

Meet Women of the Progressive Era
Saturday, April 20, 10 a.m.
Oakton Library Meeting Room 2
10304 Lynnhaven Place, Oakton

April's program is *Meet Dr. Kate Waller Barrett and Other Women of the Progressive Era: 1890–1920*, a costumed presentation by Lynne Garvey Hodge. Dressed in period attire, Fairfax County History Commissioner Lynne Garvey Hodge will share a short lecture about some influential Progressive Era women. The presentation will include time for audience interactive activities and discussions to highlight the many women of the period. In addition, the April meeting is also our branch's annual meeting. See page 2 for the business agenda.



Kate Waller Barrett
(Grantham Bain Collection,
Library of Congress)

Lynne Garvey Hodge is a living history reenactor who portrays suffragist Mrs. Robert Walker. She has a particular interest in the American Progressive Era. Lynne works on a number of history committees and

commissions with the goal to record and preserve local history. To summarize her many achievements, she was awarded the esteemed Lady Fairfax Award for the

Springfield District in honor of her civic and community dedication and volunteerism in 2010. Currently she is on the committee supporting the building of the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial in Occoquan Regional Park in Lorton, Virginia. Her company, LGH, Inc., develops leadership, executive coaching, team building and customer service (see www.lghinc.com:lynnegarveyhodge@verizon.net).

Directions to Oakton Library:

- The library is at the corner of Lynnhaven Place and Hunter Mill Rd., one short block from Rt. 123.
- From Route 66 East Or West: Take Exit 60, Rt. 123, going north toward Oakton and Vienna. Turn left onto Hunter Mill Road. Turn left onto Lynnhaven Place.
- For further directions, see www.fairfaxcounty.gov/library/branches.

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Membership Memo

By Dottie Joslin

AAUW Voting

Preparations for the 2013 AAUW national elections are already underway. All members in good standing will be eligible to vote for AAUW national officers and on proposed changes to the AAUW Bylaws and Public Policy Program. Voting will take place online unless members request a paper ballot. Online voting will open April 15, 2013, and close June 10, 2013. We encourage electronic voting, because it is instant and saves trees and stamps, but members may request paper ballots between April 1 and May 2, 2013. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 17, 2013.

Membership Dues

Dues for the 2013-2014 year are now in effect for new and renewing members. The \$82 dues include all three levels of AAUW: branch (\$18), state (\$15), and national (\$49). Of the \$49 national portion, \$46 is tax deductible because it supports the charitable organization. The \$3 nondeductible amount funds the volunteer AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and election-related activities. Renew early to keep your membership active after June 30.

Annual Meeting

By Leslie Vandivere

A short annual meeting will follow the branch program on Saturday, April 20 at 10 a.m. at the Oakton Library. The agenda includes the following:

- Review the budget
- Elect officers and nominating committee members
- Give directions to the board.

Officers' reports will be included in the May Focus. The board has not recommended any changes to the dues nor the bylaws. The nominating committee submitted the following report:

The nominees for the administrative committee, which will fulfill the duties of president, include Dianne Blais and Diana DeLano. Dianne Blais shall be the designated contact provided to AAUW for administration. Kelly Espy is the nominee for treasurer and Marilyn Parker, Membership Vice President

Many thanks to the nominating committee, Ann Slomski, chair; Ida Portland; and Anne Sharp, who faced a difficult challenge developing a slate of nominees this year.

Biographies of the nominees follow:

Dianne Blais. Dianne has been active in AAUW for almost 30 years. She joined because she wanted to be in a book club but was soon getting out the Springfield/Annandale newsletter. She has served numerous times as branch president and was on the state board for years serving as secretary, co-President and co-Vice President of Public Policy.

Dianne, a mother of four, was active in church, PTA, and Girl Scouts and was an emergency foster mother to 100+ children. Dianne has been a member of the League of Women Voters for 13 years and was also on its state board. She ran for state delegate of the 40th district in 2011 as an independent getting over 25% of the vote. She has been a member of GFWC for five years and recently joined NOW.

Diana DeLano. I was born in Japan where my father was teaching for several years in the mid-thirties.

I grew up in Columbia, Missouri, and graduated from Stephens College, where my father taught, in 1955. After a year at the University of Missouri, I married George, a naval officer. We spent the next 30 years moving around to various duty stations, of course. We lived twice each in California, Hawaii and Washington, D.C., and one tour each in Alaska, Guam, Louisiana, and finally Virginia Beach, where we lived for 30 years. We moved to Northern Virginia several years ago where our younger daughter and three of our six grandchildren live. Our older daughter and family live in Austin, Texas.

I finally got my bachelor's degree from San Diego State University in 1971, and then went back to school for a nursing degree at Norfolk State University in the early 1980s. I worked in various hospitals and a psychiatric clinic until the mid 1990s.

I painted in oils for a while until working, and then with pastels. I hope to do more with that soon.

Kelly Espy. I have been a member of the Fairfax City Branch since 1988, a very long time. After I joined, I served as Membership Director for AAUW of Virginia, a two-year term. Other commitments held me back from pursuing another leadership role. I have enjoyed many great times with the Fairfax City Branch, and I hope to contribute to its continued success. I trust this May 2013 I will be graduated from George Mason University, School Of Health and Human Services, with a master's degree in nurse education. I started this degree in 2008. I do so believe in continued education. I am not young, but we just move forward.

I have been married for 30+ years, to my husband Richard and have two great children, Jeannine and Leigh. I have a

wonderful granddaughter, Ellie Weners, and at this moment all is good.

I look forward to serving as the Fairfax City Branch's treasurer and I trust I'll keep the books in order.

Marilyn Parker. Marilyn Parker earned her bachelor's degree in chemistry from the University of Wisconsin and her doctoral degree in chemistry from the University of Washington. Soon after graduate school, she began teaching at Monmouth University in West Long Branch, New Jersey, where she taught for 36 years as Assistant Professor, Associate Professor and Professor of Chemistry. From 1986 to 1989 she also served as Dean of the School of Science and Professional Studies. Since 2003 she has been Professor Emeritus.

Marilyn joined the Northern Monmouth County Branch of AAUW in about 1970, where she held the offices of Co-Recording Secretary, Co-President, and Scholarship Chair. She joined the Fairfax City Branch in 2011.

EveryONE Counts

By Carolyn Pickens, State President

Come to the April 13 state conference in Richmond--EveryONE Counts. The registration fee is only \$45 (includes brunch and Sweet Break that day), and there are discounted hotel rates of \$84 if members want to come the night before (Friday) or stay Saturday night before heading home Sunday. This is a one-day meeting, beginning at 10:30 a.m. April 13 with brunch and concluding at 5:00 p.m.

Dr. Karen Remley, the Virginia State Commissioner of Health who resigned recently over the restrictions and privacy issues in women's health that have been enacted by the Virginia legislature, will be a

speaker. We are also pleased to have Dr. Patricia Ho, AAUW Vice President and candidate for AAUW President. Our three workshops will focus on creativity: creative branch structures and leadership, creative communications with our branch members, and creative membership recruitment and retention. Information is on the state website plus details in the Virginia Vision that you will be receiving soon. We hope to see someone from every branch



Note also that the state conference is when we plan to announce achievement of our goal to support the Turning Point Memorial with member and branch contributions that total \$1000 (less than \$1 per member in Virginia). If your branch hasn't done so already, please consider a branch contribution, pass the hat collection, and/or individual member contributions. The website is www.suffragistmemorial.org.

See you in Richmond.

Northern District News

By Sandy Lawrence, Northern District Rep

The screening of *The Invisible War* at George Mason University's Johnson Center Cinema was a resounding success. There were over 50 viewers of the movie, and AAUW members were there in force and with snacks.

Holly Kearl, AAUW LAF Program Manager; Josh Connolly, Legislative Aide to Congresswoman Jackie Speier (D-CA); Mary Ann Sprouse, Wellness, Alcohol and Violence Education and Services (WAVES);

and I led a panel discussion. We also had great support from GMU Women and Gender Studies. Look for more events with GMU in the future.

Calendar

State Conference

Saturday, April 13
Richmond

Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, April 18, 7–9 p.m.
Home of Dianne Blais

Branch Annual Meeting

Saturday, April 20
Women of the Progressive Era
Speaker: Lynn Garvey Hodge
Oakton Library

End-of-Year Banquet

Thursday, May 23
Master Class: Living Longer, Stronger, and Happier
Peter Spiers, Road Scholar
Villa Bella Restaurant, Burke

Interest Groups

Bridge

The bridge group will continue to meet on a regular basis. For more information contact Charlene Comtois, 703/323-7747 or charcomt@aol.com.

Great Decisions: Salon Discussion Group

Friday, April 12 from 12 to 2:00 p.m.

Home of Olga Burns
10623 Timberidge Rd., Fairfax Station
703/239-2876 or Rubato12@aol.com

Kay Corbett will moderate a discussion of the second chapter in the Great Decisions Briefing Book—"Egypt."

Bring your own lunch and Olga will provide beverages and dessert. Please let her know if you will be coming.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, April 9, at 6:30 p.m.

Home of Barbara Spiller
4822 Christie Jane Lane, Fairfax
703 830-7971 or bspiller.realtor@gmail.com

Marilyn Parker will lead our discussion of *The Submission* by Amy Waldman. Please let Barbara know if you will be attending.

Upcoming books:

May 14—*Winesburg, Ohio* (short stories) by Sherwood Anderson

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, April 17 at 1 p.m.

Home of Marjorie Rowley
5188 Dungannon Road, Fairfax
(703)385-5486 or RowleyMI@aol.com

Please join us to discuss P.D. James' *Death Comes to Pemberley*. Do let Marjorie know you'll be there.

You may also want to read Jane Austen's *Pride and Prejudice*. Pemberley is the Derbyshire estate of Fitzwilliam Darcy in Austen's novel.

Musical Notes

Musical Notes will not meet in April.



Member Update

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Phone and email remain the same.

**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) _____

E-Mail: _____

Degree: _____ College: _____ Field: _____

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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.

If transferring from national membership or another branch, contact Dottie Joslin (703-591-9035, j.joslin3@verizon.net) for dues amount. AAUW ID #, if known _____

Make check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch.

Send this form and your check to the treasurer:

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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class. The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.