

What is AAUW?

The Elevator Speech:

How to Explain AAUW in 2 Minutes!

In the spring 8 new members joined our branch at the Book Sale, Co Vice Presidents, Dianne Bodeen and Carol Davis, assisted by other members, talked to interested parties about the AAUW mission and goals, ***Members of our Falls Church AAUW branch are the best ambassadors for AAUW!***

Learn to explain AAUW in 2 minutes, Program VP Kitty Richardson, will show us how the AAUW National Lobby Corps does it, and then we can practice so we aren't at a loss for words when people inquire at the Book Sale, Memorial Day Fair, or anytime anyone asks, "What is AAUW anyway?"

We have a little business to conduct, new members to meet, and catching up to do. Mostly we hope to see YOU on Sunday, September 12, at 3pm at the Falls Church Recreation Center!



Back to All Members

Welcome!

2010 11Branch Officers

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How to Describe

AAUW in 2 Minutes

Date: Sunday, September 12

Time: 3 PM

Place: Falls Church Community Center

Hostesses: All members bring a dessert



Watch for These October Events

AAUW District Meeting, Sat. Oct. 17, Richard Byrd Library, Springfield

Whose Election Is It? Mon. Oct. 18.

Falls Church branch meeting at Falls Church Recreation Center.

Detailed information about both events will follow in the next newsletter. For your planning purposes, please see page for a list of planned programs and branch Board meetings on page 4.

Book Group



To kick off the year we'll read

Hotel on the Corner of Bitter

and Sweet by Jamie Ford for the September 27th meeting at 7pm at Stacy's Coffee House (709 W. Broad, Falls Church). This novel is set in Seattle during the Japanese internment of WWII. It looks at the best and worst of human relationships, the way we regard others, the way we find ourselves reenacting our relationships with our parents with our own children, and the choices we make along the way. Please join us for a light supper and spirited discussion of this book. See you there!

From the President

Dear Members:

A recent death in our family brought home to all of us, but especially the 30-somethings, that the illusion of having time is just that: an illusion. So it was with new eyes that I considered the AAUW this year.



When I began as president of the branch two years ago. I suggested the **I Am** directory of member photos and statements. The purpose was not to compile a directory but to encourage all members to think of who they are and who they are in the context of AAUW. One unexpected side effect was that members discovered things about each other. And that is important. We should not assume we know all there is to know about each other—or about AAUW. Nor should we assume that there will be plenty of time to mentor new members or members who have yet to step forward into the key roles that keep Falls Church AAUW alert and going in its role in the community. Who are you? Who are you in AAUW? And perhaps, for some of us, just who and what is AAUW to you?

Not tangentially, we will be electing a vice president for Communications at our September 12 meeting. The past two years have made it very evident that we need a Communications officer. The national organization has gone online in a big way, our news outlets use email almost exclusively for releases, our members are increasingly email savvy, and, not least, we need a recorder of decisions made at board meetings.

The Vice President for Communications will be responsible for book sale publicity, meeting notices to members, working with the Programs VP in announcing meeting topics and inviting the public when appropriate (via Post, Times, News Press media outlets, fliers, Black Book entries, Facebook, and both national and branch web sites), maintaining the branch web site and keeping national and Virginia web sites updated on our program and current on our activities. She will coordinate the newsletter and other internal communications as well. Also, this person would keep the records of decisions made at each Board meeting and post those to our newsletter.

Moreover, with the new structure of the AAUW, we can decide on an officer slate that is responsive to and reflective of our branch's needs, not someone else's ideas of what our branch should work from. Your Board has decided the Falls Church Branch slate of officers should look like this:

- President
- Vice President for Membership
- Vice President for Programs
- Vice President for Communications
- Treasurer
- Coordinators of the Book Sale

Finally, we need someone to convene the Book Club, an informal but vital part of our branch life. Interested? Let us know, please!

See you on Sunday the 12th!
Sally



**Advancing Equity for Women & Girls through
advocacy, education, and research**

Member News

Carol Davis retired from her job as a math teacher with the Fairfax County School System this summer. Carol Ann is available to tutor math if you know anyone who is interested. Her son, James, finished his bachelor's degree and is working for the National Park Service in N.C.

Pat Collins has fully recovered from her appendicitis surgery in the spring.

Sarah John volunteered in Haiti this summer. Sarah, tell us about your experience there.

Becky and Jim Gaul just returned from a trip to Alaska including the land and cruise tours. Becky, let's see some of Jim's great pictures!

Mary Youman lost her horse, Sherm, and cat, BC, during the same week this summer. We know she misses both pets.

Congratulations to Kitty Richardson on the upcoming marriage of her daughter, Liz Rust to Kim Davis in October. Liz and Kim just moved into a new home in Beverly, MA.

Get well wishes to Millie Schreiber, who recently had surgery

Congratulations to Peggy Montgomery. Her daughter, Hayes Davis, recently graduated from Old Dominion University and will also be married in January 2011.

Join the informal Movie Group on Wednesdays, when the admission is only \$4.50, at the Cinema Arts Theater in Fairfax. Contact Kitty Richardson (see officers' list) to be added to the email list for possible movies/dates/times.



Are you interested in a Dancing Group in the evenings? Contact Sally Brett (see officers' list) if you are.



Fall Book sorting dates Set

The book sale is off to a rolling start again this year. We already held an emergency "sort" in August because Mary couldn't get her garage door shut! Given the volume of books we've collected, we are scheduling 3 sessions this fall to cull through the books with an emphasis on discarding books we might not be able to sell and re-boxing the books to use our space more efficiently. The location is the same as ever—Youman's driveway, 4419 N. 18th Street, Arlington. Contact phone is Mary Youman, 703-528-8993. Sorting is outdoors, so we are cancelled in case of rain and you may want to consider sunscreen if it is sunny. Fall sorting dates are:



- Sat. Sept. 18 at 9:00 am
- Sat. Oct. 2 at 10:00 am
- Sat. Oct 30 at 9:00 am

Upcoming AAUW & Community Events

The **McLean AAUW's Used Book Sale** will be held at the McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Ave in McLean:

- Friday, September 10, 9am to 7pm;
- Saturday, September 11, 10am to 6pm;
- Sunday, September 12, 12pm to 4pm.

Women's Issue Conference, sponsored by Congressman Jim Moran, is scheduled for Sat. Sept. 25 at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Rd. Arlington, VA. The keynote speaker is Maureen Bunyan, veteran broadcaster and lead new anchor for ABC7/WJLA-TV. For more information and to pre-register, go to www.moran.house.gov or call (703-971-4700).

The **Annual Book and Author Luncheon** sponsored by **Fairfax City AAUW** will be on Saturday, Nov. 6. See the attached flyer for details.

Branch Calendar:



Here are the planned branch meeting dates for 2010-2011:

Branch Meetings:

- Sunday, September 1, 2010, 3pm
- Monday, October 18, 2010, 7:30pm
- Monday, November 8, 2010, 7:30pm
- Saturday, December 11, 2010, 6pm (Porzel's)
- Sunday, January 9, 2011, 3pm
- Sunday, February 6, 2011m, 3pm
- Monday, March 14, 2011, 7:30pm
- Saturday, April 8, 2011, 5:30pm (Anthony's)
- Monday, May 9, 2011, 7:30pm
- Monday, June 13, 2011, 6pm
(picnic area adjacent to F.C. Recreation Center)

Detailed program information will be provided in the annual Falls Church Member Directory. All meetings are held at the Falls Church Recreation Center unless otherwise noted.

Board Meetings

- Monday, September 20, 2010, 7:30pm
- Monday, October 25, 2010, 7:30pm
- Monday, November 15, 2010, 7:30 pm
- Monday, January 10, 2011, 7:30pm
- Monday, February 21, 2011, 7:30pm
- Monday, March 21, 2011, 7:30 pm
- Monday, April 18, 2011, 7:30 pm
- Monday, May 16, 2011, 7:30 pm

Members are welcome to attend all board meetings. Board meetings are held at the home of Sally Brett, 205 Katie Ct., Falls Church.



Special Project Grants Open for Awards



Last fall branch members approved creation of special project grants to fund projects to benefit women and girls. Each year 15% of book sale profits would fund these projects. As of July 1, 2010 just under \$3,000 in 2010 Book Sale funds were available for local project grants of \$500 or less to foster women's education locally. The awardee may be an individual or organization.

Now members can nominate individuals and groups to receive an award. We encourage you to nominate an individual or group for an award. If you have any questions or need a copy of the Special Project Grant procedures or application form, please contact one of the Branch Officers.

AAUW Public Policy Notes

Take Action! AAUW continues efforts to get the Paycheck Fairness Act (S. 182) passed this month in the Senate. Now is the moment to keep the pressure on the Senate, and help make a real difference in the fight for pay equity! Call the offices of Senators Webb and Warner to ask them to support this legislation.



Though women constitute more than half of undergraduates, according to a study of college students in 2009, 138,000 bachelor's degrees in STEM (Science, technology, Engineering, Math) fields went to men, while only 88,000 went to women. A recent study, sponsored by the **National Science Foundation** and **AAUW**, located 8 factors that contribute to the disparity between the number of female and male college students electing the sciences: **beliefs about intelligence, stereotypes, self-assessment, spatial skills, the college student experience, university and college faculty, implicit bias, and workplace bias.** There is still work to do!

September Calendar

<u>Day</u>	<u>Time</u>	<u>Event</u>
9/12	3:00pm	Branch Meeting, What is AAUW-the 2 minute Elevator Speech , Falls Church Community Center
9/20	7:30pm	Board Meeting, Sally Brett's home, 205 Katie Ct., Falls Church
9/25	9:00 am-1:00pm	Congressman Moran's Women's Issues Conference, Kenmore Middle School, Arlington
9/27	7:00pm	Book Discussion- Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet , Stacy's Coffee, 709 W. Broad St., Falls Church
10/16	10am-1: 30pm	No. Va. AAUW District Meeting, Richard Byrd Library, Springfield
10/18	7:30pm	Branch Meeting, Whose Election Is It , Falls Church Community Ctr.

For programs offered by sister AAUW branches in No. Va.log on to:<http://www.aauwofva.org/branches>

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The American Association of University Women promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change. In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership.

The AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, or disability



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