



AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH Falls Church Area (VA) Branch

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Presidents' Message

Welcome to fall and another season of interesting and fun AAUW Falls Church branch activities. Our first meeting of 2019-2020 is September 9, 2019. We have a number of activities planned and issues facing us this fall. We think they will keep you interested and engaged.

Let's start with a conversation about VAratifyERA. Why do Supreme Court Justice Ginsberg and a few other sharp constitutional scholars believe that passing the Equal Rights Amendment is still a worthwhile cause? Let's hear how we can do something about passing the ERA by working on this issue in Virginia. Come to the September 9th meeting and hear about VAratifyERA's efforts to pass the ERA in VA!

Let's talk about women's suffrage and the approaching 100th anniversary of the 19th Amendment. Should we take a field trip to view and absorb three exhibits regarding the women who sacrificed to achieve the vote for all of us? Current Exhibits include: *Shall Not Be Denied: Women Fight for the Vote* at the Library of Congress; *Rightfully Hers: American Women and the Vote* at the National Archives ; and *Votes for Women: A Portrait of Persistence* at the Smithsonian's National Portrait Gallery.

We have open issues regarding how to proceed with our future fundraising activities for scholarship? Should we request from the IRS status as a 501(c)3 organization in order to solicit donations in cash for scholarships? To solicit donations in-kind for space to sort and store books?

Many of our conversations lead to the book sale. Who would like to have the book sale? Who would like to think of other fund-raising activities? Who would like to split the proceeds from the 2019 book sale in order to award scholarships in 2020 and 2021 while we develop a new approach to fundraising? Should we pay for space, and reduce our book sale profits, in order to continue the book sale?

How about some food and fun? Cinema and food? A trip to One More Page in Falls Church, Politics and Prose or another bookstore to hear an author speak about her work? There is the book club and the movie group, and Hospitality and Scholarship. Participate and stay engaged.

Here we go into fall, 2019! Enjoy the ride!

Sharon and Elizabeth

September Meeting

Do you wonder where we stand with the ERA? Are you frustrated with Virginia's lack of action?

The September meeting will address your concerns about this issue, with our speaker from VAratifyERA. Elisabeth (Lisa) Baker is a Labor Employment lawyer with a law firm specializing in bringing justice into employment issues. A fairly new arrival in Virginia, she found the issue of ERA Virginia and the women working to get it passed compelling and committed to joining them.

Lisa is married to a Pediatrician and lives in Virginia.

Members of Falls Church League of Women Voters will be joining us for this meeting. We look forward to seeing all of you as we start the 2019-2020 year for Falls Church AAUW.

In order to focus on recruiting new members for our branch this year, Shannon LaBarbera will be reaching out to the faculty and staff at Virginia Tech - Northern Virginia Center and Stratford University. If you have other suggestions, please email her with your ideas.

Before our branch meeting on Monday, September 9, we will be meeting for dinner at Northside Social at 6:00 p.m. The address is 205 Park Ave. We look forward to enjoying good food with good friends.



VIRGINIA AND THE ERA

VAratifyERA (AAUW of Virginia is part of this grassroots organization) is working to elect Virginia legislators who will support ratification as well as educating the public on the importance of this issue. As part of that effort, from August 26 (Women's Equality Day) through early November, an #iScream4Equality truck will travel around Virginia,

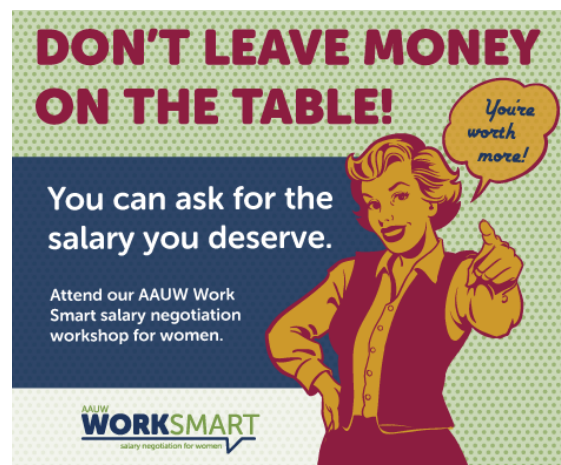
handing out ice cream and educating voters about the ERA. The effort will focus on the areas of Virginia that have state legislators that opposed ratification last session. Thus, at the present time, no truck is scheduled for the Arlington/Falls Church area (good news for us). If a truck comes to our area, there will be volunteer opportunities. There will be other volunteer activities such as sending postcards, as we did last year.

Lobby Corps and VIRGINIA AAUW FEDERAL LOBBY DAY

Due to budgetary constraints, AAUW Lobby Corps is limiting the number of visits made to Congressional offices. Rather than going to the Hill to meet with Senators and Representatives and their staffs on a weekly basis, Lobby Corps will go to the Hill this fall on just four days: September 19, October 17 and 31, and November 14.

On October 17, members of AAUW of Virginia will join Lobby Corps for their annual Federal Lobby Day. This is an exciting opportunity for all Virginia members to join Lobby Corps in visiting Congressional offices in support of AAUW's public policy priorities. Logistical details and information about the issue on which we will be lobbying will be provided in the coming days. If you are interested in participating on October 17, please forward your name and email address to Marilyn Falksen, Branch Public Policy Chair, by October 7. Marilyn's email is fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com.

SMARTSTART/ WORK SMART



As you are probably aware, AAUW challenged itself to train 100,000 people in StartSmart/WorkSmart salary negotiations by August 22, 2019. <https://salary.aauw.org/> AAUW also encouraged all members to take the training and spread the word. The training is still available and the ability to negotiate on one's own behalf is always important.

AAUW writer Beth Haynes, a member of the Board of Directors said: "I thought I didn't need the training. I've been out of the workforce for more than 20 years. But then I started thinking about all of the ways that training in

negotiations could have helped me in the last couple of years. I bought a new car. I helped my 93- year-old friend secure an apartment in an assisted living facility. I'm a certified parliamentarian and I have to negotiate contracts with groups who need parliamentary services. So, the negotiating training really is designed for me." And, she said, "It's probably designed for all of your members as well, regardless of whether they are in the workforce."

We encourage you to sign up at <https://salary.aauw.org/>. It doesn't take very long and it will pay off—personally for you and your friends and family who take the training

Falls Church Fall Festival- September 14

FC AAUW is again participating in the Fall Festival on Sat. 9/14 on the City Hall grounds, and we need your help to staff our booth.

This is our last chance to ask the Falls Church community for storage space so we can continue our book sale.* As in past years, we will be distributing paperbacks. And, of course, we'll be talking about AAUW membership and FC branch activities in addition to the need for storage space. Volunteer to help for a 2-hour shift and help us spread the word!

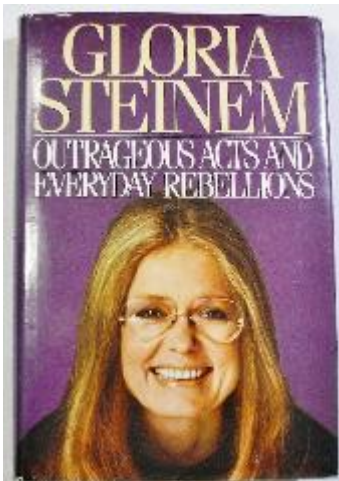
Helping at the booth also gives you a chance to attend the festival and Taste of Falls Church. The event includes crafters, live entertainment, pony rides, children's amusements, businesses and civic organizations, a Beer Garden, and cuisine from city kitchens. Here's the link to [Falls Church Fall Festival and Taste of Falls Church](#).

To volunteer, contact Mollie Jewell (703-941-5643, molliejewell2@gmail.com) with your preferred time slot: 7:30 (setup), 10:00, noon, 2:00 or 4:00(cleanup) or sign-up up directly at [Fall Festival Signup Sheet](#). You will see that we ask for two volunteers for each time period.

*Yep, we are still without a space for our books. Anybody with any ideas?

Book Club News

Come join us for our kickoff Book Group meeting for this program year on September 17, 2019 at 7:30 pm at Starbucks in Falls Church (FYI the seating area at Harris Teeter in Falls Church now closes at 8pm).



For the feminist literature category we'll discuss ***Outrageous Act and Everyday Rebellions*** by Gloria reissued. This collection of writings includes pieces on topics ranging from love to money and from food to erotica, essays on personal experience as political revelation, and profiles of and interviews with celebrities including Marilyn Monroe and Pat Nixon.

Here is a quote from Susan Faludi, author of ***Backlash***, about this collection:

“From her hilarious account of life as an overworked Playboy Bunny to the moving tribute to her mother, Gloria Steinem's first collection of essays is-and will always be-a required feminist reader.” If you can't find this book, select another book by Ms. Steinem. Here are some other choices: ***My Life on the Road, Revolution from***

Within, Moving Beyond Words, Marilyn: Norma Jeane, and As if Women Matter (published in India).

Here are the next two book selection on our fall schedule:

Oct. 15: History: ***The Pioneers: The Heroic Story of Settlers Who Brought the American Ideal West*** by David McCullough (reserve early at your library)

Nov. 19: Classic: ***The Color Purple*** by Alice Walker

LOOKING AHEAD- BRANCH AND BOARD MEEETING DATES

SEPTEMBER 2019	9/9	9/23
OCTOBER 2019	10/14	10/28
NOVEMBER 2019	11/11	11/25
DECEMBER 2019	12/14*	none
JANUARY 2020	1/12**	1/27
FEBRUARY 2020	2/9**	2/24
MARCH 2020	3/9	3/23
APRIL 2020	4/17&4/18***	4/27
MAY 2020	5/11	5/21****
JUNE 2020	6/8	none

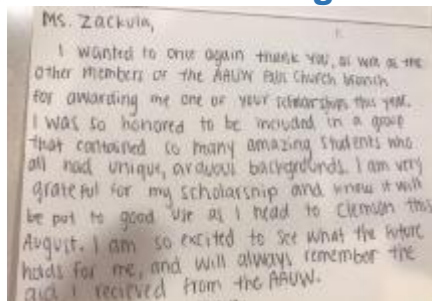
*Saturday, Date subject to change

**Sunday, date subject to change

***Book Sale dates if held (Note: 4/10-12 is Easter weekend)

****Thursday

AAUW FC- Making a Difference!



Ms. Zackula,

I wanted once again to thank you, as well as the other members of the AAUW Falls Church branch for awarding me one of your scholarships this year. I was so honored to be included in a group that contained so many amazing students who all had unique, arduous backgrounds. I am very grateful for my scholarship and know it will be put to good use as I head to Clemson this August. I am so excited to see what the future holds for me, and will always remember the aid I received from the AAUW.

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Please Join Us For
Dinner and Launch of Our 2019-2020 Program Year

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Mount Vernon Country Club
5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria

Our Guest Speaker: Dr. Katherine Newcomer
Professor and Former Dean, Trachtenberg School of Public
Policy & Public Administration, The George Washington
University



Will Speak on the
Importance of and Increased Interest in
Public Administration and Public Policy
\$30 per person - Reservations and Payment by September 16th to
Paula Lettice pglettice@gmail.com/703-780-3463

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

Saturday, October 26th

Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church

Gather at 1:00; Program starts promptly at 1:15

Please mark your calendars now to attend the Northern District's fall meeting. There will be several interesting and informative presentations you will not want to miss.

Tremayne Parquet, the Director of Advancement at AAUW National Headquarters, will bring us up to date on some of the changes occurring recently.

Leslie Tourigny, the Virginia Co-President, will discuss what's going on in the state, including the state conference which will be held in Northern Virginia in April, 2020.

Cyndi Shanahan, the Virginia State Board representative for Diversity and Inclusion will talk about this new position and how the branches can contribute to this initiative.

Representatives from the Alexandria branch will present the program they have been developing over the past year to deal with Human Trafficking issues, and what other local branches can do to support their efforts.

Please bring announcements to share with all of us on your branch's upcoming programs and events!

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

September 9	6:00pm	Dinner before the meeting at Northside Social, 205 Park Avenue, Falls Church
September 9	7:30pm	FC AAUW Branch Meeting, Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church
September 14	10am-4pm	Falls Church Fall Festival, Falls Church Community Center, 2223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church
September 17	7:30pm	Book Club, Starbucks, 344 W Broad Street, Falls Church, VA 22046 Please note: this is a change of venue!
September 18	6:30pm	Mount Vernon AAUW meeting. Mount Vernon County Club, 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria
September 19	morning	Lobby Day-contact Marilyn Falksen
October 17	TBA	Federal Lobby Day
October 26	1:00pm	Northern District meeting, Thomas Jefferson Library, 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church