

Annual Holiday Party
Home of Kelly and Richard Espy
5814 Spruce Grove Court, Haymarket, VA 20169
1 p.m., Sunday, December 8, 2013

Sit-Down Buffet



Menu



Libations to include: Bloody Mary's, Holiday Punch, Red and White Wine

Appetizers: Cooked Shrimp, Assorted Vegetables with Dip, Hot Crab Dip and Meatballs

Spinach and Fruit Salads

Potatoes au gratin and Pasta

Roast Turkey, Baked Spiral Ham,
Freshly Baked Salmon

Warm rolls

Assorted Dessert Tray with Coffee and Tea

RSVP: Sunday, December 1, to Kelly Espy at (C) 703/403-0263 or kellyespy@aol.com

Cost per person: \$20 plus \$10 per person or per couple for a wrapped gift exchange



Richard and I look forward to welcoming you into our home on this special holiday. There could be many surprises in store with our gift exchange. So think creatively, and we'll all have a great deal of fun.

Directions: Follow I 66 to exit 40, Rt 15 (Haymarket). At the top of the exit ramp, turn right (R). At the second traffic light, turn right (R) onto Old Carolina Road. Take the first left (L) into Piedmont Community, then stop at the Guard House. Proceed to the first stop sign. You will be on Piedmont Vista Drive. Follow Piedmont Vista Drive to second stop sign and turn left (L) onto Sorrell Hunt Drive. (one house) Make first right (R) and follow Piedmont Vista to Spruce Grove Ct. (2nd stop sign). Make right (R) onto Spruce Grove. Our home is at the end of the Court, 5814.

These directions will work well and bring you through the front gate. Navigation systems use the back gate, more confusing. Use our driveway and street to park, depending on when you prefer to leave.

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January Branch Program

By Trudi Arnold

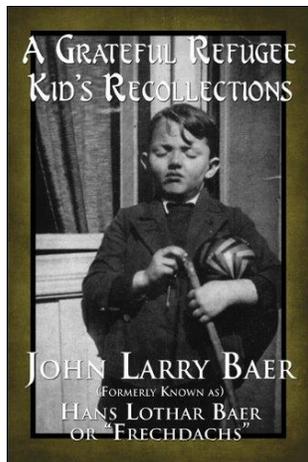
John Baer will talk to AAUW Fairfax City Branch members about his book, *A Grateful Refugee Kid's Recollections*, at 10 a.m., Saturday, January 11, at the Fairfax City Regional Library.

John Baer spent his early childhood in Nazi Germany. He and his cultured Jewish family couldn't have imagined the horrors that were soon to befall them, as the Nazi's brazenly proceeded to take away their comfortable home, belongings, and family members. Their lives were turned into turmoil and sadness. Miraculously, they managed to escape to England and from there to "Amerike."

The travails of a refugee family are told in a wonderful upbeat way by Mr. Baer. The wonderful educational opportunities that his new homeland gives to him are told in an inspirational way. Mr. Baer will delight us with the amazing story of his life. His very title tells you that he has great thankfulness and praise for what America offered to him. The story goes through childhood, immigration, education, and years of work at Aberdeen, Maryland.

Mr. Baer was a chemical and industrial engineer. As such he was involved in many interesting projects for large companies, the U.S. military, and various government projects. After retirement, he had an even more fascinating job as an international consultant. During this time, he returns to Germany, a very changed place, but still finds remnants of his old home and living relatives.

Mr. Baer believes in "giving back." His current list of volunteer efforts will amaze you! Don't be surprised if the next time you are released from a hospital stay, that he'll be there to push



your wheel chair. You don't want to miss this heartwarming story.

About Book & Author—Thanks!

By Barbara Klementz

Congratulations ladies! All your efforts and support for this year's Book and Author Luncheon paid off. As usual, the first Saturday in November was a lovely autumn day. We had a wonderful response from 137 guests who enjoyed presentations by our guest authors. The final figures are not in, but, by all calculations, we sold 138 books. Jefferson Morley's *Snow-Storm* sold out. We seem to have many readers of historic fiction. Without the final tally, we came close to raising \$4,000 for our scholarship fund. This is a great return for the efforts provided by branch members. With the use of the magical little Square charger, which resulted in \$765, we became even more proficient.

The Silent Auction once again was a whopping success under the leadership of Barbara Spiller. An additional table was needed to accommodate all the generous donations, raising approximately \$1,800. All of this success would not have been possible without the attention paid to both large and small details.

Trudi Arnold's table decorations were coveted by the winning sticker holders. Reservations were collected by Suzanne Mahoney. Upon arrival, guests were graciously provided their table assignments by Paulette Miller, Joan Dimengo and Kelly Espy. Guest authors were masterfully introduced by presenters Judy Weltz, Anne Sharp, Kathleen Henry, Penny Welke, and Jan Humphrey. The cash, checks, and credit team worked efficiently under the direction of Anne Sharp; and Leslie Vandivere did a great job of public relations by spreading the word.

The little details that make an event successful were performed by many unsung branch members. Without their dedicated help, we could not have achieved our goal of raising scholarship money for deserving women. Congratulations to all.

AAUW of Virginia Impact Grant

By Diana DeLano

AAUW of Virginia was awarded an Impact Grant by AAUW, and they have chosen to circulate an “Equal Pay Petition” requesting that the Virginia General Assembly pass legislation protecting workers who share salary information with co-workers. They request the support of each AAUW branch.

Attached to this newsletter is a copy of the petition; perhaps you could ask friends and co-workers to sign it. If you need more copies and cannot make copies of the petition, I will be happy to provide you with more. Please contact me, Diana DeLano, at 703/730-3963. When you are finished circulating the petitions, please send them back to me at 4277 Wiltshire Place, Dumfries, VA 22025-3148.

Scholarship Committee

By Cindy Greenspan

New volunteers are invited to join the Scholarship Committee. We review applications in late April, then meet to make selections. We get to meet the scholarship recipients at our end of year banquet in May. It’s rewarding to know that you are making a difference in the education of these women! Contact Cindy Greenspan at 571/238-6472 or cindy@dbls.com if you are interested.



Membership Memo

by Dottie Joslin

Member Directory

This year we are providing an electronic branch membership directory instead of the printed *Yearbook and Membership Directory* of past years. Other information previously printed in the *Yearbook* is also posted on the website. Cost savings are considerable, and our webmaster, Leslie Vandivere, keeps the online directory current. Hard copies of a basic member list were distributed at meetings this fall. Go to

<http://fairfaxcity-va.aauw.net> and access the Member Center to find the directory. Members who have not renewed by November 30 will be dropped from the directory. Please notify Leslie of any changes to your contact information.

The Gift of Membership

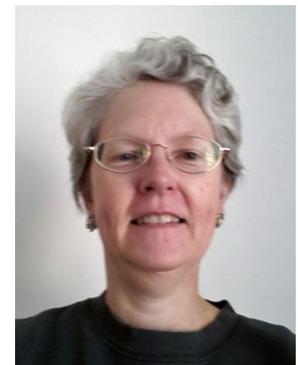
Open the door to AAUW for a special person in your life through a gift membership. National membership for college graduates is \$49 for twelve months of membership from date of receipt. Graduate students new to AAUW pay only \$18.81. Branch and state dues vary. Go to www.aauw.org for more information and to make your gift.

Half-year Dues for New Members in 2014

Invite your friends to upcoming meetings! If they’re lapsed members or are new to AAUW, they’re eligible from January 1 through March 15, 2014 for half-year dues (\$41) for membership through June 30. Graduates with an associate or RN degree or higher may join AAUW. New members revitalize the branch and increase support for AAUW’s mission to advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. Please refer prospective members to Dottie Joslin.

New Member

Gale Rogers is a retired Foreign Service Officer with two adult children in college. Her daughter is a student at William and Mary and her son is attending Virginia Commonwealth University. Gale joined the Foreign Service after graduating from Swarthmore College in 1978 with a bachelor’s degree in political science.



Gale Rogers

Gale served in Venezuela, Costa Rica, Mexico City, the U.S., Kuwait, the U.K., and Latvia before retiring in 2000. She predominantly served as a Consular Officer helping Americans abroad and issuing visas to travelers to the U.S.

Gale returned to the U.S. about two years ago and has just purchased a home in Burke. She is an avid quilter and bridge player and looks forward to meeting our members. Gale was recently welcomed as a new member to our bridge group.

STEM-tastics Event Scheduled

By Suzanne Mahoney

STEM-tastics, inspiring girls to pursue careers in STEM fields, will be held on Saturday, March 8, 2014, at the Annandale campus of the Northern Virginia Community College (NOVA).

STEM-tastics is a career day event designed to inspire middle school girls to pursue careers in STEM fields. Female presenters from across STEM fields will lead hands-on workshops for students and informational workshops for parents. While covering a range of STEM fields, the focus areas will be computer science and traditional engineering fields.

The Fairfax City AAUW branch, along with the Reston Herndon AAUW Branch, will co-chair the event. AAUW members from the McLean branch are assisting with outreach. Other AAUW members from Fairfax County will assist on the day of the event.

We are also partnering with SySTEMic Solutions at NOVA. They are a NOVA innovative regional initiative to build strong bridges between the business community and education and increase the number of students in STEM-related degree or certificate programs. They will support the use of facilities at NOVA along with coordination with NOVA students and the middle school girls.

We hope to have over 250 students and 125 parents from across the county. There will be a charge of \$15 per student; however students on a school lunch program will be exempt. We will



reach out to girls from schools with a predominance of students on the school lunch program. We are also working with Fairfax County Public Schools to reach out directly to parents of middle school girls.

Sylvia Castelnovo's CD Collection

By Olga Burns

Sylvia had a wonderful collection of classical music CD's. Her son Joe hoped they would be placed where students and music lovers could benefit from her excellent choices. Thanks to the efforts of Alice Heyer, who knew the right people to contact, some 165 CD's now reside in the Fenwick Library at George Mason University. The collection has more Mozart and Haydn than any other composer, and included not only the symphonies, but also piano works and chamber music. I am sure Sylvia would be gratified to know that music students will have access to such a valuable resource in their education.



Mozart

Haydn

Interest Groups

Bridge

The bridge group will continue to meet on a regular basis. Anyone interested in more information should contact Shirley Dwelley, 703/352-0846 or HLDwelley@aol.com.

Salon Discussion Group

Friday, January 10, 2014 at 12 noon
Home of Ann Slomsky
7611 Clifton Road, Fairfax Station
703/250-9143 or anabbott@verizon.net.

Happy New Year! To open our new year, Diana DeLano will lead us in a discussion of China in Africa, using our Great Decisions Foreign Policy briefing book. We appreciate Ann Slomsky offering to host Great Decisions for our January meeting. Please let her know that you will be attending. Bring a sack lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, December 10, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Barbara Spiller
4822 Christie Jane Lane, Fairfax
703/830-7971 or bspiller.realtor@gmail.com

We will discuss *Tinkers* by Paul Harding. Please let Barbara know if you plan to attend.

Saturday, January 18, 2014, time TBD
Home of Kelly Espy
5814 Spruce Grove Ct., Haymarket
703/753-0426 or kellyespy@aol.com

We will discuss *A Tale for the Time Being* by Ruth Ozeki. Our moderator will be Joyce Grimes. Please let Kelly know if you plan to attend.

Musical Notes

Musical Notes will not meet in December. The next meeting will be on Friday, January 31, 2014, program and hostess to be determined.

Afternoon Literature

No meeting is scheduled for December

Wednesday, January 15 2014 at 1:00 p.m.
Home of Kathleen Henry
7418 Spring Village Dr., #501, Springfield
703/451-6846 or kc_henry@outlook.com

We will discuss *Traveling Mercies* by Anne Lamott. Please let Kathleen know that you plan to attend.

Calendar

Branch Holiday Party
Sunday, December 8, 1 p.m.
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January Branch Meeting
Saturday, January 11, 10 a.m.
A Grateful Refugee Kid's Recollections
Fairfax City Regional Library

February Branch Meeting
Saturday, February 22, 10 a.m.
The Affordable Care Act
Local Library TBD

STEM-tastics
Saturday, March 8
Annandale campus NOVA

New Members and Directory Updates

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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, 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:

KELLY ESPY

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PETITION: Pass Equal Pay Legislation in Virginia

Dear Virginia General Assembly,

We the undersigned join with the American Association of University Women (AAUW) of Virginia in urging you to pass legislation protecting workers who share salary information with their co-workers.

With a record number of women in the workforce and two-thirds of women functioning as primary or co-bread winners for their families, equal pay for women is critical to families' economic security. **Yet in 2012, women in Virginia working full-time, year round, were still paid 79 cents on average for every dollar paid to men.**

Even worse than the wage gap existing is the reality that few women actually know if they are being paid unfairly, and some don't feel safe asking those questions at work for fear of retaliation from their bosses. They could even be fired!

If we are to help women ensure they are being paid fairly, we have to change this. I urge you to pass legislation protecting workers who share salary information with their co-workers so we can finally enable Virginia women to bring home the pay they have rightfully earned.

Sincerely,
AAUW of Virginia

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