

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

### Presidents' Corner



The evening of November 10 was special: our branch toasted 130 years of AAUW, raising glasses of bubbly sparkling cider provided by Hospitality Co-chairs Joanne Malkin and Shirley Richey. Delectable goodies added to

the festivity. Program Vice Presidents Joanne Clark and Erika Kinsey arranged a most interesting and well attended program featuring author Malcolm Peck speaking on the role of women in the Arab Spring uprisings and the chances for their improved status. Joanne Clark and Patsy Quick were just back from their trip to Paris and we vicariously enjoyed their trip.

United Community Ministries sent us a heart-felt "thank you" for our donation of \$250 to enable children to walk in the 2011 Help the Homeless Walkathon. UCM did reach its goal of 3,000 walkers and thereby won a \$50,000 incentive from Fannie Mae. The

children we sponsored were excited to receive free T-shirts. "Working together we are all part of the solution."

The Holiday Lunch on December 3 promises to be a great chance to get together. Louise Meade informs us that the Mount Vernon Country Club will be decorated for the holidays. Young musicians from West Potomac High School will provide entertainment. AAUW Fellowship Recipient Toby Jenkins, who was profiled in the Fall issue of AAUW Virginia Vision, has agreed to join us for lunch and will talk briefly on her research on the utility of culture as a politic of social survival.

Kudos to **Patsy Quick**: our branch now has a website – <a href="http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net">http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net</a>.

Best Wishes for a happy and healthy holiday season.

Cathy Krebs & Saundra Prince

# DECEMBER

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# Holiday Luncheon

**December 3** 

**11:30 am** 

## **Holiday Luncheon, December 3**



On Saturday, December 3, the Mt. Vernon Branch of AAUW will hold its annual luncheon at the Mt. Vernon Country Club. We should plan to arrive at 11:30 to mix and jingle, I mean mingle, before lunch is served

at 12:15. There will be a cash bar.

The menu is as follows and costs each of us \$25.00.

Romaine salad with corn, cucumbers, tomatoes and raspberry Vinaigrette,

Choice of Entrée: Citrus chicken breast with penne pasta or Beef stroganoff over

buttered Noodles.

Ice Cream Sundae Bar (self service)

Please send your choice of entrée and a check for **\$25.00 (correct amount)** by

MONDAY, NOVEMBER 28 to:

Joanne Clark 6607 10<sup>th</sup> Street, Apt. A2 Alexandria, VA 22307

Tel: 703-768-8996

Clip and mail form on page 2.

Mt. Vernon Country Club

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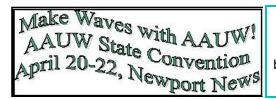
#### Reservation Form for Holiday Luncheon

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Check enclosed made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW in the amount of \$25.00

Joanne Clark 6607 10th Street, Apt. A2 Alexandria, VA 22307

Reservation deadline is NOVEMBER 28.



AAUW of Virginia State Conference will be in Newport News, April 20-22, 2012. Mark you calendar now! What will be happening there? Discussion of dues increase and bylaws amendments, workshops, and tours. Reconnect with friends and re-energize your AAUW spirit!

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# **Book Group**

Please let the hostess know whether or not you plan to attend.

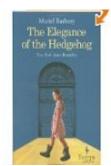
Bring a small gift to exchange.

**DATE:** Monday, December 19, 7:30

**HOSTESS:** Patsy Quick

5508 Old Mill Rd. Alexandria, 22309

703/360-8678 pnquick@cox.net



CO-HOSTESS: Barbara Mann

**Book:** Elegance of the Hedgehog

by Muriel Barbery

**Reviewer: Betty Demarest** 

Next Book: In the Garden of Beasts

by Eric Larson

# Game Night

The next Game Night will be in January.

Please contact Barbara Mann at <a href="mailto:speech.solutions@verizon.net">speech.solutions@verizon.net</a>

if you'd like to join the group.



## **Dining Out**

Join us at 7 pm on Friday, January 20th



For our January *Dining Out*, we plan to celebrate DC Restaurant Week at a local fine restaurant at **7 pm on Friday**, **January 20th** (tentative). The special 3-course fixed-price dinner will cost \$35.12 plus beverages, tax, and gratuity. Dining Out members will select the restaurant once the choices are announced. An early January e-mail will invite RSVPs to

distribute available seats, with a confirmation to follow once the reservation is finalized.

If you want to help the Dining Out members pick the restaurant and date and set the size of the reservation, please contact Elizabeth Lonoff (elonoff@msn.com) by December 12th.

For our April *Dining Out*, the members will be back to picking a restaurant at the January event for the second Friday from either the list of openings or the list of new and old favorites that Elizabeth keeps based on recommendations. Please feel free to send her your recommendations at any time.

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### **Elect-Her Awardees in VA**

#### **Caroline Pickens**

**Elect Her—Campus Women Win** is the only nationwide program that trains college women to run for student government and future office. It will be held on 30 campuses around the country next year. The program is a collaboration between AAUW and Running Start.

I am really pleased to pass on the news that two Virginia campuses have been selected as sites for "Elect Her" training this next year: **UVA and Washington and Lee. Lauren Germain,** AAUW of Virginia College/University Representative, is the AAUW liaison for the UVA training,

and **HelenRuth Burch** (Roanoke Valley Branch) is the AAUW liaison for Washington and Lee. Additionally, George Washington University was selected, and **Sandy Sieber** (McLean Area) will be their AAUW liaison. This is not only a great project for AAUW but a wonderful way to introduce college women to AAUW in general.

TO READ MORE GO TO... http://www.aauw.org/media/pressreleases/electher\_102011.cfm

### Education Funds Edith Appel

When considering your donations at the end of the year, please keep AAUW in mind. If you wish to make a contribution, please make out your check to AAUW Funds. On the bottom of the check indicate whether you want your donation to go to LAF or the Educational Opportunities Fund. Also, write *Mt. Vernon Branch* in the "for" line.



Checks should be sent to Joanne Malkin, 8339 Orange Court,

Alexandria 22309.

#### Crossing the Line Report Released

AAUW's groundbreaking research report on sexual harassment in grades 7–12, *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School*, was released electronically on November 7. You can download the full report online or, you can order print copies from <a href="ShopAAUW">ShopAAUW</a>.

# **AAUW Receives Four-Star Rating**

Charity Navigator awards
AAUW its highest rating for
nonprofits.



See the full report at aauw.org

## **November Meeting / Celebration**



More that 30 members and guests attended the November meeting.



**Joanne Clark** offered a toast to AAUW's 130th anniversary.



Malcolm Peck's talk about the Arab Spring was both informative and timely.

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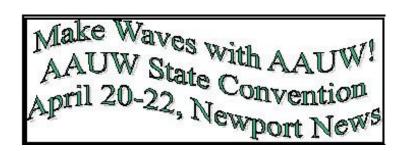
# 2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

| Meeting Date and Place  | Focus/Activity  |
|---|---|
| Saturday, December 3, 2011 Time: 11:30 a.m. Place: Mt. Vernon Country Club  | Holiday Luncheon Possible EF recipients as guests   |
| Thursday, January 19, 2012<br>Time: 7:00<br>Place: Mt. Vernon Gov. Center   | Erin Pringley, Associate Director of<br>Government Relations<br>for AAUW                                    |
| Thursday, February 16, 2012<br>Time: 7:00<br>Place: Mt. Vernon Gov. Center  | Author: Holly Kearl, AAUW LAF Pro-<br>gram Manager<br>"Keeping the Streets Safe: Stop Street<br>Harassment" |
| Saturday, March 17, 2012<br>Time: 9:30 AM<br>Place: Mt. Vernon Country Club | Annual Meeting & Brunch   |
| Tuesday, April 24, 2012 Time: 7:00 Place: Little Theater of Alexandria      | LITTLE THEATER FUNDRAISER "Witness for the Prosecution (Tickets distributed in February)                    |
| Thursday, May 17, 2012<br>(time) TBD<br>(place) TBD                         | Branch Potluck  |
| Saturday, June 9, 2012<br>(time) TBD<br>(place) TBD                         | Annual Planning Meeting   |

#### SAVE THESE DATES

AAUW STATE LOBBY DAY, RICHMOND, WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 1, 2012

AAUW FEDERAL LOBBY DAY, WASHINGTON, D.C., THURSDAY, MAY 10, 2012



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#### **First Class**

# Happy Holidays

- 3 Holiday Luncheon
   Call Joanne Clark
   703/768-8996
- 6 Board Meeting, 7:30
   Cathy Krebs's home
   703/765-2751
- 19 Book Group, 6:30
   Call Patsy Quick
   703/360-8678



# December 2011

| SUN | MON              | TUE                     | WED | THU | FRI | SAT                      |
|-----|------------------|-------------------------|-----|-----|-----|--------------------------|
| 13  |                  |                         |     | 1   | 2   | 3<br>Holiday<br>Luncheon |
| 4   | 5                | 6<br>Board Meet-<br>ing | 7   | 8   | 9   | 10                       |
| 11  | 12               | 13                      | 14  | 15  | 16  | 17                       |
| 18  | 19<br>Book Group | 20                      | 2   | 22  | 23  | 24                       |
| 25  | 26               | 27                      | 28  | 29  | 30  | 31                       |