trade and slavery itself to the trials and triumphs of the civil rights movement and the vibrancy of African-American style and culture. To see all the exhibits, you must walk a mile and a half. And the historical section (the first half mile or so) is an all-inclusive chronological walk, rather than a pick-and-choose offering of exhibits. So, bring your walking shoes! You will see everything from neck irons and an actual slave auction block to Emmett Till's casket — and Chuck Berry's bright red Cadillac, if you then tour the cultural floor on top. And you will learn a wealth of

detailed information, including much on the role of African-American women over the years, if you devote several hours to taking it all in.

In addition, you can enjoy a wide and tasty variety of soul food at Sweet Home Cafe, which has four stations with regional specialties. The Museum Shop has an excellent collection of books dealing with African-American history and culture. One leaves the museum with a greater understanding of how the presence of African-Americans has shaped American life and how the ongoing struggle against racism and discrimination has moved America — sometimes glacially — toward its ideal of a nation with liberty and justice for all.

***By: Sarah John***

The National Museum of African American History has been open since September, 2016; however, I had not had the opportunity to visit – nor been able to obtain a ticket --before the Tinner Hill Heritage Foundation arranged a bus trip. I am so glad I was able to join that trip and heartily recommend that you visit!!

The museum is staggering in scope, a deeply emotional experience, and is not a museum that can possibly be seen nor absorbed in a single visit. In my opinion, it far eclipses the other museums that are part of the Smithsonian Institution. Absolutely to be recommended – but give yourself plenty of time and wear very comfortable shoes!

Exhibits encompass all aspects of the experience of African-Americans beginning in Africa and the African nations and the slavery that occurred between warring nations, covering in detail the transatlantic slave trade and the dreadful realities of slavery in the New World, then continuing through chronologically to the present day covering all aspects of African-American life. Clearly explained are not only the difficulties faced by African-Americans throughout our history, but also the richness of African-American contributions to our country and the many ways in which our success as a nation is dependent on those often unacknowledged contributions – whether in the Revolutionary War or the Space Age. Exhibits are chronologically arranged in three floors of history that are below ground, then more above-ground floors. The challenges faced by African-Americans during the past three hundred years, in the present day, as well as the contributions made to our culture are quite thoroughly explored.

Whether viewing a slave auction block from Virginia, the coffles that were worn by a slave, or encountering a recent day prison watch tower, it is not possible to merely cruise through blithely -- unlike the Air and Space or the Natural History museum. However, there are floors with light hearted exhibits as well such as those showing musical instruments of well-known present-day artists! Numerous superb films and audio components add to the impact as well as providing different ways to learn.

Unlike many of the other museums on the mall, in my opinion, this is not one to take small or very young children to visit -- it is not a casual place. However, it is well suited for middle school and high school students with specific time periods of history in mind for each visit. In addition to the excellent exhibit floors, there is a superb restaurant with sizable portions that can easily be shared between two people. There is a quite well-done bookstore and gift shop that offers a wide variety of items that are unique to this museum. No freeze-dried icecream! The gift shop is more reminiscent of that at the Asian Museum than those at the other Mall museums.

**The Springfield Annandale Branch, AAUW of Virginia**  
*American Association of University Women*

## **AAUW 2018 Spring Fling**

**Saturday, March 24, 2018**

**11 AM to 2:30 PM**

**Springfield Golf and Country Club**  
8301 Old Keene Mill Rd, Springfield, VA 22152

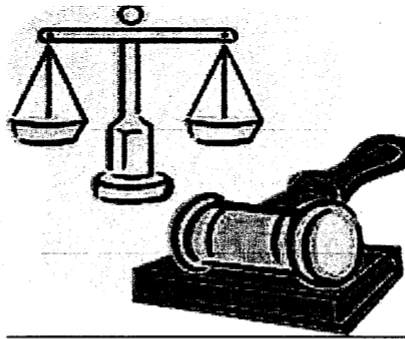
Our Guest Speaker,

### **U.S. District Judge Leonie Brinkema**

Speaking on:

**"Judging in Difficult Times - From Road Rage  
to Terrorism"**

This event supports AAUW programs such as fellowships, leadership development, and education for women and girls, with an emphasis in the STEM fields.



#### **Come and Enjoy!**

- Silent Auction
- Luncheon
- Guest Speaker

#### **Reservations:**

Rose Clark

[SpringFlingAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:SpringFlingAAUW@gmail.com)

**DEADLINE: March 12**

Tickets **\$40** per person

Checks payable to:

**Springfield-Annandale AAUW**

Mail to:

Rose Clark

330 S. West St., #303

Alexandria, VA 22314-5928

#### **Tell Rose:**

1. **Menu Selection**
  - a. Chicken Marsala
  - b. Pasta Primavera
  - c. Salmon w/ citrus beurre blanc
2. **EMAIL ADDRESS**
3. **Table buddies: "seat me with..."**

## CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- March 10 Book Sorting  
March 12 Branch Annual Business Meeting, 7:30 pm, American Legion Post 130 Hall  
located at 400 North Oak Street, Falls Church  
March 17 Book Sorting  
March 20 Book Club Meeting Starbucks at Harris Teeter, 301 W. Broad St., FC at 7:30 PM.



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>