

**A Visit to AAUW National Headquarters
1111 Sixteenth Street, NW
Washington, DC
Wednesday, November 11, 10:30**

We hope that visiting our national headquarters will give members a better idea of the size and scope of our organization. This visit was specifically requested at our visioning meeting in March, so we expect many of you will join us. Traffic into DC should be light as it is a federal government holiday. Caroline Pickens, Northern District Representative, will lead the tour, and we will have a presentation from Suzanne Gould, who is the AAUW Archivist. If we are lucky, Linda Hallman, AAUW’s CEO, will be able to give us some time as well.

We will meet in the parking lot at University Mall at the intersection of Braddock Road and Route 123 at 9:30 to be sure to get there on time. Olga Burns and Gale Rogers and other volunteers will drive, and it will take 45–50 minutes to get there and park. We need to know ASAP how many plan to attend so that Caroline and Suzanne and your drivers can plan. Please let us know if you are willing to be a driver.



1111 Sixteenth Street, NW. Photo Courtesy of AAUW.

If you prefer to take Metro, the Farragut West stop on the Blue and Orange lines is about one third of a mile from the AAUW building. The nearest stop is Farragut North on the Red line.

Atlantic Parking has two garages close to the building with good rates. See www.parkwhiz.com/aauw-national-headquarters-parking/.

If enough people are interested, we will have lunch after the tour, so let us know if you have time for that as well. It should be a great opportunity and a wonderful time to socialize after. Please join us!

Send an email to Olga (rubato12@aol.com) indicating

- If you want a ride or can drive.
- If you plan to go by Metro.
- If you want to stay for lunch.

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Great Opportunity!

What: AAUW Mt. Vernon (VA) Branch meeting, featuring Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Vice President for Government Relations

When: November 19 at 7 p.m.

Where: Mt. Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA, near Sherwood Hall Regional Library

Join the Mt. Vernon branch's November meeting and hear Lisa Maatz, Vice President for Government Relations at AAUW. She will update the group on AAUW's public policy work and tell about her testimony before a House committee on college campus violence. Additionally, she may have other stories about activities on Capitol Hill and the Supreme Court preview call. This topic is a good complement for our trip to national headquarters on November 11.



Lisa Maatz

Lisa is a sought-after speaker and has a large following on Twitter. She provides leadership to several coalitions working to advance opportunities for women and girls, including the National

Coalition for Women and Girls in Education and the Paycheck Fairness Act Coalition. She is experienced in advocacy on women's issues and the workings of Congress and has been with AAUW since 2003.

U.S. Gun Deaths

According to the Centers for Disease Control and Prevention, there were 33,636 deaths by firearms in this country in 2013, the latest year for which data are complete. This is a rate of 10.6 per 100,000 population. This works out to an average of 92 people per day dying as a result of gunshots. These data include homicides, suicides, accidents, and cases of undetermined manner of death.

This rate of deaths by firearms is only slightly less than the rate at which people die in motor vehicle crashes: 10.7 per 100,000, or 33,804 individuals in 2013.

Thousands of laws are on the books regulating use of motor vehicles: qualifications for drivers (graduated licensing privileges for those under a specified age, limits on visual acuity, limits on drugs and alcohol in a driver's system when driving), safety laws (speed limits, signage for right-of-way at intersections, highway markings for lanes and turning, seat belt usage, child restraint, etc.), and laws concerning vehicles (safety inspections, emissions, required equipment). These laws are enforced in order to reduce the number of vehicle crashes and resulting injuries and deaths.

Most (if not all) states do not have comparable laws putting restrictions on the details of the purchase, use, and storage of firearms and ammunition. Is something wrong with this picture?

The Gender Pay Gap

Virginia women's median annual earnings are 80–84 percent of men's median earnings. This is just above the national average of 79 percent. Florida, Maryland, Nevada, New York, and North Carolina are ahead of us.

Looking at racial and ethnic differences nationally, Hispanic and Latina women have the largest pay gap. They make 54 percent of the wages of non-Hispanic white men. For African-American women, the figure is 64 percent; for Native American and Alaska Native women, it's 59 percent.

**AT THIS RATE, YOUR
GREAT, GREAT, GREAT,
GRANDDAUGHTERS
MIGHT HAVE FAIR PAY.**



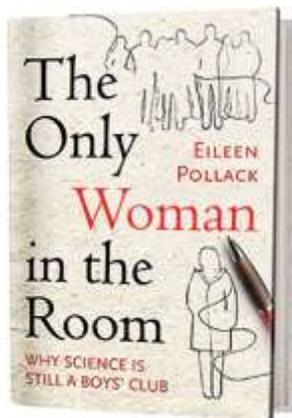
Election Day, 2015

Don't forget your photo ID when you head out to vote on **November 3**. The offices up for election are at the state and county levels but just as important as a national election.

All politics, after all, is local, and the officials you help elect can make a difference. In addition, there are school bonds (as always) and bonds for public safety construction projects.

Book Recommendation

Maybe you saw the *Washington Post* review of Eileen Pollack's *The Only Woman in the Room: Why Science is Still a Boys' Club*. The author, who teaches creative writing at the University of Michigan, is equipped with a bachelor's degree in physics.



In the book she recounts her time at Yale 40 years ago, where she got no encouragement for staying with her major, no collaboration from her male classmates, and no validation of her intelligence or suitability for a career in physics. Talking with current Yale students led her to conclude that while some things have changed, women are still neither prepared for the hurdles they will meet in majoring in the "hard" sciences nor given support for their choice to accept these challenges.

Book & Author Luncheon

Our major fund-raising event of the year may be history by the time you read this. We hope you have some good memories, learned something, and got a start on your holiday shopping. By next month, when we have counted the last penny, we'll let you know the bottom line. Meanwhile, put next year's date on your calendar: November 5, 2016!

Title IX Today

At the October Northern Virginia District meeting, Rachel Gettler of the Office for Civil Rights (OCR) in the U.S. Department of Education presented us with a fact-filled look at the status of Title IX today. This legislation, passed in 1972, guarantees girls and women a great deal more than equal participation in school athletics, for which it is best known. Provisions protect the rights of girls and women in schools, colleges, and universities that receive federal funding, including prohibition of discrimination on the basis of gender, race or national origin, disability, and age. This affects sexual violence and harassment, access to resources for pregnant and parenting students, access to STEM resources, freedom from bullying, and freedom from retaliation for exercising one's rights.

When OCR receives a complaint or learns of alleged civil rights violations in schools, colleges, and universities, it begins an investigation. Some of its investigations, such as those on sexual abuse and harassment, have taken years to complete because of the scope of the issues. Once the facts have been determined, OCR seeks a voluntary resolution that will guarantee that the educational institution takes specific steps to put it in compliance with Title IX. They also have the authority to withhold federal funds if no agreement can be reached.

As the public has become more aware of the extent of OCR's reach, the number of its investigations has picked up. Since 2013, it has reached 13 resolutions, including the recent one with the University of Virginia on its handling of incidents sexual violence. Like many federal agencies, however, OCR is understaffed and cannot complete investigations as quickly as it would like.

OCR collects data on civil rights in schools, colleges, and universities, creating an equity indicator for nearly every public school and district in the country. Each school district is

required to have a Title IX Coordinator. Each campus benefits from having its own coordinator to ensure that the school is in compliance with Title IX. The AAUW Northern Virginia District is developing a plan to contact individual campuses to make sure they are aware of the resources available and requirements for the Title IX coordinators.

A wealth of information on Title IX is available on OCR's website: www.ed.gov/ocr. To learn about AAUW's involvement, go to www.aauw.org/2015/04/24/title-ix-coordinator-resources/. You can help by making sure your neighborhood schools have the tools they need to comply with Title IX.

Interest Groups

Afternoon Lit

Wednesday, November 18, at 1 p.m.
Home of Carolyn Dietrich
8219 Captain Hawkins Court, Annandale
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Please let Carolyn know by Sunday, November 15, if you plan to attend. The group will discuss *Chinese Girl in the Ghetto*, by Ying Ma.

Great Decisions—Salon Discussion Group

Friday, November 13, at 12 noon
Home of Kay Corbett
7226 Clifton Road, Clifton
703/222-6012
Kaycorbett1@msn.com

We will be discussing "Syria's Refugee Crisis," the sixth topic in the 2015 Foreign Policy Association briefing book. If you do not read the material, come anyway because we will watch the DVD, which always gives a great summary.

Please let Kay know you will be coming to the meeting. Bring a light lunch. Drinks and dessert will be provided by the hostess.

Musical Notes

Friday, November 20, at 1 p.m.
Home of Olga Burns
10623 Timberidge Road, Fairfax Station
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rubato12@aol.com

We will meet to watch Donizetti's *Maria Stuarda* with Joan Sutherland and Luciano Pavarotti. This production is filmed in historical sites against spectacular natural landscapes to produce a visually stunning work of art. Since it is only 90 minutes long, we will watch the entire opera. As always, please let Olga know you are coming.

Night Owls

Tuesday, November 10, at 6:30 p.m.
Home of Suzanne Mahoney
8313 Chapel Lake Court, Annandale
703/978-3258
suzanne070946@mac.com

Light supper will be followed by our discussion of *Man Alive!* by Mary Kay Zuravleff, led by Paulette Miller. Please let Suzanne know if you will be attending.

Upcoming: Next month we will read *Dear Life* by Alice Munro.

Calendar

General Election

Tuesday, November 3

Branch Board Meeting

Thursday, November 5, 7 p.m.
Home of Gale Rogers

AAUW of Virginia Board Meeting

Saturday–Sunday, November 7–8
Hampton Inn, Staunton

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AAUW's 134th Birthday

Saturday, November 28

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 703-203-1765, 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

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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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