

**AAUW Northern District program
“The Fight Against Sexual Assault on Military Members”
Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m. to 1:30 p.m.
Burke Centre Library
5935 Fred’s Oak Road Burke, VA 22015**

Attorney Susan L. Burke will be speaking on her landmark series of nationwide lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes rape and sexual assault. Her work on this project is highlighted in the documentary “The Invisible War,” an audience award winner at the Sundance Film Festival.



Susan L. Burke

Susan L. Burke graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received her J.D. degree from Catholic University, where she received the faculty award for

highest academic average. In her 25 years of practice, Burke has defended and prosecuted civil actions on a wide range of topics including human rights, pharmaceutical fraud, defense contractor fraud, employment and disability discrimination, election law, and environmental torts.

Presently, she focuses on fraud, class actions and mass torts. Burke serves as lead counsel

in the Maryland multi-district litigation known as KBR Burn Pit MDL, where she seeks justice for the many service members and contractors who were harmed by KBR's negligent operation of burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan. Burke also serves as lead counsel in actions on behalf of those tortured at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Those actions are pending in federal courts in Maryland and Virginia.

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.

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More To Do on B&A

By Barbara Klementz

Time is drawing near for our most important fund raiser of the year, our Book & Author Luncheon. While most of the details have been worked out, there is more to be done, and these small details are no less important.

Remember to drop off your auction items at my home, 8102 Briar Creek Drive, Annandale. However, if you plan to take these items to the luncheon, please let us know in advance just what you plan to contribute. A brief description of the item should be included on a card.

In addition, all donors should include their desired price on each contributed item before dropping it off.

We have a list of businesses which have made contributions in the past. If these could be contacted, it would certainly boost our auction receipts. When you are out and about visiting your favorite haunts or meeting with other groups, tell them about our branch and the B&A, and give them a flyer. Proudly explain how AAUW is contributing to the community.

We are still looking for another owner of an iPhone. We need help with our new credit card system. The device will be used only at B&A, and nothing will remain on your device once the event is over.

Hope you have all been able to download a flyer from your computer and pass it on.



People are enthusiastic about the B&A and like hearing about it.

I look forward to seeing you on Saturday, November 3 and another bright autumn day with five interesting authors.

Membership Memo

by Dottie Joslin

The 2012-2013 Yearbook and Membership Directory will be compiled in October. The booklets will be distributed to members as soon as practicable, possibly at the Book & Author Luncheon on November 3.

Discounts for New Members:

Bring a friend to the Northern District meeting on October 13 or to our popular Book & Author Luncheon. New or lapsed members who join AAUW at these events will save \$24.50 on the national portion of dues. Discounted branch dues will be only \$57.50, instead of \$82. Of the discounted dues, \$23 is tax deductible. In celebration of AAUW's 130th anniversary, graduate students new to AAUW may join as a National Member through June 2013 for only \$18.81. Membership is open to anyone with an Associate's degree or higher from an accredited institution. Spread the word about the Fairfax City Branch and AAUW's mission—advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research!

Membership Benefits

Save time and money with AAUW discounts. For details go to www.aauw.org and click on Member Benefits. With each purchase AAUW receives a royalty, which supports our programs and services. Here is a small sample of the offerings.

- Books and Publications (MagazineLine, archived AAUW reports)
- Financial (US Bank Visa, Congressional Federal) Insurance and Medical

(Assurant Health, Health Proponent, MetLife Dental, VPI Pet Insurance)

- Education and Career Development (CareerBuilder, The Princeton Review)
- Travel (Gohagan Travel for AAUW trips and cruises; insurance)
- Shopping (ShopAAUW, VirtuArte from the developing world)
- Additional Benefits (AAUW/AARP Long Term Care, AAUW Outlook Magazine, AAUW Dialog)

October Branch Meeting

By Leslie Vandivere

Fairfax City's first branch meeting of the year was a potluck lunch on Kay Corbett's back deck overlooking her beautiful garden, followed by a presentation about the Children's Science Center, a museum being planned for Northern Virginia. Did you know that Northern Virginia area is the largest metropolitan area in the United States without a children's museum?



Kay Corbett and Nene Spivey

The Center's Board Chair Nene Spivey explained that the Center is currently operating as a museum without walls, providing interactive science activities and programs for children ages 2-12 and their families at schools and community events. In addition, "Imagine Their Future" events, a virtual tour and program, are held every few weeks in the Reston area to provide information about the planned museum.



Welcome to the Party!
Charlene Comtois and Ann Slomski

The mission of the Children's Science Center is to excite children about science, technology, engineering, and math by making these subjects fun and enabling children to learn through play. Supporters of the Center are raising funds and working to secure a site of about 40,000 square feet. Information about their progress, plans, and events are at www.TheChildrensScienceCenter.org. Check the website also to sign up for their newsletter, volunteer to help, or make a donation.

Many thanks to Kay for arranging the program and being our hostess on a beautiful fall afternoon!

Sex Trafficking in Virginia

AAUW Mt. Vernon invites you to a presentation on Sex Trafficking in Virginia by State Senator Adam Ebbin on Thursday, October 11, 7:00 p.m. to 8:45 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, Virginia 22306.

In 2010, police and social agencies received 5,701 referrals for sexual abuse in Virginia, including shocking incidents of child sex trafficking in Northern Virginia. The average age of sex-trafficking victims is between 12 and 14 years of age.

Senator Ebbin was the prime sponsor of State Senate Bill 259, approved on March 21, 2012. The bill brought together the Department of Education and the Department of Social Services to develop awareness and training materials for parents, counselors, teachers, community leaders, and the general public.

Please bring friends and neighbors to hear Senator Ebbin discuss a new and important

Virginia law on prevention of sex trafficking of minors. He will discuss the history of this surprisingly widespread issue and strategies for preventing child trafficking in our state.

Calendar

Branch Board Meeting

Wednesday, October 3, 7 p.m.
Home of Dianne Blais

Northern Virginia District Meeting

Saturday, October 13, 10 a.m.
Burke Centre Library

Last Day to Register to Vote

Monday, October 15

Last Day to apply for absentee ballot by mail

Tuesday, October 30

Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 3, 11 a.m.
Country Club of Fairfax

General and Special Election

Tuesday, November 6

IT'S MY VOTE



I WILL BE HEARD



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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

Friday, October 5 from 12 noon to 2 p.m.
Home of Kathleen Henry

Welcome to another year of Salon! This meeting will be about organizing the coming year. So bring your ideas and your calendars, and with any luck, hostesses and presenters will be scheduled for the remaining meetings. Presenters may finalize their topic closer to their date if they wish.

Time permitting, Kathleen will discuss one of the two proposed Virginia constitution amendments.

Bring your own lunch and Kathleen will provide beverages and dessert. Please let her know if you plan to attend.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

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

Home of Leslie Vandivere

Light supper at 6:30 followed by our discussion of the *Magician's Assistant* by Ann Patchett, led by Paulette Miller. Please let Leslie know if you plan to attend.

Upcoming books: November 13—*Paris Wife* by Paula McClain; and December 13—*Rope Walk* by Carrie Brown

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, October 17 at 1 p.m.

Home of Dianne Blais

Please join us to discuss Ann Patchett's *State of Wonder*. Do let Dianne know if you plan to attend.

Musical Notes

Friday, October 26 at 1 p.m.

Home of Kathleen Henry

The Marriage of Figaro will be our opera. This opera is a delightful spoof of the feudal practice by which the master of the house has the right to woo a servant of his before she is wed to another servant. Please let Kathleen know if you plan to attend.

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**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



Saturday, November 3, 2012, 11 am to 2 pm

Country Club of Fairfax
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.