

**End-of-the-Year Banquet
12 to 3, Thursday, May 22, 2014
Springfield Golf and Country Club**

By Kay Corbett

This year our May banquet will be held at 12 noon at the Springfield Golf and Country Club at 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield. The luncheon will be held in a beautiful room with a lovely balcony overlooking the course. It should be a very special occasion.

The speaker will be Carole Herrick, a McLean resident who is actively involved with many historical organizations in the area. She has written numerous articles for publication about McLean and the Northern Virginia area and has authored six books. In celebration of the bicentennial, she will be speak about Dolley Madison's rescue of White House possessions in 1814. Carole will also share other fascinating history of the War of 1812.



A view of the Presidents house in the city of Washington after the conflagration of the 24th August 1814. Engraving by William Strickland. Library of Congress Prints and Photographs Division Washington, D.C.

Luncheon Menu

Green Salad (Raspberry Vinaigrette or Ranch Dressing)
Rolls and Butter

Entrees

Chicken Napa with Grapes, White Wine, and Butter Sauce
Oven Roasted Herb Potatoes
Asparagus Parmesan

OR

Fillet of Salmon with Tarragon Butter Sauce
Parmesan Risotto
Asparagus Parmesan

Dessert

To be arranged by program chairmen

Luncheon entrée: \$35

Cash Bar: Wine \$9 a glass

Mail checks for \$35.00 and menu choice to Kelly Espy at 5814 Spruce Grove Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169. Please respond by May 15.

Directions to the Springfield Golf and Country Club: Take Old Keene Mill Road east from Fairfax Parkway. Go 3.5 miles to the country club. Cross Rolling Road. The country club entrance is immediately on the right after crossing Rolling Road and is somewhat hidden, so slow down and watch for the entrance.

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Membership Memo

By Dottie Joslin

Dues Alert! Renew Now!

It's time to renew your membership for 2014–2015. Dues are \$82 (\$49 national, \$15 state, \$18 branch). In addition to personal benefits, your AAUW membership supports our mission: equity for women and girls through education, advocacy, philanthropy and research. Please renew by June 10.

Of the national portion, \$46 of your dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution for federal income tax purposes.

Membership renewal options:

1. You can renew online with a credit card through the Membership Payment Program (MPP) on the AAUW website. You will receive an immediate confirmation e-mail, which is also sent to the branch treasurer. The first time you log in there are a few extra steps. See below under *How to Use the Membership Payment Program*.

2. You may send an \$82 check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch to **Kelly Espy, 5814 Spruce Grove Ct., Haymarket, VA 20169**. (Life members: \$33.) For your convenience, you may send a separate check for dues with your banquet reservation check to Kelly or you may renew at the May 22 banquet.

How to Use the Membership Payment Program

1. To Log In With Your Member ID

Go to www.aauw.org. At the top of the screen, click on “Login.” Enter your AAUW member ID and password and click “Login.” There are helpful links in case you haven't logged in before or have forgotten your ID number or password. After logging in the first time, the process is much easier. Once you select “Login,” your ID number will be

displayed. Just enter your password and follow the steps below.

2. To Access the Member Services Database (MSD)

Once you have logged in, “Hello, *your name*” will appear on the top line. Scroll to the bottom of the page. Click on Member Tools in the second column. Then, scroll down the Member Tools page to find the Member Services Database link in the left column. Click the “Enter Here” button.

3. To Access Your Personal Membership Record and Renew.

On the Access Member Services Database page, click the “Enter Member Services Database” link to access your record. Find the menu column on the left. Look for “Membership Payment Program” and click on the submenu link ‘Renew My Membership.’ Enter your credit card information.

Before submitting your renewal, consider contributing on the same page to AAUW Funds, the Legal Advocacy Fund, or the Educational Opportunities Fund. Our branch's goal is to contribute \$30 per member toward the funds. Individual contributions (online or by check) designated with the branch ID, VA3042, are credited toward our branch contribution. That leaves more available for our Beverly Anderson Scholarship Fund.

4. **Submit your renewal**, verify your entries, and submit again. When you're done, remember to log out at the top of the renewal page. Look for the confirmation email.

If you have any problems, see the top of the renewal page for the link to the User Guide and for help by email or phone.

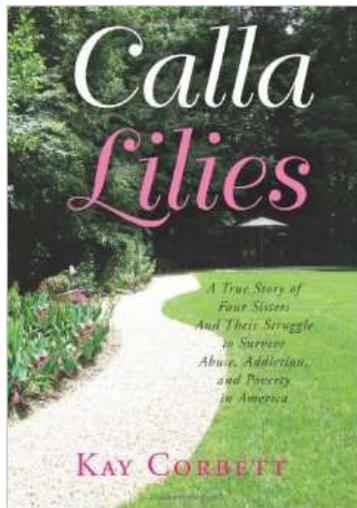


Other reasons to access

AAUW's Member Services Database: The MSD displays your record. You can verify and edit your contact information and view your contribution history, including the \$46 tax deductible portion of your dues. The link to the Branch Roster is at the bottom of the menu on the left.

Kay Corbett Honored

This year the Fairfax City Branch earned two free AAUW national memberships through the Shape the Future Membership Campaign. AAUW offers branches a free national membership for every two new-to-AAUW members who join at a branch event open to the public. Keep inviting your friends! That's a great source of new members.



We are pleased to award one of the free national memberships to Kay Corbett, a branch member since 1993. We appreciate her service to the Fairfax City Branch, as she completes her term as Co-Vice President for Program. She is

chair of the Great Decisions interest group and was a founder and long-term chair of the Salon discussion group that preceded Great Decisions. Kay has been a frequent hostess in her lovely home for events, including Musical Notes, Salon, and Great Decisions interest groups. We congratulate Kay on the recent publication by Amazon.com of her book, *Calla Lilies: A True Story of Four Sisters and Their Struggle to Survive Abuse, Addiction and Poverty in America*.

Dues Raffle at Banquet for AAUW Funds

Bring a \$5 bill to the banquet for a chance to win a free AAUW national membership for 2014-15, a \$49 value. (Three tickets cost \$10.) At the same time, you'll support the AAUW Funds, the philanthropic arm of AAUW.

New Member Linda Aird Vretos

Settling in Virginia after travels as a U.S. Air Force dependent, Linda Aird Vretos received her undergraduate degree at James Madison University and her graduate degree in library science from Catholic University of America.

Upon her retirement, Linda was serving as Head Librarian at Thomas Jefferson High School for Science and Technology.

Linda is married with two daughters and three grandchildren. In retirement, she volunteers as a mentor at Lynbrook Elementary School, is a docent at Pohick Episcopal Church, and serves on various church committees. She and her husband, Constantine, proudly support their Marine son-in-law and family as he deploys to various U.S. conflict zones.

Linda has been a long-time member of AAUW and now looks forward to participating in future activities of our Fairfax City Branch. Welcome Linda!

Northern District News

By Sandy Lawrence
Northern District Representative

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.

Condolences

Condolences to Shirley Dwelley, who recently lost her beloved husband, Hugh.

Hugh was known to many Fairfax City Branch members who will recall his kind and pleasant manner. Hugh sometimes attended branch meetings with Shirley and was an avid support of our Book and Author luncheons.

Member Profile

By Dottie Joslin

Do you know the Fairfax City Branch member who fits this profile? An AAUW member since 1981, she has been active in at least three AAUW

branches. Soon after she joined the Fairfax City Branch, she began her long tenure as chair of Public Policy and the Afternoon Literature interest group. More recently, she served two terms as Program Vice President. She belongs to an ethnically diverse family. If you have been active in our branch for a while, you'll know this valuable member is Renee Prasad.

Sadly, Renee lost many members of her family to the Holocaust including her grandparents. However she remembers vividly her Silesian grandmother. The stately woman had a regal bearing which was enhanced by her long, braided hair worn high atop her head like a crown. In a recent interview Renee recalled her early childhood as a newly arrived immigrant from Germany. The English language was foreign to her then. Unlike today, there was no special assistance in school for children unfamiliar with English.

Renee's degrees in International Affairs at Hunter College and the United Nations Program at New York University are a reflection of her interest in various cultures and world affairs. While living in New York, she met her Indian husband-to-be Pono, who was attracted to her as she modeled a sari.

Years later when she lived in Simsbury, Connecticut, a member of the Indian community introduced Renee to AAUW, and she became a member of the Greater Hartford branch. She then joined the local branch when they lived in Weston, MA. After moving to Fairfax around 1997, she promptly joined the Fairfax City Branch and, to our benefit, became active immediately. In addition to being chairs of Public Policy and Afternoon Literature, she has participated in the Salon and Great Decisions interest groups, arranged for a speaker from the Virginia Gildersleeve International Fund (VGIF), and has frequently volunteered for our various activities.



Renee and Pono have traveled extensively. Pono's career in banking has taken them to interesting and exotic lands. When Pono worked for the New England-Taiwan Business Council, they journeyed to China. They, of course, take countless trips to India. They stay in the New Delhi area and visit Pono's family in the hilly city of Ranchi. Pono comes from a prominent Indian family, many of whom have distinguished themselves in the law. Pono's father was a public prosecutor, one brother was a dashing lawyer and freedom fighter and his youngest brother was a judge. Just a few years ago while traveling through India, Renee visited a VGIF-funded project developed by women to improve women's lives.

Renee is proud of the educational attainment of their children. Their son, a locally practicing anesthesiologist, married a Japanese woman whom he met at Williams College. She is retired from her position as a lawyer with the World Bank. The couple adopted twin girls from mainland China. Now in high school, the twins were schooled through the Japanese immersion program, and can communicate with their Japanese grandparents when they visit Japan. Renee and Pono's daughter, who is employed by British Airways, lives in England.

Recently Renee experienced a bout with cancer. She wants us to know that the chemotherapy was effective, and that she is on the mend. She and Pono will soon move to a new home they recently purchased in the Potomac Green neighborhood of Ashburn, Va. We wish them well and hope to occasionally see Renee.

The money women lose to the gender wage gap just one year out of college could get you from New York City to San Diego and back five times.



The unexplained wage gap is almost 7 percent or more than \$2,800 of an average man's earnings one year out of college.

Get the facts and take action now at

<http://www.aauw.org/fairpay/>.

Interest Groups

Movies at Cinema Arts

Save the second Wednesday of every month and join us for a movie at Cinema Arts Theatre in Fairfax. Senior Wednesday is featured at \$5 for those 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.

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, May 9, at 12 noon
Home of Marilyn Parker
12227 Chapel Rd., Clifton
908/309-3134 or Marilynparker8812@gmail.com

We will continue Great Decisions with the third topic of the Foreign Policy Association's briefing book, *Turkey's Challenges*. Marilyn will host and Sandy Hock will present the discussion.

Chapel Road is only about 4 miles long and runs between Main Street in Clifton and Ox Road (close to the Ox Road-Fairfax County Pkwy.intersection).

From Ox Road: Take Chapel Road for about 2-3 miles; one comes to a brown wooden sign that says Frosty Meadows. Take a 90 degree left turn onto the private road. Proceed about 1/2 mile up the twisty, hilly road. Stay to the right when the road branches off to the left. Marilyn's home is at the top of the hill on the right. The address is on a white wooden post next to the mailbox. Turn into the driveway and park as close to the house as possible.

From Clifton: go straight ahead at the Frosty Meadows sign onto the private road and up the hill and follow directions as above.

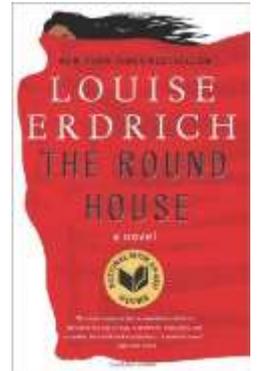
The dogs are friendly.

Please let Marilyn know that you will be coming. Bring a sack lunch; drinks and dessert will be provided.

Night Owls Book Discussion Group

Tuesday, May 13, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Paulette Miller
10847 Split Oak Lane, Burke
703/250-0876 or
psmiller10847@verizon.com

A light supper will be served followed by a discussion of *The Round House* by Louise Erdrich. Judy Wetz will lead the discussion. Please let Paulette know you plan to attend. June 10 will be our planning meeting. Bring your suggestions for next year's books.



Musical Notes

May meeting plans are not finalized. The group will be informed of the hostess and the location.

Afternoon Literature

Wednesday, May 21 at 12:30 p.m.
Home of Jean Arnold
14611 Algretus Drive, Centreville
703/830-8189 or arnoldjh52@aol.com

Come hungry at this earlier time because a sandwich and salad lunch will be provided. Please be sure to let Jean know whether you plan to attend. The book under discussion is *Still Life with Shape-Shifter* by Sharon Shinn. Bring suggestions for next year's books, if possible.

Calendar

AAUW Lobby Day

May 18
Washington, DC

AAUW of Virginia Online Election

April 29 to May 29

Directory Information

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**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:

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