

# AAUW CONNECTION

Vienna Virginia Area  
<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/branches/vienna/>

March 2014



## MARCH BRANCH MEETING

STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics) education

Tuesday, March 11, 2014, 7 pm

Patrick Henry library at

101 Maple Ave East, Vienna.

(for the stories linked to this wonderful image go to <http://researchmatters.asu.edu/stories/asu-women-honor-stem-role-models-2570>)

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# Message from Co- Presidents



Bev B  
Nadine J  
Martha N

We had a very successful and fun event at Tequila Grande on the evening of February 11th. If you were unable to make it, you missed a good meal and cocktail and a fun evening.

The March 11th meeting will be about STEM. Also keep in mind that at the March meeting we will be voting on the following positions for the next two years: Co-Presidents, Program Vice President, and Recording Secretary.

The April 9th meeting will be about Equal Pay. We'll have a panel of three to discuss equal pay and what AAUW's status/progress is at the State and Federal levels.

If you are thinking of attending the State Convention on April 4 - 6, keep a look out for any upcoming e-mails concerning the convention.

## **Slate of Officers for Vienna Area Branch**

Respectfully submitted by the Nominating Committee:

**For Co-President: Kate M and Sarah Jane B**

**For Program Vice President: Connie D**

**Recording Secretary: Janet F**

The above are running unopposed. Nominations can be made from the floor, provided the permission of the candidate has been obtained ahead of time. Elections will be held at the March business meeting.



Fiesta.





# UPCOMING IN MARCH-APRIL



Nadine has issued a call for presenters at the STEM workshop

## **Local Branches STEM workshop:**

March 8 (see full announcement pages 6-7)

**Springfield-Annandale Branch:** Spring Gala on March 8.

Please see the flyer and ticket order form pages 14-15.

## **State Conference:**

April 4-6 at Smith Mountain Lake—see full information on page 10.

**Workhouse Prison Museum Lecture Series** . The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association is pleased to support the 2014 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Workhouse Prison Museum which is located at the Lorton Arts Center. See the flyer on page 13 for details on the three remaining lectures.

## **Northern Virginia: Call for Civil Rights Experiences**

Please see Representative Gerald Connolly's call for your experiences as part of the commemoration of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. (pages 11-12).

Federal Lobby Day: May 18. See District news.



## Call for Presenters

Help Keep Girls Interested in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM)

Outreach by professional women to girls in the middle school years can keep girls in math, science and technology classes throughout their high school years. If you are in a STEM career, please volunteer to participate in the American Association of University Women (AAUW) Career Day for Middle School Girls - now titled "STEMtastics".

Three local branches (Fairfax City, McLean Area and Reston-Herndon) of AAUW in partnership with Fairfax County Public Schools (FCPS) and SySTEMics Solutions are sponsoring the STEMtastics event. The objective of this event is to inspire middle school girls to pursue careers in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics).

Student workshops will be offered on **Saturday, March 8, 2014** from 8:30AM to Noon at Northern Virginia Community College – Annandale Campus. Professional women working in STEM fields will present information about their respective areas of expertise, their educational paths and challenges.

Girls may attend up to 3 workshops for the following STEM fields:

1. **Engineering** - Design/construct engineering solutions in a wide range of applications such as electrical (computers/cellphones), civil (bridges/roads), chemical (fuels/plastics), aerospace (planes/satellites), mechanical (cars/robots).
2. **Computer Technology** - Design and write applications to deliver information in a useful form as a software developer, database designer, webmaster, app developer.
3. **Human Service Professions** - Serve patients as a doctor, pharmacist, physical therapist, nurse, speech therapist, occupational therapist.

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4. **Other Life Sciences** - Work with plants, animals and the environment: veterinarian, wildlife biologist, marine biologist, medical/pharmacy researcher, geneticist, epidemiologist, water quality engineer, soil scientist, climate change analyst.
5. **Mathematical Sciences** - Work with data to understand the world as a statistician, market researcher, data scientist, economist, cryptanalyst.

**We need women professionals to present these workshops. The workshops are to share information related to a career - one you have experience in, even a prior job.**

We encourage interactive workshops; we can provide orientation and assistance for first-time presenters. To volunteer, please reply to me - Clara Poffenberger ([Claramariap@gmail.com](mailto:Claramariap@gmail.com)) with your name, profession, email address, phone number and a short description of what you will cover in your workshop. Also, please let me know if you prefer to present fewer than three times; if no preference is noted, presenters will be assigned students for three sessions.

**Please mark your calendars and reply to me if you can participate. Also share this Call for Presenters with your colleagues and friends who might be interested. I will be in touch with volunteers early in the year to provide more information.**

(Questions or Comments? Contact Elizabeth Vandenburg at [EVandenburg@verizon.net](mailto:EVandenburg@verizon.net)--703-774-7796.



# NORTHERN DISTRICT NEWS

## **Sandy Lawrence**

Northern District Representative, AAUW of VA

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## **Northern District Representative (s) Needed**

When asked to be the Northern District Representative (ND Rep), some members have told me that I'm a tough act to follow. But I think ND Rep is not an act, but an improvisation; an original performance that depends on its main character to bring it to life. Like any performer, my time as ND Rep is winding down and will soon close. But there is another AAUW performer, waiting for her time on the stage. The stage time has particular requirements, like attending state board meetings, but many of the actions and activities are based on what the performer thinks is important and needed. There is no set script on what a District Rep does. An opportunity to do it "your way" is waiting.

So be that next ND Rep and send your biography to me by March 20. The elections will be held at the district meeting at the State conference.

## **Lobby Days**

State Lobby day was an awesome experience and it was great to see so many ND members, even with the bad weather. (Check out the pictures at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>) Congratulations to everyone whose hard work made the day such a success. From getting signature on Equal Pay petitions to walking the halls of the capital. (see State Spotlight). For me the highlight was in the Senate gallery. When the Lt Gov. asked AAUW members to stand up, so many others in the gallery outside of our group, stood up. I would say over 1/3 of the people in the gallery were AAUW members. What a tremendous sight!! And I think everyone realized the force that AAUW is.

May 8 is Federal Lobby Day and it would be great to have an even bigger turn out of ND members. You team up with Lobby Corp members and the AAUW staff does an outstanding job to prepare lobbyists to hit the halls of Congress. We also need members to open their home to members coming in from other parts of the state. More information to come

# Great Decisions Group

Date: Sunday, March 16 at 2 pm

Topic: Turkey's Challenges

Description:

Turkey's first Prime Minister Kemal Ataturk envisioned a modern, democratic nation-state built on the ashes of the Ottoman Empire with strong ties to Europe, not the Middle East. But as the clashes between secular and religious groups and the recent protests in Taksim Square show, the soul of Turkey is still very much up for grabs.



## Garden Interest Group Announces Plans for 2014

### March

March 22nd, join us for a trip to Brent and Becky's daffodil farm in Gloucester VA for a tour of their 8+ acre teaching garden showing how to incorporate bulbs, corms, and tubers with other perennials, trees, and shrubs in an earth-friendly way. In the afternoon we will tour their farm and home gardens before heading home. Fee is \$10.00. We will depart at 7:00 am and return about 7:00 pm. **Advance reservations required;**

Alternate March activity: free lecture "Photography and Flowers" March 22nd, 10:00 am at Merrifield Garden Center, the Merrifield location, followed by lunch in the area. Contact Kristin if you plan to go.

### Months to Follow

In April we will go to Meadowlark to stroll under the cherry trees in bloom (date to be announced), and on Monday, April 28th we will car pool to Middleburg and Upperville to tour six homes and gardens, as part of Virginia Garden Week. Fee. These gardens are said to be of particular interest to serious gardeners.

May 23rd, Susan Vwill lead us on a walking tour of the gardens along the Mall in D.C.

June 13th we will car-pool to the Warrenton area for an early morning visit of Wollam Gardens, a commercial cut-flower nursery, followed by a picnic lunch (bring your own lunch.)

Other plans include a visit to Kenilworth Aquatic Gardens in August, a member's garden in September, the National Arboretum in October, and the Meadowlark Festival Lights in December. All of these events are open to all members of the branch. Please let Kristin Moyer know if you would like to be on her e-mail distribution list to receive additional information about these events and other items of interest.



# Interest Groups



## Book Groups

Please be considerate of your hostess; give her a call or email and let her know whether you're coming or not.

**Remember that in choosing your books to purchase you can benefit AAUW.**

**Use the AAUW link to Amazon: <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/branches/vienna/>**

## DAY LITERATURE

Tuesday, March 18, 2014  
9:30 AM

Connie D will lead our discussion of **Obasan** by Joy Kogawa—focused on Canadian-born Japanese citizens during WWII, raising issues about how minorities are treated in countries into which they are born.

Mary Coggeshall, *Day Literature*  
Chair [mbcogg@aol.com](mailto:mbcogg@aol.com)

## EVENING LITERATURE

March 5, 7:30 p.m.  
*Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline

*Orphan Train* by Christina Baker Kline juxtaposes the story of one of the thousands of orphans sent by train to the midwest to be "adopted" during the early part of the 20th century with the story of a contemporary American orphan's life. Amazon says this book is "Rich in detail and scope . . . a powerful novel of upheaval and resilience, of unexpected friendship, and of the secrets we carry that keep us from finding out who we are."

## NON-FICTION

March 10 7:30 pm

Non fiction meets every other month. In March we will be reading *The Social Animal* by David Brooks, noted columnist and commentator. Margaret Davenport will lead the discussion.



**Heartfelt condolences to  
Jean F and Yuki Hon the deaths of  
their mothers.**

**Services for Jean's mother:**

Celebration of the Life of Maria L. Ivey  
October 7, 1916 - February 24, 2014  
Unity of Fairfax,  
2854 Hunter Mill Road, Oakton VA 22124

Saturday, March 8th at 2:00 pm.

In lieu of flowers, contributions in Mrs. Ivey's memory may be made to  
Unity of Fairfax or the Alzheimer's Association ([www.alz.org](http://www.alz.org))



# INFORMATION PAGE

## CALENDAR

### March

- 5 Evening Literature 7:30  
Workhouse Lecture  
7:30
- 8 STEM workshop
- 8 Springfield-Annandale  
Gala
- 10 Non Fiction 7:30
- 11 **Vienna Branch  
Meeting**
- 16 Great Decisions 2 pm
- 18 Day Literature 9:30 am  
Workhouse Lecture

### April

- 2 Workhouse Lecture
- 4-6 **State Conference**



## **THE SMITH MOUNTAIN BRANCH AAUW**

Invites You to the AAUW of Virginia Conference

### **"Charting Our Future – Full Speed Ahead"**

April 4-6, 2014 at the W.E. Skelton 4H Educational Conference Center  
Smith Mountain Lake, Virginia

**This will be a very enjoyable and informative *destination* weekend!**

The complete details of this conference are located at the State web site: [aauw-va.aauw.net](http://aauw-va.aauw.net) or the Smith Mountain web site: [smithmountain-va.aauw.net](http://smithmountain-va.aauw.net). The registration form is there, too! Register now or wait until the *Winter Virginia Vision* arrives in February with all the information as well.

***But be aware: The rate for registration goes up after March 15.***

### **THE HIGHLIGHTS OF THE WEEKEND**

- **Welcome Reception Friday Night:** "Moonshine and Poppy Cock" (local entertainment, desserts, hors d'oeuvres and a cash wine bar)
- **Keynote Speaker:** Rebecca Norlander, national AAUW Board member and owner of a technology company, whose goal is to change the world for the better through technology.
- **Saturday Night Banquet:** Woman of Achievement Awardee Dr. Barbara Ryder, Department of Computer Science Chair and only woman among 54 named professorships in VA Tech's College of Engineering; head of National Center for Women and Information Technology program to increase women in technology and computing.

**Various Workshops, Exciting Excursions, Basket Raffle, Other Activities:** All listed on the websites mentioned above.

We hope to see you there to meet with old friends, find new ones, share ideas, and just have a good time! Smith Mountain Lake is conveniently located between Roanoke and Lynchburg in the Blue Ridge Mountains. It is less than four hours drive from anywhere in the state.

**Mark your calendars now and send in your reservation!**

**Destination: Smith Mountain Lake – April 4 -6, 2014**



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Congress of the United States  
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January 10, 2014

COMMITTEE ON  
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REGULATORY AFFAIRS

COMMITTEE ON FOREIGN AFFAIRS  
SUBCOMMITTEES:

MIDDLE EAST AND NORTH AFRICA  
ASIA AND THE PACIFIC

Dear Sandy Lawrence,

On July 2, 2014, our nation will celebrate the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the signing of the Civil Rights Act of 1964. I would like to invite you to join me in commemorating this landmark legislation by participating in the Northern Virginia Civil Rights Archive: Personal Histories of Struggle and Achievement.

The heroes of the civil rights movement fought valiantly for this legislation during what was a formative time for people of my generation and this country. Their victory was a seminal moment in the struggle against racial, gender and ethnic discrimination.

I am asking Northern Virginians to volunteer their personal stories about the struggles they faced, the successes they achieved, and their other experiences related to the civil rights movement. I also welcome submissions testifying to the impact of the civil rights movement on our daily lives. My staff and I will compile the material we receive and present it to the Library of Congress and library systems in Fairfax and Prince William Counties on July 2, 2014.

Our community can create a local and very personal story of the civil rights movement as told by Northern Virginians that will be studied and cherished by future generations. This will be a community-wide endeavor that will preserve an important part of the history of our region, our Commonwealth, and our nation.

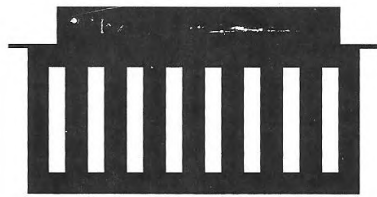
Please visit my website [www.connolly.house.gov](http://www.connolly.house.gov) to record your written testimonial for posterity and participate in this history project. If you have any questions about how to make your contribution, please call my office at 703-670-4989.

Thank you for joining me as we embark on a year-long project that seeks to capture the legacy of the civil rights movement and how it gave rise to the diversity and achievement of Northern Virginia.

Warmest Regards,



Gerald E. Connolly  
Member of Congress  
11<sup>th</sup> District, Virginia



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## **NORTHERN VIRGINIA CIVIL RIGHTS ARCHIVE**

Personal Histories of Struggle and Achievement,  
in Commemoration of the  
50th Anniversary of the Civil Rights Act of 1964

### **CONGRESSMAN GERRY CONNOLLY**

INVITES YOU TO MAKE HISTORY AND SUBMIT YOUR TESTIMONIAL

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SUBMISSIONS CAN BE MADE ONLINE AT  
**CONNOLLY.HOUSE.GOV**

QUESTIONS?  
**703-670-4989**



### Workhouse Prison Museum's 2014 Spring Lecture Series

The Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association is pleased to support the 2014 Spring Lecture Series sponsored by the Workhouse Prison Museum which is located at the Lorton Arts Center.

In the summer of 1917, suffragists incarcerated at Northern Virginia's Occoquan Workhouse initiated what became the final push toward women's voting rights. The Workhouse Prison Museum's free public lectures explore the American women's equality movement from before the Civil War to the present. The first lecture in January summarized the significant steps that led to women's right to vote. The subsequent three lectures, beginning February 5, will discuss the societal, legislative and economic changes that have taken since then. The final program challenges the consequences of these changes. This lecture series features historians plus women who have experienced these changes first hand.

All lectures are: **7:30-9pm at the Workhouse Arts Center, W-3 Theatre, 9601 Ox Road, Lorton, VA 22079.** All lectures are free with a suggested donation of \$10. Please register online at: [www.WorkhouseArts.org](http://www.WorkhouseArts.org). Call 703-584-2900 for information.

The schedule for the remainder lectures:

#### **Years of Hope, Turmoil and Anger (1960s and 1970s) Wednesday, March 5**

*Jeffrey McClarken, Ph.D., Associate Professor of History, University of Mary Washington, will speak. Sharon Bulova, Chairman, Fairfax County Board of Supervisors and Sherry Hutt, J.D. Ph.D., National Program Manager, North American Grave Protection and Repatriation Act, U.S. Department of Interior, will be guest panelists.*

During these decades deep cultural changes altered the role of women in American society. Women reached out for greater fairness and equality in the work place and at home. They pushed to take control of their reproductive rights and to eliminate legal inequalities.

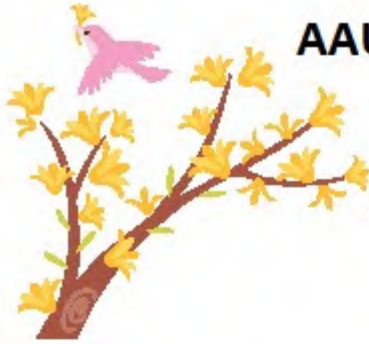
#### **Breaking the Glass Ceiling (1980s-present) Wednesday, April 2**

These years saw invisible barriers holding women back from senior management positions began to crumble and access to more traditionally male roles increased. Younger women entering the work force faced fewer barriers and more career opportunities.

#### **Equality: What Does It Really Mean? Wednesday, April 30**

Join a discussion with three panelists about the differing ways men and women now think and feel about their work and home life. Should there still be gender-specific roles in contemporary society?

# Springfield-Annandale Branch



## AAUW 2014 Spring Fling

Saturday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 2014  
11 AM to 2 PM

### Country Club of Fairfax

5110 Ox Road  
Fairfax, VA 22030



Our Guest Speaker,  
**Susan L. Burke**

is an outstanding lawyer with a well-deserved reputation for representing victims of sexual violence. Her work on the "The Culture of Rape" in the U.S. Military is aimed at changing this brutal, unjust state of affairs.



### Come and Enjoy!

- Silent Auction
- Luncheon
- Guest Speaker

Spring Fling is an annual fundraiser which supports AAUW programs including education for women and girls, fellowships, leadership development and legal advocacy.

### Reservations:

Rose Clark  
[springfling@rclark.net](mailto:springfling@rclark.net)  
or (703)256-6246

Tickets **\$38** per person  
Checks payable to  
Springfield-Annandale  
AAUW

### Tell Rose:

1. Menu Selection  
(Chicken or Pasta)
2. Email receipt or  
tickets mailed to you
3. Table buddies



Mail to:  
Rose Clark  
4927A Sunset Lane  
Annandale, VA 22003-6021





# Spring Fling



Saturday, MARCH 8, 2014

11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

Country Club of Fairfax

5110 Ox Road, Fairfax, VA 22030

*Event includes silent auction, luncheon, and guest speaker:*

## Susan L. Burke

an outstanding lawyer with a well-deserved reputation for representing victims of sexual violence. Her work on the "The Culture of Rape" in the U.S. Military is aimed at changing this brutal, unjust state of affairs.

*Cost is \$38 per person*

### MENU CHOICES:

1. **CHICKEN MARSALA:** with mushrooms, sweet onions and marsala wine sauce. rice pilaf and chef's vegetables, rolls and butter.
2. **PASTA PRIMAVERA:** penne pasta, white wine cream sauce, julienne vegetables, freshly grated parmesan cheese, garlic bread.



YES, I will attend the Spring Fling on March 8th.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email: \_\_\_\_\_

- My choice for an ENTRÉE is  Chicken Marsala; or  Pasta Primavera

### Guests:

	Name of Guest	Menu Choice		Email
		Chicken	Pasta	
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2				
3				
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Make checks (**\$38 per person**) payable to: **Springfield-Annandale, AAUW**

Mail this form and your check by **March 3rd** to--

Rose Clark

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