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MAY-JUNE 2018

Vienna Area (VA) Branch

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SALAD SUPPER

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Hold the Date: Vienna
AAUW Open House,
Saturday, September
8th, Patrick Henry
Library, 10:00 to 12:00.

May 15, 5 PM
at Suzanne's
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DON'T FORGET!

**Tour of Green Spring Gardens
Saturday, April 28th at 10 A.M.**



SALAD SUPPER May 15, 5 PM

Our May meeting will be our traditional Salad Supper. Our new officers will be officially inducted and the Named Honorees for this year's AAUW Fund will be announced. We also will hold drawings for free national AAUW memberships; pay your dues online or bring your check to be eligible for the drawings. Also bring cash or your checkbook to purchase raffle tickets to support AAUW Funds--great prizes to be had!

Please bring a salad or dessert to serve eight people. Iced tea and soft drinks will be provided. Feel free to bring other beverages.

A warm thank you to Suzanne, our hostess this year. We look forward to enjoying her lovely home and beautiful garden.



From the Presidents

Our time at the helm of our branch is coming to an end, and it has been a good cruise. We have enjoyed working together, and with all of you. It takes a large crew to keep a branch under way; many thanks to all of you who have contributed in large and small ways. We hope **you** will say yes when our new branch leaders reach out to you for help.

Our Salad Supper is coming up on May 15th. This is a fun evening, and we hope to see you there! Pay your dues before or at the meeting to be eligible for the dues reimbursement drawing! There will be two lucky winners. Check your email for the instructions on how to renew your membership online; it is fast and easy.

Don't forget to vote in the Virginia AAUW elections and public policy (April 24-May 14) and for the AAUW national bylaws amendments (April 24-June 9.) You will receive two separate emails; please follow the instructions and act promptly.

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Below is the report we submitted to Virginia AAUW on the highlights of our branch year.

Vienna Area AAUW

The Vienna Area branch had a very strong mission-based program year. Highlights were:

- Gerrymandering
- Women scientists in Antarctica
- Women at the Helm: the Vienna Town mayor and two town council members
- Nationally known speaker Sister Simone Campbell on income-inequality, a public meeting attended by 170 people.

Last fall we participated in the AAUW Get Out the Vote Project by registering voters in Vienna. Branch members attended Virginia AAUW Capitol Hill Day and State Lobby Day in Richmond. Two of our members are part of the AAUW Lobby Corps.

We met our goal for AAUW Funds through a combination of direct donations by members, Amazon Affiliate receipts, and a Games Night at a member's home, where members played a variety of board games—raising funds while having fun!

Our members enjoyed social times such as our holiday luncheon which also benefits the Fairfax County Women's Shelter, our annual salad supper, and a member-led garden tour. Interest groups include four book groups, a Great Decisions discussion group, and a monthly movie meet-up group.

New ventures this year included the purchase of a projector to show AAUW videos at monthly meetings and to use for program projection needs. Our membership vice-presidents developed a method to make new members feel welcome: the Friendly Foursome, a casual way for two new members to meet for coffee or a snack with two "seasoned" members. The branch is very proud of our new website, developed by three of our members with help from AAUW staff and our new Vienna Area Branch brochure."

Connie and Kristin

Reminder: AAUW National: Dues Increase

As you are probably aware, the AAUW Board of Directors voted in June 2017 to raise national dues for the first time in a decade, effective March 16, 2018. National dues will now be \$59. As Julia Brown, AAUW Board Chair, said recently on a video emailed to all members, by not having an increase in 10 year, our dues have not even kept up with inflation.

The website explains:

Annual dues currently account for 13 percent of AAUW's annual budget. They help to sustain and grow AAUW's programs and work that advances equity for women and girls. A combination of dues, donations, and corporate and foundation funding is critical to supporting AAUW's salary negotiation workshops, groundbreaking research, advocacy efforts, campus leadership programs, and so much more.

AAUW wants to keep its focus, maintain relevance, and increase its impact. We all know there is great value in doing so. Julia Brown emphasizes that if we want to realize the impact that women and girls deserve, we must ensure we have the resources necessary to make real change happen.

As AAUW members we want to participate in realizing the impact that women and girls deserve through our actions...AND, by putting our money where our mouth is, by proudly renewing your AAUW membership this spring. We must insure that AAUW has what it needs to change the climate for women and girls.

What else is new?

Half-year dues from January – March is being eliminated.

Paid Life Membership remains at \$980 until March 16, when it goes to \$1,180. If a Paid Life Membership makes sense for you, it makes sense to get it done now before the increase! Paid Life Membership is fully tax deductible.

Going forward it is useful to know that new members, who join at a branch program that is open to the public, will receive 50% off the national dues. And for every 2 members gained this way, branches will receive a free membership to give to a

person of their choice.

Give a Grad a Gift (at no cost to you or them!) is still available within 2 years of a student's graduation. Just fill out the form!

<https://www.aauw.org/?s=Give+a+grad>

Women and girls need AAUW more than ever! AAUW needs you more than ever. Stand up and be counted in something bigger than yourself! Renew your AAUW membership early!

Vienna Branch Policy

AAUW dues

\$59.00 National (\$10.00 increase)
\$15.00 State (no increase)
\$10.00 Branch (no increase)
\$84.00 **TOTAL** Tax deductible = \$56.00

New member AAUW dues if joining at a public meeting

\$29.50 National (half off regular price of \$59.00)
\$15.00 State (no discount at public meeting)
\$10.00 Branch (no discount at public meeting)
\$54.50 **TOTAL** Tax deductible = 32.00

NEWSLETTER REQUEST

This is the last full newsletter of the season as the editor is out of town at the end of May, and we don't have a backup. Sooo.....

- ♦ Please let the editor or leadership know if you are willing to help out next year.
- ♦ Contact your interest group chairs for updates on activities.

And, not the least

- ♦ **Please Respond:** Send me a note to tell me if you read the newsletter monthly. Are there sections that are especially important (or not)? Could it be every other month? We're looking at options to fill the void.

Check your e-mail for your notice.



The following email will be sent to all members today regarding a By-laws Amendment Vote this spring. The AAUW National Board of Directors encourages discussion among members so all feel their voice is heard.

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. The board strongly supports the proposed amendments that we believe will help keep AAUW vital as an organization and enable us to increase our impact in advancing equity for women and girls.

The proposed amendments address creating three-year staggered board terms, opening board service to those outside of the AAUW membership, and eliminating the degree requirement for membership. While rationale and details for each proposed amendment can be found on the [AAUW website](#), the overarching motivation for these changes at this time is to uphold and advance AAUW's mission and ensure optimal execution at the national board level.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.

The board recognizes that we have not traditionally put proposals up for vote outside our AAUW National Election, but these proposed changes have been under consideration for several years by both the Governance Committee and the board, and we believe it is important to move forward without delay to position the organization for greater growth.

Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET.

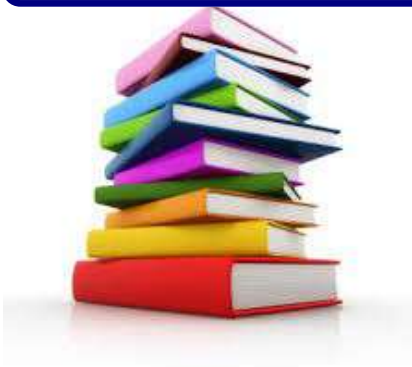
We encourage you all to engage in respectful debate that has always been a hallmark of the AAUW community, exercise your vote, and encourage fellow members to do the same.

You can direct any questions or concerns to connect@aauw.org.

Respectfully,

Your AAUW National Board of Directors

Interest Groups



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Please be sure to let your hostess know whether you're coming or not.

EARN \$ FOR AAUW FUNDS! Use the Amazon link for your purchases-found at

Vienna-va.aauw.net

EVENING LITERATURE

May 2, 7:00 p.m.

The Atomic Weight of Love by Elizabeth Church spans the years from World War II through the Vietnam War to tell the story of a woman whose scientific ambition is caught up in her relationships with two very different men.

June 6 7:00 p.m

Rules of Civility, the first novel by Amor Towles chronicles the life of a young woman in post-Depression era New York who suddenly finds herself thrust into high society.

Summer book: TBD

Evening Literature meets the first Wednesday of the month

TUESDAY MORNING LITERATURE GROUP

May 15, 9:30 a.m.

Sonya will lead the discussion on a selection of short stories:

- "Where are You Going, Where Have You Been," by Joyce Carol Oates (1966)
- "The Cask of Amontillado," by Edgar Allan Poe (1846)
- "The Ones Who Walk Away From Omelas," by Ursula Le Guin
- "The Celebrated Jumping Frog of Calaveras County," by Mark Twain
- "To Build a Fire," by Jack London

All of these stories are available by email from Sonya.

Please let Adrienne know if you would like to attend.

Morning Literature meets the third Tuesday of the month.

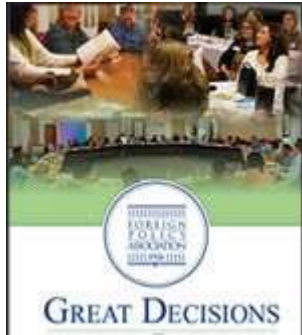
NON-FICTION LITERATURE

May 14, 7:00 pm

For our final meeting of the year we will be reading *Hissing Cousins: The Untold Story of Eleanor Roosevelt and Alice Roosevelt Longworth*.

Over the summer we will read non-fiction books of our choice and discuss them at the September 10th meeting

Non Fiction Literature meets the second Monday of every other month. (September, November, January, March, and May)



May 20, 2:00-4:00 PM

Topic: "Turkey: A Partner in Crisis"
(Topic 5)

Of all NATO allies, Turkey represents the most daunting challenge for the Trump administration. In the wake of a failed military coup in July 2016, the autocratic trend in Ankara took a turn for the worse. Now, an overwhelming majority of the population considers the United States to be their country's greatest security threat. In this age of a worsening "clash of civilizations" between Islam and the West, even more important than its place on the map is what Turkey symbolically represents the most institutionally Westernized Muslim country in the world. Mary D will lead the discussion and Cornelia N will provide refreshments. Please let Kristin know whether or not you plan to attend.

Great Decisions does not meet in June, July or August .

Great Decisions meets the third Sunday of the month 2-4 pm.

BROWN BAG BOOKS

May 30th, 1:00 pm

Robert Harris's *An Officer and a Spy* looks at the infamous Dreyfus affair through the personage of a functionary-turned-whistle-blower. It's Paris, 1895. A Jewish army officer, Alfred Dreyfus, has been convicted of treason and is imprisoned on Devil's Island. But was he really a spy for Germany—or was his fate sealed because he was a Jew in an anti-Semitic time and place? Slowly, the petit bureaucrat, Georges Picquart, begins to suspect that Dreyfus has been scapegoated.

Brown Bag Books meets the last Wednesday of the month

MOVIE MEET UPS

The Movie Meet Ups group meets the 4th Tuesday of the month for a morning movie and lunch afterwards. Movie choice, time and place will be provided by email a week to ten days in advance. Please contact Susan V to be included on the distribution list.

Next dates: May 29 & June 26. No meet ups in July or August.



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September

8 Vienna AAUW Open House
Patrick Henry Library, 10:00 to
12:00.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

2017-18 AAUW Program Schedule

- September 2: Open House, Patrick Henry Library
- October 10: Gerrymandering, Laurie Cole, Oakton Library 6:30
- November 4: "Deep Freeze," Dian Belanger,
Patrick Henry Library 2:30-5:00
- December 2: Luncheon, Lauren Witherspoon, Development Coordinator
for Second Story, Bonarati Restaurant, noon
- January 13 "Women at the Helm" on Saturday, 10:30 a.m.
Patrick Henry Library
- Feb 10 *A Nun on the Bus* author Sister Simone Campbell at Vienna
Community Center
- March 13: "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time," Paula Tarnapol Whitacre,
Patrick Henry Library (co-sponsor)
- April 28: Green Spring Gardens Tour 10:00 a.m., Susan Voss
- ★ May 15: Salad Supper, Branch Meeting

Don't let transportation issues
keep you away!



Please e-mail or call Suzanne if you

- * Would like to arrange a ride to any meeting.
- * Would be willing to drive someone.