

STEMtastics
Inspiring Middle School Girls to Pursue STEM Careers
8:30 a.m.–12 p.m., Saturday, March 8, 2014
Northern Virginia Community College, Annandale Campus
 Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math
 In sponsorship with Fairfax County Public Schools and SyStemic Solutions
 Presented by AAUW: Fairfax City, McLean Area, and Reston-Herndon Branches

By Olga Burns

Career Day, which our branch has sponsored for almost 20 years, will be held on Friday, March 8, at NOVA in Annandale. Our name, Technology: Futures Unlimited, has been replaced by STEMtastics. This year we are joined by the Reston and McLean area branches. Registration has been going well and we now have 350 signed up. The Nova facility is very nice, as you will see when you arrive that morning. Happily, we have an impressive line-up of 24 presenters.

We need you to volunteer to help out that day, even if only for an hour or two. We will be using two buildings. This means we need many volunteers to guide the girls to their correct classrooms. You may arrive around 7:50 a.m. to assist with registration or at 8:50 to guide the girls. Floor plans will be provided. It is unnecessary to remain the entire morning if you are unable to do so. But if you can remain, you are needed. Please don't think that since two other branches are involved, you don't really need to participate.

Many hours of planning have gone into making this conference a success, and we have Suzanne Mahoney to thank for all her hard work. The women from Reston and McLean also have spent countless hours on what promises to be a big success. To volunteer, please call me at 703/239-2876.

Directions:

From the Capital Beltway (I-495)

- Take Exit 52-A (Little River Turnpike) west towards Fairfax
- Make a left at the third traffic light (Wakefield Chapel Road)
- Once on Wakefield Chapel Road, the campus will be on your left

From Route 66

- Exit onto the Capital Beltway (I-495 towards Richmond)
- Take Exit 52-A (Little River Turnpike)
- After approximately 1/2 mile, the college will be on the left-hand side

From Route 50, Fairfax Area

- Take Route 50 to Route 236 (Little River Turnpike)
- Turn right on Wakefield Chapel Road
- Once on Wakefield Chapel Road, the campus will be on your left

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Membership Memo

By Dottie Joslin

New Member Discount at STEMtastics

If you interact with presenters or parents who exhibit interest in AAUW at the STEMtastics career initiative on March 8, please direct them to the membership table. We expect it will be upstairs in the refreshments/theater area of the Ernst Center.

For new and lapsed members, AAUW's Shape the Future (STF) membership incentive will be in effect, with 50% off the national portion of dues. Joining in March provides three extra months of membership, as the expiration date will be June 30, 2015.

Prospects can join any of the three cooperating branches: Fairfax City, McLean, or Reston/Herndon. Those who live in another part of the county can transfer free to a closer Virginia branch during the year. The STF discount also will be available to eligible new members who join as a National Member (Member-at-Large).

New Book and Author Committee

By Barbara Klementz

For the past several years, Barbara Spiller has led the silent auction for our Book and Author Luncheon. Her efforts have made this part of our annual fund raiser a huge success.

As you may know, Barbara will be moving some time in August and she has collected an archive of material to continue this fund-raising activity. To take advantage of this information, it is now time to form a silent auction committee. Such a committee would distribute tasks, and only a minimum amount of one's time would be needed to contact restaurants, various shops, interest groups, and other local contributors. The list of generous individuals and businesses willing to contribute to our fund raiser is a great part of our funding activity.

Please consider joining this committee. Without a successful silent auction, scholarship funding would drop significantly and many worthy

scholars would lose their chance at a college education. You may contact me, Barbara Klementz, at brbklm5@verizon.net or 703/978-3961 if you wish to become a member of this new committee. It is not too early to think about the restaurants we frequent and the small businesses and recreational places we enjoy. Ask them to contribute to our silent auction. The participation of everyone in Book and Author is much appreciated.

Nominating Committee

by Dottie Joslin

The AAUW—Fairfax City Branch Nominating Committee is seeking nominees for the position of program vice president. Co-chairs often share the position for the two-year term. Months for which we traditionally have a program at a branch meeting are September, January/February, April (annual meeting), and May (banquet). Special events occupy the other months.

Please contact a nominating committee member and tell us how you can contribute to the branch for those positions, or to serve on a program committee.

- Dottie Joslin, 703-591-9035, joslin3@verizon.net
- Jan Humphrey, 703-573-6253, dandjhumph@aol.com
- Joan Dimengo, 703-815-1586, jdimengo@gmail.com

Northern District

By Sandy Lawrence

Northern District Representative

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Representative(s) Needed

When asked to be the Northern District Representative (ND Rep), some members have told me that I'm a tough act to follow. But I think ND Rep is not an act, but an improvisation; an original performance that depends on its main character to bring it to life.

Like any performer, my time as ND Rep is winding down and will soon close. But there is another AAUW performer, waiting for her time on the stage. The stage time has particular

requirements, like attending state board meetings, but many of the actions and activities are based on what the performer thinks is important and needed. There is no set script on what a District Rep does. An opportunity to do it “your way” is waiting.

So be that next ND Rep and send your biography to me by March 20. The elections will be held at the district meeting at the state conference.

Lobby Days

State Lobby day was an awesome experience and it was great to see so many ND members, even

with the bad weather. (Check out the pictures at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>)

May 18 is Federal Lobby Day and it would be great to have an even bigger turn out of ND members. You team up with Lobby Corp members, and the AAUW staff does an outstanding job to prepare lobbyists to hit the halls of Congress. We also need members to open their home to members coming in from other parts of the state. More information to come.

Directory Information

Please correct new member **Sandy Hoch’s** email address to marynich837@hotmail.com

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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, 2015.

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
5814 SPRUCE GROVE CT
HAYMARKET VA 20169

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.

AAUW Movie Group

Save the second Wednesday of every month—this month, March 12—and join us for a movie at Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax. They feature Senior Wednesday at \$5 for members over 60. We select a movie to see at about midday; afterward, we stop for coffee and dessert. Contact Gale Rogers for more information at gale.rogers@denkifuro.com.

Great Decisions

Friday, March 14, at 12 noon
Home of Kay Corbett
7226 Clifton Road, Clifton
703/222-6012 or Kaycorbett@msn.com.

Because of the cancellation of Salon in February due to the snow, we will cover the first topic in the Great Decisions briefing book in March. The first topic is Defense Technology and Trudi Arnold has agreed to present. We will also view the DVD by the Foreign Policy Association.

Please let Kay know that you will attend. Bring a sack lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided by the hostess.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, March 11, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Jan Humphrey
3604 Gawaine Ct., Annandale
703/573-6253 or dandjhumph@aol.com.

A light supper followed by our discussion of the book *And the Mountains Echoed* by Khaled Hosseini will be led by Kelly Espy. Please let Jan know you plan to attend. **Please note** this is a change in location from the original schedule.

Upcoming books—April 8, *My Beloved World* by Sonia Sotomayor, and May 13, *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich.

Musical Notes

Friday, March 28 at 1p.m.
Home of Olga Burns
10623 Timberidge Road, Fairfax Station
703/239-2876 or rubato12@aol.com.

Our March meeting will be held on Friday, March 28 at the home of Olga Burns. The opera we choose will be announced in a separate e-mail. I finally have a new TV with a bigger screen. Remember to let me know that you can attend.

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, March 19 at 1 p.m.
Location: To be determined

The meeting will be held at the home of either Jean Golightly or Shirley Dwelley. We will discuss *The House Girl* by Tara Conklin. Please let your hostess know you plan to attend. The book for April is *The Burgess Boys* by Elizabeth Strout.

Calendar

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Saturday, March 8
NOVA—Annandale

2014 AAUW of Virginia Conference

April 4–6
Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia
See <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/> for further information

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