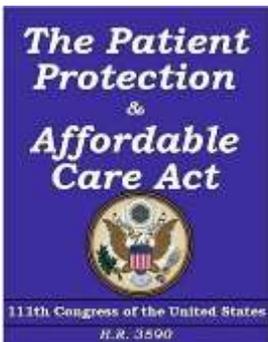


**The Affordable Care Act  
Burke Centre Library  
10 a.m., Saturday, February 22, 2014**

By Kay Corbett

Most of us have many questions regarding the new Affordable Care Act. For our February



meeting we will hear P. J. Maddox speak on the topic. Dr. Maddox is Professor and Chair of the Department of Health Administration and Policy at George Mason University. She is a recognized expert in health systems management, health reform policy, and health services research.

Dr. Maddox has been a professor at George Mason University since 1995, coming from the National Institutes of Health. Prior to NIH, she held management and academic teaching appointments in a variety of universities and academic medical centers throughout the United States. She is the recipient of numerous professional awards and serves on philanthropic boards and service organizations concerned with community and international health.

Our branch monthly meeting will be held on Saturday, February 22 at the Burke Centre Library, meeting room 116K beginning at 10 a.m. Friends, members from other AAUW branches, and the public are cordially invited to attend this interesting discussion.

**Directions:**

- **From 123/Ox Rd:** Exit onto Fairfax County Parkway South. Take an immediate left on

Fred's Oak Road. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.

- **From Fairfax County Parkway heading North:** Turn right on Fred's Oak Road. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.
- **From Fairfax County Parkway heading South:** Turn left on Fred's Oak Road immediately after the 123/Ox Road exit. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.
- **Parking:** Outdoor parking is available free of charge.

**New Interest Group**

If there is sufficient interest, Gale Rogers has volunteered to organize a monthly outing to the movies, possibly including a light lunch or snack before the film, on the second Wednesday of every month. Wednesday is senior day at the Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax City.

Interested members please contact Gale Rogers at [gale.rogers@denkifuro.com](mailto:gale.rogers@denkifuro.com).

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## Co-President's Message

By Dianne Blaise

Although we had to cancel our traditional holiday party, I hope that everyone had wonderful holidays. AAUW, on the national, state, and district levels, has been active—I just got a request for our branch to have a basket to raffle at the state convention the first weekend in April.

Co-President Diana DeLano spent a great deal of time reviewing the bylaws after we got an e-mail saying every branch had to submit updated by-laws to National. I had so many problems trying to type them up that I put them aside for now.

Every year, the April meeting is our annual meeting. According to the bylaws

There shall be a nominating committee of three members, two of whom shall be elected at the annual meeting and one shall be elected by the board of directors at the first board meeting of the fiscal year....

The vice president for program and secretary shall be elected in even numbered years....

The annual meeting shall be to conduct business including but not limited to hearing officers' reports, reviewing the budget, electing officers and nominating committee, establishing dues, amending bylaws, and giving directions to the board....

Gale Rogers, a new member, has agreed to run for secretary. I hope that all saw her e-mail about getting a movie group together.

Trudi and Kay have done a wonderful job as program VPs, but they have decided that they will not take on another two years when their term ends in June. We need a PROGRAM chair or co-chairs. Please consider taking this on for the branch. There is a great deal of information about programs and we don't need programs for October (District meeting), November (Book and Author), December (holiday party), or March (STEMtastics).

Kay recommended that we have a refreshment chair—the program chair should not have to deal with that too. We also need two members to volunteer for the nominating committee.

So, PLEASE contact me at [dianneblais@aol.com](mailto:dianneblais@aol.com) or 703/830-1998 ASAP to volunteer as Program VP or Refreshment Chair (two- year commitments) or to be on the nominating committee (a one- year commitment).

STEMtastics should be great as we're having it at NOVA (getting support from students, teachers, and staff) with other branches. I hope everyone has March 8 blocked for this event.

Looking forward to a great 2014!

## Membership Memo

By Dottie Joslin

### Half-year Dues for New Members

Bring a guest to our February 22 meeting and share your enthusiasm for AAUW! New-to-AAUW and lapsed members can join the Fairfax City Branch at the meeting by paying discounted half-year dues of \$28.75 for membership through June 30, 2014. Please refer prospective members to Dottie Joslin at [j.joslin3@verizon.net](mailto:j.joslin3@verizon.net) or 703/591-9035.

### New Member

Jackie Kinder Petersen joined our branch late last year. A native Kentuckian, Jackie earned a master's degree in library science from Indiana University—Bloomington. She has worked at a number of colleges and universities including the University of South Carolina—Columbia, the University of the South—Sewanee, Tennessee; the Kentucky Virtual Library, and ECPI College of Technology—Manassas. She has been the librarian at the Kellar Institute for Human disAbilities at George Mason University. In her spare time, Jackie is a reader, knitter, music lover, and committed lifelong learner. She is a big fan of afternoon tea, and is currently learning to play the piano.

## STEMtastics

By Suzanne Mahoney

STEMtastics, the replacement for Technology Futures Unlimited (TFU), will be held Saturday, March 8, at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College.

STEMtastics, like its predecessor, TFU, encourages middle school girls to enter a STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) field by having them work with women professionals. But STEMtastics is not exactly like TFU.



First of all, STEMtastics is truly a joint effort among three AAUW branches: Fairfax City, Reston-Herndon and McLean. Judy Polizzotti of Reston-Herndon and I are co-chairing. For the first time, we are cooperating closely with SySTEMic Solutions to obtain space at the Northern Virginia Community College—Annandale campus as well as student volunteers. As before, we work with the Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) Career Connections Specialist to obtain student mailing addresses.

### Students

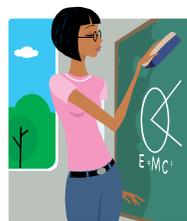
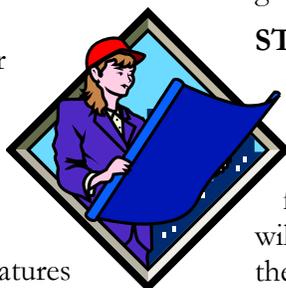
Judy Page of the McLean branch is leading the registration effort. This features a web page where students may register and pay with a credit card: [http://mclean-va.aauw.net/stemtastics/registration/](http://mclean.va.aauw.net/stemtastics/registration/). The site even accepts donations!

We will miss Olga's labeling parties. We obtained mailing addresses in electronic form for girls at 11 FCPS middle schools. The printer automatically printed these on registration forms



that were mailed out the last week of January.

Through Gail Parsons of Reston-Herndon, other schools in the county are being contacted and urged to send out e-mails to parents through their KeepInTouch facility.



### Presenters

Clara Poffenberger, AAUW national member, is again heading up the recruitment of presenters. If you know a woman professional working in one of the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, Math) fields, ask her to speak about her profession with middle school girls on March 8. If she is interested, please have her contact Clara at [claramariap@gmail.com](mailto:claramariap@gmail.com)

### Event Preparations

Fran Lovass of Reston-Herndon is recruiting volunteers from all three branches. Most of the work is done on March 8 itself. But there are a few tasks that need to be done a week ahead of time. These include: putting together and printing a program, scheduling students with presenters, and printing signs to guide attendees.



### STEMtastics

We will be using the atrium, theatre, and forum of the Ernst Community and Cultural Center as headquarters for STEMtastics and for the parent workshops. Student workshops will be held in the nearby Classroom Building. On the day of the event many volunteers will be needed to welcome students, parents and presenters and usher them to their workshops. We also expect the STEM club at NOVA to provide student volunteers as well. Anne Sharp has again agreed to lead the morning snack effort. We shall again be serving lunch to the presenters.

### Volunteers

We need volunteers on the day of the event and also to assist with last-minute preparations such as printing programs, making signs, and so forth.



Suzanne will aggregate the names and forward them to Fran Lovass of the Reston-Herndon branch who is coordinating volunteers

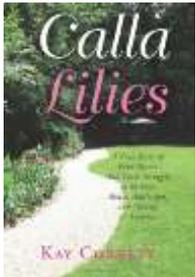
for STEMtastics. Fran will then get in contact with volunteers.

If you would like to volunteer, and have not already done so, please e-mail Suzanne Mahoney, [suzanne070946@mac.com](mailto:suzanne070946@mac.com). For more information about STEMtastics, the branch website at <http://fairfaxcity-va.aauw.net/>.

## Condolences

Branch Co-President Dianne Blais' father, Robert Friedhoff, died January 21, Dianne attended his funeral services in Portland, Oregon. His ashes will be interred next to her mother's at Arlington Cemetery in about a month

## Kay Corbett's New Book



Congratulations to member Kay Corbett, whose book *Calla Lilies: A True Story of Four Sisters and Their Struggle to Survive Abuse, Addiction and Poverty in America* was recently published. The book is now available on Amazon and should be out on Kindle very soon. Look for it.

## Flood

By Kathleen Henry

Do you remember the night the Polar Vortex visited our area? It was a January 6 many Greenspring residents won't soon forget. As the frozen pipes of the sprinkler system thawed, two of those pipes burst. The pipe in another building caused less damage—14 apartments were affected—but in our building, 30 apartments were damaged. The Canterbury Square apartment where the flood originated is CS-503. We live in CS-501.

Returning on January 7 from dinner at the restaurant on the 2<sup>nd</sup> floor, we were horrified to see that mini-lakes had formed in the hallway! We knew this was big trouble. As we opened our apartment door, we stepped into a puddle on the parquet floor. Walking onto the living/dining room area rug, we felt the squish of water beneath our feet.

Response from a recovery and restoration company was swift—anything not dried out in 72

hours is infected with mold. They arrived at 9:45 p.m. and worked straight through to 2:30 in the morning, moving our furniture to the unaffected far side of the room and to the sunroom and kitchen. The rugs were lifted and three giant fans were brought in to dry them; they would run day and night (except for the time they blew out the fuses and had to be plugged in differently) for four days. The fans are gone now but eleven days later, after we moved the smaller pieces back ourselves, the china closet and sideboard are still in the wrong place. Greenspring is taking care of everything, but we must all be patient as the work is scheduled and completed.

We were not the hardest hit by any means—people in the “stack” where the breaks happened (503, 403, etc.) had calamitous levels of damage; they lost many of their belongings and their apartments must be “rebuilt” from ceiling to flooring. They have been relocated to a guest apartment on campus or to a hotel, and they don't expect to be back in their apartments for a month! Again because of fear of mold, two feet of the hallway walls outside all the apartments affected on each floor have been cut away and blown dry—a visitor to Greenspring would know at a glance that something unfortunate has happened here.

Water not under control is an awesome thing. Because of the configuration of our apartment, water flowed into our living/dining room and entrance way, but not into the bedroom, den, and bathroom area, so we have been able to live in our apartment through all of this. All things considered, we consider ourselves lucky. But it will be a while before Greenspring looks its best again.

## AAUW of Virginia Conference

April 4–6 at Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia. Click [here](#) for further information.



## Interest Groups

### Bridge

The bridge group will continue to meet on a regular basis. Anyone interested in more information should contact Shirley Dwelley, 703/352-0846 or [HLDwelley@aol.com](mailto:HLDwelley@aol.com).

### Great Decisions

Friday, February 14, at 12 noon  
Home of Kay Corbett  
7226 Clifton Road, Clifton  
703/222-6012 or [Kaycorbett@msn.com](mailto:Kaycorbett@msn.com).

The members of the Salon Discussion Group have voted to continue Great Decisions published by the Foreign Policy Association. Each member is to buy her own briefing book with the eight topics we will be covering this year. The first topic is Defense Technology, and Trudi Arnold will be presenting. We will be viewing the DVD also published by the Foreign Policy Association.

Please let Kay know that you will be attending. Bring a sack lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided by the hostess.

### Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, February 11, at 6:30 p.m.  
Home of Sonja Palomaki  
7014 Ebbtide Lane, Burke  
703/455-9262 or [spalomaki@dspalomaki.com](mailto:spalomaki@dspalomaki.com)

We will discuss *Sweet Tooth* by Ian McEwan led by Jan Humphrey. The discussion will follow a light supper. Please note the change in location from the original schedule.

Upcoming books: *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini—March 11; *My Beloved World* by Sonja Sotomayor—April 8.

### Musical Notes

Friday, February 28 at 1p.m.  
Home of Ann Slomski  
7611 Clifton Road, Fairfax Station  
703/250-9134 or [anabbott@gmail.com](mailto:anabbott@gmail.com).

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### Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, February 19 at 1 p.m.  
Home of Sonja Hancke  
10328 Sager Ave., Fairfax, Apt. #222  
703/277-2804 or [shanckel@verizon.net](mailto:shanckel@verizon.net).

We will discuss *The Aviator's Wife* by Melanie Benjamin. Please let Sonja know you plan to attend.

*The House Girl* by Tara Conklin is our March book.

### Calendar

#### State Lobby Day in Richmond

Wednesday, February 5, 8:30 to 3:30  
Click [here](#) for further information

#### February Branch Meeting

Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m.  
Burke Centre Library

#### STEMtastics

Saturday, March 8  
NOVA—Annandale

#### 2014 AAUW of Virginia Conference

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

DUES: \$82 (\$49 national, \$15 state, \$18 branch) for membership through June 30, 2014.

Note: \$46 of the national dues is tax deductible.

Make check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch.

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