



# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

## Presidents' Corner



May is a busy and exciting month. Three Branch members, **Patsy Quick, Shirley Richey and Joanne Malkin**, attended the April Making Waves State Conference in Newport News. We all gain such insight from them when they return from state events.

Our annual fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, April 24, had good Branch participation and overall turnout. It was an enjoyable evening and the profit from this event allows us to support AAUW at the National level.

Several emails have addressed The Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) Education Coalition which is one of the action groups we hope to form this coming year. The STEM newsletter is enclosed in one of the emails and provides great background about this program and some of its ongoing projects helping girls.

Human trafficking is a problem of great interest, and **Jeanne Gayler** is already addressing this issue.

We have supported an American Legion Girls State Attendee from Mount Vernon HS for many years and learned that Boys State funding is covered by the American Legion, but funding for girls is not. **Lois Passman** is researching this lack of equity.

Please attend the June 9 Planning Meeting where we will discuss these issues in more depth. We see this as more than raising money to donate funds because we want to actively make a difference in some girls' lives.

We need someone to assist **Elizabeth Lonoff** with Dining out. If you are interested please let us know. The only prerequisite is that you love to find new restaurants.

Our newest members are **Bianca Daugherty** and **Merle Jupiter**, and we warmly welcome them!

The May meeting will be a potluck dinner at **DeJuana Jones'** home.

*Saundra Prince & Cathy Krebs*

## MAY POTLUCK DINNER

**6:30**

**Home of  
DeJuana Jones**

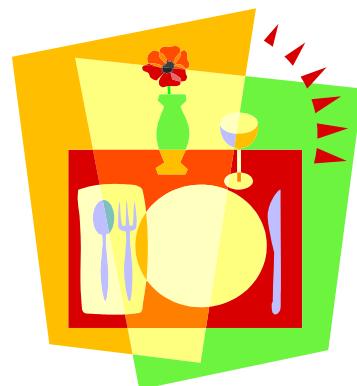
**Bring a dish!**

## Potluck Dinner Always a Hit

Join us for food, fun, fellowship!

On Thursday, May 19, **DeJuana Jones** will be hosting our annual branch pot luck dinner. **Joanne Clark** is working with DeJuana to organize this event and will be contacting all of you by email with a sign-up sheet for attendance as well as for items to be contributed. We know that **Shirley Richey** will bring 2 roasted chicken breasts as the potluck entrée. Donations will be accepted for that and drinks that will be provided. This is always a festive and fun event so start thinking about what you might want to contribute.

Please call Joanne Clark at 202-939-5596 or 703-768-8996 if you have questions prior to receiving her email.



## Shirley is a WINNER!

At the State Conference, Making Waves, in Newport News, **Shirley Richey** won our own beautiful branch raffle basket (left). Then she proceeded to win two more baskets!! There she is on the right with **Joanne Malkin** and all of her loot!!



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## Book Group

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

CO-HOSTESS: Betty Demarest

DATE: Monday, May 21, 7:30

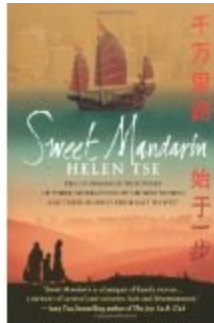
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Book: Sweet Mandarin  
by Helen Tse

Reviewer: Alice Bagwill

Next Book: The Chimney Sweeper's Boy  
by Barbara Vine

## 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](mailto:speech.solutions@verizon.net)  
if you'd like to join the group.



## McLean Branch Invitation



**McLean Area Branch** cordially invites you to their May 15<sup>th</sup> dinner to hear **Dr. Johnnetta Cole**. She will discuss why the Smithsonian created a museum of African Art, why it is important to American history and culture, and why it's particularly important to women. Dr. Cole made history as the first African American woman president of Spelman College in 1987, the first African American to chair the board of the United Way of America, and the first woman on the board of Coca-Cola. Recipient of the 1991 AAUW Achievement Award, she was named *Washingtonian* magazine's 100 Most Powerful Women in 2011.

The dinner will be at Assaggi's at 6641 Old Dominion Drive; cash bar at 6:30 and dinner at 7:15. Checks for \$38.50 should be made out to McLean Area AAUW and mailed before May 11 to Trianthe Dakolias, 1246 Stoneham Ct, McLean 22101.

Questions: [trianthe@gmail.com](mailto:trianthe@gmail.com).



# Making Waves Conference Highlights



At the Dessert Reception on Friday night, **Joanne** and **Bruce Malkin** and **Shirley Richey** work on the Scavenger Hunt Quiz about the Hampton Roads area. Quiz was hard, desserts were terrific!



**History Missie** tried to get us to work off those desserts during her talk about Victorian Fitness!



About 100 AAUW of Virginia members attended the conference. This was the Saturday business meeting. **See Shirley??**

There was little or no discussion concerning the by-laws amendments or nominations; some discussion concerning Public Policy Issues and one editorial change made.

**Lisa Maatz**, AAUW Director of Public Policy and Government Relations was the extremely interesting keynote speaker. on Saturday.



**Rita Dove**, Poet Laureate and Pulitzer Prize winner, received the Woman of Achievement Award. She spoke eloquently at the Saturday night banquet. State President **Caroline Pickens** is on the right.



**Patsy Quick** and **Sandy Lawrence** (Woodbridge Branch), and **Megan Morrison** from AAUW, presented the Making Waves with Social Media workshop on Saturday. It was very well received! The other works shops were also interesting and had very useful information about Membership and Public Policy.



There were mostly PRO comments made about the proposed state dues increase. Members feel there is value in the state AAUW.

**Laura Puaca**, (right) AAUW Fellow, spoke about Making Waves with Science at the Sunday Business Meeting. **Anita Aymer**, State VP for Program, is on the left.



## Renew Dues by June 30: Avoid Increase Trish Smith

**Renew your AAUW Membership by June 30, 2012 and you will receive the same rate as last year - \$70.**

Although the \$7 dues increase hasn't been voted on yet, there was overwhelmingly positive talk about it at the recent state conference. **If the increase does happen, it would go into effect on July 1, 2012, AFTER this year's dues are due.**

**PAY YOUR DUES NOW (ON TIME), BY JUNE 30, AND AVOID A POSSIBLE INCREASE!**

Dues now are \$49 for National, \$8 for Virginia and \$13 for our branch. (The \$7 increase goes to Virginia.)

**The quickest way to renew your membership is to pay online with a personal credit card.**

Should you choose to mail your check to **Trish Smith, Treasurer, (11806 Robertson Farm Circle, Fairfax, VA 22030)** and want the \$70 rate, be sure to mail it so that Trish receives it **before June 30**. That way she will be able to go online and renew your membership at the \$70 rate.

### Online Renewal:

Go to [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). Click on **Member Center** and select **Member Services Database** from the drop down box. The Member Services Database page displays with Login Member ID and password fields. If you have not already created an account in the Member Services Database, click on **Register Here** and enter the requested contact details to verify your membership and create a password.

If you do not know your Member ID, click on the **Member ID Lookup** link located on this same page and then enter the information requested to view your member number. Upon completion, an e-mail will be sent from AAUW (e-online support) to your e-mail address, containing a secure link to complete your registration. Welcome to the MSD! **(Note: If this is unsuccessful, please e-mail [online-help@aauw.org](mailto:online-help@aauw.org) and provide your full name, your state, and the name of your branch or call 800/326-2289.)**

After logging into the database, scroll down the left side of the page and **Select Personal Membership MPP** and follow the remaining steps to renew your membership in AAUW. **Your Current Membership Status** shows your branch name, membership category, and current and new membership expiration dates.

The **Membership Renewal Dues Payment Process** section displays the amount due and the option to include a contribution. You can either print out an invoice and mail it to National with your check or use a credit card and pay online.

The **Payment Information** section is pre-populated with your contact information. You can type over this information to change the payment information.

Complete the credit card information then press **Submit** to review your entries. If correct, press **Submit** again; if not, press **Cancel** to return to the input screen and make corrections.

A confirmation of your membership renewal will be sent to your e-mail address for your records. A copy will also be sent to Trish Smith, Treasurer, for the Mt Vernon Branch records.

If you encounter problems during the process, please e-mail [online-help@aauw.org](mailto:online-help@aauw.org) and provide your full name, your state, and the name of your branch or call **800/326-2289**.

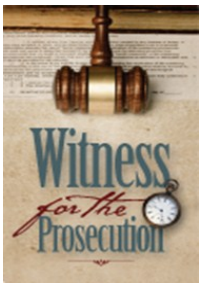
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**Time Matters!**



## Fundraiser Thanks

Patsy Quick



There was a wonderful turn-out for our fundraiser with the Alexandria Branch at the Little Theatre of Alexandria on April 24. The food at the reception was really excellent, and the play (*Witness for the Prosecution*) was very well done. Everyone seemed to leave the theater in a good mood!

So many members helped make the fundraiser work. **Joanne Malkin** and **Shirley Richey** mailed the tickets this year. Thank you! I want to thank everyone who purchased tickets or made a donation for this event. (**Louise Meade** sold 7 tickets... more than anyone else!) Thank you! I also want to thank everyone

who supplied wine and/or a savory for the reception. This year's food was extra special! **Gerry Pratsch, Joanne Malkin, Mary Ellen Mehler, Saundra Prince, Cathy Krebs,** and **Shirley Richey** helped decorate the green room on the afternoon of the play. **Cathy Krebs, Elaine Kolish,** and **Saundra Prince** loaned the law books and Lady of Justice that gave the place its class! **Shirley Richey** helped prepare the raffle basket with donations from a number of members (**Liz Promen, CeCe Robbins, Ericka Kinsey, Mary Ellen Mehler, Elaine Kolish, Trish Smith, Cathy Krebs, Saundra Prince, Patsy Quick**) including herself. (I hope I didn't miss anyone!) **Thank you all very much!**

### MONEY MATTERS

Our basket raffle grossed \$505! (70% went to our branch: \$353.50) Our own member, **Louise Priest,** won the basket!

We raised \$2950 in ticket sales and donations. After expenses (which includes the cost of the theater) our profits this year stand at \$2608.50. This money will go a long way towards our community outreach and contribution to AAUW Funds.

**Thank you, Mt. Vernon Branch, for again supporting a successful branch fundraiser!**

*Photo: Saundra Prince, Cathy Krebs, and Peggy Gross (Alexandria Branch) welcomed everyone to the theater.*



## Northern District AAUW News

Sandy Lawrence

It was great seeing so many Northern District (ND) members at the State Conference. Below is an overview of the ND meeting. More information on the items below to follow.

1. **Sandra Wilson** (Vienna) is stepping down as District treasurer and **Nancy Thompson** (Reston-Herndon) has volunteered to take this position.
2. Several members (**Ann Sauberman**/Springfield-Annandale, **Angela Booker**/Woodbridge, **Leslie Vandever**/Fairfax City, **Nancy McKenzie**/Greater Manassas) have volunteered to work on the George Mason University College /University (C/U) Partnership. We plan to meet during the summer to identify points of contacts at three GMU locations and develop an action plan. If you want to help, please contact me.
3. I proposed having district branch presidents meetings throughout the coming year. The goal is to exchange ideas and brain storm common challenges to make the ND branches stronger. I would like to have the first meeting late summer 2012.
4. Also discussed was a *district leadership meeting*, spring 2013, for current and incoming branch leaders. The goal is for each position to meet together to exchange ideas and information. State board members would be invited to

provide relevant training, foster ideas, and lead discussions.

5. Members brought up the idea of providing more information and awareness on branch leadership positions and possible training for potential branch leaders. The goal is to nurture and grow new leaders for branch and potentially other AAUW offices.

6. I was elected for a second two year term starting July 1, 2012. Thank you for your support.

### **ARE YOU... Ready to Vote?**

**Watch for emails and mailings in May for voting instructions and ballot for the AAUW VA historical One member/One Vote. Remember the sacrifices of the Suffragettes to get women the right to vote, and exercise your right to vote as an AAUW VA member.**

**Sandra Lawrence**  
Northern District Representative  
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703 569 1588





### AAUW's Student Rates — Promote Student Registration

For just \$17, students can join AAUW as student affiliates and receive all AAUW benefits, even if they don't attend a college/university partner member institution. Of course, students at C/U partner member schools are eligible for free e-student affiliate memberships, and members can also give new college graduates free AAUW memberships through the Give a Grad a Gift program. Promote student registration near you, and encourage AAUW involvement on all campuses! E-mail [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org) for more details.

## Public Policy

Gerry Pratsch

On Tuesday, April 17, AAUW marked Equal Pay Day — the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to what men made last year — with a patio-style Unhappy Hour outside the AAUW national office.

It was with this in mind that we asked you why fair pay matters in the upcoming election. To help inspire you, we promised a signed copy of Lilly Ledbetter's new book to the person with the best response. Without further ado, here are our favorites!

**Five:** One word, "Wisconsin" — *Renee Kelling Barr, via Facebook*

**Four:** Equal pay is an important election issue for multiple reasons. One, it raises tax revenue. Two, if you want to improve graduation rates for Americans, fair pay is a great incentive. Three, equal pay is necessary for healthy families that have women as the bread winners. — *Heather Mattioli, via Facebook*

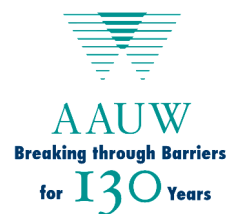
**Three:** Because the next generation of voters already thinks we've achieved equal pay, and awakening to the reality of equal rights in the job market is a terrible, disheartening, demoralizing process — one that I'd rather spare our future generation of women. If "the 99 percent" is 52 percent women, 77 percent of the pay leaves all of us — men and women — struggling even more to support ourselves and our families. — *Brandini Brandle Brandretti, via Facebook*

**Two:** There seem to be more negative side issues being exploited in this election cycle, which clouds fair pay. Pay equity should be one issue that could be the common ground for all sides. The nation needs to create a culture of respect, and pay equity would smooth the road for the creative minds of both genders to work on other issues that confront the world. — *Connie Dunkelberger, via AAUW Dialog*

**Winner:** Because women hold up half the sky. If women do not have parity in compensation for our skills, half of the United States' opportunity for economic growth is lost, generation after generation. — *Marti J. Sladek, via Facebook*

Congratulations to Marti, who will receive a copy of Lilly Ledbetter's new book *Grace and Grit - My fight for Equal Pay and Fairness at Goodyear and Beyond*

April 19, 2012, by [Rachel Wallace](#)



## 2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
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

**ALERT:** The violent street gang in Fairfax County, the *Underground Gangster Crips*, is charged with prostituting young local girls at bus stops, high schools, and on Facebook (See front page Washington Post, March 30). Be a part of the discussion on how our branch can make a difference.

**Attend the June 9 Planning Meeting!**

Jeanne Gayler

### DID YOU KNOW...?

We now have a branch WEBSITE! Visit it at

<http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net>

You can also find us on Facebook:

AAUW Mt. Vernon VA

### AAUW of Virginia Voting

In a couple of weeks all members will be able to vote online. Those who have not yet opted-out of paper will receive a ballot in the mail.

You will be voting on Bylaws Amendments, Public Policy Priorities, State Officers (Patsy Quick is running again for VP for Communications) and the proposed \$7 state dues increase. Dues haven't increased in 21 years. Most members at the conference spoke positively for the increase. The increase will mean that the state board can continue its work for the AAUW Mission. The increase amounts to \$.58 a month and would go into effect July 1, 2012.

**Please vote YES!**

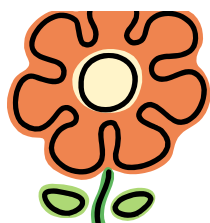


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## First Class



- **1 Board Meeting, 7:30**  
Saundra Prince's home  
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- **15 McLean Branch Meeting, 6:30**  
Assaggi's Restaurant  
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- **17 Branch Potluck**  
**Dinner, 6:30**  
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- **21 Book Group, 7:30**  
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6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15 McLean Branch Meeting	16	17 Branch Potluck	18	19
20	21 Book Group	22	23	24	25	26
27	28	29	30			