



# CONNECTION

## DECEMBER 2017

Vienna Area (VA) Branch

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### BRANCH HOLIDAY LUNCHEON

#### To Benefit Artemis House

**Saturday, December 2, 2017**

**12:00 Noon**

***Ristorante Bonaroti***

**428 Maple Avenue East, Vienna**

**SPEAKER:**

**Lauren Witherspoon, Second Story**



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*Ristorante Bonaroti*

428 Maple Avenue, East, Vienna

**SPEAKER: Lauren Witherspoon: Development Coordinator for Second Story**

Share the joy of the season at the annual Vienna Area AAUW Holiday Luncheon and support Artemis House, the Fairfax County's shelter for women and children under the threat of domestic violence. Lauren Witherspoon, Development Coordinator for Second Story will present a program on the services that organization provides through the Young Mothers program.

We will be dining at Ristorante Bonaroti in Vienna in its private dining room.

## **Artemis House**

At the luncheon, we will be accepting donations to Artemis House of store gift cards and personal care item donations for Artemis House, which is the only Fairfax County emergency shelter for women and children fleeing domestic and sexual violence and human trafficking. Donations are tax deductible.

The AAUW of Vienna store gift cards and personal care items are given to Artemis House families at the Artemis House holiday celebrations and are much appreciated. The cards from different stores can help them buy, for example:

- Groceries
- Clothing
- Children's toys and books
- Long-distance calls to family
- Occasional restaurant meals
- Automobile needs, including gasoline
- Pharmacy and personal care items

The personal care items should be regular-size adult, children's and baby products such as body wash, liquid hand soap, bar soap, body lotion, shampoo, hair conditioner and other hair products, toothbrush and toothpaste.

Our speaker is the Development Coordinator for Second Story, which was founded in 1972 as "Alternative House." Second Story transforms the lives of children and youth, helping them stay safe, make positive decisions, achieve educational success, and overcome personal crises. The Young Mothers program provides housing, counseling and training to homeless women age 16 to 24 who are pregnant or have young children.

*Suzanne R, Artemis House Chair*



**DEEP FREEZE.** In our November branch meeting historian Dian Belanger shared the exciting, important, and little known story of how pioneering scientists from 12 nations began a systematic probe of the secrets of Antarctica's ice and atmosphere during the IGY (1957-1958). Special thanks to Susan W. for arranging a wonderful speaker. We had about 35 attending and received many great comments.





## *From the Presidents*

We're looking forward to seeing everyone at the holiday luncheon on December 2nd at Bonaroti's in Vienna!

A few items this month:

- The branch nominating committee is forming and plans to meet in January. We will elect the following officers for 2018-2020:

President,  
Vice-President for Programs,  
Secretary

If you are interested in holding any of these offices, please contact Suzanne R., chair of our nominating committee. And remember there are many ways to serve the branch, both short term and longer term, so please share your talents! We need everyone's help.

- Branch directories have been printed and are being distributed. If you haven't gotten yours already, please save us postage by picking up your copy at our holiday luncheon. This year a PDF version of the membership contact information is being emailed as well. If there are any changes or corrections to either version, please send them to directory editor, Kathy C. A special thank you goes to Kathy for compiling the information.
- Doing some holiday shopping on Amazon? Remember to use our Amazon Associates link on our website (link provided below) to take you to Amazon, and then start ordering.

We have earned \$458.51 since January 2017 because our members are using the link! We are pleased to add this amount to our branch total for AAUW funds. Use it for books, gifts, and maybe even something for yourself! Encourage your friends and family to use the link also, so they can help us raise funds for AAUW.

- And remember our new branch website is a great way to let all of our friends know who we are: <https://vienna-va.aauw.net/> There is a lot of good information there! Share it.

- Special thanks to Susan W. for arranging a wonderful speaker for our November branch meeting, Dian Belanger. We had about 35 attending and received many great comments. Kudos!

- **Dates to remember:**

February 7th, Virginia AAUW Lobby Day in Richmond

Saturday, March 10, 2018, STEMtastics, NOVA Annandale

April 20-22, Virginia AAUW State Conference in Portsmouth

Have a great holiday season!

*Connie and Kristin*

Remember to checkout our new branch website at [Vienna-va.aauw.net](https://vienna-va.aauw.net). And remember to go to our website and click on the Amazon link before you shop on Amazon, so your purchase will earn dollars for our AAUW Fund. Be sure to tell any family members or friends who use our Amazon link about this.



## Call for Volunteers!

STEMtastics: Inspiring Middle School  
Girls to Pursue STEM Careers  
Saturday, March 10, 2018  
at NOVA Campus

Vienna AAUW is working with three other local AAUW branches, Fairfax County Public Schools and NOVA Systemic Solutions to present STEMtastics 2018.

STEMtastics offers a half-day Saturday program of events focusing on STEM topics for middle school students. Professional Women who work in STEM fields lead a wide variety of student workshops that include an interactive or hands-on component. While students are in the workshops, parents may attend presentations covering topics such as how

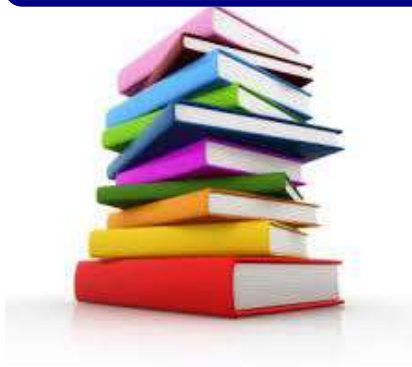
to finance college and how to support their children in STEM courses.

We are calling for branch members to assist us on March 10 (family and friends welcome to help too). You can sign up at the December 2 branch luncheon or email me. Volunteers will receive emails with instructions to sign up online for various volunteer jobs at STEMtastics. Thank you for your support.

Karen N. *STEMtastics co-chair.*



# Interest Groups



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Please be sure to let your hostess know whether you're coming or not.

**EARN \$ FOR AAUW FUNDS! Use the Amazon link for your purchases-found at**

[Vienna-va.aauw.net](http://Vienna-va.aauw.net)

### EVENING LITERATURE

December 6 7:00 p.m.

*The All Girl Filling Station's Last Reunion* by Fanny Flagg

"A new comic mystery novel about two women who are forced to reimagine who they are and what they are capable of." Corinne will lead the discussion.

January 3<sup>rd</sup> book: *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amor Towles

*Evening Literature meets the first Wednesday of the month*

### TUESDAY MORNING LITERATURE GROUP

December 12, 9:30 am

Adrienne will lead the discussion on *Another Brooklyn*, by Jacqueline Woodson.

Jacqueline Woodson's first adult novel in twenty years is nothing short of remarkable. August is one of four girls coming of age in 1970s Brooklyn who become "always and all ways" friends until one by one their lives take different turns. Woodson is able to convey so much with so little—her words and sentences are beautifully crafted to fill you with emotion and understanding in a single line that feels effortless and light. The girls' lives move to the beat of disco rhythms, the chant of Double Dutch, and later the pleas of their boyfriends to do just this one thing... Their neighborhood is both lifeline and trap, and it's hard to say for sure why some break the tether and others become what they once scorned. --Seira Wilson, The Amazon Book Review

*Tuesday Morning Literature meets the third Tuesday of the month.*

### NON-FICTION LITERATURE

January 8, 2018, 7 pm

Our next meeting is in January. We'll be reading *A Nun on the Bus: How All of Us Can Create Hope, Change and Community* by Sister Simone Campbell. She is going to speak to our branch on February 10th, so join us if you'd like to discuss her book beforehand. Georgia will lead the discussion.

*Non Fiction Literature meets the second Monday of every other month. (September, November, January, March, and May)*

### Great Decisions Group for 2018

**Great Decisions** will start new sessions in January. The Great Decisions series, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, empowers participants to discuss global issues shaping U.S. foreign policy and the world. The briefing book provides historical background, current U.S. policy and alternative policy options, informative maps and detailed graphs, suggested readings and resources, as well as opinion ballots for each topic. The 2018 topics will be The waning of Pax Americana; Russia's foreign policy; China and America: the new geopolitical equation; Media and foreign policy; Turkey: a partner in crisis; U.S. global engagement and the military; South Africa's fragile democracy; and Global health: progress and challenges.

We meet monthly from January - May and September - November. We are now taking orders for briefing books on the new topics for next year. The cost for books is estimated to be \$34 each if we order 10 or more books at one time. This includes shipping plus a pro rata share of the DVD that we watch at each session. If you would like to join the group order, please send a check for \$34 made payable to Jean F, or bring your check to the Dec. 2 holiday luncheon. I will order books soon after the luncheon. Books will be shipped to me in early January and delivered at the first meeting, unless you arrange to pick your copy up sooner.

You are welcome to share a book with another member to reduce the cost; in that case, we would appreciate a \$5.00 contribution from each of you toward the DVD.

The first session for 2018 is planned for Sunday, January 21, at 2:00 pm, at a location to be announced in the next newsletter.

*Great Decisions meets the third Sunday of the month 2-4 pm.*

## BROWN BAG BOOKS

Brown Bag Books will not be meeting in December.

*Brown Bag Books meets the last Wednesday of the month*

## MOVIE MEET UPS

Movie Meet Ups is not meeting in December.

Our Movie Meet Ups group meets the 4<sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month for a morning movie and lunch afterwards. Movie choice, time and place will be provided by email a week to ten days in advance. Please contact Susan V. to be included on the distribution list.



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AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university. 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.



## 2017-18 AAUW Program Schedule

- September 2: Open House, Patrick Henry Library
- October 10: Gerrymandering, Laurie Cole, Oakton Library 6:30
- November 4: "Deep Freeze," Dian Belanger,  
Patrick Henry Library 2:30-5:00
- ★ December 2: Luncheon, Lauren Witherspoon, Development Coordinator  
for Second Story, Bonarati Restaurant, noon
- January 13 "Women at the Helm" on Saturday, 10:30 a.m.  
Patrick Henry Library
- February 10 *A Nun on the Bus* author Sister Simone Campbell
- March 13: "A Civil Life in an Uncivil Time," Paula Tarnapol Whitacre,  
Patrick Henry Library (co-sponsor)
- April 28: Green Spring Garden Tour 10:00 a.m., Susan Voss
- May 15: Salad Supper, Branch Meeting

### SAVE THE DATES:

March 10, 2018—STEMtastics

April 20-22, 2018 —AAUW OF VIRGINIA 2018 CONFERENCE

Don't let transportation issues  
keep you away!

You may not be comfortable driving, especially now that it is getting dark earlier. We would like to have you continue to attend our gatherings.

Please e-mail or call Suzanne R if you

- \* Would like to arrange a ride to any meeting.
- \* Would be willing to drive someone.

