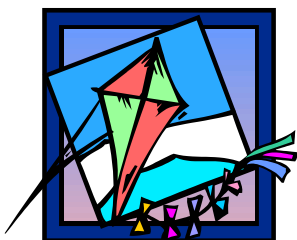




# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

## Presidents' Corner



It is unknown what happened to winter but we have been fortunate to not have to contend with snow or ice. We had a good turnout at our February 23 meeting

when **Holly Kearl** was our speaker and **Sandra Lawrence**, Northern District Representative, joined us. Holly was full of information and very inspiring.

Our appreciation to those of you who have participated in the One Member/One Vote initiative. When members select electronic mailings it frees up more funds to focus on the AAUW mission. You have until April 1 to add your name to the list of those who have opted-out of a paper ballot from AAUW of Virginia, and how much easier can it be than to just inform **Patsy Quick**. After the Newport News Conference, you will be able to vote on the state bylaws changes, and on the proposal to raise the State dues to \$15 from \$8,

which is the first time in 20 years. See the recent Virginia *Vision* for more information.

Patsy wrote a nice article about our Christmas luncheon guest, **Dr. Toby Jenkins**. She made us realize the funds we donate to the Education Fund are wisely spent.

Little Theatre tickets (two per member) have been mailed and we are looking forward to an enjoyable evening. Please plan on coming and, if you need additional tickets, we will be glad to provide them.

Cathy and I will be sending out some information very soon on the annual meeting and hope you will think about several items before you come to the meeting. Why? Less business and more time to socialize!

You will also want to consider attending the State Conference in Newport News.

*Saundra Prince & Cathy Krebs*

**MARCH  
17**

**Branch  
Annual  
Meeting  
&  
Brunch**

**9:00 am**

**Mt. Vernon  
Country  
Club**

## Branch Annual Meeting & Brunch

**It's time to eat heartily and let your voice be heard at the AAUW Mt. Vernon  
Branch Annual Meeting and Brunch**

Please join us on **Saturday, March 17, 2012 from 9:00 a.m.-Noon** at the Mt. Vernon Country Club. Coffee and juice will be served from 9:00-9:30. The hot and cold breakfast buffet will begin at 9:30 and our meeting will end at noon. The cost for the breakfast brunch and meeting is \$25.00. Checks should be made out to the AAUW Mt. Vernon Branch and must be received by Monday, March 12. Send checks and reservations:

AAUW Annual Meeting  
c/o Ericka Kinsey  
7041 Quander Rd  
Alexandria, VA 22307



Please note that if you make a reservation and find you'll be unable to attend, please let Ericka know by the March 13, if possible, to avoid being charged for the meal. You can leave a message at 703-660-0713 or email [erickakinsey@gmail.com](mailto:erickakinsey@gmail.com). We are looking forward to seeing you all there!

## RESERVATION FOR BRUNCH

I, \_\_\_\_\_, plan to come to the March 17 Annual Meeting and brunch at the Mt. Vernon Country Club on Old Mill Road.

My check, made out to *Mt. Vernon AAUW*, for \$25 is enclosed.

Mail to: AAUW Annual Meeting c/o Ericka Kinsey, 7041 Quander Rd., Alexandria, VA 22307  
Deadline is March 12.



The AAUW Board is seeking nominations for the Board position of **Secretary**. The Secretary records the business meeting of the Board and the Minutes of the Annual Meeting. This is an important position because the Minutes provide a record of the Board's meetings and decisions. The Secretary position can be a two-person position. We have had this structure in the past as with other Board positions. If the Secretary is unable to be at a meeting, another Board member volunteers to record the Minutes. **Call Lois Passman: 703/781-7626.**

**Trish Smith** has agreed to run for Treasurer for a third term, provided our bylaws can be changed. (See page 4.)

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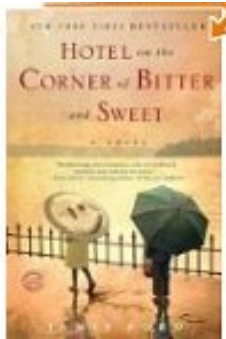
## Book Group

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

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

**HOSTESS:** Diane Watts  
4403 Robertson Blvd.  
Alexandria, 22309  
703/780-1753  
dwatts12@webtv.net

**CO-HOSTESS:** Joanne Clark



**Book:** Hotel on the Corner of Bitter and Sweet  
by Jamie Ford

**Reviewer:** Ebba Jo Spettel

**Next Book:** A Thousand Acres  
by Jane Smiley

## Game Night

**The next Game Night will be March 30 at 7:15  
at the home of Patsy Quick:**

5508 Old Mill Road, Alexandria 22309

***Please respond to the email that will ask for your RSVP.***

Contact Barbara Mann at [speech.solutions@verizon.net](mailto:speech.solutions@verizon.net)  
if you'd like to join the group.



## Northern District News

**Sandra Lawrence**

The Spring Virginia Vision has been mailed and I hope everyone has read it. Have you noticed the number of Northern District members cited in the newsletter? From state officers to workshop presenters to Vision Editor, Northern District members continue to support AAUW at all levels.

Please read the Vision carefully as it has lots of information in support of VA historical One Member/One Vote. Voting will be in May, but the items will be discussed at the conference business meetings. The district meeting will be Sunday morning, April 22.

### **HAVE YOU.... Sent in your AAUW of Virginia Spring Conference Registration?**

To get the discount rate, the registration form must be received by March 15; same date to get the conference room rate from the hotel. And when you are making your plans to attend the conference, why not discuss car-pooling with other members. There are probably members that would love to attend, but are leery of the drive. Car-pooling may be the push for members to attend their first conference. Looking forward to "Making Waves" with all of you in April.



Sandra Lawrence  
Northern District Representative  
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703 569 1588

## Branch Bylaws Changes

Elaine Kolish

Our branch board would like to propose the following two changes to our bylaws, and in accordance with the bylaws' requirements we are seeking the State bylaw chair or committee's approval. We plan to vote on this at the Annual Meeting, March 17.

The changes are noted below.

- No officer shall hold more than one office at a time, and no elected officer shall be eligible to serve more than **three (replacing two)** consecutive terms in the same office.
- **Section 3. Branch Vote.** Provisions of these bylaws not governed by the AAUW Bylaws may be amended at a branch meeting by a **majority (replacing two-thirds)** vote of those present and voting, provided written notice shall have been sent to the members at least 14 days prior to the meeting.

## New Member



**Bianca Daugherty** was born and raised in Germany, where she studied English and French at the Vorbeck Institute of Foreign Languages. In 1994, Bianca moved to the United States with her husband and two sons.

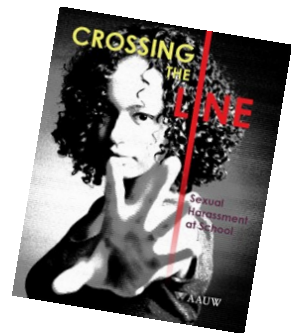
She began work with the German Government in 1999, eventually becoming a Senior Export Officer. Additionally, she serves as a Local Hire Representative, ensuring fair treatment for local employees.

In her spare time Bianca enjoys gardening, cooking, reading, traveling, and spending time with her family.

Welcome Bianca and add her to your directory: 4406 Aragon Place, Alexandria, 22309, 571/332-8371, d4bnjk@aol.com

## Branch Meeting February 23

A great group came out to hear **Holly Kearn** speak about AAUW's research report *Crossing the Line* and her book Stop Street Harassment. Holly's talk was informative and inspiring. As a result, **Elaine Kolish** will donate a copy of Stop Street Harassment to Sherwood Hall Regional Library with a branch nameplate inside. Several members will take *Crossing the Line* to schools with which they have an association. As many as 20 copies of *Crossing the Line* may be ordered free at <http://www.aauw.org/learn/research/crossingtheline.cfm>.



Cathy Krebs, Sandra Prince, Jeanne Gayler, with Holly Kearn, our speaker, on the right.



**Sandy Lawrence** (left), AAUW of VA Northern District Rep. and **Angela Booker** (right), from the Woodbridge Branch joined us at the meeting. Sandy talked about the state conference in April. Angela is running for state Co-Vice President for Public Policy.

## DID YOU HEAR ?

**The AAUW of Virginia Board is proposing to increase state dues to \$15 !!**

**You're kidding!**

**No way!**

**Unbelievable!**

**What for??**

It's true. The word is out. State dues have not increased for AAUW of Virginia members for twenty years, but necessity offers us no alternative.

What used to cost \$8 in 1991 now costs more than \$13. The state board has stretched and stretched that \$8 until it can't be stretched anymore! We had to go into reserves this year to balance the budget. After great debate we determined that an increase to \$15 will mean that we won't have to consider another increase for some years.

When given the option in 2009, AAUW of Virginia members determined that having a state board was something you wanted to keep. Here are some reasons why:

- The state board is the link between National and the branches. We know how to get your questions and concerns to the right people at National. We make sure branches receive the resources you can use or know where to find them.
- The state board is a direct connection to the branches: a layer of support and assistance.
- The state website and Facebook page promote our branches to potential new members, especially younger women. We are "out there" for you!
- Through the publication of the *Vision* we provide a way to share branch programs, events and ideas. We inform members of state activities and national initiatives.
- The state lobbies in Richmond, representing more than 1300 members, which carries more weight than that of your individual branch or members.

We organize and provide state conferences where members and branch leaders can re-energize, learn, gather ideas, network, socialize, and feel the pride of being part of something bigger than ourselves.

**Come to the AAUW of Virginia Making Waves Conference in Newport News, April 20-22, to contribute your *two-cents-worth* to the discussion!**

**(Adjusted for inflation that's \$2.45.)**

Patsy Quick  
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**AAUW Action Fund Launches 'It's My Vote' Campaign** Recently the **AAUW Action Fund** launched [It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard](#), a nonpartisan voter education and turnout effort that aims to maximize the electoral power of young women in the 2012 election. Eighteen- to 30-year-olds represent the largest generation since the baby boomers and present the strongest opportunity to increase voter turnout among women. As part of this national campaign, the **AAUW Action Fund** is providing grants to 15 target states to help them increase the influence of women in shaping public policy. (Virginia was one of these states!) The My Vote campaign will also focus on critical issues that affect women such as jobs, college affordability, and health care, including access to birth control.

"AAUW stands on a rich history of civic engagement and voter education," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "We recognize the power of a single vote, and we will do everything we can to encourage all citizens to cast an informed ballot. Women must get involved in the political process to ensure that the issues they care about get the attention they deserve."

**AAUW Action Fund Releases Congressional Voting Record** This week, the AAUW Action Fund released a scorecard of members of Congress' action on issues that will be critical to women and their families when they cast their votes in the upcoming elections. The new [Congressional Voting Record](#), which covers the first session of the 112th Congress, outlines how U.S. senators and representatives voted and whether they co-sponsored legislation on priority issues affecting education, economic security, and civil rights. "This voting record underscores the lack of action on women's issues and will be a powerful tool outside the Beltway," said Lisa Maatz, AAUW director of public policy and government relations.

## Legal Advocacy Update

### LAF Case Featured in Sundance Award-Winning Film *The Invisible War*

The Department of Defense estimates that about 19,000 military service women and men were sexually assaulted and raped in 2010. The widespread problem of sexual assault in the military is the subject of the new documentary *The Invisible War*. The documentary features several of the plaintiffs from the LAF-supported lawsuit *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*, including the lead plaintiff, Kori Cioca. It also features her attorney, Susan Burke. The documentary premiered at the Sundance Film Festival in January and earned the **Audience Award**.

LAF Program Manager **Holly Kearl** attended a screening and survivor speak-out, where she was able to meet with Cioca ([see a photo](#) on AAUW's blog). In an upcoming Program in a Box, AAUW members will learn what they can do to address the issue of military sexual assault. **In the meantime, please contact your representative about the Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act, donate to AAUW to help offset the legal costs of the lawsuit, and visit *The Invisible War's* website to learn about other actions you can take.**



In separate phone calls, two **United Communities Ministries** board members made separate phone calls to the Mt. Vernon Branch board to thank the branch for our generous contribution this fall. Our donation made it possible for many students to participate in Fannie Mae's Walk for the Homeless. This enabled UCM to reap the reward of bonus money, which was sorely needed.

# 2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Saturday, March 17, 2012 Time: 9:00 AM Place: Mt. Vernon Country Club	Annual Meeting & Brunch
April 20-22 Newport News, Virginia	AAUW of Virginia State Conference MAKING WAVES
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 (time) TBD (place) TBD	Branch Potluck
Saturday, June 9, 2012 (time) TBD (place) TBD	Annual Planning Meeting

**MAKING WAVES  
AAUW OF VIRGINIA  
APRIL 20-22, 2012**

## DID YOU KNOW...?

We now have a branch WEBSITE! Visit it at  
<http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net>

Learn about meetings, read the newsletter,  
vote for the AAUW art contest just by  
clicking.

It's our year to bring  
savories for the  
reception...

Tickets to the fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, Tuesday, April 24, 8:00 PM, have been mailed. The tickets cost \$30 each. We hope you will support our one and only fundraiser by mailing your checks to:

**Patsy Quick, 5508 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, Virginia 22309.**

We look forward to seeing you and your friends there!



**Witness for the Prosecution**  
**Directed by Eddie Page**  
**Written by Agatha Christie**

Unravel the mystery of Leonard Vole, a small time inventor accused of murdering a rich, old widow. All evidence points to Vole, but only his wife, Christine, can save him from the gallows. After a trial filled with many surprises, Leonard's wife does appear on the witness stand -- but for the prosecution. A fabulous twisted plot and Christie's pitch-perfect writing make this an enjoyable and suspenseful romp.

## AAUW Mt Vernon

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## First Class



# March 2012

- **1 AAUW Reception, 6:00**  
Nat. Museum of Women  
in the Arts
- **6 Board Meeting, 7:30**  
Saundra Prince's home  
703/360-5012
- **17 Annual Meeting and  
Brunch, 9:00 AM**  
Call Ericka Kinsey  
703/660-0713
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