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# McLean Area Branch

AAUW of Virginia

# News



**Our March 17 branch business meeting begins with a potluck dinner. Those whose last names begin A-O, please bring a salad or "main" dish; P-Z, please bring dessert. See you there!**

## Highlights of Proposed AAUW Bylaws

At the AAUW Convention in St. Louis in June, the delegates will vote on entirely revised AAUW Bylaws. This is the result of a restructuring of AAUW that was approved unanimously at the 2007 Convention.

### These bylaws will do the following:

Streamline the current bylaws and move administrative details to policies and procedures;

Provide more flexibility on all levels (branch, state, and national); and

Provide more avenues for all members to participate in the organization, in particular giving every member a vote on national business.

### The bylaws will NOT change

AAUW's mission of education and equity for women, with our particular emphasis on higher education;

Mission-based activities and programming, in-

cluding the work of the current Educational Foundation, Legal Advocacy Fund, and Leadership Training Institute, which will all become part of the "new" AAUW;

Public policy advocacy; or

The unique mission and grassroots strength of AAUW.

### Major Changes:

1. **ONE MEMBER/ONE VOTE.** Instead of using a delegate system, every member will have a vote. Members who cannot attend meetings and vote in person will be able to vote by all methods approved by the corporate code of the District of Columbia and the board (i.e., mail, phone, FAX, or electronically).

2. **ONE BOARD.** There will be one board (instead of the current two) with authority over all aspects of AAUW activity, including

Delivery of the mission through programs and policies;

Setting membership dues (part of financial ad-

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## Meet the candidates!

The McLean Area Branch Nominating Committee is pleased to announce the candidates for branch board positions for July 2009–June 2010.

President: *Ginger MacEwen*

Co-VP Programs: *Isobel Rahn and Jo Young*

Co-VP Membership:

*Dawn Schultz and Mary de Tray*

Co-Treasurers:

*Rae Fawcett and Caroline Pickens*

Co-Branch Secretaries:

*Margaret Hines and Pamela Raymer*

Board Secretary: *Nancy Patterson*

up until the election at the annual branch business meeting in March. Nominees must agree to serve. Ginger, Dawn, Mary, Rae, Caroline, and Nancy have all agreed to be nominated for another year. It is the first time for newer members: Margaret, Pamela, Isobel, and Jo. Biographies of three of the candidates new to the board appear below.

### Margaret Hines

Margaret, a Virginian, graduated from William and Mary with a bachelor's degree in chemistry. She has a law degree from The George Washington University and a master's in public administration from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard. She has lived in Massa-

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Reminder: nominations can continue to be made

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# Presidents' Corner

**F**or our March 17 branch meeting, we will return to our usual Tuesday evening schedule. Do plan to attend this annual business meeting and potluck dinner. We will elect officers for next year and delegates to our upcoming state and national conventions. We will discuss any proposed amendments to the branch bylaws, and AAUW Bylaws Chair *Caroline Pickens* will outline the proposed AAUW Bylaws to be brought before the AAUW National Convention.

Consider going to the movie March 5. On that evening, to commemorate International Women's Day, CARE is hosting an unprecedented event featuring "A Powerful Noise," an acclaimed documentary that takes us inside the lives of three women in under-developed countries to witness their daily challenges and significant victories over poverty and oppression. Immediately following the film, a town hall discussion will be broadcast live from New York to participating theatres, including Tyson's, with renowned activists and experts including Madeleine Albright, Nicholas Kristof,

Christy Turlington Burns, Natalie Portman and CARE President & CEO Helene Gayle, to discuss how we can empower women around the world to fight global poverty. For more information, see the article on page 3.

AAUW celebrated a huge victory last month when President Obama signed the *Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act* into law, bringing pay equity into the national spotlight again. But the latest salary data from the Bureau of Labor Statistics show that the wage gap between men and women narrowed by only one cent. Women now earn 78 cents for every dollar earned by men, up from 77 cents. This is the narrowest the wage gap has ever been, but it's only an additional one cent on the dollar. We still have work to do!

Grateful thanks go to the members of the nominating committee and to the task force planning our 40<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration!

## WE'RE CELEBRATING!

Mark your calendar now for the McLean Area Branch 40th Anniversary Celebration Dinner on April 21. We will celebrate our 40 years of accomplishments with an evening of fun, skits, and prizes. The event will be held at a local restaurant, and takes the place of our usual May dinner. [There will be a regular branch meeting on May 19.] So circle April 21 in red because you won't want to miss this! The reservation form will be in the April newsletter.

## Policy for Snow/Inclement Weather

If Fairfax County Schools are canceled, if school is dismissed early, or if the McLean Community Center is closed, our meetings are canceled. Saturday meetings will be canceled if Saturday school activities are canceled. Smaller groups like Great Decisions and the literature group can be flexible.

## 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 April News by March 20** via e-mail or postal mail.

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## A Powerful Noise

Celebrate International Women's Day 2009

**O**n March 5, CARE is hosting the theatrical premiere of the film, *A Powerful Noise*, in 400 theaters across the United States. Members of our branch are going to attend one showing of this film at Tyson's Corner 16. *A Powerful Noise* is an acclaimed documentary that follows three extraordinary women in Vietnam, Bosnia, and Mali.

Hanh is an HIV-positive widow in Vietnam, Nada, a survivor of the Bosnian war, and Jacqueline works the slums of Mamako, Mali. Three very different lives. Three vastly different worlds. But they share something in common: Power. These women are each overcoming gender barriers to rise up and claim a voice in their societies. Through their empowerment and ability to empower others, Hanh, Nada, and Jacqueline are sparking remarkable changes: fighting AIDS, rebuilding communities, educating girls.

*A Powerful Noise* takes you inside the lives of these women to witness their daily challenges and their significant victories over poverty and oppression. Their stories are personal yet illus-

trate larger issues affecting millions of marginalized women worldwide. *A Powerful Noise* is a meditation on the inherent potential of women to change the world.

The movie, broadcast from New York, will be followed by a town hall meeting, also originating in New York, with renowned activists and experts including former U.S. Secretary of State and Principal of The Albright Group LLC Madeleine Albright, *New York Times* columnist and acclaimed author Nicholas Kristof, CARE advocate for maternal health and contributing editor for *Marie Claire* Christy Turlington Burns, actress and activist Natalie Portman, and CARE President & CEO Helene Gayle. The price will be \$15 to \$18 and the start time is 7:30 p.m.

Some attending branch members will meet for dinner before the movie, either in the food court or at a sit down restaurant. If you are interested or have questions, contact *Ginger MacEwen* by e-mail, [vmacewen@alumni.duke.edu](mailto:vmacewen@alumni.duke.edu) or by phone, 703/734-0367

## Patsy Mink

Invitation to Film Screening

**P**lease join us for the District of Columbia premiere of *Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority*, a film by Kimberlee Bassford

*Patsy Mink: Ahead of the Majority* explores the remarkable political story of Patsy Mink, an Asian American woman who, battling racism and sexism, redefined American politics. Small in stature but a giant in vision, she began her life on a Maui sugar plantation and rose to become the first Asian American woman and woman of color in the United States Congress. A firecracker and a fighter, she continually pushed the limits of what was acceptable, speaking out against the Vietnam War and entering the 1972 presidential primary, making her one of the first women to seek the nation's highest office. She transformed America's schools as the co-author of Title IX, the landmark legislation that opened up higher education and athletics to women.

### Time and Place

Tuesday, March 24, at 6 p.m. (reception to follow)

Capitol Visitor Center

South Orientation Theater

Use the CVC Main Entrance below the East Plaza at First Street and East Capitol Street NE

RSVP Required by March 12

E-mail Karen at [karen@adaction.org](mailto:karen@adaction.org)

For more information go to the web site <http://www.aheadofthemajority.com>

If there is enough interest from branch members, we may organize a car pool, or meet for dinner before hand. If you are interested in attending this film event, contact *Fran Sullinger* by phone, 703/830-6503 or by e-mail, [Fsullinger@verizon.net](mailto:Fsullinger@verizon.net).

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***Patsy Mink:  
Ahead of the Majority***

Host Committee:

Linda D. Hallman, American Association of University Women

Amy Isaacs, Americans for Democratic Action

Lisa Maatz, American Association of University Women

Jackie Payne, Planned Parenthood Federation of America

Janice E. Ruth, Library of Congress Manuscript Division

Leslie R. Wolfe, Center for Women Policy Studies

In cooperation with Congresswoman Lynn Woolsey



## Public Policy Matters

### Lobby Corps and the New Congress

New and 'seasoned' members of AAUW's Volunteer Lobby Corps gathered on Feb. 5 to prepare for the new Congress and all it has to offer AAUW.

Lisa Maatz, director of public policy, briefed the members on equal pay issues. Lisa described the challenges ahead. The *Pay Check Fairness Act* will provide the needed update of the *1963 Equal Pay Act*. Although it passed in the House, the Senate will slow it down; it needs a new sponsor since Hillary Clinton is no longer a senator. To continue the effort for equal pay, AAUW members will be noting Equal Pay Day in April with the slogan, keep the change (\$1.00 - .78).

The signing of the stimulus bill brings many improvements toward equity for women and girls. The stimulus bill offers a recovery plan that provides \$39.5 billion in direct aid to local schools so they can modernize facilities and prevent teacher layoffs. It increases Head Start funding by more than \$2 billion and expands tax credits and Pell Grant funding to make college more affordable.

The stimulus bill will reduce health care costs and improve care by spending \$19 billion to digitize medical records, making available \$10 billion to research cures to diseases like cancer and Alzheimer's, and subsidizing 65 percent of COBRA costs to help laid-off workers keep their health insurance.

Along with new additions to the Lobby Corps, the members lobbied the first week after the training, asking for cosponsors for the *Federal Employees Paid Parental Leave Act*. Senator James Webb (D-VA) introduced the bill. It would provide federal employees four weeks of paid leave for the birth or adoption of a child. In 1993, the *Family and Medical Leave Act* ensures that an employee could resume their job after taking unpaid leave for family purposes.

Sources include Lobby Corps briefing and *Washington Update*.

Mary Lou Melley, Public Policy Chair

### Two Good Rulings from the Court

Last week the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on a significant sexual harassment case, *Crawford v. Metropolitan Government of Nashville and Davidson County*. To recap the case, Vicky Crawford, an employee of the Nash-

ville Metro School District, was asked by her employers to cooperate with an internal investigation of sexual harassment allegations made against her boss. Crawford was later fired, and she believes she was terminated in retaliation for her role in the investigation. While Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964 contains an anti-retaliation provision, two lower courts found that an internal investigation is not protected by Title VII. AAUW signed an *amicus* brief supporting Crawford's position.

The U.S. Supreme Court ruled unanimously that workers cannot be fired or otherwise retaliated against for cooperating with internal sexual harassment investigations that arise under Title VII of the 1964 Civil Rights Act. The Court's ruling represents a major victory for protecting the scope of protection afforded under Title VII to persons subject to sexual harassment. As Justice David Souter, author of the Court's opinion, stated, "Nothing in the statute requires a freakish rule protecting an employee who reports discrimination on her own initiative but not one who reports the same discrimination in the same words when her boss asks a question."

Last week, the U.S. Supreme Court ruled on *Fitzgerald v. Barnstable School Committee*, another case AAUW signed as an *amici* in support of the plaintiff. Jacqueline Fitzgerald, a kindergarten student in Massachusetts, was forced repeatedly by an older boy to remove her clothes during bus rides to school. Jacqueline's parents asked school officials to intervene, but the school board declined and took no disciplinary action against the perpetrator. The Fitzgerald family sued the school district alleging violations of both Title IX and the Equal Protection clause of the Constitution. The latter is enforced by Section 1983 of the United States Code, a statute put in place by the 1871 Civil Rights Law, which in some cases offers additional protections not included under Title IX.

Thankfully again, the Court ruled unanimously that those persons who sue under the Title IX statute may simultaneously do so under Section 1983. As Justice Samuel Alito's opinion stated, "We conclude that Title IX was not meant to be an exclusive mechanism for addressing gender discrimination in schools, or as a substitute for Section 1983 suits as a means of enforcing constitutional rights."

Excerpt from an article by Holly Kearl and Adam Zimmerman in the *LAF Express*

### A 'Would You Believe?' Fact

Seventy four percent of Fortune 100 companies provide paid leave for new mothers and the United States is the only one of 19 countries with comparable per capita income to require or offer no paid parental leave. There is lots of room for improvement. Watch out Congress! AAUW members are coming and communicating.



Jo Young (left) and Margaret Hines

**“Candidates”**

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achusetts and Virginia but now resides in Washington D.C. She works part time as a legal consultant and arbitrator.

As a lawyer, Margaret directly experienced discrimination in job placement and pay and as a result has developed a keen interest in advocating for

work and pay parity for women. She is an avid book collector and discovered our book sale about two years ago. She is working on a collection of books written by women and men who have served as Poet Laureate Consultant in Poetry to the Library of Congress. AAUW appeals to her interests in women’s issues and book collecting.

**Isobel Rahn**

Isobel received her bachelor’s degree in history and social studies education from Hofstra University and her master’s degree in secondary education from The George Washington University. She has done post graduate work at the University of Virginia.



Isobel Rahn (left) and Pamela Raymer

Isobel has been a McLean resident for 30 years and a Fairfax County Public Schools employee for 26 years. The last 15 years she has been a McLean High School college career center specialist guiding students

and their families through the challenges of high school to post secondary opportunity transitions. Her successful son and daughter have carried on a family tradition of education excellence. Husband Michael is a podiatrist. Isobel reports that the most different thing she has done so far is, “Cooked for 200 people, four times a day, out of a mobile kitchen truck for several weeks during the summer.” I guess you’ll just have to ask her what that is all about!

**Jo Young**

Jo graduated from Wichita State University in 1989 with a bachelor’s degree in history. Currently, she works part time as a budget and tax assistant at a local legal/investment firm in McLean. She enjoys books, visiting historical sites, genealogical research, and spending time with her husband, John, and 11-year-old daughter, Emma.

Jo joined AAUW McLean in 2007 because she loved the book sale and succumbed to *Nancy Richardson’s* persuasive recruiting. She says that she has found AAUW goals coincide with her own interest in women’s history and education and branch members to be interesting and friendly. Jo served as branch secretary in 2008.

We welcome all our new members to the McLean Area Branch and appreciate the step up each of the new board candidates have made to help run the branch and our activities. Thank you to all who have agreed to lead our branch. It is sure to be a successful year because of your efforts.

*Linda Wells*

**Claire Mary Donovan**

We are saddened to report the death of former member Claire Donovan. The following is the obituary that appeared in *The Washington Post*.

Claire Mary Donovan, 90, a retired fourth-grade teacher at Lemon Road Elementary School in Falls Church, died Jan. 2 at her home in Arlington County. She had Parkinson’s disease.

Mrs. Donovan came to Northern Virginia in 1962 and taught at the Fairfax County school until her retirement in 1985.

She was born Claire Mary Curran in Norwood, Mass., and graduated from what is now Bridgewater State College in Massachusetts. She also received a master’s degree in education from Bridgewater State in 1966. Early in her career, she taught in Maine, Massachusetts and Michigan.

She enjoyed golf and was an award-winning quilter. She was a member of Quilters Unlimited, the National Press Club, Harvard Club of Washington, American Association of University Women and Rock Spring Garden Club. She was also a founding member of the Potomac Appalachian Trail Club.

Her husband of 50 years, John J. Donovan Jr., died in 1997.

## “Bylaws”

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ministration oversight);

Appointment of the directors of the AAUW Action Fund, for voter education and related political activities; and

Appointment and oversight of AAUW committees and task forces, including determining the process for the awarding of fellowships and grants.

### 3. STRUCTURAL FLEXIBILITY.

Branches and states will not be required to make any changes if their current structure works well for them. However, the new bylaws mandate only an administrative and financial contact person from each branch/state, allowing the branches and states to create the structure and leadership positions that make the best use of their resources to fulfill AAUW mission.

4. **MEMBERSHIP OPEN.** Membership will be open to any individual supportive of the mission, without regard to college degree status, and to partner members. Partner membership broadens the current college/university membership category to include the possibility of other institu-

tions or organizations that meet the criteria. Open individual membership provides an equal opportunity for all to join.

Opening the membership is the proposal that has generated the most feedback. The rationale is this: if AAUW is about equity, then we should “walk the talk” and be equitable in our membership. Our requirement of a degree excludes those who believe in our mission and want to work with us on women’s education and equity. It isn’t the fact that we require a degree to be a member that makes AAUW what it is. It’s the mission and the commitment of the members to the mission and the work we do to achieve it. We are known for our actions and programs. We shouldn’t want to be known as an organization that only certain people can join, even if you are passionate about our cause. Many organizations have broadened their membership from their original basis to become more inclusive while retaining the uniqueness of their mission. Think of the NAACP, the National Council of Jewish Women, the League of Women Voters, and Boy Scout Explorer Posts, to name a few. As they say, you don’t have to have cancer to

work for a cure for cancer. We should welcome all who believe in AAUW’s mission and want to work with us to break barriers to women’s education and equity.

I urge everyone to study the proposed AAUW Bylaws before our March business meeting when we will be electing our delegates to convention and discussing the issues. The full bylaws, with rationale for each article is published on the AAUW website, along with a detailed list of frequently asked questions: visit [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and then the member center. Your membership number is required to login, but there are easy instructions if you don’t have your member number. Then scroll down on the first page to the proposed bylaws. Please read the introduction first as it will set the context for the proposed bylaws.

For more information about the structural changes to AAUW, read the AAUW Briefing #18 at the AAUW website member center. Feel free to contact me if you have questions.

*Caroline Pickens*  
AAUW Bylaws Chair

## Women and the Olympics

Here are some interesting facts given to us by Tracee Hamilton, *The Washington Post* deputy sports editor and our February branch speaker, on the history of women and the Olympics.

Women competed in the ancient Olympics, and the first female champion won the tethrippon, a 4-horse chariot race, in 396 and 392 BC.



Tracee Hamilton (left) and Caroline Pickens at the February branch meeting

When the games were revived in 1896, women were not admitted. The Frenchman who organized the revival believed the only real Olympic hero was the individual male—no women and no team sports.

Twenty one women competed in 1900 and only 6 in 1904. It wasn’t until 1976 that women made up even 20 percent of competitors.

When several women collapsed after competing in the 800 meters in 1928, all women’s races longer than 200 meters were banned for the next 32 years.

1984 Olympics were a watershed for U.S. women because of the dominant performances of Florence Griffith Joyner, Jackie Joyner Kersee, Evelyn Ashford, and Mary Lou Retton. Joan Benoit won the first women’s Olympic marathon, proving women could run more than 200 meters.

1996 was the watershed for U.S. women’s team sports with the success of the soccer and softball teams.

There are more opportunities for women in the Summer Olympics; women made up 48 percent of the U.S. roster in 2004. Forty percent of the competitors at the Winter Games in Turin were women.

There is no question that Title IX has been a huge factor in the success of women’s team sports.

The number of women among the U.S. media at the Olympics is well above the national average for women working in sports departments and far above the percentage of media women at the Super Bowl and the World Series.

While the U.S. media at the Olympics is diverse, staff for international publications is very male dominated. Women in the U.S. have benefited from the push in the 1980’s and 1990’s for sports departments to become more diverse.

*Reported by Caroline Pickens*

# Connections

## Morning Lit Sponsors Author Luncheon in April

By Betsy Reddaway

On Friday, April 17, beginning at noon, the annual Author Luncheon will be held at the McLean Community Center. All branch members are welcome to attend, and it is a very nice occasion to bring a friend along to find out more about AAUW and our various activities.

The speaker will be Angela Tehaan Leone, author of *Swimming Toward the Light*, published in 2007. Leone has written poetry, fiction, and non-fiction for many journals and newspapers. We are delighted that she will be speaking to our group about writing, publishing, and the immigrant family experiences which are so vividly depicted in her first novel. The story is set in Washington, D.C., in the 1950s. Many local landmarks will be familiar to branch members.

Please plan to join us for this program. For reservations or information, contact *Ramona Rayle* or *Betsy Reddaway*.

## Great Decisions

Great Decisions Evening Program will meet on Monday, March 2, at 7:30 p.m. to discuss Afghanistan and Pakistan. We will meet at the home of *Ruth Powers*, 7580 Potomac Fall Rd., McLean. Please let Ruth know if you plan to attend by e-mail, [ruthpowers@starpower.net](mailto:ruthpowers@starpower.net), or telephone, 703/821-2431.

The next meeting for the Great Decisions morning group will be held on March 17 at the home of *Cyril Leland*. Please let Cyril know via e-mail at [Bercyrl52@aol.com](mailto:Bercyrl52@aol.com) or phone at 703/827-0485 if you plan to attend.

## Current Events

The first Tuesday in February, nine members gathered at *Virginia Dobozy's* home to discuss a variety of issues and events and to share information. The meetings are planned for the next three months for the first Tuesdays.

On March 3 at 9:30 a.m. we will meet at the home of *Jeannette Calland*, 1810 Melbourne Drive. Please RSVP to her at [janeausten61@cox.net](mailto:janeausten61@cox.net) or 703/893-6996.

Future meetings include April 7 at the home of *Diane Alden* and May 5 at the home of *Connie Small*. Mark your calendars.

## Directory Updates

Please update your directory with the following updates and additions.

### Updates

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\* New Member

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### Great Decisions

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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](http://www.AAUW.org)

# MARCH CALENDAR



- Mon, 2**    **7:30 p.m. Great Decision’s Evening Group** at *Ruth Powers’* home \*
- Tues, 3**    **9:30 a.m. Current Events Group** at *Jeannette Calland’s* home \*
- 7 p.m. Branch Board meeting** at the *Dolley Madison Library, lower meeting room*
- Fri, 5**      **7:30 p.m. “A Joyful Noise”** at Tyson 16 movie theater \*
- Fri, 13**     **9:30 a.m. Morning Literature** at the McLean Community Center \*
- Tues, 17**   **6:30 p.m. Potluck Dinner and Branch meeting** at the McLean Community Center
- Tues, 17**   **9:30 a.m. Great Decision’s Morning Group** at *Cyril Leland’s* home \*
- Thur, 19**   **10 a.m. Bridge** at *Beverly George’s* home
- Fri, 20**                **Deadline for articles for the March NEWS**

*\* More information in the newsletter*

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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**  
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