

Annual Summer Party
Saturday, July 27
3 p.m. to Dark
Home of Olga and Bob Burns
Fairfax Station, VA

Our seasonal fling will be on July 27 this year, 3 p.m. to dark. The usual activities are lounging in the pool with a noodle to keep you afloat while you enjoy talking with everyone. For the more active we can offer a pool volleyball game, which provides an opportunity to be a teenager again. What I love about our group is that the ladies aren't afraid to don a swimsuit. Since we're all in the same boat, there's no need to hide our less attractive features.

If we can't tempt you into the water, there's always drinking and eating all the good food everyone brings. Kelly Espy will once again make all the food arrangements, contacting each of you too see what you'd like to bring. Our theme will be Italian this year, so we can look forward to some extra delicious dishes from one of everyone's favorite cuisines.

Lastly, y'all come, whether couples or singles. Bring house guests if you have some on that day, but do come. As we found out last year when it rained, even if we're stuck inside, we have a good time. All we need is a drink, food, and each other.

Please let Kelly Espy know that you are coming

Book and Author Luncheon

by Barbara Klementz

It's not too soon to think about our annual Book and Author luncheon on November 2. At our year-end banquet we were introduced to our latest scholarship recipients and learned how grateful they were. That is what this is all about.

So think now about appropriate items, places and businesses that will contribute items, or places to eat for the Silent Auction. Our guests really like this part of our event and it makes good money for our scholarships. The 2013 flyer will be coming out soon for distribution. Plan now for another fun day at Book and Author.

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Annual Banquet

Members enjoyed an Italian meal and talk with good friends at the annual banquet meeting at the Villa Bella Restaurant on May 23. We especially enjoyed meeting two special guests: our Beverly Anderson Scholarship recipients, Kalthum Abdikeir and Julie Chris.

After dinner, Peter Spiers, Senior Vice President at Road Scholar, talked about his book; *Master Class: Living Longer, Stronger, and Happier*. The book is a guide to developing a lifestyle engaged in activities important for both successful aging and cognitive health. The key is blending an optimum mix of activity categories that blend socializing, moving, thinking, and creating. We all agreed that active AAUW membership provided opportunities for many of these activities.

Thanks to Program Co-Vice Presidents Trudi Arnold and Kay Corbett for arranging a pleasant and instructive evening.



Peter Spiers with members Shirley Dwelley, Dottie Joslin, and Kathleen Henry



Members Shirley Dwelley and Marjorie Rowley chat while Barbara Klementz and Dottie Joslin listen to scholarship winner Kalthum Abdikeir.

Beverly Anderson Scholarships

Kalthum Abdikeir, by Cindy Greenspan

Kalthum was selected to receive a Beverly Anderson scholarship for 2013. She started college by taking ESL and general classes at Northern Virginia Community College where she graduated with honors. Kalthum had to interrupt her studies because of financial difficulty and having to send money to her family in Kenya. She

volunteered at Birmingham Green Nursing home and then became a Certified Nursing Assistant in their Alzheimer's unit.

She is currently a Dean's List senior majoring in health administration. She plans to work as a health administrator after graduating in December 2013, and then wants to pursue a master's degree in public health degree. After meeting Kalthum, I have no doubt she will accomplish her goals.

Julie Chris, by Marilyn Parker

Julie began her college career in California in 1994. She had recently moved there from her native Alabama to marry her high school sweetheart, who was stationed there with the Navy. She earned two associates of art degrees. They had two children while living in California and a third after they moved back to Alabama where her husband finished an undergraduate degree.

The family then moved to Erie, PA, where her husband completed work on a master's degree and moved again to Northern Virginia. Julie first returned to college at Northern Virginia Community College. In fall 2011 she transferred to George Mason University where she is working on a bachelor's degree in health, fitness, and recreation resources with a concentration in kinesiology. She is on schedule to graduate in May 2014.

Julie's current GPA is 3.78. She belongs to three honor societies and two professional associations. She plans to work in the health, fitness, and wellness field with a focus on seniors and those with chronic disease. She will help them use exercise to treat or manage lifestyle associated illnesses.

New Member Joyce Grimes

Joyce was raised in Washington, D. C. She earned a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a master's degree in special education from Howard University. She earned a master's degree in library media from the University of the District of Columbia. She enjoys reading, all forms of the performing arts, visual arts, gardening, cooking, traveling, and taking courses to enhance her work in the field of education over the many years of her career.

During her career, Joyce had the honor of serving as a teacher, library media specialist, assistant principal, and principal in the District of Columbia Public Schools.

Welcome, Joyce!



Joyce Grimes

Dues Alert! Renew Now!

by Dottie Joslin

Thanks to those of you who have already renewed your membership. Early renewals help our incoming treasurer, Kelly Espy, and membership vice president, Marilyn Parker, to get off to a good start. If you haven't renewed yet, please renew by June 10 so that Kelly can meet AAUW's deadline.

Dues for 2013-2014 are \$82 (\$49 national, \$15 state, \$18 branch). In addition to personal benefits, your membership supports AAUW's mission to advance equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy, and research.

Of the national portion, \$46 of your dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

Membership renewal options:

1. Renew online with a credit card through the Membership Payment Program (MPP) on the AAUW website: aauw.org. You and the branch treasurer will receive an immediate confirmation email. See below for instructions. While you are on the database, please check your contact information for accuracy and edit it, if needed. Your online contribution history will be displayed, including the \$46 tax deductible portion of your dues, after processing. Remember to log out to save your entries.

2. Or, send an \$82 check payable to AAUW to

Kelly Espy
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How to Use the Membership Payment Program (MPP)

1. To log in with your member ID

Go to www.aauw.org. At the top of the screen, click on Login. Enter your AAUW member ID and password and click "Login." There are helpful links in case you haven't logged in before or have forgotten your ID number or password.

2. To access the Member Services Database (MSD)

Once you have logged in, "Hello, your name" will appear on the top line. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on Member Tools in the second column. Scroll down the Member Tools page to

find the Member Services Database link in the left column. Click the "Visit Here" button.

3. To access your personal membership record and renew

On the Access Member Services Database page, click on Enter Member Services Database. In the menu on the left, look for "Membership Payment Program" and click on the submenu link Renew My Membership. Enter your credit card information on this secure website.

4. Submit your renewal, verify your entries, and submit again. When you're done, remember to Logout at the top of the renewal page. Look for the confirmation email.

Thanks!

By Leslie Vandivere

Two long-time board members are stepping down from their positions this year. Dottie Joslin, as membership vice president, and Jan Humphrey, as treasurer, have provided exemplary service to our branch. As

committed AAUW members, their leadership and support has been invaluable. Here are their last reports to the board.

Membership, Dottie Joslin

Fairfax City Branch membership is 54 as of June 1, 2013. Of last year's members, five did not renew, and one passed away in January, 2013. We added one new member, one dual member, and one renewal in 2013; fewer new members than usual. In most years we add new members at the Book and Author Luncheon (B&A) and at our Technology: Futures



Dottie Joslin

Unlimited (T:FU) career day for middle school girls. This year, no new members joined at B&A, and we did not hold T:FU. The new member who joined this spring was introduced to the branch by a member. We received requests for information by email, some through the branch website, but none joined.

We continue to publish and distribute the branch Yearbook and Membership Directory to members and the branch pamphlet to prospects. Email invitations are sent to prospects and members at large for the B&A and branch meetings deemed of interest to the general public.

It has been a pleasure to serve as the branch membership vice president for the past ten years. Thanks to everyone for your support, for spreading the word about the importance of AAUW, and for inviting your friends to join the branch. I am confident that Marilyn Parker will serve you well as our next branch membership vice president and thank her for volunteering for the position.



Jan Humphrey

Treasurer, Jan Humphrey

I hope that my four years of guarding our funds leaves the treasury in order for Kelly Espy. I will have the books officially checked during the summer. My membership in the branch has meant more to me by this service, and I encourage each of you to figure out a way you can actively contribute to its survival.

Calendar

AAUW National Convention

June 9–12

Sheraton New Orleans Hotel

www.aauw.org/convention

Northern District Leadership Meeting

Saturday, June 29

Location TBD

Branch Board Meeting

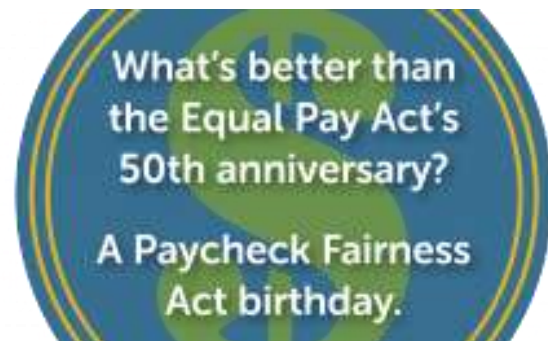
July 10, 7–9 p.m.

Home of Dianne Blais

AAUW of Virginia Summer Leadership Meeting

July 13, 12:30–4:30 p.m.

English Inn, Charlottesville



Interest Groups

Bridge

After a summer hiatus, the bridge group will continue to meet on a regular basis in September.

Great Decisions: Salon Discussion Group

A Year of Transition—from Salon to Great Decisions

This was a shortened year for Salon. For a variety of reasons, we didn't have our first meeting until January. One meeting was as a Salon and the remaining four meetings were Great Decisions discussions.

There is as yet no chair for the meetings held on the second Friday of the month, and the future format of the meetings is unclear.

There are four more chapters to be covered in the Great Decision 2013 edition briefing book that many members have purchased.

When asked several months ago to vote for Salon or Great Decisions, most



members voted to try Great Decisions for eight sessions and then take another vote. Presumably, this decision will be made in early 2014.

If you are interested in assuming leadership of this interest group, please contact Kathleen Henry.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, June 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Jan Humphrey

Remember, this is our planning meeting. So come prepared with your suggestions for great reads for the next year!

If you are unable to attend but have some good book ideas, please send them to Paulette Miller along with a brief synopsis so we can add them to the discussion.

Please let Jan know if you will be attending.

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, September 18 at 1 p.m.
Home of Marjorie Rowland

Afternoon Literature will meet at 1:00 p.m. Wednesday, September 18 to discuss *The Submission* by Amy Waldman. Please let Marjorie know you'll be there.

Musical Notes

Musical Notes will resume meeting in September.

**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.

Make check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch.

Send this form and your check to the treasurer:

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