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**May 13 – Scholarship Award Night
Falls Church Community Center
7:30 PM**



President's Message



Kristan McMahon is off to a new adventure. Kristan is now the Director of The Robert H. Jackson Center in Jamestown, New York. The mission of the Robert H. Jackson Center is to advance public awareness and appreciation of the principles of justice and the rule of law as embodied in the achievements and legacy of Robert H. Jackson, U.S. Supreme Court Justice and Chief U.S. Prosecutor at Nuremberg (<https://www.roberthjackson.org/visit/>)

Best Wishes in your new venture, Kristan!!

At the Book Sale Celebration dinner Kristan bid us farewell and urged us to keep up the work for equity for women and girl. Thank you for your dedication to AAUW as President and VP for Programs for our branch.

Your Board member started a search for a replacement for Kristan to serve out the remaining one year of her term. Contact any board member if you'd like to serve. We'll announce a candidate at the end of this month and vote for out new President at our June meeting.

May Meeting

Maryam Mustafa, our May scholarship night speaker, was born in the US of Pakistani immigrants. She is a graduate of Falls Church High School, where she was the yearbook editor. At the same time, she worked, as she did during all of her education. In addition to our AAUW scholarship, she was awarded a Gates Millennium Scholarship, one of the 1% of applicants who were chosen. She began her college at George Mason, but with a "yearning for something else," transferred to Wellesley College. There she majored in Women and Gender Studies, with a focus on race, ethnicity, class and gender. Her research was on topics in visual representations of minority communities, love and intimacy. She has also done much research on The South Asian diaspora as well as the connections between communities of color in the states in media, literature and history.

Maryam was also given the opportunity to study abroad for a term in London at the School for Oriental and African Studies (SOAS) with courses on film, philosophy, history, Islam and South Asian dialects. (*sounds to me like she was a busy girl*) She is presently looking for a job and to get some professional experience!

She enjoys playing soccer, cooking, watching movies and eating and dancing.

Book Sale Success

Did you see all those smiles at the Book Sale Celebration Dinner? That's because we had our most successful sale EVER! Based on preliminary numbers our sales were \$25, 456!! We expect that after all bills are paid that we'll have a **profit of over \$23, 300.**

Thursday was load-in day, which is really the hardest day of the sale. Despite the vast number of books that we had sold in bulk to the wholesaler, Mary Youman and Martha Trunk oversaw the loading of two truckloads of books from storage in the Youman's garage. Meanwhile Becky Gaul, Sarah John, and Nonnie Spevacek



setup tables and signs in the Community Center Gym. Thank goodness Sarah and Pam Martinov found helpers to help us load the books onto tables. They were later joined by more of our own trusty members and families who sorted and moved books until the job was done on Thursday night: Martha Trunk, Renée Klish, Bunny Jarrett, Sally Brett, Kitty Richardson, Mollie Jewell, Nonnie, Sally Brett, Anne Baxter, Sharon Zackula, Jeff Rogers, John Taub, Kathy Nelson, Joan Hession, and Aida Loomis.



On Friday and Saturday, that crew returned for various “shifts” of selling books and “neatening” the books. Also selling books were Mary Youman, Marilyn Falksen, Mary Ellen Gannon, Dianne Bodeen, Shannon LaBarbera, Linda Lawrence, Kristan McMahon, Debbie Pawlak, Millie Schreiber, Rebecca Shaw, Kim Weirick, Marty Behr, Elizabeth Kessel, Ed Levine, and Terry Zawacki. Renée and her crew

in the “Antiquarian” and “Specials” did their part to increase sales; they sold a box of books for \$550 and several more at \$50 each. You never know who is going to walk off the street into the book sale.

On Saturday afternoon, at exactly 4pm, the sale ended and the move-out commenced. The table-guys started breaking down and moving tables out of the gym. At the same time, the book sellers joined by Chuck and Rick Youman, as well as friends, and Justice HS volunteers moved books. They stacked those gaylords (large bins on pallets) five feet high, and the bulk book buyers rolled them out the door. Others started loading pickup trucks with shelving, etc. to go into storage. The last truck pulled out by 5:30pm. After Becky, Sharon Zackula & her husband, Jeff Rogers, unloaded them into the new storage unit, it was time to CELEBRATE. And time to thank the Youmans for more than 30 years of storing the books.

During the sale, we asked our customers for help in locating 400 square feet of low cost/no cost storage for our books so we can continue the sale, with another 400 square feet for sorting. We can’t continue this successful fund raiser that funds the branch scholarships without space for the books. NOTE that space with flights of stairs will NOT WORK for us. If you have any concrete ideas, contact Becky Gaul at 703-608-9121, bekygaul@verizon.net or Sarah John at 703-400-3749.

One final request, if you picked up ‘real estate’ signs, return them to Becky, or give her a count if you will hang on to them.

Thank you to the Youmans for 30+ years of book storage

The celebration dinner, organized by Marty Behr, was our chance to publically thank Mary and Chuck Youman for storing and caring for books for more than 30 years. As the book sale grew, so did their commitment. I remember sorting a few books in the Youman's living room, then storing them in their shed, then buying shelving to efficiently store the books, then taking over half the garage, then the whole garage!



The entire Youman family has pitched in at various times, in addition to Mary and Chuck, Rich has helped over his entire lifetime – maybe you saw him at the Move-out or at book sorting this year? Mary's daughter, Katie, helped all the way through college. Mary and Chuck have done so much more than house the books – to which we can attribute a large part of the more than \$300,000 we have donated to scholarships.

At the celebration dinner, we presented the Youmans with a picture book of the sale. But there is so much more that the book didn't capture. In addition to sacrificing their garage space, they have hauled tons of books from the Lantern Book Store in Georgetown; they (well, Rich) hauled bulk sale books to the street for pickup; they have received and culled books for all these years; they have actively publicized the sale everywhere they go; they have served lunch to hungry hordes of book sorters. And so many more forgotten things – like starting the "specials" section by looking up old books on ABE books, making labels for the various categories, making the first set of category signs, and the list goes on...

Book Sale Album for Purchase

If you want your own memory book of the sale, you can have your dream come true! Now you can buy your own copy at [Book Sale Album \(MIXbook\)](#). You will need to create a Mixbook account, then you can buy the book as-is or copy and personalize it however you want. Questions, contact Mollie Jewell, 703-941-5643, MollieJewell2@gmail.com after May 10.

We have also collected some pictures of this year's book sale, see the Google album at <https://photos.app.goo.gl/uCq5Kfj1SzRaxzfB8>. Add your good pictures to the album, if you wish.

Congratulations Members!!



Nearly 20 members have already renewed their AAUW membership for 2019-20. Thanks!

If you have not renewed, you'll receive a renewal reminder soon. It's easy to pay on line via credit card. If you prefer you may pay by check (AAUW) and give to Anne Baxter, Treasurer. Dues should be paid by June 30, 2019 and are \$92 for the year. Contact Anne if you have questions at

vabaxter@verizon.net or 703-256-6567.

New Member

Welcome!

Sharon Massie joined Falls Church AAUW at the Book Sale. Greet Sharon at the branch at the next meeting. Welcome Sharon! Her contact information is on the branch web site.

Update on Action Groups

Earlier this year the branch voted to set up action groups in two areas to implement recommendations of our Book Sale Task Force:

Book Sale Storage Needs

The Book Sale Task Force recommendations were approved to:

- 1) Make explicit public appeals for assistance finding storage, labor and other help at our 2019 book sale, stating that the sale will not continue without such assistance.

- 2) Hold the sale through 2020 provided affordable, accessible storage can be obtained by an appropriate date in summer/fall 2019.
- 3) Draft written storage requirements (size, months, sorting space, ease of access during collection/donation periods and other logistics) prior to the 2019 sale.

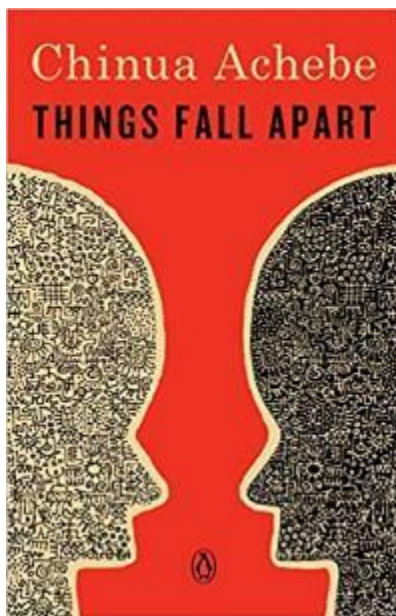
Thanks to Sarah John, Aida Loomis, and Dianne Bodeen for undertaking this project. Becky Gaul and Mollie Jewell have drafted the storage requirements. The group will report to the Board in late September.

Establish 501(c) (3) Designation for Branch

Thanks to Susan Hesser and Bunny Jarrett for undertaking this project. Work is underway and should be completed by August. This designation will facilitate future fundraising, including individual donations and possible donated storage & sorting space.

Book Club News

May 21st Meeting



The Book Club does not meet in April, June, July and August. Our next meeting will be Tuesday May 21st at 7:30 PM at the Starbucks in Harris Teeter, 301 West Broad, Falls Church, VA 22046. Come and join the lively conversation and cookies whether you've read the book or not. May 21st Book by a Foreign Author: Things Fall Apart (The African Trilogy #1) by Chinua Achebe THINGS FALL APART tells two overlapping, intertwining stories, both of which center around Okonkwo, a "strong man" of an Ibo village in Nigeria. The first of these stories traces Okonkwo's fall from grace with the tribal world in which he lives, and in its classical purity of line and economical beauty it provides us with a powerful fable about the immemorial conflict between the individual and society. The second story, which is as modern as the first is ancient, and which elevates the book to a tragic plane,

concerns the clash of cultures and the destruction of Okonkwo's world through the arrival of aggressive, proselytizing European missionaries. These twin dramas are perfectly harmonized, and they are modulated by an awareness capable of encompassing at once the life of nature, human history, and the mysterious compulsions of the soul. THINGS FALL APART is the most illuminating and permanent monument we have to the modern African experience as seen from within.

2019 Falls Church AAUW Book Sale – A Photo Review!





In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

May 13	7:30 PM	FC AAUW Branch Annual Scholarship Awards Evening Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church
May 21	7:30 PM	Book Club Meeting, Starbucks at Harris Teeter, 301 West Broad Street, Falls Church
May 27	7:30 pm	Board Meeting, Harris Teeter, 301 West Broad Street, Falls Church
June 10	Time TBD	Picnic and Programming Planning Meeting, Falls Church Community Center