

Book & Author Luncheon
Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m. to 2 p.m.
Country Club of Fairfax
5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA

We are anticipating a lovely day and great fun for our annual Book & Author luncheon. Reservations can still be made. Remember to invite all your book-lover friends for an exciting day with the authors. For further information, see the attached flyer. See you all on November 3.

Holiday Party

Save the date for our holiday party on Sunday, December 2, from 5 to 8 p.m. at the home of Dianne Blais. Spouses and significant others are welcome. Rather than ask members to bring food, the planning committee asks that you bring a \$10-a-person donation (cash or check to Dianne Blais) to cover expenses as well as a separate check for the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund, Inc.

VGIF provides small grants for grassroots projects that empower women and girls in developing countries. VGIF has non-governmental organization status at the United Nations and Consultative Status with the Economic and Social Council (ECOSOC). Founded in 1969 by members of the International Federation of University Women, VGIF is a 501(c)(3) non-profit organization.

Plan to come to enjoy good company, good food, as well as the opportunity to benefit a worthy cause. Please let Dianne know if you are coming.

Fairfax City Branch Website

By Leslie Vandivere

Fairfax City Branch has a new website at <http://fairfaxcity-va.aauw.net/>. You can also find it by clicking on “Branches” on either the AAUW or the AAUW Virginia websites.

The new website has much more information and many links to AAUW sites. We’ll be adding more information as well as pictures. Take a look and let us know what else you would like to see posted there.

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Membership Memo

By Dottie Joslin

Yearbook and Membership Directory

Pick up your branch *Yearbook and Membership Directory* for 2012-2013 at the Book and Author Luncheon on Nov. 3. Stop at the membership table for your name tag and Directory. Directories not distributed at the Luncheon will be mailed shortly thereafter.

Membership Discount at the Book and Author Luncheon

Visit the membership table with your guests. If they join at the Luncheon, new and lapsed members will save \$24.50 on dues. The discounted dues to join our branch are \$57.50, of which \$23 are tax-deductible. Anyone with an Associate's degree or higher may join AAUW. Renewals are \$82 for membership through June 30, 2013.

Northern District News

By Sandy Lawrence

Northern District Representative

Almost 50 members attended the AAUW Northern District meeting to hear Attorney Susan Burke's outstanding presentation on the issue of sexual assault on military



Attorney Susan Burke

members. She discussed her lawsuits filed for plaintiffs against Department of Defense (DoD). She stated the difficulty winning these lawsuits because of the Supreme Court ruling (*Feres v. United States*), which said the Federal Tort Claims Act does not apply to claims by petitioning service members. Only one judge has heard arguments on the current lawsuits and he ruled against the plaintiffs, basically saying rape is an occupational hazard of the military.

Ms. Burke plans on filing another set of lawsuits that will press DoD to explain



Members Renee Prasad and Dottie Joslin at the Northern District Meeting

“good order and discipline.” She plans to show that the military is a “hostile environment” based on chants, songs, prevalent pornography, etc.

Ms. Burke stressed how supportive AAUW has been with providing Legal Advocacy Fund support for the lawsuits, arranging the showing of *The Invisible War*. She thanked the audience for their current and future support.

At the business meeting, there were presentations on the upcoming AAUWVA conference, updating everyone’s profile on the AAUW Member Services Database, and an update on past and upcoming Get Out the Vote activities.

Condolences

Our deepest sympathies go to past branch president Myrna Brown, whose mother died in October. Ruth Fudge lived a rich and full life of 92 years.

Public Policy

By Renee Prasad

Equal Pay Day, scheduled for April 9, 2013, marks the 50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act. AAUW will host special events celebrating what has been done and still needs to be done to ensure that women receive equal pay for equal work.

New fair pay legislation known as the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act was signed into law by President Obama in 2009. At the time, Sheryl Gay Stolberg of *The New York Times* reported that the act was named for an Alabama woman who, at the end of a 19-year career as a supervisor in a tire factory, complained that she had been paid less than men. This act was the first bill signed by the President on January 29, 2009, upon taking office.

When the 50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act finally arrives, who will be our president? This is an important election so don’t forget to cast your ballot. **Vote on November 6!**

Your November Ballot

By Kathleen Henry

It will be a full ballot with nine items for your consideration. Besides five sets of candidates for President and Vice-President (in addition to the Democratic and Republican parties, there are candidates from the Constitution, Green and Libertarian parties), there are two candidates for the U.S. Senate: (D) Tim Kaine and (R) George Allen. For the U.S. House of Representatives, there are four candidates for the 8th district, three for the 10th, and six for the 11th. The ballot also will have two proposed constitutional amendments, and four bond issues.

The amendments deal with the timing of legislative sessions, and with the right of eminent domain.

The bond issues concern Parks and Park Facilities, Public Safety, Public Libraries, and Storm Drainage.

All 239 precincts in Fairfax County will offer both touch screen voting and voting with a paper ballot and scanner. Most precincts will be using electronic poll books eliminating A-L/ M-Z lines, since every registered voter is listed in every electronic poll book.

Some important dates to remember:

- Absentee-in-person voting at the Government Center is open Mon.-Fri., 8 a.m. to 8 p.m., and Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.
- The seven satellite polling places in regional governmental centers are open

Mon.-Fri., 2 p.m. to 8 p.m., and Sat., 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.

- October 30 is the last day to apply for an absentee ballot. The voted ballot must reach the Electoral Board by 7 p.m. on election day.
- November 3 is the last day to vote absentee-in-person. If you have a question about registration or voting, the best place to start is by calling the Fairfax County Office of Elections at (703) 222-0776.

There are new voter ID requirements beginning with this election. It is important to note there is no requirement for a state-issued photo ID. The new law significantly expands the types of acceptable identification and includes the following:

- Virginia voter identification card
- Valid Virginia driver's license
- Military ID
- Any Federal, Virginia state, or local government-issued ID
- Employer-issued photo ID card
- Social Security card
- Concealed handgun permit
- Valid student ID issued by any institution of higher education located in the Commonwealth of Virginia
- Current utility bill, bank statement, government check, or paycheck indicating the name and address of the voter

The new law also includes another change that will affect Virginia residents: if a voter comes to the polls with NO acceptable form

of ID, the voter must sign an Affirmation of Identity, and will then be offered a Provisional Ballot.

A Provisional Ballot is a paper ballot that, when voted, is put into an individual envelope and sent uncounted to the Electoral Board. The voter will have until the following Friday noon to submit a copy, in person or by FAX, of the ID they did not bring to the polling place. If this document is not presented, the ballot will be discarded unopened. If the document is received by the Electoral Board in time, the envelope will be opened and the ballot will be considered on an individual basis.

Calendar

Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m.
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General and Special Election

Tuesday, November 6

Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, November 7, 7 p.m.
Home of Dianne Blais

Holiday Party

Sunday, December 2, 5 p.m.
Home of Dianne Blais

Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, December 5, 7 p.m.

Branch Meeting

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

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 February through May. If you can fill any of these slots, please call Kathleen.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, November 13 at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Carolyn Smith

Light supper followed by our discussion of the *Paris Wife* by Paula McClain led by Kelly Espy. Please let Carolyn know if you will be attending.

Upcoming books: December 11—*Rope Walk* by Carrie Brown; Saturday, Jan. 12—*The Art of Racing in the Rain* by Garth Stein.

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, November 28 at 1 p.m.
Home of Dottie Joslin

Due to the Thanksgiving Holiday we will be meeting on the 4th Wednesday. Please join

us to discuss Abraham Varghese's *Cutting Stone*. And please let Dottie know that you plan to attend.

Musical Notes

Friday, November 16 at 1 p.m.
Home of Olga Burns.

Because of the Thanksgiving holiday, we will meet on Friday, November 16, at 1 p.m. for the second half of *The Marriage of Figaro*. Please remember to let Olga know if you plan to attend.



**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, 2013.

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:

Jan Humphrey
3604 Gawaine Ct.
Annandale, VA 22003

The Fairfax City Branch of AAUW presents

Book & Author Luncheon



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5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA
703-273-3100

\$40 per person
(includes luncheon)

Five different genres and five great reads: something for everyone!

-  **Carole Bellacera, *Lily of the Springs*.** In this romance novel a pregnant Lily marries her adolescent sweetheart in the '50s and grows up while raising her own family.
-  **Alan Cheuse, *Song of Slaves in the Desert*.** The horrors of slavery become apparent to a man visiting his uncle's South Carolina plantation while a parallel tale of slave traffic from Timbuktu unfolds.
-  **Del Quentin Wilber, *Rawhide Down*.** This book presents the gripping details surrounding the attempted assassination of President Ronald Reagan in 1981.
-  **Suzi Weinert, *Garage Sale Stalker*.** Set in McLean, this page-turner features a weekend bargain hunter who stumbles into a perilous situation.
-  **Barbara Esstman, *The Other Anna: A Novel*.** Anna comes of age in early 20th century Iowa, assisted by a caring Scottish housekeeper whose daughter's pregnancy has unexpected consequences.

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 31, 2012, 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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fairfaxcity-va.aauw.net/

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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.