



Vienna Area (VA) Branch

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**MARCH / 2025**



### *AAUW FUNDS 2025 - Fundraising Event*

It's that time again, Vienna Area Branch members! We're going to gather together on **Saturday, March 15, 2025 at 2:00pm**. We're beginning with a program event that will have an inspirational focus followed by a delicious potluck meal. We're calling this year's AAUW Funds fundraiser, Celebrating Louise Archer: The School and the Woman. This seems to be the perfect opportunity to recognize and celebrate the iconic building and its inhabitants. Our special guest and presenter will be Sylvia Taylor, Louise Archer School educator and longtime Vienna resident.

Susan has offered her spacious home and we are again asking our members to donate a dish and make a minimum of \$35.00 donation per person.

The Vienna Area Branch members annually contribute to AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund, advancing equity for women and girls. Our Branch consistently raises \$2,500 and we hope as a Branch we will continue working together with commitment and compassion.

The evening's menu will a collection of southern comfort foods. We'd like to have foods that meet the various dietary needs of our Branch so we are asking that attendees suggest two foods, (for example, I will bring my famous Mrs. Mercer's sweet potato pie or some other southern inspired delight). Text me or email me with your choices.

Here are your donation options:

- Please make your check out to AAUW Vienna Area Branch, and our Finance Officer will consolidate the funds and forward them to National. We ask that you bring your donation to the event. If you are unable to attend but want to support this event, please send your donation directly to Sandra. She would like to have all donations no later than March 15, 2025. Donate online by credit card. Go to <https://www.aauw.org/>. Click on the orange "Donate" button on the upper right-hand side in order to donate to the Greatest Needs Fund. Click on "Count Me In." Then log on with your AAUW user ID and password, enter the amount and your credit card number, click "Checkout" and wait for the confirma

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With your support, we can continue to stand for a brighter future for women and girls.  
Thank you for standing strong with AAUW!

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### ***NATIONAL MUSEUM OF WOMEN IN THE ARTS - Field Trip***

**Where:** 1250 New York Avenue, NW, Washington, DC

**When:** Tuesday, April 8, 2025 *(Exact time to be published in April newsletter.)*

As the capstone to our program year, our branch will visit the National Museum of Women in the Arts in Washington, DC.

The National Museum for Women in the Arts addresses the gender imbalance in the presentation of art by bringing to light important women artists of the past while promoting great women artists working today. The collection highlights a wide range of works in a variety of mediums.

Entrance to the museum is \$16 for adults and \$13 for visitors ages 70 and over. Group rates are unavailable. Watch for transportation and other details in the next newsletter.

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### ***MEMBERSHIP***

Our branch continues its growth as our mission and activities become better known in the area. Welcome to our two newest members. Be the friendly face that helps them transition into our branch activities.


Whether you are new to the Vienna branch or are an old hand of the group and want to meet the newest members, joining one or more of the branch's special interest groups is the fastest way to build friendships. Let's give a warm welcome to Barbara and Christy!

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### ***BEYOND THE BRANCH***

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 <p>AAUW of Virginia Conference Alexandria March 29, 2025</p> <p><i>1925-2025: 100 Years of Changing the Conversation</i></p>	<p><b>2025 Virginia State Conference</b></p> <p><b>Sheraton Suites Old Town Alexandria</b></p> <p><b>801 N St. Asaph Street Alexandria, VA 22314</b></p>
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On **March 27-28, 1925**, the seven already existing local branches of AAUW in Virginia met in Williamsburg. When they adjourned, the Virginia Division of AAUW was a reality.

On **March 28, 2025**, join us in Alexandria as the AAUW-VA centennial celebration begins, and we jubilantly begin our second century of women changing the conversation.

A very special program and celebration event have been planned for attendees. Full details appear in the conference brochure (see link below).

Review the information on transportation options, pre-conference tours, program topics, speakers, sites within walking distance of the hotel and social events.

Find complete information on hotel rooms and reduced booking rates (\$159+taxes, including up to two full hot breakfasts). Booking deadline at special hotel rate: March 7th or available until hotel fully booked.

**[Brochure for Conference 2025 and 100th Anniversary Celebration](#)**

**[Online Conference Registration, click here now!](#)**

*Note: Mail-in conference registration form is in the brochure.*

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Questions? Contact Suzanne Rothwell, [Suzanne@suzannerothwell.com](mailto:Suzanne@suzannerothwell.com)

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***SPECIAL INTEREST GROUPS***

***Tuesday Morning Literature Group***

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**Normal Schedule:** Third Tuesday of the month, 9:30am  
Socializing: 9:30-10am Book discussion follows.

**Next Meeting: Tuesday, March 18, 2025 9:30am – 11:00am**

**Book:** Short Stories by Flannery O'Connor and Alice Munro  
*Friend of My Youth* and *Meneseteung* both by Alice Munro, and Flannery O'Connor's *A Good-Man is Hard to Find*.

O'Connor: "A Good Man is Hard to Find" and "Good Country People" Both are in the collection "A Good Man is Hard to Find" and also The Complete Stories.

Munro: "Friend of My Youth" and "Menesteung" Both are in the collection "Friend of My Youth" and the Selected Stories with the foreword by Margaret Atwood.

**April Book:** *Horse* by Geraldine Brooks

### **Brown Bag Book Group**

**Next Meeting: Wednesday, March 26, 2025 1:00 – 3:00pm**

**Book:** *This is Happiness* by Niall Williams. Discussion leader will be Georgia Chirieleison.

"Williams has painted a lush, wandering portrait of Faha, a village back in time in County Clare, Ireland."

**April Book:** *The Briar Club* by Kate Quinn

### **Non-fiction Book Group**

**When: Monday, March 10, 2025 7:00pm**

**Book:** *The Situation Room* by George Stephanopolis. Mary will lead the discussion.

**April book:** No meeting this month.

**May book:** TBD  
Suggestions are welcome.

### **Great Decisions Program with the Foreign Policy Association**

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**Next Meeting: March 16, 2025 2:00 – 4:00pm**

You will receive a reminder about a week before the meeting.

### **U.S.-China Relations**

Author: Thomas J. Christensen

Washington's relations with Beijing have reached an ominous low ebb. Both American political parties have identified China as the country's preeminent geopolitical challenger and, in the eyes of many, a systemic threat. What is driving this deterioration of Sino-American relations and what are America's strategic options in the face of Chinese power and ambition?

The group always welcomes new participants!

### **Movie Meet-ups**

Normal Schedule: Fourth Tuesday of the month. No meetings in July or August. Please contact Susan to be included on the distribution list.

**Next Meet-up: Tuesday, March 25, 2025 for the early show**

**Where:** Cinema Arts Theater

Film is selected when the theater publishes its films and schedules on its website. Those who can stay afterwards have lunch together at First Watch, in the shopping center. Group Coordinator will convey this information in a reminder email.

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### **Plan for Troubled Times**

**“Start where you are, Use what you have, Do what you can.”      Arthur Ashe**

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### **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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