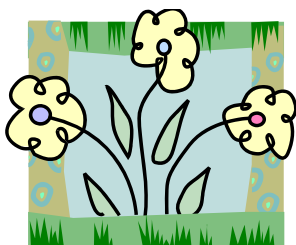




Mt. Vernon Voices

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

Presidents' Corner



Sure 'twas great to see so many members at our grand Annual Meeting on March 17. Indeed there was a lot of wearing of the green, and guilt on the part

of those who forgot! Green or no, we got a lot done: the budget for next year was approved; we voted to allocate our budgeted AAUW Funds contribution 50/50 to the Educational Opportunities Fund and the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund; amendment of the Branch Policy Sheet was announced and the Branch bylaws were amended to allow officers to serve three consecutive terms; **Trish Smith** was immediately elected to office again as Treasurer. We still need a Co-President to fill out **Saundra Prince's** term and a new Vice President for Membership. We had some good discussions as to what we would like to see/hear/do next year. Many thanks to all

the many members who helped make this very useful meeting happen.

Shirley Richey, Joanne Malkin, and Patsy Quick will represent our Branch at the AAUW State Conference in Newport News.

Our much-needed annual fundraiser at the Little Theater will be on Tuesday, April 24.

Volunteers are worth more than the gold at the end of the rainbow! **Dejuana Jones** will hold the Branch Potluck on May 17, and **Louise Meade** will host the Annual Planning Meeting.

Small tokens of vast appreciation were presented to outgoing Vice President for Membership, **Kelly Morris** and Co-President **Saundra Prince**. Their cheerful and very effective participation will be missed.

Happy Spring!

**APRIL
24**

**Branch
Fundraiser**

7:00 pm

**Little Theatre
of
Alexandria**

**Tickets
\$30**

Witness for the Prosecution April 24

Time for another great event at the Little Theatre of Alexandria!

Our annual fundraiser with the Alexandria Branch is **April 24**. The play is Agatha Christie's **Witness for the Prosecution**. A wonderful reception with savories, sweets, wine and punch will begin at 7:00 in the Green Room. Our members are responsible for bringing the savories and wine. **Please arrange with Patsy Quick to get your food and wine items to her by the morning of the event so she can take them to the theater in the afternoon.**

We will also have a beautiful basket to raffle, containing wines and wine accoutrements. The raffle tickets will be \$5.00 each, 3 for \$10, or 6 for \$25.

The performance will begin at 8:00. 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.

TICKETS ARE STILL AVAILABLE! CONTACT PATSY QUICK IF YOU NEED MORE:

703/360-8678 PNQUICK@COX.NET



**Be in the
know!**



**Learn &
have fun!**

The AAUW Board is seeking nominations for the Board position of **Membership Vice President (MVP)**. This person makes contacts with prospective new members, who are usually referred to her by current members. She distributes AAUW information and sees that the prospective member receives the newsletter and an invitation to meetings. The MVP prepares name tags and also makes them available at meetings. If you are interested call **Kelly Morris (703/360-7476)** to learn more. **Call Lois Passman and sign up! (703/781-7626).**

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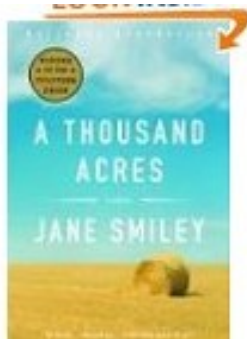
Book Group

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

CO-HOSTESS: Betty Demarest

DATE: Monday, April 16, 7:30

HOSTESS: Gerry Pratsch
6220 Tally Ho Lane
Alexandria 22307
703/329-1050
gpratsch7@gmail.com



Book: A Thousand Acres
by Jane Smiley

Reviewer: DeJuana Jones

Next Book: Sweet Mandarin
by Helen Tse

Game Night

**The next Game Night will be May 25 at 7:15
at the home of Bianca Daugherty:**

4406 Aragon Place, Alexandria 22309

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

Contact Barbara Mann at speech.solutions@verizon.net
if you'd like to join the group.



Dining Out

Join us at 7 pm on Friday, April 13th

Menu – <http://www.bastillerestaurant.com/Dinner.html>



Bastille Restaurant
1201 N. Royal Street
Alexandria, VA
(703) 519-3776

Reviews:

- http://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g30226-d1166061-Reviews-Bastille-Alexandria_Virginia.html

- <http://www.bastillerestaurant.com/Dinner.html>

- <http://www.washingtonian.com/restaurantreviews/2118.html>

Bastille is a gem of a restaurant tucked away in a residential neighborhood in Alexandria. It specializes in modern French cuisine. The food is excellent, and the decor is simple and cozy. Bastille supports sustainable, traditional and humane farming. In November, Northern Virginia Magazine ranked Bastille #20, listing in among the top 50 for the fifth year in a row.

To participate, please reply to the e-mail invitation so that a reservation can be made. Please feel free to invite a friend or spouse. **If you plan to attend, please contact Elizabeth Lonoff (elonoff@msn.com; 202-564-1607) by April 4th.**

Branch Annual Meeting Actions

Our branch took action on a number of items at the Annual Meeting March 17:

- We voted to make the following change to our bylaws:
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.
- **Trish Smith** was elected Treasurer. Congratulations! And thank you for continuing to serve as treasurer.
- We voted to allocate our budgeted AAUW-Funds-contribution 50/50 to the **Educational Opportunities Fund** and the **Eleanor Roosevelt Fund**.
- We accepted changes made by the board to our branch Policy Sheet.

Public Policy

Gerry Pratsch



WASHINGTON – AAUW launched the **Elect Her initiative** — to expand the pipeline of women running for elective office, an effort that could change the face of politics in America. Women now hold just 17 percent of the seats in Congress and 24 percent of seats in state legislatures.

AAUW's Elect Her initiative aims to close the long-standing political leadership gender gap by empowering and training women to run for office at all levels. The initiative consists of a full continuum of programming. The centerpiece is Elect Her — Campus Women Win, in which AAUW, in conjunction with Running Start, **will train college women to run for campus-based elective office. Additionally, AAUW will promote Running Start's successful Young Women's Political Leadership High School Program and the Women's Campaign Forum's She Should Run campaign, which also has Running Start's**

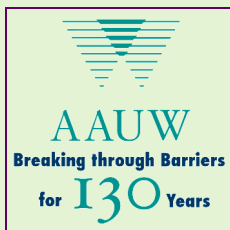
support. Workshops led by experts in the field on public speaking, messaging, networking, on-camera media training, and platform development are ways that encourage the girls to channel their leadership into politics.

"AAUW, Running Start, and the Women's Campaign Forum are committed to helping women become leaders on their campuses and in their communities. We focus on the different aspects of the leadership gap, but our ultimate goal is to have better representation of women at all levels — from the highest halls of government to student government," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE.

This spring, Elect Her trainings took place at **Duke University, University of Alabama, University of Virginia and Western Washington University.**

To read more about these schools and the training go to http://blog-aauw.org/2012/03/15/elect-her-digest-2/?utm_source=feedburner&utm_medium=email&utm_campaign=Feed%3A+AauwBlog+%28AAUW+Dialog%29

To read more about the **Elect Her** initiative go to www.aauw.org and type "Elect Her" in the search line.



Cathy Krebs (left) and Sandra Prince attended a by-invitation-only luncheon sponsored by AAUW at the National Museum of Women in the Arts on February 24.



Global Gender Pay Gap Unchanged in Last Decade

A new report by the International Trade Union Confederation found that women are paid 18 percent less than men on average worldwide. The report, *Frozen in Time: Gender Pay Gap Unchanged for 10 Years*, analyzed women's wages in 43 countries and concluded that no significant progress had been made in closing the global gender pay gap for more than a decade. The report found that workers in traditionally unionized sectors tend to fare better in terms of the gender pay gap. The report also showed that childrearing is much more detrimental to female wages than to male wages. AAUW has long fought to end wage discrimination. We believe that equal pay for equal work is a simple matter of justice for women. Wage discrimination affects the economic security of families today and directly affects retirement security as women look down the road. AAUW strongly supports initiatives that seek to close the persistent and sizable wage gaps between men and women, and minorities as well.

We invite you to mark Equal Pay Day, Tuesday, April 17, by spreading the word about the gender pay gap and AAUW.

We Asked, You Answered: Who are the Great Women in History?

Go to: <http://blog-aauw.org/2012/03/19/we-asked-you-answered>

Legal Advocacy Update



AAUW Supports Second Military Sexual Assault Case

On March 6, eight current and former service members filed a lawsuit against U.S. Secretary of Defense Leon Panetta and numerous Marine Corps officers. The plaintiffs are accusing military officials of creating a culture in which sexual assault and rape is tolerated and in which people who report it face retaliation. AAUW is

providing support to this case and to *Cioca v. Rumsfeld*, which also deals with the issue of sexual assault in the military. The new case focuses on assault and harassment in the U.S. Marine Barracks in Washington, D.C. Lawyer Susan Burke plans to file additional lawsuits focused on similar crimes in other branches of the military. AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman spoke at the March 6 press conference and emphasized that AAUW would stand with these courageous women as they work to create a safer environment for women in the military.

Become a Two-Minute Activist,

where you can **MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD IN CONGRESS!** First, take one minute to read about the latest issue in Congress. Then, take one more minute to personalize a message and e-mail it to your member of Congress.

[Subscribe at www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org): click on ACT, then click on Two-Minute Activist

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Our strength is in our numbers, and through the volume of our collective voice we will continue to break through barriers for women and girls.

AAUW of Virginia Conference

Making Waves!

April 20-22



Marriott at Oyster Point, Newport News

What could be more enticing on a lovely spring weekend than a drive to beautiful Newport News, ending at the Marriott Hotel at Oyster Point, where AAUW of Virginia members will be...

Making Waves!

THE PRICE IS RIGHT: The AAUW hotel rate is \$99, until March 28. The conference price, including Saturday lunch and banquet is \$95 (after March 15, \$105). We hope you will come for the Friday dessert reception for just \$18 more. As AAUW conference prices go, ours is one of the best in the country!



Clock Tower Hampton University

What's to get excited about?

Keynote Speaker, the dynamic **Lisa Maatz**, will inform you about AAUW Public Policy happenings.

3 Workshops will motivate you: **Making Waves with Social Media**, **Sink or Swim- The Importance of Getting and Keeping Members**, & **Get out the Vote**.

Busy Business Meetings will energize you: nominations, the dues increase, bylaws amendments, & public policy priorities.

AAUW Fellow **Laura Puaca** will impress you: She "made waves" in science.

Pulitzer Prize recipient for poetry, **Rita Dove**, will inspire you: She receives AAUW of Virginia's Woman of Achievement Award.

Making and renewing friendships will delight you.

Get Ready for Some Down-Time!

During the leisure time on Saturday afternoon, you have a choice of two guided tours. (Each tour costs \$10.) One tour visits the **Hampton University Museum**, the oldest African American museum in the United States, which features not only African fine arts, but Native American, Hawaiian, Pacific Island and Asian art.

The other tour visits the **Mariner's Museum** where you can explore 60,000 square feet of maritime artifacts.

Other opportunities for time on-your-own might include tons of shopping, visiting the unique sites in Williamsburg, Norfolk, Virginia Beach, Yorktown, and Portsmouth. The Azalea Festival in Norfolk begins on April 24, and Virginia's Historic Garden Week runs April 21-28. *You will need to come early and stay late! Bring your family! We can't wait to see you.*

FINE PRINT: Registration form may be found at www.aauwofva.org. Call the Marriott Hotel at 757/873-9299 before March 28 for the AAUW rate. Conference registration is \$95 by March 15; \$105 after March 15.

2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
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: 6:30 pm Place: Home of DeJuana Jones 8406 Stockade Drive	Branch Potluck
Saturday, June 9, 2012 Time: 9:30 am Place: Louise Meade's home 5902 Mt. Eagle Drive #1414	Annual Planning Meeting

DID YOU KNOW...?

We now have a branch WEBSITE!

Visit it at <http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net>

Learn about meetings, read the newsletter, just by clicking.

Want to help decorate the Green Room for the fundraiser on April 24?

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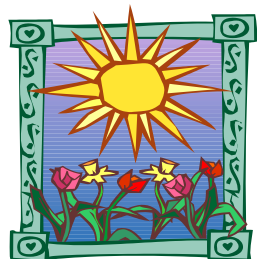
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AAUW OF VIRGINIA
APRIL 20-22, 2012**

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First Class



- **3 Board Meeting, 7:30**
Cathy Krebs's home
703/765-2751
- **16 Book Group, 7:30**
Gerry Pratsch
703/329-1050
- **20-22 Making Waves**
State Conference,
Newport News
- **24 Fundraiser at The**
Little Theatre of Alexan-
dria,
Reception 7:00
Performance 8:00

April 2012

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22 State Con- ference	23	24 Little Thea- tre Event	25	26	27	28
29	30					