

Connection

Casual Salad Supper

Tuesday
May 11, 2010
7:00 PM

Home of Mary Kate B.



Please join your fellow branch members

as we conclude our 2009-2010 membership year and celebrate the beginning of the summer season with a light salad supper. You may bring any type of salad (green, vegetable, pasta, grain, protein, or fruit salad), bread, or dessert to share. The beverages and

dinnerware will be provided. This is a great opportunity to spend time talking with and learning about other members as well as getting to know our officers for next year.

After supper, we will install our new 2010-2012 officers: Co-Presidents Kristin V., Marie O., and Gail R.; Co-Vice President for Programs Marian M.; and Co-Vice President for Membership (second term) Nadine J. All new and continuing leaders are encouraged to attend. If you haven't mailed in your dues by then, this would be a good time to give them to the our treasurer, Sandra W. See you at Mary Kate's!

President's Notes

April was a busy month for AAUW! Thanks to Sandra Wilson for arranging the Historic Fairfax City tour with Dr. Randolph Lytton of GMU. A large group of us enjoyed the lecture and tour, as well as the lovely weather and delicious Thai or Indian lunch afterward (we split into two groups for lunch). [See photo below.]

We had a great program on April 13, when Jackie Bong-Wright spoke about her experiences in Vietnam and about the plight of Vietnamese contract workers in other countries. [Please see Susan V.'s summary on page 4], and many thanks to Susan for introducing us to Ms. Bong-Wright.

On April 23-25, the branch had a large contingent (9 members) at the AAUW state convention in Fair Lakes. [See photo on page 4.] Due to newsletter deadlines, any news from the convention will be sent later by email.

This month, we look forward to several events: the May 4 "Let's Dish" fundraiser for AAUW Funds, the May 11 salad supper and installation of officers, and the May 21 gourmet French dinner [See page 4.]

And finally, it has been a great honor and privilege to serve as your president for the past two years. I would like to thank our board members, committee

AAUW 2010 Program Schedule

May 11, 2010
Tuesday
7:00 PM

Potluck Supper/
Installation of Officers
Home of Mary Kate B.



Note: Events and locations are subject to change. Please check the latest newsletter for updates.

chairs, and other volunteers for all their support during my term. Thank you to the branch members who participated in the many activities of the branch. We are an energetic and intellectually curious branch! I'm so glad that you have embraced the Great Decisions discussion series—what an eye-opener these discussions have been for many of us. I wish all the best to the incoming leadership team. I'm excited about the increased number of people involved in our officer positions for next year.

Reminder, please amend your contacts to include my personal email account. I will keep the "Prez" account open until the new directory comes out in the fall so we don't lose any messages. The new co-presidents will

announce their new joint email address before their term starts on July 1.

Have a wonderful summer!

Jean F.
PrezVienna@cox.net

Membership Matters!

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. Dues for the 2010-2011 year are payable now. The amount is \$67.00 (\$49 for the national association, \$8 for the state, and \$10 for the branch). Life members owe state and branch dues only (\$18). Our fiscal year is July 1, 2010, to June 30, 2011, so it is important you renew as soon as possible, preferably by June 30, 2010. Don't forget you have the option to renew online by credit card at the AAUW website (see below).

Our branch will award three free national memberships by a drawing at the May 11 salad supper. The names of all who renew on or before May 11 will be entered in the drawing. You do not need to be present to win! Just mail your check to Sandra W., charge the dues online before May 11, or bring your check to the May meeting. Please make your checks payable to "AAUW Vienna Area Branch."

Nadine J.
Co-VP for Membership

Renewing Membership by Credit Card

This spring, for the first time, branch members who wish to renew by credit card may do so online. All who renew online receive an immediate confirmation email, which is also sent to the



Historic Fairfax City Tour
Photo by Dianne K.

Literature Groups

Please be considerate of your host-ess; give her a call and let her know whether you're coming or not. Thanks.

Day Literature

The Brief Wondrous Life of Oscar Wao

Date: May 18, 2010

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Home of Mary C.

Susan W. will lead the discussion of the tale of a sweet but disastrously overweight ghetto nerd who dreams of becoming the Dominican J.R.R. Tolkien and of finding love. It is also a tale of the American experience, both glorious and horrific.

Please note: This is the book we intended to discuss in February when our meeting was snowed out.

The Complete Stories by Flannery O'Connor

Date: June 15, 2010

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Home of Susan W.

A Southern author born in 1925, O'Connor wrote short stories in which comedy, grotesquerie, and violence were united with a profound moral and theological vision. Please join us as Sonya M. leads our discussion of O'Connor's fascinating stories.

Date: July 20, 2010

Time: 9:30 AM

Place: Home of Sonya M.

We will discuss book selections for the coming year, share jokes and poetry, and have a potluck luncheon. Please bring book suggestions.

Leslie M.

Day Literature Chair

Evening Literature

I Don't Know How She Does It

Date: May 5, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Home of Susan V.

Allison Pearson relates (with humor) the trials of a working mother in London. Aimee M. will lead the discussion.

History of Love

Date: June 3, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Home of Connie D.

In this story by Nicole Krauss, a long lost book reappears, mysteriously connecting an old man searching for his son and a girl seeking a cure for her mother's loneliness. Marian M. will lead the discussion.

Aimee M.

Evening Literature Chair

Non-Fiction Literature

Eiffel's Tower: And the World's Fair Where Buffalo Bill Beguiled Paris, the Artists Quarreled, and Thomas Edison Became a Count

Date: May 10, 2010

Time: 7:30 PM

Place: Home of Susan V.

Jill Jonnes recounts the impact of the 1889 Paris exposition on the fair's designers, exhibitors, and visitors, not to mention world politics.

Mary N.

Non-Fiction Literature Chair



Non-Fiction Literature Future Books

July, 2010: *Shadow of the Silk Road* by Colin Thubron

September, 2010: *Shop Class as Soulcraft: An Inquiry into the Value of Work* by Matthew B. Crawford

branch president and treasurer. I hope a number of you will try it this year.

The first time you access the program, the login process has a few extra steps. I document them here and would be glad to help anyone over the phone by walking you through each step while you're at your computer.

1. To Get Your Member ID. Go to www.aauw.org. At the top of the screen, click on "Member Center." From the AAUW Member Login screen, click on the turquoise "member ID lookup." Enter your name and ZIP code, then click on "Submit." Your information redisplayes along with your ID. Click on the turquoise "enter member center." Your ID is now displayed in the login screen. Click on "Log In" to get to the Member Center.

2. To Access the Member Services Database (MSD). From the Member

Center screen, select "Member Services Database." If this is your first time, click on "register here," then enter the requested information and create a password. Click on "Register." An email will be sent from AAUW to your email address on record. Open this email to get a secure link to complete your registration so you can log into the MSD.

3. To Access Your Personal Membership Record. After logging into the MSD, you can access your record in the Membership Payment Program (MPP). On the left side of the Welcome screen, select "Personal Membership MPP" and then enter your credit card information. Remember to look for the confirmation email.

After the first time, the whole process is much easier. Once you select "Member Center" and then "Member Services Database," your ID will be displayed.

All you need to do is enter your password and follow step 3 above.

Let me know if you have questions about this process, and remember to renew by May 11 to be in the drawing for reimbursement of national dues.

Sandra W.
Treasurer

Welcome a New Member

The Vienna branch membership continues to grow, and we are most happy to welcome our newest member, Beverly Burns.

Beverly B. is a retired civil servant and retired Navy Reservist, but she works parttime at a used book store (Hole in the Wall Books) in Falls

Church (it keeps her busy and out of trouble). She also volunteers as a store keeper at the Freeman House. A life long bookworm, she belongs to a book group, has held season tickets to the Kennedy Center's theater program for over 20 years, and is a teacher at a t'ai chi school. She will miss our May salad supper because she will be on a trip with Shillelaghs, a local travel club, but we look forward to meeting her at future branch events.

*Nadine J. and Kate M.
Co-Vice Presidents for Membership*

Garden Group

On Saturday, June 19, 2010, the Garden Group will visit the gardens on the Washington Mall. We will meet at the Smithsonian Metro stop (Mall Exit) at 10:30 AM and tour the Enid Haupt Garden behind the Smithsonian Castle, the Ripley Garden, the National Garden adjacent to the Botanical Garden Conservatory, and the Bartholdi Park garden. For those who wish to stay, we will have lunch at the Pavilion Café in the National Gallery's Sculpture Garden. This tour will involve considerable walking. Dress accordingly. For more information, contact Susan V.

Branch April Meeting Minutes

The April meeting was held on Tuesday, April 13, 2010, at the Fairfax City Library. Jean F. welcomed the members and guests and made several announcements. Sandra W. reminded members that annual dues are due in May. Susan V. introduced the speaker, Jackie Bong-Wright, who spoke about her life in Vietnam and the U.S. as detailed in her autobiography, *Autumn Cloud*, and her extensive public service. Those who wish to contribute to the cause of the



Jackie Bong-Wright
Photo by Susan V.



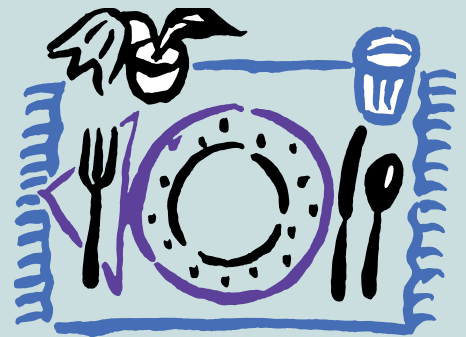
Vienna branch members enjoy the AAUW of Virginia State Convention. Seated: Karen N., Marie O., Kate M., Nadine J., Kristin M., Sandra W. Standing: Jean F., Gail R. [Not pictured: Mary Kate B.]

Country French Spring Dinner

**Friday
May 21, 2010**

Home of Carolyn S.

Spend an evening with other members and their spouses (significant others or guests) enjoying a casual French dinner of boeuf bourguignon, salad niçoise, cherry clafouti, and other tasty dishes. The dinner will be a group effort by all who attend. Recipes will be sent out in a separate announcement. This is a great opportunity to get to know other members and share an evening of good food and good company.



Bon Appetit!
Kate M.

Vietnamese workers in Malaysia may send donations payable to "UBBV" (Vietnamese for "Committee to Protect Workers") through Jackie. Her address is: 2903 Saintsbury Plaza #107, Fairfax, VA 22031. Donations are tax deductible.

*Susan V.
Secretary*

An Opportunity: Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna (SCOV)

The Shepherd's Center of Oakton-Vienna is a non-profit, volunteer-based, interfaith organization sponsored by area congregations and community groups to serve older persons in the Vienna and Oakton areas of Northern Virginia. Our primary purpose is to

provide services to assist older adults to continue to live independently in their own homes. We also offer educational programs that provide opportunities for enrichment, learning, and socialization. Our twice-monthly Caregivers Support Group provides a caring and nurturing environment for adult family caregivers. Several branch members have joined our Adventures in Learning classes and enjoy our t'ai chi lessons, bridge group, and attend lectures.

We are in need of volunteers to support our programs. To learn more

about us go to www.scov.org or contact Michelle Scott (director@scov.org).

Shepherd's Center June

Lunch N'Life

Monday, June 14, 2010

12 Noon

Emmanuel Lutheran Church

2589 Chain Bridge Road

Vienna

Topic: "What Do One Billion Muslims Really Think"

Speaker Barbara Ferguson, Washing-

ton Bureau Chief for Arab News, has worked the last 24 years as a journalist and bureau chief in Paris, London, and now Washington. During the Iraq War in the spring of 2003, she was an embedded war correspondent with various Marine groups. To register, call the Shepherd's Center office at: 703-281-0538. Questions? Contact Michelle Scott (703-846-8000; director@scov.org).

Registration: \$10; includes lunch

Registration Deadline: June 7, 2010

Calendar

May 4	EF/LAF Fundraiser, 6:30 PM
May 5	Evening Literature Group, 7:30 PM
May 10	Non-Fiction Literature Group, 7:30 PM
May 11	Potluck Supper/ Officers' Installation, 7:00 PM
May 18	Day Literature Group, 9:30 AM
May 21	Country French Spring Dinner
June 3	Evening Literature Group, 7:30 PM
June 15	Day Literature Group, 9:30 AM
June 19	Garden Group Tour, 10:30 AM
July 20	Day Literature Group, 9:30 AM
July TBD	Non-Fiction Literature Group, 7:30 PM

Announcements

Sick Call

Best wishes to Alice S. as she returns home following surgery and physical therapy for her leg, broken in several places.

Newsletter Deadline

The next issue of the newsletter will be September 2010. The deadline and submission instructions for material will be announced later in the summer via email. Thanks to all for your contributions this past year.

Mary N. and Connie D.

AAUW Vienna Area Branch

President

Jean F.

Program VP

Margaret D.

Membership Co-VPs

Nadine J. and Kate M.

Secretary

Susan V.

Finance Chair/Treasurer

Sandra W.

Cultural Chair

Sarah Jane B.

EF/LAF Chair

Beverly L.

Historian

Gail R.

Hospitality

Carolyn S.

Newsletter Editor

Mary N.

Newsletter Designer

Connie D.

Newsletter Art,

©BigStock Photo, Whim Whams

Illustration Studio, Photodisc,

member photographs

Photographer

Dianne K.,

Public Information Chair

Rose T.

Public Policy Chair

Ann G.

Mission Statement

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