

Mt. Vernon Voices

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

Presidents' Corner



Braving a light rain and a drop in the temperature, twenty six members came to the kick-off dinner at the Thai Herbs restaurant and what a pleasant beginning it was, seeing old friends and making new ones. The work of **Kelly Morris**,

Joanne Clark and everyone who was involved in making it a success is greatly appreciated. Thanks are also due to our speakers: Edith Appel on collecting for the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund and the Educational Opportunities Fund; Joanne Malkin on the AAUW National Convention held this summer in Washington, D.C.; Shirley Richey on what she learned giving conventioneers tours of the AAUW headquarters (We can all be proud that the AAUW gave Marie Curie a sizeable contribution so that she could purchase radium for her research.); Joanne Clark on the organization she helps, Empowered Women International, and how she raised over \$700 for them by selling her jewelry at the convention; and Elaine Kolish on UCM's March for the Homeless.

We can also be proud that our Mount Vernon

Branch at the last board meeting approved the following grants: \$250 to Empowered Women International for educational uses; \$260 to UCM's March for the Homeless, to cover entry fees for high school student marchers – in order to increase numbers for matching fee purposes; and \$500 to Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services for the educational expenses of one or more of their female clients. Our last grant to GSHFS provided the tuition for two of three courses necessary for a working single mother to become certified as an emergency medical technician.

Mark Saturday, October 22, on your calendars and don't miss the opportunity to see the cells at the Lorton Work House where the suffragettes were imprisoned for merely seeking the right to vote. This will be followed by a tea at the home of **Trish Smith** and a viewing of the film about the suffragettes, *Iron Jawed Angels*. See inside for details.

Happy Autumn! We hope to see you on October 22.

Cathy Krebs & Saundra Prince

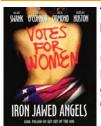
OCTOBER 22

Suffragist Museum Visit

Movie: Iron Jawed Angels

Tea With Trish

Saturday, October 22 Branch Outing



Trish Smith has invited all branch members to tea and a showing of the *Iron Jawed Angels* movie at her home on Saturday, October 22. On the way to Trish's home in Fairfax, we plan to visit the Suffragist Museum at the Workhouse Arts Center in Lorton.

The movie documents the beginning of the Suffragist Movement in US, which won the right to vote for women in 1920. The Suffragist Museum is located in a former cell of the now-closed federal prison in Lorton where a group of early Suffragists were incarcerated. The art center is now housed in the former prison and the old prison cells are used as arts studios.

WHAT YOU NEED TO DO:

Please call Mary Ellen Mehler at 703-780-8494 or email her at memehler@msn.com if you can join us on October 22. Trish needs to know how many to expect. Car pools will be formed for the trip. Let Mary Ellen know if you would like to car pool and if you wish to be a driver or rider.

The museum opens at 12:00 noon and we will aim for that time to arrive there. Carpools will be leaving from pickup points at approximately 11:15.

Trish's address is 11806 Robertson Farm Circle Fairfax, VA 22030



Coming November 10...

Renowned Middle East Scholar, Dr. Malcolm Peck, will speak on the implications of the "Arab Spring" for women's rights in the Middle East. The meeting will be held at the Governmental Center on Parkers Lane and will begin at 7:00 PM.



We, in AAUW, will celebrate our 130th anniversary on November 28, 2011. To honor this auspicious occasion, AAUW is declaring November National AAUW Month! More about the celebration next month.



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Book Group

Please let the hostess know whether or not you will attend.

DATE: Monday, October 17, 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Edith Appel

9312 Boothe St. Alexandria, 22309 703/780-3343 djaea@cox.net CO-HOSTESS: Joanne Malkin

BOOK: The Way I Found Her

by Helen Tremain

REVIEWER: Joanne Clark

NEXT BOOK: Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson

Dining Out



Join Dining Out for a special lunch during
National Harbor's
Restaurant Week at
Rosa Mexicano at noon on
Monday, October 10th

See http://www.nhrestaurantweek.com/ for menus for all the restaurants participating on October 3-16 with prix fixe lunch for \$ 20.11 and three-course dinner menus for \$35.11 (plus beverage, tax, and gratuity).

Rosa Mexicano 153 Waterfront Street National Harbor, MD 301- 567-1005

Rosa Mexicano offers upscale modern Mexican cuisine in a stylish atmosphere.

The special lunch menu from this summer's DC Restaurant Week explains the items: http://www.rosamexicano.com/LinkClick.aspx?
fileticket=8QxvMKsGNHU%3D&tabid=126. If you prefer, a gluten-free menu should be available.

Reviews:

http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant Reviewg60925-d1176154-Reviews-Rosa_Mexicano-Oxon Hill Maryland.html

http://www.urbanspoon.com/r/7/1498589/restaurant/D C/National-Harbor/Rosa-Mexicano-Oxon-Hill

harbor http://www.yelp.com/biz/rosa-mexicano-national-harbor

harbor/reviews#name-anchor

A public parking garage is available with rates of \$3.00 for the first hour and \$5.00 for 2 hours.

To participate, please reply by October 5th to the e-mail invitation from **Elizabeth Lonoff** (elonoff@msn.com; 703-765-2634 recording) so that our reservation can be finalized. Please feel free to invite a friend or spouse.

Game Night

For those of you who were not able to make it for the planning of Game Night, this new group is a go! Our **first official Game Night** will be Friday, October 28 from 7:30 PM to 11 PM (if everyone stays awake and I think they will) at **Edie Bartlett's** (3204 Battersea Lane), co-hosted with **Shirley Richey**.

Our **second Game Night** will be Friday, January 27 at **Cynthia Jacobus'** house, co-hosted with **Suzi Shafer**.

Members and spouses are welcomed. If you decide to give it a try, contact **Barbara Mann** at speech.solutions@verizon.net.



General Election Tuesday, November, 8, 2011

To elect members to the Virginia senate, the House of Delegates, Soil and Water Commissioners, the Commonwealth's Attorney, the Sheriff, and members of the Fairfax County Board of Supervisors, and the Fairfax County School Board.

VOTE VOTE

Absentee Voting:

November 8, 2011, General and Special Elections Absentee Voting Schedule

Deadlines

- To apply by mail, fax or email for a mailed absentee ballot Tuesday, November 1, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
- To vote absentee in-person Saturday, November 5, 2011 at 5:00 p.m.
- All mailed absentee ballots must be received at the Office of Elections by 7:00 p.m. on Election Day in order to be counted.
- The final day to register to vote in-person is Monday, October 17, 2011 at 4:30 p.m. by mail, postmarked no later than October 17, 2011.

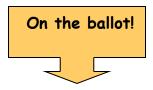
In-Person Absentee Voting is Available at the Office of Elections

- Location Fairfax County Government Center, 12000 Government Center Parkway, Suite 323, Fairfax, VA 22035
- September 23 through October 21, 2011, Monday, Tuesday, Wednesday and Friday, 8:00 a.m. 4:30 p.m., Thursdays 8:00 a.m. 7:00 p.m.
- NOTE: The Office of Elections will be closed on Monday, October 10, 2011 (Columbus Day)
- October 24 through November 4, 2011, Monday through Friday, 8:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

Saturdays, October 8, 29 and November 5, 2011, 9:00 a.m.to 5:00 p.m.

In-Person Absentee Voting is also available at the following satellite locations, October 24 through November 5, Monday - Friday, 2:30 p.m. to 7:00 p.m.; Saturdays, 9:00 a.m. to 5:00 p.m.

Franconia Governmental Center, 6121 Franconia Road, Alexandria
 Mount Vernon Governmental Center, 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria



2011 SCHOOL BOND REFERENDUM (YES OR NO)

Question: Shall the Board of Supervisors of Fairfax County. Virginia, contract a debt, borrowing money and issuing capital improvement bonds of Fairfax County, Virginia in the maximum aggregate principal amount of \$252,750,000, for the purposes of providing funds, in addition to funds from school bonds previously authorized and any other available funds, to finance, including reimbursement to the County for temporary financing for, the costs of school improvements, including acquiring, building, expanding and renovating properties, including new sites, new buildings or additions, renovations and improvements to existing buildings, and furnishings and equipment, for the Fairfax County public school system?

http://www.fcps.edu/news/bond11.htm

Meet and Greet Candidates

Here is an opportunity to "Meet and Greet" the candidates running for office in our district. The League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area is sponsoring this event on Tuesday, October 25th from 7-9 p.m. at the Sherwood Hall Library. A Voters Guide with questions and answers by the candidates will be published in the Fairfax County Times on October 21 and will be available on the League website www.lwv-fairfax.org.



AAUW Northern District News



The Northern District **fall meeting** will be October 22 at Kings Park library, 9000 Burke Lake Road Burke, VA 22015. Doors open at 10 am. The meeting will start on 10:30 and will end by 1 pm. The keynote speaker is **Mr.**

Chuck Bean, Executive Director of the Nonprofit Roundtable of Greater Washington, DC who will present "Giving to Charity: Who Do You Trust?".

Mr. Bean has been with the Roundtable since its inception in 2002. Prior to the Roundtable, he managed the Community Capacity Fund for Washington Grantmakers, which awarded grants to help local organizations respond to community needs after the September 11th attacks. Prior to that, Mr. Bean was the deputy director of a consortium of foundations supporting Empowerment Zones across the country (EZ/EC Foundation Consortium), the vice president of a fellowship program for nonprofit executive directors (Eureka Communities), and the founder of a nonprofit organization in Guatemala (Co-Invest). He is a Magna

Cum Laude and Phi Beta Kappa graduate of Macalester College and received his Master's Degree in public policy from the Kennedy School of Government at Harvard University. There will also be presentations on OMOV and upcoming state convention. The meeting is open to branch members and the public.

Did you know?

AAUW Member Services Database (MSD)

The MSD has functions that allow members to see information on state and branch officers and member's information for your branch. But this is only useful if the information is correct. So go to http://www.aauw.org/member_center/ and make sure your profile is correct.

Your Co Northern District Representatives

Sandra Lawrence slawrence4@juno.com

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AAUW of Virginia Calls for Nominations

The state board of AAUW of Virginia is now accepting nominations for the 2011-2013 period for the following board positions:

President
Vice President for Programs
Vice President for Communications
Vice President for Public Policy



Being on the board is a great opportunity to learn more about AAUW, meet great people and participate in the important work of AAUW. If you are interested in joining the state board, please speak to **Patsy Quick** (pnquick@cox.net) or **Suzan Herskowitz**, State Nominations Chair, Winchester Branch at 540/450-3223 or sdhersk@verizon.net.

International Corner

Joanne Clark



On October 29, Empowered Women International, one of our community-outreach organizations, is hosting an open house to be followed by a concert of Sephardic music by **Flory Jagoda**, renowned Sephardic singer. Flory

Jagoda was born into the musical Altaras family in Sarajevo, Bosnia and is known as the "Keeper of the Flame" for her steadfast commitment to continuing her family's musical heritage.

She has had a distinguished career as an international singer and composer of Sephardic music, one of Judaism's richest cultural traditions. These songs serve as a lyrical history of the Sephardim, the Spanish and Portuguese Jews who fled the Iberian Peninsula as a result of the Inquisition beginning in 1492. Many of these exiles settled in the Ottoman Empire, including the former Yugoslavia. Flory was honored with an NEA National Heritage Fellowship in September 2002 and served as a Master Artist in the Folklife Apprenticeship Program at the Virginia Foundation for the Humanities. In March 2003 she was the soloist performer in a ceremony at Auschwitz, Poland, commemorating the Sephardim who perished there during the Holocaust. She is also the proud recipient of the 2003 Immigrant Achievement Award. Flory's music is circulated

through 5 recordings and in The Flory Jagoda Songbook. A documentary about her life, *The Key From Spain*, has been featured in national and international film festivals.

Jagoda's recording *Kantikas Di Mi Nona* (Songs of My Grandmother) consists of songs her grandmother, a Sephardic folksinger, taught her as a young girl. Following the release of her second recording, *Memories of Sarajevo*, she recorded *La Nona Kanta* (The Grandmother Songs), songs she herself wrote for her grandchildren. Through stories and music, Flory, now 88, will share her immigration journey from Bosnia to the United States, and the stories of the Sephardic people she grew up with and met along her journey.

Open House: 3:00 - 5:00

Concert: 5:15

Meet the artists: 6:15 - 7:00

Address: 1801 N. Quaker Lane, Alexandria, VA 22302

Ticket information found at:

http://events.r20.constantcontact.com/register/event?llr=dewmgybab&oeidk=a07e4ug6fzk35cd4495

All proceeds benefit EWI's entrepreneurial and lifechanging programs for immigrant, refugee and low-income women.

Kick-off Dinner Fun

A good time was had by all who attended the September Kick-off dinner at Thai Herbs.



Vote Yes to Save Money!



The board of AAUW of Virginia, after reducing operating costs repeatedly in the last few years, and after recently examining our state budget thoroughly, has determined that we are unable to operate effectively with our current revenues. We had to dip into our reserves to balance this

year's budget. An increase in our twenty-year-old, eight-dollar dues is a probability. (Read details about the dues increase in the fall issue of the *Vision*, due out in October.) However, there is one more way to try and cut expenses, and that is to cut the largest line item in the budget: the printing and mailing costs of the state newsletter, the *Virginia Vision*.

We want to begin emailing the Vision to as many members as possible in June of 2012. That will reduce the number of printed newsletters that we mail, thus cutting our expenses, hopefully by thousands of dollars. (Yes, we definitely **will** continue to mail the *Vision* to members un-

able or unwilling to receive it by email.)

This idea is not new; branches figured it out long ago. Branches have been emailing their newsletters for years, thus reducing *their* operating costs. We've all learned that using technology to our advantage saves money!

Depending on how many branch members are willing to receive the *Vision* via email, the amount we will need to increase state dues will be minimized. We hope that YOU will be willing to receive the Vision online. We need to hear from you about that, so in late October or early November, members with a current email address will be polled via email asking if you are willing to receive the *Vision* online. Your choice of response will make a huge difference in the AAUW of Virginia budget and in the amount of dues increase. If at all possible, please say YES!

Patsy Quick Vice President for Communications AAUW of Virginia 703-360-8678 pnquick@cox.net

Fairfax City AAUW Book & Author

Fairfax City Branch of AAUW

Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 5, 2011

11 am until 2 pm

Country Club of Fairfax

5110 Ox. Road, Fairfax, Virginia

703/272-3445

\$38 per person

This annual event is sponsored by the Fairfax City Branch of AAUW to raise funds for scholarships for women in our area. It also helps our national association provide financial help to women in education and other promising careers.

Please mail checks (to Fairfax City AAUW Branch), Mastercard or Visa information to Suzanne Mahoney, 8313 Chapel Lake Ct., Annandale, VA 22003. 703/978-3258 suzanne070946@mac.com \$38 includes lunch.

	COMING JOON Mt. Vernon Branch Website!	

AAUW is Present at the White House



AAUW Expanding Work in Science and Math Fields; Applauds Latest White House Announcement on STEM The American Association of University Women (AAUW) applauds the latest move by the federal government to make it easier for women to pursue careers in science, technology, engineering, and math (STEM). AAUW has a special interest in this issue, as we are preparing to take our successful regional STEM programming nationwide to encourage women and girls to enter these careers.

In recognition of AAUW's contributions to research and grassroots advocacy in promoting women's increased participation in STEM, the White House invited AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE, and AAUW President Carolyn Garfein to attend the September 26th announcement of the National Science Foundation's 10-year plan to increase workplace flexibility in the STEM fields. The event, in the East Room of the White House, featured First Lady Michelle Obama and NSF Director Subra Suresh. "We welcome the administration's recognition of the vital role the federal government plays in removing occupational barriers to women in these fields. AAUW's work in this area shows that even small improvements can make a big difference in retaining the best minds in the science and math fields," Hallman said.

AAUW's 2010 research report, *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics,* provides compelling evidence of the environmental and social barriers that continue to limit women's participation and progress in those fields. This report sparked AAUW's renewed commitment to building successful local programs to attract girls and women to STEM fields.

Currently, AAUW branches run many STEM education programs throughout the country, encouraging thousands of girls to consider a future in STEM. Next year, AAUW will partner with major corporations, government entities, and organizations currently participating in national STEM education coalitions to develop more STEM programs nationwide. These programs will be focused not only on students but also on the adults who can positively influence girls' career decisions.

Additionally, in 2012 AAUW will release new research on the role of community colleges in educating students for STEM careers. AAUW has a rich history of supporting women in STEM. In 1920, AAUW provided **Marie Curie** with funds to purchase radium for her research. AAUW also supported **Jenny Bramley**, who invented the cathode ray tube, the astronaut **Judith Resnick**, and many other prominent women in STEM. **Gayle S. W. Hagler**, a 2006–07 AAUW Selected Professions Fellow, received a Presidential Early Career Award for Scientists and Engineers, the highest honor bestowed by the U.S. government on science and engineering professionals in the early stages of their independent research careers.

Since 1888, AAUW has provided more than \$90 million in fellowships and grants to 11,000 recipients, and we currently give more than \$3.7 million each year to women preparing research for publication, advancing their careers, reentering the workforce, and pursuing advanced studies in the traditionally male STEM fields. AAUW also funds innovative community programs with a particular focus on increasing girls' and women's achievements in STEM.

Social Security Matters for Women

The American Association of University Women emphatically opposes slashing or means-testing benefits, raising the retirement age, toying with risky privatization schemes, or raiding the program in a misguided attempt to reduce the deficit.

The online address below explains more in detail how the AAUW is against the change in Social Security with example letters to send to your congressman via e-mail.

http://capwiz.com/aauw/alert/?alertid=50812821

2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity		
Saturday, October 22, 2011	Workhouse Arts Center Field Trip		
Time: 12 (Arts Center); 2-4 (movie)	"Iron Jawed Angels" Movie		
Place: Workhouse Arts Center	at home of Trish Smith		
More info to come	(carpooling planned)		
Thursday, November 10, 2011 Time: 7:00 p.m.	Malcolm Peck		
Place: Mt. Vernon Gov. Center	Speaker on Middle East with focus on		
	the women there.		
Saturday, December 3, 2011	Holiday Luncheon		
Time: 11:30 a.m.	Possible EF recipients as guests		
Place: Mt. Vernon Country Club			
Thursday, January 19, 2012	Erin Prangley, AAUW Associate Direc-		
Time: 7:00	tor of Government Relations will		
Place: Mt. Vernon Gov. Center	update to us on		
	AAUW Public Policy		
Thursday, February 16, 2012	Author: Holly Kearl, AAUW LAF Pro-		
Time: 7:00	gram Manager		
Place: Mt. Vernon Gov. Center	"Keeping the Streets Safe: Stop Street Harassment"		
Saturday, March 17, 2012	Annual Meeting & Brunch		
Time: 9:30 AM			
Place: Mt. Vernon Country Club			
Tuesday, April 24, 2012	LITTLE THEATER		
Time: 7:00	FUNDRAISER		
Place: Little Theater of Alexandria	"Witness for the Prosecution		
	(Tickets distributed in February)		
Thursday, May 17, 2012	Branch Potluck		
(time) TBD			
(place) TBD			
Saturday, June 9, 2012	Annual Planning Meeting		
(time) TBD			
(place) TBD			

DON'T FORGET THE MINI-WALK FOR UCM ON OCTOBER 1, 9:30 AT ELAINE KOLISH'S HOME, 920 EMERALD DRIVE, 22308.





A Memorial Service will be held for **Admiral Noel Gayler**, husband of branch member **Jeanne Gayler**, at the Mt. Vernon Unitarian Church on November 6, at 2 PM.

Admiral Gayler had a distinguished military career. Internment will be on November 7, at 3 PM, at Arlington Cemetery.

Charity: Doctors Without Borders

Our heartfelt sympathies go out to Jeanne.

AAUW Mt Vernon

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First Class



- 1 Mini-Walk 9:30 am
 Call Patsy Quick
 703/360-8678
- 4 Board Meeting, 7:30
 Cathy Krebs's home
 703/765-2751
- 10 Dining Out, noon
 Call Elizabeth Lonoff
 703/765-2634
- 17 Book Group, 7:30
 Call Edith Appel
 703-/80-3343
- 21 Meet Candidates, 7:00
 Sherwood Hall Library
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 Email Barbara Mann
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2	3	4 Board Meeting	5	6	7	8
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23	24	25	26	27	28 Game	29
30	31				Night	