

Branch Meeting
Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.
Kings Park Library
9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke, VA

**The Trafficking of Girls
Around the World**

By Kay Corbett

We are very excited about the speaker and the topic of our January monthly meeting. You may have seen the recent PBS documentary, *Half the Sky*, about atrocities suffered by girls and women around the world. This PBS work certainly reflects the interest and importance of our subject.

We are fortunate to have Dr. Rita Chi-Ying Chung, professor at George Mason University, as our speaker. She has published extensively in the fields of cross-cultural and multicultural psychology and counseling. Her research interests include human trafficking as well as immigrant and refugee psychological adjustment and mental health among women. Dr. Chung was recipient of the Kitty Cole Human Rights Award from the Association of Multicultural Counseling and Development.

Our monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, January 26, beginning at 10 a.m. at the Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Road, Burke. Please invite your friends and come to hear the relevant and disturbing issue of trafficking of girls around the world.

Holiday Art Exhibit

Our friend and founding member Trudi Arnold has two works on display in the Fairfax Art League holiday art exhibition at the Sherwood Center, which is located at 3740 Old Lee Highway in Fairfax. The exhibition is free to the public and will run through early January 2013.



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Book and Author 2012

By Barbara Klementz

For the first time the sun had a hard time trying to shine through the clouds at our Book and Author luncheon. The authors presented a wide range of interests and information. After a major effort, we finally got the guests to their seats and away from the Silent Auction, and were able to begin our program.

The generosity of our members made the Silent Auction a huge success.

Barbara Spiller did a masterful job putting it all together and presenting an attractive table to entice the guests to make their bids. The results were worth the effort: \$1,013.



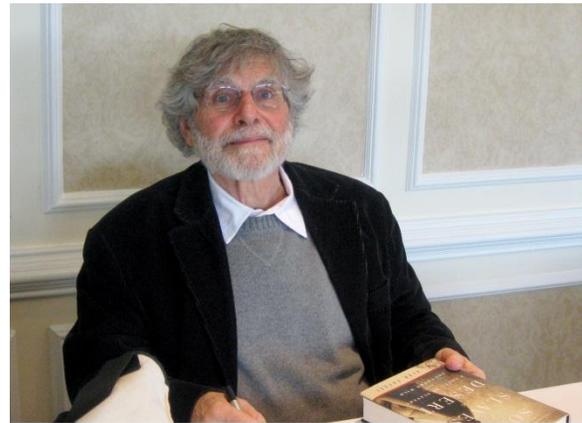
Silent Auction Items

The team effort by many of our branch members was also evident from the beginning. Dianne Blais gave the guests an overview of AAUW and Fairfax City Branch in particular. We can always depend on Jan Humphrey to spark up the show with her comments as master of ceremony and to limit the authors talk to our five-minute rule. Some, obviously, would have gone on much longer.

The presenters were enthusiastic in their remarks as they introduced their authors.

Trudi Arnold again demonstrated her creative ability and decorated our tables with autumn floral arrangements to brighten up the occasion. Trudi also recorded the event by taking a variety of great candid photos.

We had 124 reservations and 100 books were sold. We completely sold out of *Rawhide Down*. That speaks well for our reading audience. *Song of Slaves* came in as a close second in sales. On the lighter side we sold numerous books.



Author Alan Cheuse

Due to PR work we were, for the first time, featured in *The Washington Post's* "Literary Calendar" the Sunday before our luncheon. Having one of the Post's own might have helped, but I like to think it was the work of Leslie Vandivere.

For the first time, AAUW Fairfax ventured into the new realm of charging with the SQUARE. After several training sessions, and one brief moment of panic when a reading was not working, we were off and running into the 21st century of technology. Those brave souls willing to step into untried waters, we thank you. We will be able to use the SQUARE at other branch functions in the future. There will be no more ordering a credit card machine, swiping of cards, no monthly charges and a

lower deduction for the use of credit cards. At the end of the day, it was easier to determine the expenses and credits.



Del Quentin Wilber and Barbara Klementz

To all the members who invited friends and family, you helped to make the event the success that it was. After settling our accounts, a total of \$3,500 was raised for scholarships. It is always a pleasure at the end of the year to award a deserving recipient scholarship money. This epitomizes what AAUW is all about.



Jan Humphrey and Barbara Esstman

Public Policy

By Renee Prasad

Of note this past year is that at the November elections, a record number of women were elected to Congress: 20 Senators, 78 Representatives and three delegates in the House. Massachusetts, Nebraska, North Dakota, and Wisconsin elected their first female Senators.

Also of note is that Air Force Lt. General Janet Wolfenbarger became the first female Air Force four star general and the second female military officer to receive four stars.

Communications News

By Patsy Quick

I have some important news to report concerning the AAUW Virginia website and newsletter, the *Vision*.

First, the state website www.aauwofva.org is in the process of being transferred to a SiteResources website. Kay Koehler, who has managed our website for 15 years, has decided to step down as webmaster. We agreed that it was a good idea to transfer the state website to AAUW SiteResources. This would make it easier for someone new to take over the website.

Second, we have found someone to manage the new SiteResources website. Leslie Vandivere of the Fairfax City Branch will take over some time after the site is up. She has set up a branch site through SiteResources and is learning the ropes that way. She, Kay Koehler, and Megan Morrison, SiteResources trainer, are monitoring the transition of the current site.

Third, we have two new editors to publish the state newsletter, the *Virginia Vision*. Leslie Vandivere and Erin Nabors, from the Reston-Herndon Branch, have agreed to

work together as a team. Erin will receive articles as the Copy Editor, and Leslie will do the layout as Layout Editor (previously done by Kay Koehler).

Last, having a branch website, or at least having a presence on the state site, is a must.

We all need to be where potential members are: on the internet. A new member joined the Mt. Vernon Branch in October after finding their website!

Thank you for all that you do for your branch. I've greatly enjoyed reading your newsletters this year. You are all doing great work!

Northern District News

By Sandy Lawrence

Northern District Representative

On October 24, a special screening of *The Invisible War* was shown at Fairfax Cinema Arts Theater. Christina Soto (AAUW National) and I worked the AAUW table. Over 45 people attended the screening. After the movie Holly Kearn (AAUW National) and I led a Q&A discussion. Thanks for your continuing support of this important issue.



AAUW at the Movies

State projects have been a great success. The completed Get Out The Vote resulted in VA AAUW branches registering over 1,021 people and provided voter information to many more. Most of the registrants were in the millennial age group. The Turning Point Memorial project continues. Thanks to the many branches that had Turning Point Memorial presentations at their meetings and toured the Lorton Workhouse Prison Museum and Art Center. Look for additional information on this project.

State board members continue to work two of the biggest issues voiced by branches: getting more and younger members, and members taking leadership position. There was much brain storming and discussion of these issues at the fall state board meeting. I ask you to seriously consider taking a leadership position at all levels of AAUW. It truly is a great experience.

Save April 13, 2013, for the state conference near the Richmond Airport. The theme of the conference is "Every ONE Counts." Some of us toured the conference hotel during the board meeting and it's a great facility.

Have a wonderful holiday season and a safe and enjoyable 2013.

Invitation to All Music Lovers

Program Chair Kay Corbett and Branch Co-president Ann Slomski will join the choir of the Fairfax Presbyterian Church on Sunday, December 9, at 11:15 a.m. as the choir sings the entire Christmas section of Handel's *Messiah* and the magnificent *Hallelujah Chorus* from the Easter portion of the *Messiah*. The choir is under the direction of Dr. Kenneth Martin. Both Kay and Ann are accomplished soloists in their

own right and have performed in this capacity many times in the past.

The church is located at 10723 Main Street in Fairfax and is about half way between Route #123 and Route #50. The church is not visible from Main Street, but has a driveway called Presbyterian Way which leads to the church from Main Street (#236). This driveway (Presbyterian Way) is marked by a street sign and is located on the west side of Main St. There is ample parking. The sanctuary, where the performance takes place, is spacious, but it is suggested that one arrive about 11 a.m., as the performance is expected to have good attendance. All are welcome.

Salon Discussion Group

By Kay Corbett

The Salon Discussion Group is adopting the Great Decisions discussion program administered and produced by the Foreign Policy Association, a nonprofit organization dedicated to inspiring the American public to learn more about the world. Through its balanced, nonpartisan programs and publications, the FPA encourages citizens to participate in the foreign policy process.

The FPA has announced the topics for its forthcoming 2013 briefing book covering its program. The book covers eight topics with each topic explored within about ten pages. At the end of each chapter of the briefing book are questions for the participants to discuss. Further information can be found at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/.

Each topic takes a full meeting to discuss. Accompanying the briefing book is a DVD in which a moderator and two experts take about 30 minutes to debate the topic. The Great Decisions topics for 2013 include the following:

- Future of the Euro
- Egypt
- NATO
- Myanmar and Southeast Asia
- Humanitarian Intervention
- Iran
- China in Africa
- Threat Assessment.

We plan to cover one topic a month in the Salon Discussion Group and follow the format of Salon—a different leader each month to lead the discussion. Leslie Vandivere has agreed to lead Great Decisions in February.

We hope that many who have not attended the Salon Discussion Group, as well as all those presently in Salon, will sign up for Great Decisions. The meetings will continue as usual on the second Friday of each month at 12 noon.

Please send a \$20 check for your briefing book payable to Kathleen Henry, 7418 Spring Village Dr. #501, Springfield, VA 22150 by January 1, 2013. Kathleen will then order the briefing books so we have them before the February meeting. Please seriously consider joining us for these very informative discussions of world affairs.

Helpful Information

Member Trudi Arnold shares the following information: My husband is diabetic—a syringe needle gets used every day. I had heard you could take the used ones to the fire station. When I went to the local station, the firemen told me they no longer collect them. The correct way for disposal of at-home medical waste is to collect it into an empty bleach or detergent bottle, seal the cap with duct tape or strong packing tape. Mark the bottle "Medical Sharps" and

"Medical Waste" and then dispose in your usual trash collection.

Information about the Fairfax County's Household Hazardous Waste Program is at <http://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/dpwes/trash/dispshw.htm>.

Superintendent Search

Superintendent Jack D. Dale will be retiring on June 30, 2013. The Fairfax County School Board has initiated its search for a new Superintendent and has retained the services of the search firm Hazard, Young, Attea & Associates to provide counsel in this critical process.

As part of the process, parents and citizens are invited to complete an online survey about the important characteristics commonly found in effective superintendents. The Superintendent Profile Survey is now live.

All parents and Fairfax County residents are invited to attend community forums to discuss the leadership criteria for the next superintendent. The following community forums are open to any member of the community:

- December 3 at [South County High School](#) (cafeteria) at 7 p.m.
- December 4 at [Langley High School](#) (cafeteria) at 7 p.m.
- December 5 at [Robinson Secondary School](#) (recital hall) at 7 p.m.
- December 5 at [Chantilly High School](#) (cafeteria) at 7 p.m.
- December 6 at [Gatehouse Administrative Center](#) (Room 1600) at 10 a.m.
- December 6 at [Annandale High School](#) (cafeteria) at 7 p.m.
- December 6 at [Groveton Elementary School](#) (cafeteria) at 7 p.m.
- December 7 at [Gatehouse Administration Center](#) (Room 1600) at 1 p.m.

Spanish and Korean interpreters will be available at each community forum.

More details about the Superintendent Search can be found at www.fcps.edu.

Calendar

Branch Board Meeting

No board meeting in December

Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, January 2, 7–9 p.m.
Home of Dianne Blais

Branch Meeting

Saturday, January 26, 10 a.m.
Trafficking of Girls Around the World
Rita Chi-Ying Chung, GMU
Kings Branch Library

Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, February 6, 7–9 p.m.

Branch Meeting

Saturday, February 23
Speaker: Inova Fairfax Hospital
Women's Heart Issues
Time and Place TBD

Technology: Futures Unlimited

Saturday, March 16, 8:30 a.m.–Noon
Braddock High School

Interest Groups

Bridge

The bridge group will continue to meet on a regular basis. Anyone interested in more information should contact Charlene Comtois.

Salon Discussion Group

Salon is on hiatus until January 11, 2013, at which time Jan Humphrey will discuss the topic of evolution. We are in need of hostesses for January through May and presenters for March through May. If you can fill any of these slots, please call Kathleen. (See article about Salon on page 5.)

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 11 at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Paulette Miller

There will be a discussion of the book *Rope Walk* by Carrie Brown. Please let Paulette know if you plan to attend.

In January, Night Owls will meet on Saturday the 12th to discuss *The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein. Further details TBA.

Afternoon Literature

Afternoon Literature will **not** meet in December.

Wednesday, January 16 at 1 p.m.
Home of Prativa

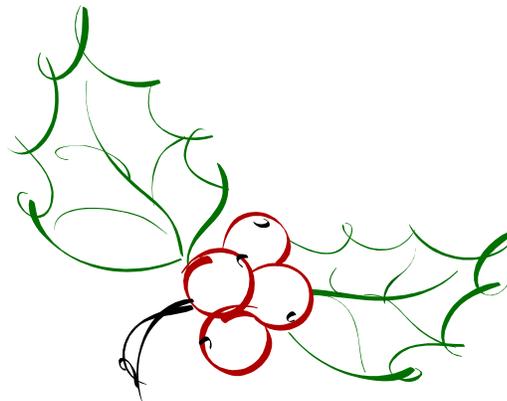
We will discuss *Home* by Toni Morrison. Please let Prativa know you'll attend.

Musical Notes

Musical Notes will **not** meet in December.

Friday, January 25 at 1 p.m.
Home of Kay Corbett

We have a special treat, thanks to our new member, Diana DeLano, who has a tape of Bellini's lovely opera, *I Puritani*. As always, be sure to let Kay know that you will join us to view this special opera on Kay's large screen.



AAUW—FAIRFAX CITY BRANCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

Membership is open to holders of an associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a qualified institution.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City, State, Zip: _____

Phone: (H) _____ (W) _____ (C) _____

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Degree: _____ College: _____ Field: _____

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Optional: Name of spouse or significant other _____

This information will be published in our directory and newsletter, unless you indicate items to omit.

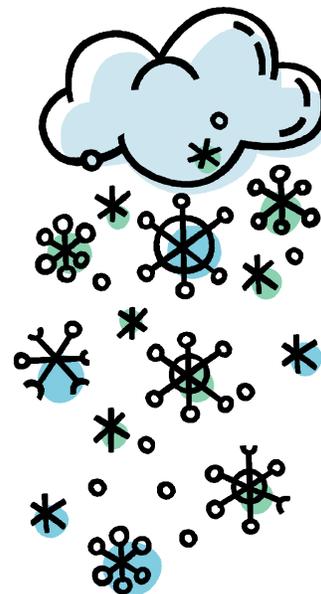
DUES: Annual membership, \$82 (\$49 national, \$15 state, \$18 branch) for membership through June 30.
Note: \$46 of the national dues is tax deductible.

For new or lapsed AAUW members only, half-year dues (\$41) will be in effect from January 1 through March 15 for membership through June 30, 2013.

If transferring from national membership or another branch, contact the membership VP Dottie Joslin (703-591-9035, j.joslin3@verizon.net) or treasurer Jan Humphrey (703-573-6253, dandjhumph@aol.com) for dues amount. AAUW ID #, if known _____

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