



Holiday Party
Sunday, December 20, at 4 p.m.
Home of Dianne and Gerard Blais
5211 Gunpowder Road, Fairfax



You are cordially invited to don your gay apparel and join us for the branch holiday party. We encourage you to bring a guest or significant other. We hope you'll join us in making merry as we socialize and discover the connections we have with each other.

Refreshments will include appetizers, wine, and other beverages, along with a light supper of lasagna and salad.

We are asking that each person who attends pay \$15 at the door to cover the cost of the party, either cash or a check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch. Excess of receipts over the cost of the party will be donated to the national organization's AAUW Fund. As you know, this is the major organ for supporting AAUW programs in advocacy (e.g., lobbying, support for its public policy program), Tech Trek camps, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and workshops to help women in the workplace and younger women just entering the workforce, among other activities.

If you wish to make a tax deductible contribution to the AAUW Fund by check this holiday season, please make it payable to "AAUW Fund," with "Fairfax City Branch" on the memo line, so that our branch is credited. AAUW Fund donations may be delivered at the party or mailed to Dottie Joslin, who will send them to AAUW.

Contributions may be made by credit card online at www.aauw.org/.

Can you help troll the ancient Yuletide (or Hanukkah) carol or present a holiday reading? We're counting on volunteers to provide some festive entertainment.

We'd also appreciate your help with dessert. We'd like several bakers to contribute homemade holiday cookies to satisfy our sweet tooth.

Please RSVP to Dianne Blais **by December 18** at dianneblais@aol.com or 703/830-1998

- That you are attending
- That you will bake cookies for the event
- That you will help entertain the group

If the weather is bad or anticipated to be dangerous, we will have to cancel the event. We'll let everyone know via email the day before the party.

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Human Trafficking in Northern Virginia

Deepa Patel, LCSW

Saturday, January 16 at 10 a.m.

Burke Centre Library

5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke

Northern Virginia is one of the top five regions in the country where human trafficking takes place—including sex trafficking and labor trafficking. Human trafficking is now the second largest criminal enterprise in the global marketplace, producing more than \$30 billion in illegal revenues.

The Virginia General Assembly passed legislation in March 2015 that establishes a stand-alone sex trafficking statute, the last state to do so. The statute only defines trafficking and penalties; it does not include any funds for victims.

Our speaker, Deepa Patel, a licensed clinical social worker, is the co-founder of Trauma and Hope, LLC. Her practice focuses specifically on victims of violence and sexual exploitation, gang prevention and intervention, and sex offender evaluation and treatment.



For the past 11 years Ms. Patel, in working with adolescents who are gang involved, has developed outpatient and inpatient treatment programs for female

gang-controlled sexual exploitation victims, which have been implemented in six residential facilities. She is also a member of the Northern Virginia Human Trafficking Task Force.

Burke Centre Library is just off the Fairfax County Parkway between Roberts Parkway and Rte. 123. If you're traveling west on the parkway, it's on the right side.

Barbara Klementz on the Book & Author Luncheon

Wow, what a spectacular B&A we had! The Silent Auction committee, led by Sonja Palomaki, did one fantastic job gathering more than 40 items, putting together a new and efficient system for awarding the items, and bringing in the best results ever—\$3,695. The authors, including our own Kay Corbett, were all interesting, and our guests bought 92 books.

Although attendance was not up to past years (103), we still generated \$4,600 from ticket sales. Our donations increased to \$192.

Trudi Arnold again decorated our tables with fall centerpieces, which found homes with our guests. Once again members stepped up on the day of the event to help make everything run smoothly.

The bottom line is that our branch can be pleased to have netted over \$5,000, which will make for some nice scholarships. (The final figure will change some; a couple of bills are still outstanding.)

Thanks for all the hard work, and I hope you and your friends enjoyed our annual fundraiser. Remember that next year we will celebrate our 25th B&A at the Springfield Golf and Country Club.

Successful Book & Author Luncheon

More than a hundred guests enjoyed our major fundraiser on Halloween. After they signed in, their eyes feasted on tables of gorgeous baskets of all types, which constituted the Silent Auction. A lot of work clearly went into creating this display. The color orange and the all-pumpkin basket were a tribute to the day. Kelly Espy circulated between the dining room and the lobby with her basket o' dollars selling raffle tickets.

We heard about scary books before the authors spoke. Several of them described life experiences

and how they came to write their books. Amazingly enough, several tales involved sisters: a pair of sisters collaborated to write a book, one was about the trials and tribulations of four sisters, one had “Sisters” in the title, and a fourth is described in the author’s family as “the sisters book.” As always, the speakers were fascinating and enticed the audience to purchase their books. We are indeed proud of member Kay Corbett, who spoke about her publication.

The revised procedures for handling Silent Auction bidding seemed to go smoothly and were a great improvement over how we’ve handled this in the past. It was a very labor-intensive job for Sonja Palomaki and her crew (especially on a no-lunch regimen). Extra gold stars go to them for this effort.

Once again, Barbara Klementz was the wizard behind the curtain: the force that found all the excellent pieces and put them together. Loud cheers and many thanks! Maybe after a few months off, she’ll start thinking about next year’s event—our 25th!



Kay Corbett talks about her book



The backstage crew



Autographing books



Trudi Arnold's flowers

Membership

We all enjoyed the Book & Author Luncheon and Silent Auction. And good news: we have two new members: Susan Manganiello and Cheryl Smith. So at the holiday party and next year’s meetings, introduce yourself to them! We now have 54 members and two student affiliates.

Remember that anytime someone joins at an event open to the public such as our meetings and Book & Author Luncheon, national dues are half price, which saves them \$24.50. Plus, those who join at events that are open to the public help the branch earn free memberships that can be given to members who have served us well

through the years and to the winner of our raffle at the Spring Banquet in May. So bring a friend or two or three to our meetings in 2016.

The \$82 dues include the state and branch dues. More important, you can help further women's issues that are of concern to us all, meet great women, make wonderful friends, and participate in our interest groups and activities. Come to think of it, that's quite a bargain!

Have a wonderful holiday and a happy and healthy 2016!

Contact Joan Dimengo if you have any questions at jdimengo@gmail.com, (C) 703/203-2765, or 703/815-1586.

Three More Reasons to Join or Renew Your Membership

1. Because we are interested in our student members; they are the future of AAUW.
2. Because we offer great interest groups such as book groups, a music group, and a Great Decisions discussion group. And we're always open to new groups to serve the interests of our members!
3. Because what YOU offer is unique and valuable!

Meet Sue Manganiello

I was born in Washington, D.C., and raised in the Maryland suburbs. After graduating from Miami University in Ohio with a major in sociology, I worked for the government for several years. My husband, Frank, joined the State Department shortly before the birth of our first child.

Although we were based and spent most of our time in Annandale, we served in Lima, Peru and Seoul, Korea. After our children, Laura and Matthew, were in college, we went to Brasilia, Brazil and Vancouver, British Columbia.

While my children were growing up and as we moved, I worked when and where I could. During a stint as a library assistant with the

Metropolitan Washington Council of Governments, I decided to go back to school and obtain my master's degree in library science, which I completed in 2004. I worked at Northern Virginia Community College as a cataloguer and my most recent position was with Fairfax County Public Libraries as an information services librarian.

My interests include Jazzercise, volunteering with Special Olympics, reading, and animal rights.

AAUW of Virginia Conference: *Women Leading* April 15–17, 2016 Hyatt Dulles Hotel, Herndon

Come and be inspired! The AAUW of Virginia Conference will be right in our back yard this spring and will require the involvement of many hands from the entire Northern District to shine. Details about the venue and the content are available in the AAUW of Virginia newsletter, the Vision. But for AAUW Fairfax City we must be sure to do two things:

1. Attend, if at all possible, to support our sister Northern District branches and make the conference a success through our passion, intelligent compassion, and dedication to the AAUW mission. Registration is not yet open, but it will be \$90 and include the Saturday lunch. Because of the wonders of Northern Virginia traffic, consider renting a room at the \$99 rate at the Hyatt in order to relax and enjoy the conference without stressing about arriving late. A number of rooms hold two or even three people to make sharing easier. The discount is available at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016>.
2. Please be prepared to help AAUW Fairfax City fulfill its obligation to create the directory of attendees and put the welcome packets together for each participant. This is work that we will do ahead of time.

Getting Started in Computer Science

Have you heard about coding? It's all the rage among young people who want to take advantage of the opportunities available in the computing field. AAUW is among those encouraging young women to go for it!

What is coding? When you write code, you are giving instructions to a computer that are expressed in a standardized language. If you can break a task down into small steps, then you can code. Code is the ultimate sharable, reusable commodity. For example, code that determines whether a telephone number is valid may be reused in any app that uses phone numbers.

MIT developed a tutorial called App Inventor to teach people with little or no experience in computing how to create applications for smart phones. At the AAUW National Tech Trek camps, middle school campers can take a course that uses App Inventor. They learn about computer programming in a way that is engaging, empowering, and has practical results.

Coding is challenging, fun, and satisfying. The challenge is to develop an app that works in every case and is fast. The fun is working collaboratively with team members. The satisfaction is seeing the app work. This sounds like a great way to get girls off to a good start in a field that will need plenty of innovative employees in the next dozen years. See the article in the fall issue of *Outlook*.

Heartfelt Thanks

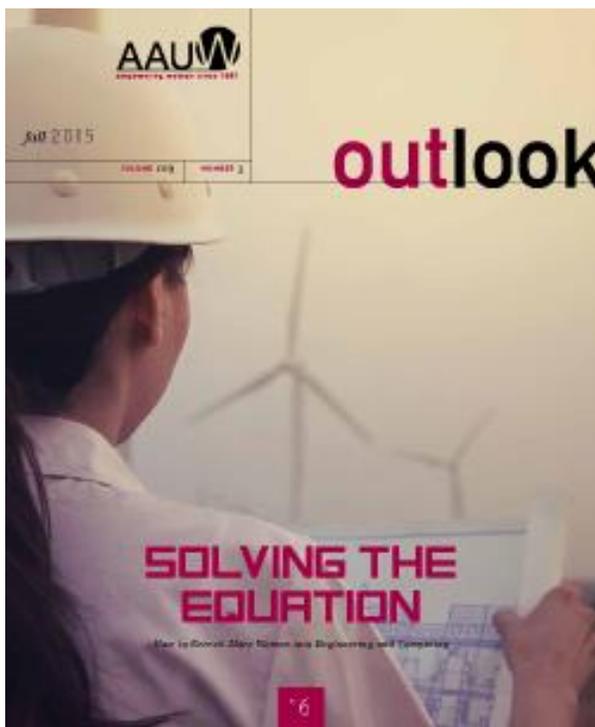
Charlene Comtois would like her friends to know that she is very grateful for the kind words and encouragement she received after her surgery (ileostomy) at the end of July. She received many cards, and the expressions of support sustained her. Two months later, a second surgery reversed the ileostomy.

Charlene feels much better and continues to improve, but two surgeries in two months have sapped her strength. She is taking time to get back to her normal routine. Charlene wishes everyone happy holidays.

STEMtastics Call for Volunteers

STEMtastics is Saturday, March 12, at NOVA's Annandale Campus. The STEMtastics Planning Committee is looking for volunteers to help make this event successful. The table below briefly describes the tasks as we currently understand them. Take a look and note any that appeal to you.

The STEMtastics Planning Committee is considering having an online sign-up sheet. After the holidays, the group will circulate instructions about how to sign up for specific tasks. In any case, if you are interested in volunteering, let Suzanne Mahoney (suzanne070946@mac.com) know by December 10.



Task	Location: Time Frame	Duties
Shopping for morning snacks	Costco: Thurs/Friday; Ernst Center: 7:30 a.m.	Shop for snacks and drinks for AM snacks; provide car to transport purchases
Prep party	Suzanne's house: Friday, 10 a.m.	Prepare and pack materials
Unload Materials	Ernst Center: 7:15 a.m. to 8:30 a.m.	Carry materials from cars to Ernst Center Forum or Atrium
Put up Signs	NOVA Campus 7:30 a.m. to 8 a.m.	Post signs for drivers and walkers
Morning Snacks	Ernst Center Forum 7:15 to noon	Set up, serve, and clean up snacks, coffee, tea
Presenter Lunch	Ernst Center Forum 11:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.	Set up, serve, and clean up box lunches
Check in Volunteers	Ernst Center Forum: 7:30 a.m. to noon	Provide name tags to volunteers and direct them to their work location
Check in Presenters	Ernst Center Atrium: 8 a.m. to 11 a.m.	Pass out materials and name tags to presenters and direct them to their workshop location
Check in Students	Ernst Center Atrium: 8 a.m. to 9 a.m.	Pass out workshop schedules with evaluation forms and programs to students
Photographers	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Videographer	8 a.m. to 1 p.m.	
Host for parent workshops	Ernst Center: Harris Theatre 8:30 a.m. to noon	Host the parent workshops, introduce presenters
Information Desk Assistant	Ernst Center Atrium: 8 a.m. to noon	Provide assistance, information as needed
Student Guides	Campus: 9:00 AM to 9:30 AM 11: 50 a.m. to 12:10 p.m.	Guide students between Ernst Center and Student workshops
Parent Workshop Assistants	Ernst Center Harris Theatre: 8:30 a.m. to noon	Hand out programs with evaluation forms to parents; guide students and parents in and out of theatre; collect evaluation forms

Student Workshops Volunteers in Classroom Building(s)		
Task	Location: Time Frame	Duties
Assistant	Classrooms 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Assist presenters as needed; evaluate workshop
Greeter	Drop-off entryway Hallways 8:30 a.m. to 12:15 p.m.	Assist presenters in unloading and loading material; guide presenters to their rooms; monitor halls
Tech Support	As needed 8:30 a.m. to noon	Assist presenters with computer hookups

Interest Groups

Afternoon Lit

Wednesday, December 16, at 1 p.m.
Home of Kathleen Henry
7418 Spring Village Drive, Apt 501, Springfield
kc_henry@outlook.com
703/451-6846

Please let Kathleen know by Sunday, December 13, if you plan to attend. The group will discuss *Sisters Between*, by Molly Connally.

Wednesday, January 20, at 1 p.m.
Home of Mercedes Pfeffer
8704 Queen Elizabeth Boulevard, Annandale
lospfeffers@verizon.net
703/978-5643

Please let Mercedes know by Sunday, January 17 if you plan to attend. The group will discuss *The Wright Brothers*, by David McCullough.

Great Decisions–Salon Discussion Group

No meeting in December

Friday, January 8, at 12 noon
Home of Kay Corbett
7226 Clifton Road, Clifton
Kaycorbett1@msn.com
703/222-6012

Happy New Year! In our first meeting for 2016 we will be discussing "Brazil in Metamorphosis," the eighth topic in the 2015 Foreign Policy Association briefing book. Diana DeLano will lead the discussion. If you do not have a chance to read the material, still come because the DVD always gives a great summary.

Please let Kay know you will be coming to the meeting. Bring a light lunch. Drinks will be provided by the hostess, and Diana DeLano has graciously offered to bring the dessert.

Musical Notes

Musical Notes will not meet in December. We will meet in January on the 29th; place and program to be announced.

Night Owls

Tuesday, December 8, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Gale Rogers
6010 Deep Lake Way, Burke
gale.rogers@denkifuro.com
703/938-0520

Light supper will be followed by our discussion of *Dear Life*, by Alice Munro, led by Jan Humphrey. Please let Gale know if you will be attending.

Saturday, January 9, at 12 noon
Home of Kelly Espy
5814 Spruce Grove Court, Haymarket
kellyespy@aol.com

703/753-0426

Lunch will be followed by our discussion of *The Beautiful Things that Heaven Bears*, by Dinaw Mengestu, led by Olga Burns. Please let Kelly know if you will be attending.

New members are always welcome! Please contact Paulette Miller for more information at 703/250-0876 or psmiller10847@verizon.net.

Calendar

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Sunday, December 20, 4 p.m.
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Branch Board Meeting

Thursday, January 7, 7 p.m.
Home of Gale Rogers

January Branch Meeting

Saturday, January 16, 10 a.m.
Burke Centre Library

STEMtastics

Saturday, March 12
NOVA Annandale Campus

Our Mission
 Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

**AAUW—FAIRFAX CITY BRANCH
 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION and RENEWAL**

Membership is open to all graduates who have a two-year, RN, four-year, or higher degree from an accredited institution. AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

You can join or renew online at www.aauw.org. Click on *Membership> Join/Renew> Branch Member*. Follow the prompts. We are “VA3042 Fairfax City.”

Or, Complete the application below and mail it with your check to the treasurer.

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, 2016.

Note: \$46 of the national dues is tax deductible.

If transferring from National Membership or another branch, submit dues to the treasurer:

If your National membership expires in 2015, remit \$82.

If your National membership expires in 2016, remit \$33.

Contact Joan Dimengo: C 703/203-2765 H 703/815-1586 or email jdimengo@gmail.com for verification of the dues amount.

AAUW ID #, if known: _____

Dues enclosed for transfer: _____ National membership expiration date: _____

Make check payable to AAUW—Fairfax City Branch.

Send this form and your check to the treasurer: **Dottie Joslin**

11110 Del Rio Dr.

Fairfax, VA 22030-5339

j.joslin@verizon.net or 703/591-9035

Would you be willing to bring someone to our meetings and events if she lives in your area? Yes or No

Do you need transportation to our meetings and events? Yes or No

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