



**AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH** Falls Church Area (VA) Branch

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**June 10 – President, Picnic and Planning Meeting**

**Falls Church Com. Center /Cherry Hill Park Picnic Shelter 6:30 PM**

### **Vote for New President**



Your Board Members report that two members have stepped up to fill the branch President's position. The Board approved their nomination on May 27 and with pleasure, submits their names for your approval at the June 10th meeting: Co-Presidents—SHARON ZACKULA & ELIZABETH KESSEL. Thanks to Sharon and Elizabeth for willingness to serve Falls Church AAUW! Thanks to departing president, Kristan McMahon, as she moves on to a new, equally significant position! The

### **Planning Meeting**

This is it, the last meeting of the 2018-2019 year for our Branch! Please bring a dish to share (appetizer, salad, small, main dish, or dessert).

We will gather for a picnic potluck at the shelter next to the community center on Monday, June 10<sup>th</sup>. At that time we will first vote on our two candidates for co-presidents of the branch, Sharon Zackula and Elizabeth Kessel. Then we will give consideration to what you might like to



have for programs for the coming year. This discussion is always very helpful to the vice president, so you might even give it some thought beforehand!

See you on the 10<sup>th</sup>!

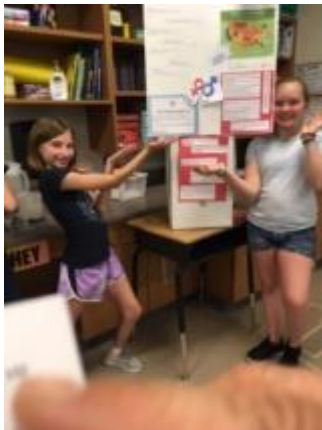
## Time to Renew!!

Thirty members have already renewed their AAUW membership for 2019-20. We are almost 2/3 of the way to 50 renewals. 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](mailto:vabaxter@verizon.net) or 703-256-6567.

**REMEMBER TO VOTE!** Virginia holds party primaries on Tuesday, June 11. So remember to go to the polls and vote.

For information only, Dalia Palchik is one of several candidates on the ballot, who is running for Fairfax County Board Supervisors from the Providence District. Dalia was our speaker at the November 2018 meeting.

## Gender Equity Studies in Our Local Schools



Do you know that Falls Church students are studying gender equity in the workplace? Several 5th grade students at Thomas Jefferson Elementary school studied this issue for a presentation to their school community on May 29 as part of the International Baccalaureate program. The two teams researched information and spoke with “experts” to develop their project. Their local expert was from Falls Church AAUW, Anne Baxter. Anne told them about AAUW’s work on gender equity including lobbying Congress for pay equity and the on-line salary negotiation tools (Start Smart/Work Smart) as well as her personal story relating to this issue. Teacher Karin Richey was a key assistant in summarizing information so the students could relate it to their research. In the photo, 5<sup>th</sup> graders at Thomas Jefferson Elementary School in Falls Church are Katie (left) and Marisa (right). Thanks to Mary Beth Connelly, Falls Church AAUW member, Falls Church Public Schools Community Liaison, and Falls Church City Council member for asking our branch to speak to the students. It was amazing to listen to their questions and interest in this topic.

## May Meeting



At our May meeting, our branch honored the work of nine senior young ladies from George Mason, Falls Church and Justice High Schools. We also heard from Maryam Mustafa, a Falls Church High School graduate and awardee of one of our scholarships several years ago. Sharon Zackula introduced each awardee with a description of their academic achievements and activities from their four years of high school. Each one was presented with a framed certificate and lauded for her achievements. They are an amazing group of young ladies!



From left to right: Sharon Zackula, Jacqueline Amaya Hernandez, Kate Billingsley, Tiffany Collins, Tania Del Moral, Jennifer Giron, Abesra Petros, Ababeel Rashid, Brenda Tran, Stefany Villanueva LaTorre, Pam Martinov. Photos by Edward Levine.



## Update on Action Groups

Our two action groups are busily working on their area.

The 501 (c) 3 group to give our branch non-profit status expects to complete their work by August. Bunny Jarrett and Susan Hesser are working to gather pertinent documents with legal assistance from member Sharon Zackula and Martha Haines, a friend of member Elizabeth Kessel

The Book Sale Group has contacted Falls Church officials and Falls Church Chamber of Commerce to identify sources for free/reduced storage space. They are also working with two other groups through members Pam Martinov and Mary Ellen Gannon to possibly get space for the three groups. If you have any recommendations for possible sites, please contact Dianne Bodeen (703) 536-2235, Sarah John (703) 560-4330, or Aida Loomis (703) 242-7689.

## Scholarship Committee



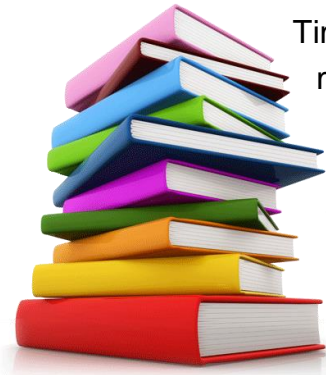
The Scholarship Committee will be looking for two people later this year. Two current members are resigning. Kristan McMahon served on the Committee this year and has moved, and the current Chair, Sharon Zackula, will be resigning to serve as co-president (if elected by the members). The Committee's work is central to the mission of the Falls Church branch and very rewarding! Also, it is concentrated during one brief period — the Committee solicits scholarship applications in February and March, reviews all applications and decides awards in mid-April, and notifies the winners before the May Scholarship Awards program. Consider joining this Committee!



## Book Club News

The Fall book club meetings will be the third Tuesday of the months of Sept., Oct., and Nov. at 7:30 PM at Starbucks in Harris Teeter, 301 W. Broad St., Falls Church, VA. The dates are 9/17, 10/15 and 11/19. We provide good conversation and cookies. Come even if you haven't read the book.

Remember: Smart women read books and we are very smart!



Time to nominate for our Fall selections, all FC AAUW branch members are welcome to nominate. The Fall categories will be Classics, History and Women's issues/ feminist lit. Nominations are open until Wed. June 5th at midnight. You might consider the availability of the book in libraries or Amazon, etc.

You are allowed one nomination per category; we welcome your input.

Please reply with your nominations to Polly Rosenstein at [prosenstein@hotmail.com](mailto:prosenstein@hotmail.com). We hope to hear from you.



Found: Left at the book sale in April- a black fleece sleeveless vest. It will be at the June potluck picnic or contact Dianne Bodeen

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**CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

June 10	6:30pm	Picnic and Program Planning Meeting, Falls Church Community Center / Cherry Hill Picnic Shelter
June 24	7:30pm	FC AAUW Board Meeting, Harris Teeter, Falls Church
August 26	7:30pm	FCAAUW Board Meeting, Harris Teeter, Falls Church
September 9	7:30pm	FC AAUW Meeting, Falls Church Community Center