



AAUW FALLS CHURCH FLASH

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Co- Presidents' Message

Thanks to Dianne Bodeen for an informative program regarding alternative education and training available in the Fairfax County School District at our November 2019 meeting. It is useful to hear what the County school district provides to young women and a representative of the school district to hear that the community is invested in these efforts. Many thanks to the Hospitality crew as well.



Books and Shelving. On December 7, 2019, Dianne Bodeen and Sarah John would appreciate your assistance in moving a number of items, including books, from our Cube Smart storage unit to the Willston Community Center. Please contact them regarding the time and place to meet, if you can work with them for a couple of hours. It's the first opportunity to assist in the branch's major fundraising activity—the book sale.

December 15 Holiday Party. On December 15, 2019, the branch will celebrate the holiday season and our accomplishments in 2019. (If you've forgotten, we gave 10 high school seniors a big boost in their college goals! We raised thousands of dollars for them and for scholarships awarded at the national AAUW level. We enjoyed fellowship over informative talks, books, movies and much more. We supported the education of women and advocacy regarding important women's issues at the state and federal level.)



Dianne Bodeen would like to hear from you regarding your attendance at the party. Please contact her and let her know that you are coming to celebrate. Please indicate how many will attend: 1-you; 2-you and your partner; or, 0-no one. If you receive an EVITE, please respond to the EVITE. If not, please respond to Dianne directly by email at bodeendv@verizon.net.

As always, please bring your own drinks, and a dish or dessert to share with 6-8 people.

PARTY DETAILS

Date: Sunday, December 15, 2019

Time: 3-5 p.m.

Place: Sharon Zackula and Jeff Rogers' house

1433 Pathfinder Lane

McLean, VA 22101

Phone: 703-475-4310

Other News. LobbyCorps remains a vital part of AAUW. The last meeting of 2019 will be on December 5, 2019, and a revised schedule will begin in January 2020. In January, Virginia AAUW will be holding its own lobby day in Richmond on January 15 to talk with our new legislators about pay equity and state again our support for the passage of the ERA.

Our January meeting will be a day field trip to see one or more exhibits regarding the 19th Amendment at DC's wonderful museums. And lunch. The precise date and time are to be determined.

We look forward to seeing you at the holiday celebration, and hope you have a holiday season of warmth, fun, family, friends and meaning.

Elizabeth Kessel and Sharon Zackula

Upcoming Meetings

For the January 12th (that's a Sunday afternoon) meeting, let's travel to the National Archives to see the much-acclaimed exhibit: **Rightfully Hers—American Women and the Vote**. Hopefully we can figure a good place for a bite to eat afterwards—the Archives close at 5:30--we'll do that! Please join us for this special event to celebrate the Women's Suffrage Centennial. Put the date on your January calendar and watch for more information on this special daytime event on the evite.



For the February 9th meeting (another Sunday afternoon) watch this space. The program chair is waiting for inspiration, although she has a couple of good leads. If you wish to suggest something, she is open to ideas

Members Supporting Members

We often have requests to keep members apprised of serious illnesses/deaths in the family within our branch community. Your help is needed. With the individual's consent, if a member is ill or otherwise in need of friendly support, please provide her name and contact information (especially important if the member is not at home) and any additional information she permits when you become aware of her circumstances. Please provide all information to our secretary, Aida Loomis at aloomis@gphone.com, and she will notify the Board. If you are aware of someone in need of support or TLC, please consider dropping a line, providing a meal or making a visit, etc.

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YES! THERE WILL BE A 2020 BOOK SALE!

After you all have enjoyed our annual party at Sharon's house on December 15th, take out your calendars and start marking sorting days for the 2020 AAUW Falls Church Branch BOOK SALE. All hands on deck for this, our first year in a new place under new circumstances. And without Mollie, who will be enjoying a cruise, or Mary and Chuck, who will finally get their garage back! Dianne Bodeen and Sarah John, co-chairs, will depend on the usual willingness of our branch members to help out in these uncharted waters!



Here's what you need to know. We will be sorting January 4 and 18, and February 1 and 15, then each Saturday in March and April up to sale time. February 29 will be held in reserve in case we somehow lose one of the other days. We will be at the Willston Multicultural Center, across Arlington Blvd from Home Depot near Seven Corners (for general orientation). If you're not sure just where that is, come off of Wilson Blvd on John Marshall and watch for the signs. Contact Dianne or Sarah if you're still confused ☐

Sorting will be from 10-3; if you can come earlier, we will need help making boxes each week. Tables are already in the room but will need positioning, books will need to be put out to sort...there will be all sorts of new things for us to work out. But it's all indoors! Bring a sack lunch, and we will supplement it each sorting day with some other munchies; again, we'll work out how to keep everyone nourished without the use of a kitchen. If you have collected books from anyone, please bring them with you!

We will have considerably less space for book storage, so we must sort smartly to assure ourselves of continued good revenue from the sale. That will probably mean considerably more books into recycling. We hope not to have to cut way back on the number of scholarships we can award because of the smaller sale. If we sell more and are left with fewer books, we should still earn a healthy amount. Let's surprise ourselves!



Working the book sale has always played a major role in building the kind of camaraderie that makes the Falls Church Branch special, and we have no doubt that it will do so in the future. And, of course, the sale is the source of what is surely our most significant work. See you on January 4th!

Public Policy

AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day

January 15, 2020, is AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day. As in past years, members from across Virginia will meet in Richmond to bring AAUW's message to our State officials. As there are indications that last year's issue -- ratification of the ERA -- will be one of the first actions taken up by the General Assembly when it convenes on January 8, we will be focusing on closing the gender pay



gap/pay equity during our visits. **We have a confirmed meeting with Governor Northam at 9 a.m. on January 15.** Following that meeting, we will be sharing AAUW's position on this important issue with delegates and senators. The State Public Policy Co-Vice Presidents, Sharon Burk and Sylvia Rogers are preparing materials to provide us with background information for our visits and to leave with the Governor and the legislators. More details on the program will be provided as soon as possible. If there is a particular senator or delegate you wish to visit, please let the Co-Vice know. Sharon's email and telephone number are burksu@aol.com and 571-236-0426; Sylvia's are srogers1nm@aol.com and 540-434-3083.

Two important items:

1. Overnight lodging. AAUW of Virginia has reserved a block of rooms at the Omni Hotel (100 South 12th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219) for Lobby Day. Reservations must be made through this link <https://www.omnihotels.com/hotels/richmond/meetings/aauw-01142020> or by calling 1-800-OMNI and identifying yourself as a member of the American Association of University Women group. **RESERVATIONS MUST BE MADE BY DECEMBER 31, 2019, TO GUARANTEE THE GROUP RATE OF \$144 PER ROOM PLUS TAXES AND FEES.** Members of the Greater Richmond Branch have offered to host Lobby Day participants overnight on January 14, 2020. If you would like to take advantage of their hospitality, please let Sylvia and Susan (at the emails above) and Carol Stephens, Co-President of AAUW of VA, (carterstephens69@icloud.com) **KNOW AS SOON AS POSSIBLE.**

2. Reception for Women Legislators. AAUW of Virginia will host its third annual reception in honor of Virginia's women legislators on January 14, 2020, the evening before Lobby Day. The reception will be held from 6-8 p.m. at the Commonwealth Strategy Group, 118 N. 8th Street, Richmond, Virginia 23219. All Lobby Day participants are invited to attend.

Please let Susan and Sylvia (email addresses above) know by January 8, 2020 whether you plan to attend Lobby Day and if you will attend the January 14 reception. They need a firm headcount to determine the amount of food and drink needed for the reception. Also, they will need a list of individuals who will attend the meeting with the Governor. **SNOW DATE:** Although it may not be possible to reschedule the meeting with the Governor, if the weather prevents travel to Richmond on the 15th, Lobby Day will be moved to January 22, 2020.

If you are interested in carpooling to Richmond on January 14, contact Marilyn Falksen at fcaauwpublicpolicy@gmail.com

Women's History Walk

Plans for the 2020 Women's History Walk are underway. Since 2020 is the actual 100th anniversary of women's suffrage, the planning group has decided to continue this centennial celebration as the theme for the 2020 Women's History Walk. The Walk itself is scheduled for Sunday May 3. Various women's groups in Falls Church are planning other events in celebration of this centennial. Here are a few of them.

February 2020 – Falls Church League of Women Voters will hold a 100th birthday celebration at which their 50-year members will be honored.

May 16, 2020 – Cherry Hill Farm and the Victorian Society will be involved in the Civil War encampment at Cherry Hill Park and are working on a costume exhibition or Clara Barton exhibition.

Memorial Day Weekend – The Women's History group will host a suffrage booth and enter a suffrage float in the parade.

As additional events that may be of interest to Branch members are announced, they will be included in the Flash.

Public Policy *One Virginia*

Leslie Tourigny, Co-President of AAUW of Virginia, has asked the Northern Virginian District branches to pass the following information on to their members.



OneVirginia2021 is holding a Roundtable on Redistricting on Thursday, December 5, from 7:30 to 9 p.m. at the George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, Virginia 22033. Learn from a panel of local experts, advocates and elected officials about effective action we can take in our communities to increase voter power by ending gerrymandering and creating fair voting districts for all Virginians. For additional information,

contact DaelaTaeoalii-Tipton at daela.tipton@onevirginia2021.org

AAUW Board of Directors Will Match Member Donations

AAUW's Board of Directors is kicking off this giving season with the Board's largest match in AAUW's 138-year history. From now until December 31, the Board will match — dollar for dollar — every donation that AAUW (national) receives up to \$68,800. So please make your donation before year-end to qualify for the match.

Use the following link for your convenience: <https://ww2.aauw.org/donate-gift-new/>

Hospitality

AAUW meeting Snacks – we need your help!

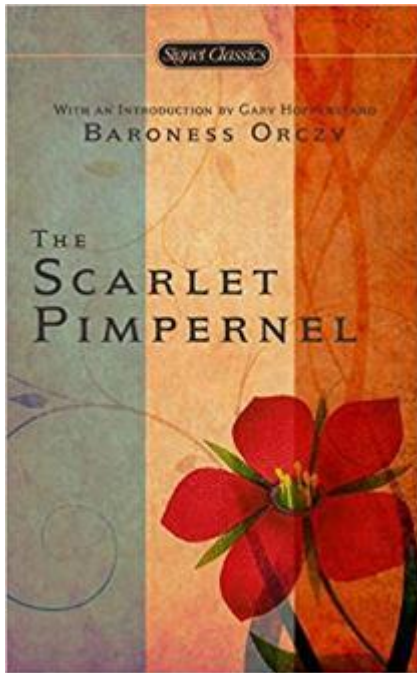


Can you bring a sweet snack to the March or May meeting? I am looking for just 2 people to volunteer to bring a sweet munchie to these two meetings. If you can help, please RSVP and tell me which meeting you can help “sweeten up.” Or signup at [AAUW Branch Hospitality 2020](#). Thanks, Mollie Jewell, MollieJewell2@gmail.com.

Book Club News

Book Club Dates- January-May 2020

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| 1/21/20 | <u>The Scarlet Pimpernel</u> by Emmuska Orczy |
| 2/18/20 | <u>Girls of Riyadh</u> by Rajaa Asanea |
| 3/17/20 | <u>Maid: Hard Work, Low Pay and a Mother's Will to Survive</u> by Stephanie Land |
| 5/19/20 | <u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens |



The year is 1792. The French Revolution, driven to excess by its own triumph, has turned into a reign of terror. Daily, tumbrels bearing new victims to the guillotine roll over the cobbled streets of Paris. Thus the stage is set for one of the most enthralling novels of historical adventure ever written.

The mysterious figure known as the Scarlet Pimpernel, sworn to rescue helpless men, women, and children from their doom; his implacable foe, the French agent Chauvelin, relentlessly hunting him down; and lovely Marguerite Blakeney, a beautiful French exile married to an English lord and caught in a terrible conflict of loyalties—all play their parts in a suspenseful tale that ranges from the squalid slums of Paris to the aristocratic salons of London, from intrigue on a great English country estate to the final denouement on the cliffs of the French coast.

There have been many imitations of *The Scarlet Pimpernel*, but none has ever equaled its superb sense of color and drama and its irresistible gift of wonderfully romantic escape.

All meetings are on Tuesdays at 7:30 PM at Starbucks, 344 W. Broad St., Falls Church

WHAT IS AAUW'S LEGACY CIRCLE?

I've been given an assignment by the state board. To explain AAUW's Legacy Circle to branch members. the Legacy Circle is AAUW's legacy society recognizing a person's intention to make a planned gift to AAUW. Planned gifts such as bequests, beneficiary designations or other deferred gifts are a wonderful way to support AAUW at no cost to you during your lifetime.



Like you, I love AAUW. I hadn't really thought of my estate, but the more I heard about the Legacy Circle the more I knew I wanted to be a part of this group of visionary dedicated supporters who are advancing AAUW's mission long into the future through planned giving. I've always been told that you should never give from the bottom of the pile. You should always give from the top -- give the best, not the least. Those words led me to become a proud member of the Legacy Circle.

I encourage all of you branch members in Virginia to join Virginia's current 40 Legacy Circle members in making this commitment- -- in whatever amount you feel comfortable. Your joining this year could help AAUW Virginia reach its Five Star goal. To receive the program star, we must increase our state Legacy Circle membership by 10% which, you all can see, is four new members by next June. Won't you help us reach that goal?

Please visit: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/legacy-circle-enrollment-form/> to download the enrollment form, or contact me with any questions.

Neola Waller
AAUW Legacy Circle Team Member
wallerwn1@gmail.com, 757.217.2356

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

December 5	9:30 am	LobbyCorps, Meet on Capitol Hill, Washington, D.C. Check with Marilyn Falksen (falksen@yahoo.com) or Becky Gaul (beckygaul@verizon.net)
December 5	7:30pm	Roundtable on Redistricting, George Mason Regional Library, 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA
December 7	9:00 am	Moving items from storage to Willston Community Center- Please contact Dianne Bodeen for time- bodeendv@verizon.net
December 15	3:00pm	Holiday Party at Sharon Zackula's home, 1433 Pathfinder Lane, McLean, VA
January 4 & 16	10:00am	Book sorting at Willston Multicultural Center, 6131 Willston Drive, Falls Church, VA

January 12	TBA	Falls Church AAUW Branch Meeting- at the National Archives, 700 Pennsylvania Avenue, NW, Washington, D.C to see “Rightfully Hers—American Women and the Vote.”
January 14	6:00pm	Reception for Women Legislators, Commonwealth Strategy Group, 118 N. 8 th Street, Richmond, VA
January 15	TBA	AAUW of Virginia State Lobby Day, Richmond, VA
January 21	7:30pm	Book Club, Starbucks, 344 W Broad Street, Falls Church, VA

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.

