

**Book and Author Luncheon
November 1, 11–3
Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax**

See you Saturday! Hope you've invited your book-loving friends to help us raise money for our annual George Mason scholarships and are ready to bid on items at the Silent Auction.

This is always a wonderful event. The five authors whose books are featured are fascinating speakers and will autograph your book purchases. Think about your gift-giving times down the road and plan to give personalized books you bought at the luncheon.

Directions:

From the Beltway (I-495)

- Exit on Braddock Road West.
- Continue six miles on Braddock Road and turn left onto Ox Road.
- Drive about one-half mile to the Club entrance on the right.

From Fairfax County Parkway (7100)

- Coming from the north or south end of the Parkway, exit onto Braddock Road heading eastbound until the Braddock Road-Ox Road intersection.
- Turn right onto Ox Road.
- Club entrance is about one-half mile on the right.

Sunshine Fund

Members of the board have established a sunshine fund to send cards to seriously ill members or those who have had a death in the immediate family because we value all who have become members of our organization. This fund will be based entirely on voluntary donations from interested members.

Diana Delano is in charge of the contributions and will keep the board regularly informed of the amount of contributions and expenditures. If you know of members in these categories please let her know at 703/730-3963 or email gdk125@verizon.net.

A basket for contributions will be provided at appropriate branch functions, or you can give them to Diana at several interest groups or mail them to her at 4277 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries, VA 22025-3148.

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Membership Memo

By Dottie Joslin

Membership Discount at the Book and Author Luncheon

The Book & Author Luncheon provides a wonderful opportunity to increase branch membership. Visit the membership table with your guests, and encourage nonmembers to join. New and lapsed members who join at the luncheon will save \$24.50 on dues. The discounted dues to join our branch are \$57.50, of which \$23 is tax-deductible. Anyone with an associate's degree or higher may join AAUW. Renewals are \$82 for membership through June 30, 2015.

AAUW is a Top-Rated Charity

AAUW has cultivated many accolades from charity-rating organizations lately. For the third year in a row, we earned a four-star rating from Charity Navigator. This is the highest rating they give, and only 10 percent of charities on their site can boast this top honor. Most of your National dues supports AAUW's charitable arm. The remainder is used for advocacy.

We support AAUW because

- AAUW protects the legal rights of women through legal advocacy work.
- AAUW assists women's education on the undergraduate, graduate, postgraduate levels, and beyond through fellowships and grants, campus outreach programs, and public policy efforts targeted at women's issues.
- AAUW advocates for laws and practices that treat women fairly.
- AAUW conducts research that sheds light on educational issues.
- AAUW trains women leaders through the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders and AAUW Programs in a Box.



Jeanette Rishell

Running for Public Office

Don't bother reading this if you were at the October 18 Northern District meeting. If you missed it, you might be interested in what these inspiring women had to say at the event arranged by District Co-Representatives Jeanette Ellmore and Caroline Pickens.



Margi Vanderhuy, Jeanette Rishell, Melissa Jackowski, Jeanette Ellmore, and Caroline Pickens

Melissa Jackowski from the AAUW national office gave us some appalling statistics about the imbalance between men and women in elective offices at all levels of government. Jeanette Rishell, Manassas Park Councilmember, and Margi Vanderhuy, former Virginia House of Delegates member from McLean, both have impressive resumes of public service in elective and appointed positions. They agreed that some amount of training, such as mentoring or the Candidate Training Program at UVA, is essential preparation for running for public office.

Women run for public office for different reasons, with different styles, and always in unique circumstances. Jeanette feels a sense of mutual responsibility in her community. She says that if you don't get involved in politics, you will be drawn in because of the public issues that need to be resolved. She emphasizes that women have important contributions to make to these community-wide discussions and cannot afford to be left out.



Margi Vanderhye

Margi believes a clear sense of who you are is a prerequisite to running for office. Failing to define yourself gives your opponents the opportunity to portray you as *they* want you to appear. She feels that when you listen to other people’s opinions it is more important to absorb what they are saying than to prepare a response to them.

Both women found fundraising to be a challenge and had to spend a great deal of time doing it. Both received help from Emily’s List in staffing and/or consulting.

When asked about their lessons learned, Margi replied that a candidate’s style of engaging with people is important, but it is also a double-edged sword. Women are consensus makers who try to get along with people, but if they are too eager to please, they can be manipulated. Jeanette finds that working to solve people’s problems is the most rewarding part of public service.

These women are clearly knowledgeable, well spoken, and plucky: willing to stand up, say what they think, and work hard to accomplish their goals.

Women in Elective Office

- 99 members of the current Congress are women (20 senators and 79 representatives).
- 5 current governors are women.
- 24.1 percent of state legislators are women.
- Of the 100 largest US cities, 12 have woman mayors.

Holiday Party

Save December 13 for AAUW Fairfax’s annual bash, starting around noon at Gale Rogers’s home, 6010 Deep Lake Way, Burke. Parking will be challenging, so plan to carpool.

Gale has never been to one of our holiday events before and is looking for people willing to help her plan the event. Please email her at gale.rogers@denkifuro.com.

Visioning/Marketing/Branding

Do you have ideas for improvements to our branch?

Are there things about Fairfax City AAUW that you love and don’t want to lose?

Then the Visioning/Marketing/Branding meeting on Saturday, February 28, from 10 a.m. to 2 p.m., at the home of Dianne Blais, is for you. We hope ALL members will attend to provide their input. Additional information is coming soon, but take a look at the article on page 5 of the AAUW *Virginia Vision*, “From Vision to Reality,” at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/newsletter/>.

Wanted

The Fairfax City Branch needs volunteers to serve on the Nominating Committee to identify candidates to run for president, treasurer, and membership vice president. Or, better still, please consider running for one of these offices for a two-year term. Elections take place during our general meeting in the spring. If you are willing to work on the committee or run for office, please let Secretary Gale Rogers know (gale.rogers@denkifuro.com).



AAUW Public Policy and Bylaws

The comment period for amendments and changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program and Bylaws ends on December 5. Visit <http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/> to read or propose changes and amendments and add your comments. The membership will vote on the final versions next year.

Call for Nominations: Candidates Sought

Wanted: AAUW members willing to serve on our state board in the following positions:

Recording Secretary: Responsible for minutes from both board and state meetings; files all written reports presented at state meetings and maintains record books of state board documents and minutes. The recording secretary is the board liaison to the Voting and Elections Committee.

Vice President for Finance: Collects dues, disburses funds per the *Board of Directors Handbook*, keeps an itemized account of all receipts and disbursements, submits an annual written financial report, and prepares an annual budget.

Vice President for Membership and Branch Development: Endeavors to increase and retain membership in the state by assisting branch membership chairs in the development of successful membership procedures and orientation programs.

Commitments:

1. Attend all board meetings (summer, fall, winter conference call, and state conference meeting).
2. Prepare reports for board meetings and the Vision.

Benefits:

1. Mileage reimbursement
2. All meals at board meetings included

3. Partial hotel reimbursement
4. It's rewarding and provides a chance to make a difference!

For detailed descriptions of these positions, please see <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/library/> and click "Bylaws." The positions will be voted on by all state members via online and paper ballots, sometime after the state meeting. The positions will be held from July 1, 2015, to June 30, 2017.

Nominations must be submitted by December 1, 2014, to Julie Kause, Nominating Chair at 276/228-5853 or 248/701-7687(cell) or jkause@embarqmail.com.

AAUW of Virginia Bylaws and Resolutions

The chair of the Bylaws/Resolutions Committee has issued a call for proposed amendments to the State Bylaws and for proposed resolutions to be presented at the State Conference in April in Charlottesville. These will be voted on under the One Member, One Vote initiative.

The deadline for submissions is December 1, 2014.

Proposed bylaws amendments must state the specific section of the bylaws being amended, the specific wording of the amendment, and the rationale for the amendment. Each proposed resolution must include the specific wording of the resolution, a statement of the rationale for the proposed resolution, and a proposed plan for the implementation of the resolution.

Bylaws amendments and resolutions should be submitted to the chair of the committee by email at the address below.

Joanna Crane
Bylaws/Resolutions Chair
Joanna.p.crane@gmail.com

Interest Groups

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Sonja Palomaki
7014 Ebbtide Lane, Burke
703/455-99262 or spalomaki@dspalomaki.com

A light supper will be followed by our discussion of *Fair and Tender Ladies* by Lee Smith, led by Paulette Miller. Please let Sonja know if you will be attending.

Upcoming: On December 16 we will discuss *The Husband's Secret* by Liane Moriarty.

Movies at Cinema Arts

Save the second Wednesday of every month (November 12 this time) and join us for a movie at Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax. Senior Wednesday ticket price is \$5 for those over 60. We select a movie that starts at about midday; afterward, we stop for coffee and dessert. Contact Gale Rogers for more information at gale.rogers@denkifuro.com.

Salon Discussion Group:

Great Decisions

Friday, November 14, at 12 Noon
Home of Ann Slomski
7611 Clifton Road, Clifton
703/250-9134 or anabbott@verizon.net

In November we will continue with the seventh topic of the Foreign Policy Association's briefing book, *China's Foreign Policy*. We will watch the DVD and discuss the topic.

Ann Slomski has graciously offered to host the November meeting and Gale Rogers has agreed to lead the discussion. Please let the hostess know that you will be attending. Bring a light lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided by the hostess.

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, November 19, at 1 p.m.
Home of Marjorie Rowley
5188 Dungannon Road, Fairfax
703/385-5486

We will be discussing the book *Careless People* by Sarah Churchwell. Please call Marjorie by Sunday, November 16, if you plan to attend.

Musical Notes

Friday, November 21, at 1 p.m.
Home of Olga Burns
10623 Timberidge Road, Fairfax Station
703/239-2876 or rubato12@aol.com

We'll be watching an assortment of clips of opera stars from years past and discover why they had such a good reputation. Please let Olga know that you are coming.

Bridge

The bridge group is a shadow of its former self, but a couple of us would still like to play if there is interest. Please contact Gale Rogers at gale.rogers@denkifuro.com or 703/938-0520.

IT'S MY VOTE



I WILL BE HEARD



A A U W A C T I O N F U N D

Calendar:

Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 1, 11–3
Country Club of Fairfax

AAUW of Virginia Deadline

to submit bylaws proposals and nominations
for state officers
December 1

National AAUW Deadline

for comments on national AAUW public policy
program and bylaws changes
December 5

Branch Holiday Party

Saturday, December 13, 12 noon
Home of Gale Rogers

AAUW of Virginia Lobby Day

Wednesday, February 4

Branch Visioning Meeting

Saturday, February 28, 10–3
Home of Dianne Blais

2015 AAUW of Virginia Conference

April 18–19
Charlottesville

Equal Pay Day

April 14

AAUW Federal Lobby Day

May 10



AAUW—FAIRFAX CITY BRANCH MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION

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

New: You can join online or renew at aauw.org. Click on *Membership> Join/Renew> Branch Member*. Follow the prompts. We are “VA3042 Fairfax City.”

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, 2015.

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

Or, Make check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch.
Send this form and your check to the treasurer:

KELLY ESPY
5814 SPRUCE GROVE CT
HAYMARKET VA 20169

The Fairfax City Branch of AAUW presents

Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 1, 2014, 11 am to 3 pm

Country Club of Fairfax • 5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

\$40 per person (includes luncheon)

Watch out! This year's featured books are all about unexpected life changes.

-  **Sarah Pekkanen, *The Best of Us: A Novel*.** Four college friends reunite on a luxurious vacation in Jamaica, and the closeness reveals truths about all their lives.
-  **Mary Kay Zuravieff, *Man Alive!: A Novel*.** A family is changed drastically when a bolt of lightning strikes one of its members.
-  **John Muller, *Mark Twain in Washington, D.C.: The Adventures of a Capital Correspondent*.** Twain's time in the capital in the 1860s proved to be a critical point in his career.
-  **Jan Neuharth, *The Kill: A Hunt Country Suspense Novel*.** Solving a murder in Middleburg puts a cast of colorful residents under the glare of suspicion.
-  **Daniel Stashower, *The Hour of Peril: The Secret Plot to Murder Lincoln Before the Civil War*.** As he traveled from Illinois for his inauguration, Lincoln was the object of a plot foiled by Allan Pinkerton in this spell-binding account.

This annual event is sponsored by AAUW Fairfax City Branch to raise funds for scholarships for women in our area. It also helps our national association provide financial help to women in education and other promising careers.

Please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Suzanne Mahoney at 8313 Chapel Lake Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 • [703] 978-3258 • email: suzanne070946@mac.com • Checks should be payable to AAUW Fairfax City Branch.

Reservations must be made by October 29, 2014, and are payable in advance.

Requests for seating must be made at the time of the reservation.

Guests with special dietary requirements must make their requests when making reservations.



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