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President's Message

Cathleen Boivin, Co-President



Generalizations about the "way women are" and estimates of what is appropriate for most women no longer justify denying opportunity to women whose talent and capacity place them outside the average description.

~ Ruth Bader Ginsburg

June 23 is the fiftieth anniversary of Public Law No. 92 318, better known as Title IX. This was renamed in 2002 to the Patsy T. Mink Equal Opportunity in Education Act to honor the co-author of the bill. It prohibits sex-based discrimination in any school or any other education program that receives funding from the federal government. Despite popular beliefs, it is not solely a sports-equity law. The purpose of the Title IX of the Educational Amendments of 1972 was to update Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964, which banned several forms of discrimination in employment, but did not address or mention discrimination in education. At the time, only 42 percent of college students were females. Today that figure is closer to 60 percent.

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AAUW-VA Website: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/>

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AAUW Mission Statement

To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education and advocacy. Vision: Equity for all. Values: Non-partisan. Fact based.

AAUW Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socio-economic status.

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When I was growing up, the majority of my classmates had mothers who did not work outside of the home. Those women who did were mostly teachers, secretaries, nurses, or saleswomen. My own mother never attended college. My grandmother's opinion was that college was a waste of time, effort, and expense for a daughter so she sent my mother to business school for a year just to have a backup job skill in the event she would ever need to work. She assumed that marriage would provide for her daughter's support. Life for my mother didn't really turn out that way. Yes, she married my dad in 1948, but she did secretarial and later sales work until she retired at age 65. Initially, my mother worked as a secretary to help my father stay in college following his discharge from the Army after World War II. She was a secretary for different associations or businesses off and on for years. After their family expanded, my mom had a part time job (which paid \$50 a month) for the American Lung Association testing local school children for TB and then mailing out Christmas Seals to collect donations for a few years. Except for the years when we lived overseas for my dad's YMCA job, she always supplemented the family income. She always regretted not being able to further her education. She was bright and motivated, but couldn't ever climb the ladder of great success. Fortunately, she and my father both encouraged their two daughters to go to college and backed us in whatever career paths we wanted to take. We were taught not to be boxed into employment limitations due to our gender.

The speaker at our Spring Fling, Coline Jenkins, the great-great granddaughter of Elizabeth Cady Stanton, spoke eloquently about the contributions of the women in her family and their struggles to be recognized for their efforts and achievements. Generations of her female relatives were well educated, but locked out of the professional associations that would further their careers. She was emotional when speaking of her grandmother, Nora Stanton Barney, who, posthumously in 2015, was finally accepted into the American Society for Civil Engineers. Full membership had been denied to her initially despite being thoroughly qualified and more than competent in her field because she was a woman.

We honor those brave women (and men) who went before us and worked to better the lives and educational and professional opportunities of generations of women. Women legislators like Rep. Patsy Mink of Hawaii who addressed discrimination, women like Coline Jenkins who was instrumental in raising a statue to women suffragists in Central Park, and Pat Wirth, CEO of the Turning Point Memorial, Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsberg, Vice President Kamala Harris, and many others past and present continue to advocate for equality. Their legacy will be fulfilled by women who refuse to be limited solely to the domestic sphere and who legislate in their communities, states and on the national stage for women to enjoy equal rights under the law. Increasing numbers of women are now succeeding in college and entering the professions of their choice. I'm proud to be a member of AAUW and contribute, even in a small way, to its mission to further opportunities and open doors for women and girls.

Student Inclusion Awards

Judy Baldwin, Student Inclusion Awards Officer

Springfield-Annandale AAUW honored the winners of the 2022 Student Inclusion Award Essay Contest at its general meeting, April 28.

Su Jin Shin from West Springfield High School won the \$500 first prize. She wrote about being elected class president at the start of her junior year in the midst of the Covid pandemic. She wanted to become a better voice for the underrepresented communities, drawing on her feelings as a first-generation immigrant from Korea. Through club fairs, advertisements, and pep rallies, she helped these groups gain traction and, in the process, had her eyes opened to the “incredible magnitude of diversity” within her school.



L to R: Su Jin Shin, West Springfield HS; Harper Tan, Falls Church HS; Tess Achtermann, Falls Church HS.

Second and third place went to two students from Falls Church High School whose English teacher, Elizabeth Gibbons, daughter

of Sharon Draper, a branch member, offered to help solicit essays when our regular contacts didn't come through. Harper Tran won the \$300 second prize, writing about her goal of studying international business or relations was inspired by the abundance of different religious and ethnic identities she has been exposed to. Tutoring a mother from Afghanistan helped her dive deeper into cultures she was unfamiliar with.

The \$150 third prize went to Tess Achtermann who wrote about learning about racism when she was five years old and a friend who was a person of color was bullied and terrified. That inspired her to do what she could to foster inclusivity that eventually resulted in creating spaces in schools and working within her faith to expand the conversation with more and more people. She belongs to the Black Students Union and Women of Color club although she is not Black but starts and takes part in the hard conversations about race and gender inequality.

Spring Fling – A Success!

Anne Sauberman, Spring Fling Coordinator



On May 17, many of our branch members and their guests attended our 2022 Spring Fling at the Springfield Golf and Country Club. It was a beautiful sunny day, perfect for us to see our friends after 3 years, and meet new ones. Coline Jenkins was a wonderful and engaging speaker who through her many stories told us so much about her great-great-grandmother, Elizabeth Cady Stanton. We all know the many facts of the suffrage leader, but we learned that as a child, she wanted to cut out laws in her father's book that were not fair to women. Coline also spoke so warmly and full of love about her grandmother, Nora. A special

thanks goes to Irene McGhee for finding such a wonderful speaker and Mick and Deborah Dodd for hosting her at their home.

Our attendees also enjoyed a new and creative silent auction sponsored by Karen Flann and Sallie Williams. Sharon Draper and Ken Tighe with the help of their team, invented a new way to determine the winners and deliver their slips so they could then pay for their winnings. Our guests also enjoyed both the delicious meals prepared by the Club and the beautiful flower arrangements created by Marguerite Mars.

As you all know it takes a village to have a successful fundraiser. My thanks must go to the many members of the auction

management team, the cashiers, the nametag table monitors and the Membership Co-Vice Presidents, Sharon Orenick and Marcy Leverenz. A special thank you must also go to Rose Clark for all her help in creating the programs, name tags and table assignments and so much more.



Thanks again to the many people who added their efforts to make this event enjoyable for all. The members of each committee and the many business donations were all listed in the program.

Photos courtesy of Mick Dodd.

June 18 Meeting – Picnic at Occoquan Regional Park

Ann Sauberman, Irene McGhee, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs

The Springfield-Annandale Branch has reserved a covered Pavilion at Occoquan Regional Park for Saturday, **June 18** at noon. It is Shelter #1 on the river with lovely view of the water. Parking is right across the road, and so is a restroom. Food will be provided by the Brickmaker's Cafe courtesy of our Branch at no cost to you. You will have a choice of sandwich or salad. Drinks and dessert will also be a part of the festivities.

We hope to welcome our newest members and to share with each other about AAUW going forward. This meeting will have a personal focus: Why did you join AAUW? Share your story and tell us how AAUW amplifies your concerns and gives us a place to enjoy our interests. Learn about Letters Against Isolation. Keep AAUW alive with your story. In conclusion, we will have a quick installation of officers for the coming term.

Dress is casual. There is a walking trail, if you get there early, you could also stop at Turning Point Memorial to the Suffragists if you have not seen it. A hat is recommended. We have the pavilion all afternoon, so use it as your home base.

Please reserve your spot at the table. Guests are welcome but must also register. **RSVP to Irene McGhee or to Ann Sauberman by June 10.**

Directions To Occoquan Regional Park: 9751 Ox Road, Lorton, 22079

From Fairfax, Burke, or Springfield, travel South on 123. At Hooes Road, get into the left lane of Route 123, and in about 1 mile, turn left into the entrance of the park. There is a traffic light. Follow the road past the Turning Point Memorial on the left, and then Brickmaker's Cafe on the right all the way down the hill and turn right at the bottom and go to .5 mile to the end. **PARKING IS ON THE LEFT AND SHELTER#1 IS ON THE RIGHT PAST THE FIRST ONE BY THE WATER.**

Membership Renewal – Do It Now

Marcy Leverenz, Sharon Orenick, Co-Vice Presidents Membership

It's that time of year, spring, approaching summer, and AAUW membership renewal. There are two ways to renew, but the quickest is through <https://www.aauw.org/>, log in, and go to membership (further instructions are shown on the flyer at the end of this newsletter). If you would prefer to do it through our Branch, refer to the form attached at the end of this newsletter.

The end of the dues' year is **June 30**, so let's get the job done now.

The Branch has had a 90 percent retention rate this year. Let's continue on that path.

Public Policy

Susan Burk, Public Policy Chair

Title IX – Celebrating 50 Years on June 23, 2022

Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 is the federal law that prohibits sex discrimination in education, protecting staff and students in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. This includes local school districts, colleges and universities, for-profit schools, career and technical education programs, libraries, and museums. Music, choir, sex education classes, and sports involving bodily contact are exempt from Title IX, as are religious institutions if the law would violate their religious tenets. Admissions policies at private undergraduate institutions are also exempt.

Title IX requires recipients of federal education funding to evaluate their current policies and practices; adopt and publish a policy against sex discrimination, including sexual harassment and violence; and implement grievance procedures providing for prompt and equitable resolution of student and employee discrimination complaints. The law also prohibits retaliation for filing a Title IX complaint or advocating for those making a complaint.

Title IX is not just for athletics. It affects all areas of education, including:

- Recruitment, admissions and housing
- Career and technical education
- Pregnant, parenting, and/or married students



- Science, technology, engineering and math (STEM)
- Sexual harassment and assault
- Comparable facilities and access to course offerings
- Financial assistance
- Student health services and insurance benefits
- Harassment based on gender identity
- Athletics

My quick perusal of Fairfax County’s website provided an email address/phone number for the county’s Title IX Coordinator, but no name. The website page included a form for filing complaints of sexual harassment. This seems to be an area where we could usefully learn a lot more about how Title IX is being enforced in our local schools.

Link to AAUW’s Quick Facts about Title IX: <https://www.aauw.org/app/uploads/2022/01/Title-IX-Quick-Facts-Jan-2022.pdf>

Advocating for Women’s Health Care and Economic Security

While we wait for the U.S Supreme Court decision on Roe v Wade to drop officially, it is important to recall how many of the public policy priorities that AAUW and AAUW-VA are committed to advancing directly support the well-being and economic security of women and their families. AAUW believes that everyone can make their own informed choices about their reproductive lives within the dictates of their own moral and religious beliefs. Further, AAUW believes that these deeply personal decisions should be made without government interference. For those many women with children who must or want to work outside the home or remotely, policies to facilitate that balancing act remain sorely lacking. Too many working women, particularly the lowest earners, have no paid sick days. Even more women have no paid family or medical leave, and no reasonable accommodations in the workplace to protect their health during pregnancy. Women everywhere lack affordable and reliable childcare, and this issue has become more acute during the pandemic. And, of course, the pay gap for women has only widened during the pandemic. The list goes on. AAUW-VA will continue to advocate for these policies by lobbying our elected officials on a national and state level. Please consider getting involved in AAUW-VA’s advocacy efforts. Together, we are a force to be reckoned with!

AAUW-VA Public Policy Zoom Meeting

Our next AAUW-VA Public Policy Zoom meeting will be held on Wednesday, **June 15** at 5:00 P.M. Our featured speaker will be Greater Richmond Branch member, Tess Evans, who will address the student debt crisis, a long-time focus of AAUW National’s public policy efforts. The issue of the burden of student debt has been in the news lately, but AAUW has long sounded the alarm about the adverse and disproportionate impact of student debt on women, in particular women of color. Please join us to hear from a young member of AAUW-VA who will share her personal story of coping with student debt.

We will also discuss our planning for the next General Assembly session and GOTV efforts for the mid-term elections on November 8. Please be sure to join us for an informative hour! The Zoom link is below.

Topic: AAUW-VA Public Policy Meeting

Time: Jun 15, 2022 05:00 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88557551017?pwd=WG5lQTg5VWpySyszRUtXeikxNEYvQT09>

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The Springfield-Annadale Branch sent
57 Letters Against Isolation
in April

Evening Book Group – Virtual

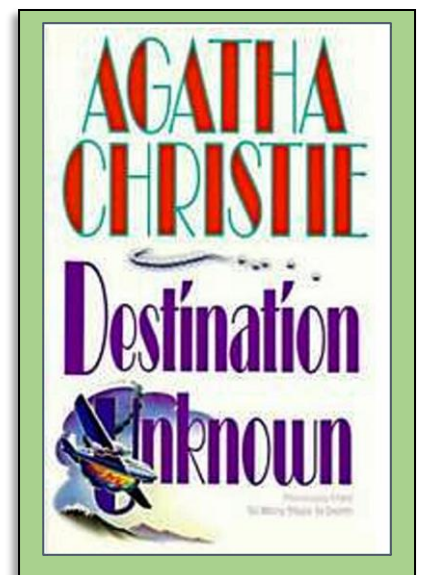
The Evening Book Group will meet via Zoom for the next meeting on Thursday, **June 2**, 7:00 P.M. The topic book is *Destination Unknown* by Agatha Christie and will be reviewed by Nelda Richards.

A young woman with nothing to live for is persuaded to embark on a suicide mission to find a missing scientist. When a number of leading scientists disappear without trace, concern grows within the international intelligence community.

Evening Book Group members have been asked to submit two topic books to be voted on by the group. The winning titles will comprise the reading list for the next membership year.

Debbie Gilligan will be the new contact for the Evening Book Group in the 2022-2023 Membership Year. Thank you, Nelda Richards, for heading up this dynamic reading group.

The complete list of the reading selections and reviewers for each month will be in the 2022-2023 Directory.



Morning Book Group – Live

On Thursday, **June 9**, 10:00 A.M., the Morning Book Group will meet at Deborah Dodd's house to choose books for the coming year, and then have lunch.

The complete list of the reading selections, meeting locations, and reviewers for each month will be in the 2022-2023 Directory.

Movies at Midweek

Ginny Wells, Movie Maven

Movies at Midweek will meet at Cinema Arts on **June 15**, followed by lunch and discussion at First Watch Restaurant. We will take a summer break, resuming on the third Wednesday of September (09/21/2022).

This year, from September 2021 to May 2022, we enjoyed "Confetti," "The Rescue," "Belfast," "West Side Story," (cancelled in January), "Macbeth," "Cyrano," "The Automat," and "Petite Maman"; quite a range of films. As you know, we are governed by which movies are being shown in the morning on our selected Wednesdays. Sometimes there are several possible choices, some months it's pretty slim pickings.

Having said that, all in all, I hope you Movie Goers have had as much fun as I at Movies at Midweek!



Newsletter News

The June issue will be the last edition of UPDATES for the membership year.

Watch for September UPDATES at the end of August 2022.

- Judy Titterton, UPDATES Editor

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Enjoy your summer!

Judy Titterton, UPDATES Newsletter Editor



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HOW TO RENEW YOUR AAUW MEMBERSHIP

Springfield-Annandale Branch, Virginia
JUNE 30, 2022 – JUNE 30, 2023

To renew your AAUW membership, please :

1) Go to aauw.org. Click on Membership, renew, then cursor down to National and you can enter your information to pay for National, State, and Branch Dues ONLINE and pay via your credit card. (Recommended method!)

OR

2) fill out the information below and mail your check and this form to **TREASURER:**
Sharon Draper, 6913 Pacific Lane, Annandale , Va.22003

-----**YES**, I want to renew MY AAUW membership for 2022-2023 (current membership expires on June 30, 2022) I am enclosing a check for dues as indicated below:

* _____ **\$94 for renewing regular membership**
(*\$67 Association; \$15 State; \$12 Branch dues*)

_____ **\$27 for State and Branch dues** (*I've paid life national dues.*)

----- **\$1340 for Paid Life National Membership dues (Fully Tax Deductible)**

_____ **\$12 for a dual membership in another Va. Branch**

Make checks payable to: "Springfield-Annandale AAUW". AAUW National Dues are \$67, of which \$64 is tax deductible. The remaining \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill advocacy work and get-out-the-vote activities.

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