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McLean Area Branch is Turning 40 ... and Celebrating with a Party!

Did you ever hear about one of the first McLean Area Branch book sales ... held at Tysons Corner mall ... in the hallway ... with the books having to be carted away each night ... and returned to the display tables each day?! Or, how about these guest speakers ... “Eve” of the “Three Faces of Eve,” Lynn Cheney, Betty Friedan, David Broder, and political cartoonist Herblock?!

branch’s many accomplishments. And think, the best is yet to come!

Our celebration will feature delightful company; a private dining room; great food; valet and garage parking; and entertainment including period music, old photos, AAUW trivia, past branch presidents’ skits, and lots of prizes!!

OUR 40TH
OUR 40TH

Join past, present, and future branch members as we take a stroll down memory lane in celebration of McLean AAUW’s 40 years! Laugh, cry, smile, or just plain show your pride in our

Note, our branch anniversary party will be held in place of our usual April meeting and May dinner. The branch will hold a regular meeting on May 19. Questions? E-mail *Nancy Richardson* at NRichardsn@aol.com.

What: McLean AAUW’s 40th Anniversary Dinner

When: Tuesday, April 21, at 6:30 p.m., dinner served at 7:15 p.m.

Where: Monterey Bay Fish Grotto, 1800 Tysons Boulevard, McLean

Who: Members (past and present), friends, spouses, and others are welcome

How: A reservation form is tucked into this newsletter. Please include your name, the date you joined the branch, and your guests’ names. Mail by April 15. You will select your entrée the night of the dinner from the menu provided.

Cost: \$39 per person for dinner, tax and gratuity included; wine and beer available for purchase.

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Think Book Sale
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Presidents' Corner

Turn to Tuesday, April 21, in your calendar and write **McLean AAUW Dinner** in big letters! That is the date of our get-together to celebrate the first 40 years of our branch. A creative committee has been working hard to plan a great dinner and lots of fun. Don't miss it!

We have book sale chairs!! *Margaret Hines, Jo Young, and Bettie Clark* have agreed to head up our 40th Annual Book Sale. Planning is underway. We are delighted that we can again use the Sun Trust Bank in Vienna to collect and store our books. Remember this is the one fundraiser the McLean Area Branch has. Get

ready to lend your time and talents to this effort which supports local scholarships and graduate fellowships for women. If you are new to our branch you will be amazed how much fun we have and how much money we make from our book sale!

The March 17th potluck and business meeting was a busy and successful evening. We elected the slate of officers presented by the nominating committee. We also elected our delegates to the state and national Conventions.

See you April 21 at the Monterey Bay Fish Grotto!

Ginger

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“Annual Business Meeting”

chairs *Jo Young, Bettie Clark, and Margaret Hines*. (See article in this newsletter.)

Caroline Pickens gave an update on the 40th Anniversary Dinner. (See article in this newsletter.)

Peggy Stotz presented certificates to EF names honored recipients, which honor members for their hard work during the year: *Betsy Reddaway, Linda Wells, Sandy Sieber*, (for branch) and *Marjorie Lewis* for the Savvy Financial Workshop. Their names will be forward to Association.

The Financial Strategies for Women workshop sponsored by NOVA AAUW is being held April 18 at Marymount University, Ballston Center.

The Washington premier of the movie *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority* will be held April 24. Patsy Mink was a member of Congress from Honolulu who introduced the Title IX bill. The premier will be at the Capitol Visitor Center, First and East Capitol St. NE. Please RSVP to Karen@adaction.org if you wish to attend. A reception will follow.

Jo Young, Branch Secretary

From the Editor

The McLean Area Branch *News* is published monthly, September through June, except for a bimonthly issue for December and January. Articles are due the 20th of the month preceding each issue. Articles should be in final form and identified as being for the newsletter. Guidelines for your articles are welcome as are suggestions for the newsletter.

Please send your **articles for the May News by April 20** via e-mail or postal mail.

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Minutes Summary

**AAUW McLean Area Branch
Annual Business Meeting
Tuesday, March 17, 2009**

The evening began at 6:30 p.m. with a pot-luck dinner, followed by the business meeting, chaired by Co-President *Fran Sullinger*.

Co-Treasurer *Rae Fawcett*: Currently we are running well into the black; Rae asked that people submit their receipts for expenses by June 30, the end of the membership year. National dues will remain \$49 for 2009/10, no change from this year. Branch and state dues are \$11 and \$8 respectively. Starting April 1 there will be a new opportunity where we can pay all three dues online, although we can still pay Rae by check if we prefer. Due to the new reorganization of AAUW, \$46 of the national dues will now be tax-deductible.

Fran announced that our branch has 139 members, 30 of them new. Fran announced that *Pam Bacher* has put together an updated directory listing which includes all active members as of March 1. Anyone who wants one should contact Fran.

Co-VP Membership *Mary de Tray*: A welcome meeting for new members has been held. Sixteen members were in attendance, nine of them new members. On-the-Town and Dining Out should be restarted. Three people have said they'd help with the committee, but Mary thinks five would be more appropriate because people are so busy. She then asked for people to consider being volunteers.

Elections:

Members elected branch officers for 2009/10.

Five voting delegates to the state convention in Richmond on April 25 were elected. The branch co-presidents will be allowed to name a sixth delegate. The branch has money in the budget to pay partial expense reimbursement. Fran reminded everyone that Richmond was the first AAUW branch in Virginia and they will be celebrating their 100th anniversary by hosting a dinner the Friday evening before the convention.

Five voting delegates were elected to the national convention to be held June 25-28, in St. Louis, MO. This will be a very important con-

vention as we will be voting on the new Association bylaws.

Caroline Pickens then took the floor and gave a very informative and interesting overview of the recommended new bylaws that outlined how the organization is being restructured. She first addressed the moving of the assets to a Foundation so AAUW can get a 501 (c) (3) status. The Lobby Corps, Legal Advocacy, and "Get Out the Vote" components of AAUW will remain 501 (c) (4) endeavors. The bylaws are designed to fit this restructuring, but the purpose, the mission and the overall branch structure of AAUW will remain the same.

There are four major changes:

One Member-One Vote. Instead of using a delegate system, every member will have a vote.

One Board. As a result of the restructuring, state boards will no longer be necessary, although Virginia will probably keep theirs. But this will be a boon for smaller states like Rhode Island with one branch that has to act as both branch and board.

Membership Open to All. There was a discussion about the inclusion of members who do not have a college degree of any type and the resistance of this change by members who feel that they worked hard for their degree and their participation in AAUW is recognition of their achievement. The other side of the argument is that this attitude is elitist and that anyone willing to work towards the common goal of educational and employment opportunities for women should be allowed to join in the cause.

One of the benefits of the change to allow non-graduates would be the possible expansion of AAUW membership rolls in small branches in rural areas. In Vermont they currently allow non-college graduates, although this is in violation of current AAUW bylaws. But the strongest reason for voting for the change is the thought that it could be hard for AAUW to get 501 (c) (3) status if we exclude people.

Structural Flexibility. Branches will not need to make changes if they are happy with their current structure.

There will be more information online as things develop. The bylaws and more information on the reasoning behind them, and the structural changes can be viewed at the AAUW web site: www.AAUW.org.

A short report on the upcoming book sale and book collection dates was given by sale co-

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**2009/10 Branch
Officers**

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Ginger MacEwen

Co-Vice Presidents Programs
Isobel Rahn and Jo Young

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*Dawn Schulz and
Mary de Tray*

Co-Treasurers
*Rae Fawcett and
Caroline Pickens*

Co-Branch Secretaries
*Margaret Hines and
Pamela Raymer*

Board Secretary
Nancy Patterson

**Delegates to the
AAUW VA Convention in
Richmond**

*Ginger MacEwen,
Pam Bacher,
Bettie Clark,
Anne Studner, and
Jo Young*

**Delegates to the
AAUW Convention
in St. Louis**

*Ginger MacEwen,
Peggy Stotz,
Mary lou Melley,
Rebecca Horahan, and
Jo Young*

Think Book Sale Think Book Sale

It seems only a few months ago we were all congratulating ourselves on what a terrific job we had done with Book Sale '08. And would you believe, it's time to start making plans for Book Sale '09! Our used book sale is a large and time-consuming operation that begins in May when we start collecting used books, and it doesn't let up until the Monday morning following the sale in September.

We will begin collecting books on May 16 at SunTrust Bank in Vienna (515 Maple Ave), and the sale will take place Sept. 11-13 at the McLean Community Center. We are much indebted to SunTrust Bank for allowing us to use the third floor of their bank again this year. We are also much indebted to *Juanita Cullen* who has agreed to handle publicity again this year. Her efforts have paid great rewards.

Collection dates will be May 16 and 20, June 20, and July 11 and 25. Collection starts at 10 a.m and ends at 4 p.m. We will have a storage POD in the bank parking lot, just as we have done for the past few years, because the Bank closes at 2 p.m. on Saturdays. Books collected after 2 p.m. will be

stored in the POD until they can be hauled upstairs on Monday morning. If you get a call to help with collection, please say yes! We need at least 40 collectors throughout the summer. We also need people to help sort books after each collection. It's fun—especially if you like books.

Chairs of the book sale this year are *Jo Young*, *Margaret Hines*, and *Bettie Clark*. We are really grateful that Jo and Margaret—two relatively new branch members—have agreed to co-chair the sale (with some assistance from an old-timer). We hope that all branch members will work in some capacity on the sale this year. Please feel free to call any of the chairs if you have questions, suggestions, etc. Also, please consider volunteering to assist Juanita with publicity—call her to see how you can help.

Bettie Clark, Book Sale Co-Chair



08 and 09 Book Sale Chairs all in a row.
Left to right: Bettie Clark 09, Jo Young 09, Betsy Reddaway 08, and Margaret Hines 09

McLean Area Branch Book Sale Collection Days

The following Saturdays from 10 a.m.— 4 p.m.
May 16 May 20 June 20 July 11 July 25



Public Policy Matters

Again we can say we live in interesting times. There is an abundance of news these days, whether we spend the morning reading the newspaper, watching television news, or listening to our radio. The news contains some very good progress for AAUW objectives, but of course, bad economic news for so many — as someone said, “My 401K is now a 201K,” — forcing many to delay retirement. The working generations are subject to layoffs in many areas.

But here is some good news on the equity front.

White House Council on Women and Girls

The president signed an executive order creating a White House Council on Women and Girls. AAUW had spearheaded a letter to the transition team requesting that the new administration restore and strengthen all offices that have a role in protecting and advancing women’s issues and opportunities.

Tina Tchen is the executive director of the Council. She will ask federal agencies to analyze their current status with respect to their internal and external focus on women. The Council will then undertake initiatives designed to promote interagency collaboration and a federal response addressing critical issues facing women. These initiatives include assisting women-owned businesses to compete internationally and increasing the participation of women in the STEM workforce.

AAUW 2009–10 Federal Policy Agenda

In March, AAUW released the 2009–10 federal policy agenda, a comprehensive set of goals aimed at advancing equity for women and girls. The entire policy agenda is available on the AAUW web site. Some of the highlights: promoting women’s economic security; (reference *Behind the Pay Gap*); expanding educational opportunities for women and girls, including the science, technology, engineering, and mathematics project (STEM); promoting and defending civil rights by attention to judicial nominations, reproductive rights, and legislation opposing hate crimes.

Pre-K Programs

The new administration announced a strategy and plan to raise the quality of education for pre-K programs, supporting states with an Early Learning Challenge Grant, creating more globally competitive curriculum standards, preparing

and rewarding great teachers, increasing the number of charter schools, and making access to high education a reality for all Americans.

United Nations Population Fund

The administration cleared the way for a \$50 million contribution to the United Nations Population Fund, the first U.S. donation since 2002. The UNFPA, which is supported by 180 member nations of the United Nations, works to reduce poverty, improve the health of women and children, prevent HIV/AIDS, and provide family planning assistance to women in 154 countries.

Affordable Birth Control

Included in the FY09 Omnibus Appropriations Act and signed by the president, is a measure that produces a no-cost, technical fix to the Deficit Reduction Act. It will again allow safety-net providers and college health centers to buy contraception devices and medication at nominal prices that will ensure that university students and low-income women once again have access to affordable birth control.

District of Columbia School Vouchers

AAUW members should keep up to date on the status of legislation regarding the Washington, D.C., School Voucher Program. You may have read that at this point, the Senate has rejected extending the voucher program. The Department of Education plans to release a study this spring that will provide a complex look at the performance of students using the District of Columbia vouchers. The U.S. Government Accountability Office highlighted the shortcomings of the program in a 2007 report. AAUW stands firmly behind the belief that the country should provide an excellent education for all children, not vouchers for a few.

Equal pay Day

Looking forward to April 28! Equal Pay Day! Equal Pay Day symbolizes how far into the second year a woman must work, on average, to earn as much as a man earned the previous year. AAUW members should promote pay equity and educate others about pay discrimination, as well as support the Paycheck Fairness Act, legislation now in the House and Senate. Go to AAUW’s web site for more information and ideas.

Sources include AAUW media releases, *Washington Update*.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

Connections

SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS

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Great Decisions

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An AM Lit Invitation

By Betsy Reddaway

You are cordially invited to the Morning Literature Group's annual Author Luncheon.

The luncheon will be at noon, Friday, April 17, at the McLean Community Center on Ingleside Avenue, McLean. Angela Tehaan Leone, a McLean resident, will be our speaker. She has published many articles in various magazines and journals. She will be discussing her first published novel, *Swimming Toward the Light*. This is a beautifully written novel, set in Washington, D.C., in the 1950s. You can find copies of this book at the public library and on Amazon.com. The author will also have some copies at the luncheon.

As in the past two years, the caterer will be The Gourmet Basket, a local Lebanese deli and catering service.

Guests and friends are most welcome. This is a good opportunity to enjoy a nice luncheon and interesting program, to meet other AAUW members, and perhaps to find out more about what our branch does.

To make your reservation, please send a check for \$24.00, made out to "Betsy Reddaway." Send your check to her at 1638 Macon St., McLean, VA 22101. Reservations must be in by April 11.

Great Decisions

Betsy Reddaway

The evening group was canceled in March due to bad weather. Ruth Powers has offered to host the meeting in April with the same topic to be discussed: Afghanistan and Pakistan. The meeting will be April 6, first Monday, 7:30 p.m. Please call or e-mail Ruth, 703/821-2431 or ruthpowers@starpower.net, to let her know you will attend.

The morning group will meet Tuesday April 21, 9:30 a.m. at Diane Alden's home. The morning

group's topic will be "Energy and the global economy." Please call Diane, 703/356-7452 or e-mail to Bobaldern@myexcel.com to let her know you will attend.

Current Events

By Mary Lou Melley

Last month we were 'snowed out,' so there are twice as many topics we can cover for the next meeting. It will take place on Tuesday, April 7, 9:30 a.m. at the home of Diane Alden, 7640 Provincial drive #309 in McLean. Please bring an article you find interesting and want to discuss. RSVP to Diane at 703/356-7452 or Bobaldern@myexcel.com. Her home has a gated entrance

Directory Updates

Please make the following addition to your directory.

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Northeastern U., BS; Columbia U., MPH

A Special Request

Perhaps you remember Faith Cheruiyot, from Kenya. She is our International fellow who came to our Sept. meeting. Faith Cheruiyot is in the need of housing for May, June, and July. She would like a room with space to finish her work at American University. She is willing to house sit or just share a little space. If you can help her out let Peg Stotz know, pstotz@aol.com or 703/734-8932.

Peggy Stotz,
Educational Foundation Chair



AAUW McLean Area Branch

40TH ANNIVERSARY DINNER

COME CELEBRATE

AAUW memories and trivia, old photos, skits, period music, good friends and colleagues, and lots of prizes

Monterey Bay Fish Grotto

*1800 Tysons Boulevard, McLean
Tuesday April 21 6:30 p.m.*

Dinner

Guests will choose an entrée from the dinner menu on the right.

All entrées accompanied by a salad with Hawaiian Passion Fruit dressing, wild rice pilaf, fresh vegetable, rolls and butter

McLean AAUW Anniversary Cookies

Coffee, tea, and soft drinks

Price includes gratuity and sales tax

Valet parking & garage parking available

Menu

Mahi-Mahi
Chargrilled or
Sautéed macadamia style

Yellow Fin Tuna
Chargrilled or
Chargrilled w black peppercorn
and green onion sauce

Salmon
Chargrilled or
Marinated in teriyaki sauce (chargrilled)

Dayboat Scrod
Lightly sautéed w bread crumb topping or
Sautéed in a marsala wine sauce
w artichoke hearts, olives, tomato, garlic

Chargrilled New York Strip Steak

Chicken Marsala

Friends, spouses, former members, and others are welcome!

Reservation

Name

Date Joined Branch

1. _____
2. _____
3. _____

Cost is \$39 per Person

Make check payable to AAUW - McLean Area Branch

Mail by April 15 to Trianthe Dakolias, 1246 Stoneham Ct., McLean 22101



AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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.

Website: www.AAUW.org

APRIL CALENDAR



- Mon, 6** **7:30 p.m.** **Great Decision's Evening Group** at *Ruth Powers' home* *
- Tues, 7** **9:30 a.m.** **Current Events Group** at *Diane Alden's home* *
- 7 p.m.** **Branch Board meeting** at *the Dolley Madison Library, lower meeting room*
- Thur, 16** **10 a.m.** **Bridge** at *Ruth Powers' home*
- Fri, 17** **Noon** **Morning Literature Annual Author Luncheon** at the *McLean Community Center* *
- Sat, 18** **Financial Strategies for Women** at *Marymount University, Ballston Center.*
- Mon, 20** **Deadline for articles for the May NEWS**
- Tues, 21** **9:30 a.m.** **Great Decision's Morning Group** at *Diane Alden's home* *
- 6:30 p.m.** **McLean Area Branch 40th Anniversary Dinner** at the *Monterey Bay Fish Grotto* *
- Fri, 24** **6 p.m.** **Washington Premier of the film "Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority"** at the *Capitol Visitor Center*

By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

For membership information call *Mary de Tray* 703/992-7526 or *Dawn Schulz* 703/448-8711



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