

**Women’s Suffrage in the Old Dominion  
Professor Alice Reagan, NVCC  
September 15, 7 p.m.  
Kings Park Library**

Virginia women began the long campaign for the right to vote after the Civil War. Richmond served as the birthplace for the early 20th century Equal Suffrage League of Virginia that tried unsuccessfully to get the General Assembly to approve woman’s suffrage during the 1910s. The ESL soon had a rival in the National Woman’s Party, allied with suffrage radical Alice Paul.

Suffrage efforts received little support from the men who dominated Virginia politics, and the 19th Amendment was added to the U.S. Constitution without Virginia’s backing. Although they won the right to vote in 1920, Virginia women still had to pay the state poll tax and pass a literacy test, but some of the Commonwealth’s women soon found a way around those restrictions.



"Equal Suffrage League of Virginia," Rally at Capitol Square, 1915. VHS Call Number 201.230.1825 Gift of Miss Adele Clark

A native of Deerfield in upstate New York, Alice Reagan graduated with a bachelor’s degree in history and political science from the University at Albany, SUNY. She received her master’s degree in history from North Carolina State University and continued her studies at the University of Maryland. Her major field is the nineteenth century South and the Civil War.

She currently holds the rank of associate professor at Northern Virginia Community College–Woodbridge. She has published two books, including one on Atlanta carpetbagger Hannibal I. Kimball, along with several articles. She serves as a docent and consultant at the Workhouse Prison Museum at Lorton.

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## From the President

I am writing this from the edge of a lovely lake in Michigan. It is a little cloudy today, but the weather up until now has been terrific. I hope it continues to be so next week, too. And I hope those of you who have traveled or are traveling are having as much fun as I am.

We have a great program starting in September. Program Co-Chairs, Kitty Lou Smith and Dianne Blais, have arranged for terrific speakers for us for our meetings this year. I hope all of you will be able to make it to at least some of the meetings to see each other and support the AAUW Mission. The October District meeting promises to be exciting as well. Save these dates and times:

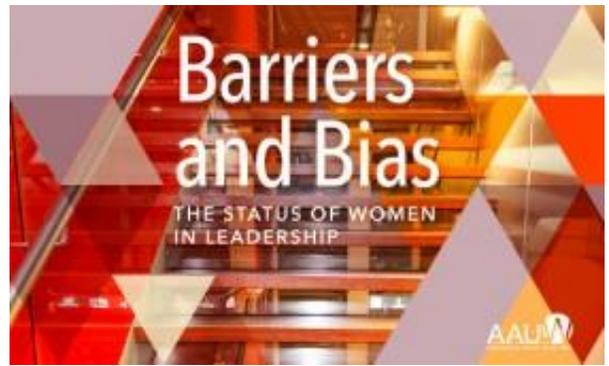
- Sept. 15, 7 p.m.—Prof. Alice Reagan, “Women’s Suffrage in the Old Dominion”
- Oct. 22, 2 p.m.—Northern District Meeting, Melissa Richmond and Melissa Jackowski, “Gender Bias in Politics—Is It Real?”
- Jan. 14, 1 p.m.—Dr. Arnold Gruber, “Global Climate Change: Evidence, Impact, Mediation”
- Feb. 18, 1 p.m.—Dr. Karenne Wood, “Virginia’s Indian Heritage”
- Apr. 20, time TBD—Lt. Col. Marilla J. Cushman, “Women in the Military”

The Book & Author planning for **November 5** is well under way thanks to Barbara Klementz and Sonja Palomaki. Please give them your support by volunteering as needed for the Silent Auction and on the day of the event. And save the date for yourself and friends to join us for a lovely lunch and to hear the authors speak.

Don't forget to set aside the date for STEMtastics on **March 11**. We will be calling for volunteers to help us during the planning phase and for even more help on the day, so please mark your calendar for that day.

All of our Interest Groups start again in September as well. I look forward to seeing each and every one of you!

Gale Rogers



### Northern District Meeting October 22 at 2:00 p.m. King’s Park Library “Gender Bias in Politics—Is It Real?”

Most of us would say “Yes,” but you might be surprised at the how and when and even the “no.” It’s a timely subject and also fits with AAUW’s latest research on “Bias and Barriers.”

We will feature Melissa Richmond, vice president of Running Start (a nonpartisan organization that trains young women to run for office), and Melissa Jackowski, campaign services manager for TargetSmart Communications (which provides data-driven solutions to campaigns) and former AAUW Grassroots Advocacy Manager. Both women have incredible backgrounds in politics and electoral campaigns.

Watch for more details in early October—and put October 22 on your calendar.

Susan Burk and Caroline Pickens  
Northern District Co-Representatives

## Membership

Currently our membership is at 50. Most renewals are in (thanks from Dottie and Joan), but we have lost a few members due to moving and other reasons. As we start our new season, think about relatives or friends who might be interested in checking us out and hopefully joining. Remember that the Shape the Future program of AAUW national gives branches free

national memberships based on the number of new members who join at events open to the public such as our meetings and Book & Author Luncheon. We are then able to award free national memberships to members who have given of themselves to our branch and raffle off a membership or two at our spring banquet. So while any time is a great time to join, joining at our meetings and events is beneficial to all.

It would be wonderful to see all of you throughout the year. Come and learn from our informative meetings, make new friends, enjoy our social events, and let AAUW Fairfax City become a part of your life!

You can join by sending Dottie Joslin a check for \$82.00 (national, state, and branch memberships) at 11110 Del Rio Dr., Fairfax, VA 22030-5339, [j.joslin3@verizon.net](mailto:j.joslin3@verizon.net) / 703-591-9035. Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and then to "Membership" to join online with a credit card. If you have questions, please contact Joan Dimengo, Vice President for Membership ([jdimengo@gmail.com](mailto:jdimengo@gmail.com) or 703/203-2765 or 703/815-1586).

## Fairfax City Branch Budget, 2016-17

Treasurer Dottie Joslin presents this budget, which was adopted for the upcoming year.

AAUW Fairfax City Branch Adopted Budget	Actuals 2015-16, June 30, 2016	Adopted Budget 2016- 2017
<b>Income</b>		
FY17, Dues, National 40 members @ \$49	2,082.50	1,960
FY17, Dues, State 42 @ \$15 (excl 10 MPP)	720.00	630
FY17, Dues, Branch 52 members @ \$18	1,170.00	936
Book & Author Luncheon & AAUW Fund	10,911.00	9,700
STEMtastics (incl \$150 from Ffx City Branch)	6,783.50	5,470
Focus Ad	25.00	25

Banquet Receipts	980.00	970
Holiday Party Receipts	320.00	320
Donations to Branch	50.00	0
Other Operating Income	40.00	0
<b>Total Income</b>	<b>\$23,082.00</b>	<b>\$20,011</b>

### Expenses

FY16, Dues, National, @ \$49 except Life	1,837.50	
FY16, Dues to State (\$15 per member)	735.00	
FY17, Dues to National (40 @ \$49)		1,862
FY17, Dues, State 42 @ \$15, excl 10 MPP		630
Dues to AAUW of Virginia Northern District	10.00	10
Book & Author Luncheon Expenses	4,944.15	5,200
Scholarship awards	4,000.00	3,000
AAUW Fund Donation (\$30 * 54 membs FY16)	1,620.00	1,500
STEMtastics (incl \$150 from Ffx City branch)	6,755.78	4,860
AAUW Logo Items (one - time cost)	106.92	0
Bank Charges (checkbooks, deposit slips)	40.00	0
Conventions (est. at \$50 for five persons)	0.00	250
Focus	0.00	50
Insurance (paid every 3 years, due 10-2016)	0.00	230
President	0.00	15
Membership	71.87	100
Treasurer (including audit)	0.00	0
Program	75.00	125
Hospitality	0.00	50
Banquet Expenses	968.91	990
Holiday Party Reimbursements	222.93	320
Other Expenses	263.51	0
<b>Total Expenses</b>	<b>\$21,651.57</b>	<b>\$19,192</b>
<b>GRAND TOTAL</b>	<b>\$1,430.43</b>	<b>\$819</b>

"I've learned that people will forget what you said, people will forget what you did, but people will never forget how you made them feel."

—Maya Angelou, author and poet

## Join AAUW Action Fund Lobby Corps

**What is Lobby Corps?** The AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps promotes AAUW's Public Policy Program by serving as volunteer advocates on Capitol Hill. Volunteers represent the views and positions outlined in the AAUW member voted Public Policy Program.

**Lobby Corps meets every Thursday morning when Congress is in session** at 9:30 a.m. in either the Senate or House office building, as determined by AAUW staff each week. (Congress is in session about 30 weeks each year, taking breaks for holidays, summer, and campaigning.) Lobbying visits are usually completed by noon. Lobby Corps volunteers come from Virginia, Maryland, and D.C. branches. Most members use Metro to reach Capitol Hill.

### Lobby Corps volunteers must

- Be an active member of AAUW.
- Commit to AAUW issues and convey AAUW's position on strategic policy issues.
- Commit to regular participation, with consistent weekly attendance.
- Attend an annual Lobby Corps Open House/Training session at AAUW Headquarters. (The next training session is Wednesday, September 7, 2016, at the new HQ, 1310 L St, NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC.)

**Here's how the lobbying process works:** By Monday of each lobbying week, the AAUW Government Relations staff liaison notifies members of the weekly topic and provides background information. Members are assigned a lobbying partner by the Chair. By Wednesday evening, members receive a detailed email on the issue and current status. On Thursday morning, Lobby Corps meets in the House or Senate cafeteria to review information, receive AAUW letters and fact

sheets, and specific lobbying targets. After the group briefing, lobbying pairs head off to their visits, usually finishing by noon. Members report the results of their visits to the AAUW staff liaison for additional analysis.

You'll be well prepared before every Congressional visit and will always have an experienced partner.

Add your AAUW voice to ongoing national conversations in person. Lobby Corps membership is a rewarding way to get in-depth knowledge on current issues for Washington area members, plus it's a fun activity.

The AAUW Action Fund website is <https://www.aauwaction.org/>. Check the site for information about the program, procedures, and recent issues.

Lobby Corps needs you! Please consider joining us this fall.

Contact Becky Gaul, [beckygaul@verizon.net](mailto:beckygaul@verizon.net), Marcy Leverenz, [mleverenz@comcast.net](mailto:mleverenz@comcast.net), or Pam Yuen, [yuenp@aauw.org](mailto:yuenp@aauw.org).

## Our First Lunch Bunch Get Together!

On Wednesday, August 3, six of us had lunch at The Swiss Bakery in Annandale. It was wonderful to get together for a delicious lunch and great conversation. We had no agenda and no "business": just fun! The food was wonderful, with the chicken tarragon salad being a big hit.

If you've never been to The Swiss Bakery you have quite a treat waiting for you from the fabulous bakery. Whether it's the best of European breads, cakes, cookies, or other tempting desserts, your first visit will not be your last! Another branch of The Swiss Bakery is in Burke at the Burke Town Plaza at Old Keene Mill Road.

The next Lunch Bunch date is Wednesday, September 7 at Giardino Italian Restaurant at noon at the Kings Park Shopping Center, 8944 Burke Lake Road, Springfield. Please let Gale know if you will be coming ([gale.rogers@denkifuro.com](mailto:gale.rogers@denkifuro.com) or 703-938-0520). If we have a larger group, she will try to make reservations. If you would like to come but need a ride, please let Gale know.

We hope to see you on September 7, and bring your ideas for future restaurants!

Buon Appetito!



## Recommended Area Restaurants

At a recent Night Owls gathering, we got to talking about restaurants as we ate dinner—a natural topic of conversation. We encouraged Joyce Grimes to compile a list of her favorites, as she often dines out with her husband Gary. As always, check online for the menu and price range to avoid surprises after you are shown to your table. Additions to this list are welcome; just send an email to your editor at [dandjhumph@aol.com](mailto:dandjhumph@aol.com).

Acadiana  
Bistro L'Hermitage  
BlackSalt  
Brabo  
Carlyle

Chart House  
Chef Geoff's  
Filomena Ristorante  
Four Sisters Restaurant  
Geranio Restaurant  
Hank's Oyster Bar  
Indigo Landing  
J. Gilbert's Wood-Fired Steaks and Seafood  
Joe Theismann's Restaurant  
Laporta's Restaurant  
Legal Sea Foods  
Matchbox  
Peking Gourmet Inn  
Ray's the Steaks  
Restaurant Eve  
RT's Restaurant  
Seasons 52  
Southside 815  
Tempo Restaurant  
The Warehouse Bar and Grill  
The Wharf  
Uncle Julio's  
Union Street Public House

## Fairfax City Branch Book & Author Luncheon

As the days get a little shorter and the kids return to school, members of the Fairfax City branch naturally start thinking about our Book & Author Luncheon. This makes sense because this year's will be the 25th version of the event!

The luncheon is scheduled for November 5 from 11 to 2. We'll have a different setting this time: Springfield Golf and Country Club. Our stellar lineup of five authors is as diverse as ever and appeals to a wide variety of readers.

We're featuring a thriller based in Washington, D.C., after WWII; the true story of the Hatfield and McCoy feud; a tale of a 16th century princess under Queen Catherine de Medici's rule; an account of a south Asian woman facing challenges to practice medicine in the U.S.; and the history of the Star Spangled Banner on its

200th anniversary. Our authors love to share stories about writing their books with our guests, who count reading among their favorite activities.

The event includes a luncheon and the opportunity to have the authors inscribe book purchases. Additionally, we have an exciting silent auction that showcases themed baskets, along with treasured items and gifts certificates from many area merchants.

The Fairfax City AAUW luncheon raises funds for scholarships for women completing their undergraduate degrees. Our recipients work hard to satisfy the demands of their studies, and our reward is to be able to assist them financially. Our guests return year after year to this special luncheon, book signing, and silent auction and to have a chance to advance education for women.



### **Suzanne Mahoney's Contribution to B&A**

When the reservations start pouring in for this fall's Book & Author Luncheon, Suzanne Mahoney will, for the last time, be monitoring the money and seating arrangements to suit all our guests. Suzanne has faithfully and calmly accepted the reservations for B&A for several years.

We are most grateful for her guiding hand in making the process move smoothly and look so easy. We all know dealing with the desires of the public can be exasperating, to say the least. Suzanne, however, never was rattled as she accommodated our guest's requests.

We wish her well in her move to the west coast and will miss her in so many ways. Thanks, Suzanne, for all you have done.

### **A Hot Time**

It was a hot day.

How hot was it?

It was so hot we had to eat inside.

The branch pool party on July 23 was an enjoyable event with high spirits, delicious food, and good conversation. But like many recent days, it was hotter than blazes. Folks in the pool didn't mind so much, but others chose the gazebo or indoors as means of escape.

Our annual thanks go out to our hosts Olga and Bob Burns, who once again opened their home and grounds to us with their usual charm and grace.

Kelly Espy organized our cooks to celebrate American cuisine and worked around a family trip to Italy. Sonja Palomaki echoed the theme in her table decorations, reminding us that we are in the middle of the political season. The party is very much a group effort, so if you attended, give yourself a pat on the back, too!

### **Keeping You Humble**

"What is it . . . which is bought dearly, offered for nothing, and then most often refused? Experience, old people's experience."

—Isak Dinesen in "The Monkey"

## Interest Groups

### Afternoon Lit

Wednesday, September 21, at 1 p.m.  
Home of Marjorie Rowley  
5188 Dungannon Road, Fairfax  
703/385-5486

Please phone Marjorie by Sunday, September 18, if you plan to attend. The group will discuss *The Devil in the White City* (447 pp.) by Erik Larson.

### Great Decisions—Salon Discussion Group

Friday, September 9, at 12 noon  
Home of Kay Corbett  
7226 Clifton Road, Clifton  
[Kaycorbett1@msn.com](mailto:Kaycorbett1@msn.com)  
703/222-6012

We are using the Foreign Policy Association's 2016 Great Decisions briefing book as the basis for our discussions. In order to give us a more complete picture, a 30-minute DVD of each topic accompanies the briefing book. All branch members are welcome to attend Great Decisions to learn more about timely national and international issues. Please notify Kay Corbett at [Kaycorbett1@msn.com](mailto:Kaycorbett1@msn.com) if you would like further information about the group.

In September we will continue the fifth topic of the Foreign Policy Association's briefing book, "The Koreas." It is not imperative to have a briefing book for the meeting, as the DVD gives a great deal of information for discussion.

Please let the hostess know if you will be attending. Bring a light lunch. The hostess will provide drinks and dessert.

### Musical Notes

Friday, September 30, at 1 p.m.  
Home of Olga Burns  
10623 Timberidge Road, Fairfax Station  
[Rubato12@aol.com](mailto:Rubato12@aol.com)  
703/239-2876

We will watch either *La Cenerentola* by Rossini or *Ernani* by Verdi. We meet the fourth Friday of every month, and all are welcome to come and watch excellent performances of the major operas.

### Night Owls

Tuesday, September 13, at 6:30 p.m.  
Home of Ida Portland  
10810 Glen Mist Lane, Fairfax  
[idaport@verizon.net](mailto:idaport@verizon.net)  
703/352-0125

Light supper will be followed by our discussion of *Brooklyn* by Colm Tóibín, led by Kelly Espy. Please let Ida know if you will be attending.

#### Calendar

##### National College Colors Day

Sept. 4

##### Labor Day

Sept. 5

##### Branch Board Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 6, 7 p.m.  
Gale Rogers's Home

##### AAUW Lobby Corps Open House

Sept. 7, 10 to 2 p.m.

##### World Suicide Prevention Day

Sept. 10

##### Branch Meeting

Thursday, Sept. 15, 7 p.m.  
Kings Park Library

##### Anniversary of Violence Against Women Act

Sept. 19

##### National Voter Registration Day

Sept. 23

##### International Day of Peace

Sept. 21

##### National Women's Health and Fitness Day

Sept. 28

##### Branch Board Meeting

Tuesday, Oct. 4, 7 p.m.  
Gale Rogers's Home

### 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](http://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, 2017.

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 2016, remit \$82.

If your National membership expires in 2017, remit \$33.

**Contact Joan Dimengo: C 703/203-2765 H 703/815-1586 or email [jdimengo@gmail.com](mailto: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.

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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

The Fairfax City Branch of AAUW presents

# Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 5, 2016, 11 am to 2 pm

Springfield Golf & Country Club • 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield

\$42 per person (includes luncheon and silent auction)

Our featured books look to the past through personal, familial, and international lenses.

-  **Ellen Herbert, *The Last Government Girl*.** A young woman comes to Washington while World War II is raging, unaware that a killer is targeting government workers.
-  **Dean King, *The Feud: The Hatfields and McCoys: The True Story*.** Based on original research, this history captures all the brutality and intrigue of this Appalachian saga.
-  **Sophie Perinot, *Médecis Daughter: A Novel of Marguerite de Valois*.** This 16th century French princess learns her role as a pawn in marriage under the intimidating tutelage of Queen Catherine.
-  **Urmilla Khanna, *Boundaries of the Wind: A Memoir*.** A young south Asian woman surmounts countless obstacles to fulfill her dream of practicing medicine in the United States.
-  **Jane Hampton Cook, *America's Star Spangled Banner Story: Celebrating 200 Years of our National Anthem*.** A slice of history comes to life, showing the power of this hymn to make patriots of us all.

This annual event is sponsored by AAUW Fairfax City Branch to raise funds for scholarships for women in our area and for the AAUW Fund.

Please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Suzanne Mahoney at 8313 Chapel Lake Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 • (703) 978-3258 • email: [suzanne070946@mac.com](mailto:suzanne070946@mac.com) • Checks should be payable to AAUW Fairfax City Branch.

**Reservations must be made by November 2, 2016, and are payable in advance.**

**Requests for seating must be made at the time of the reservation.**

**Guests with special dietary requirements must make their requests when making reservations.**



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