



# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

## Being an Active Participant



As the 2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch program year comes to a close, we will be planning for next year on June 9. **Louise Meade** will host the

Brunch/Planning meeting at her home at 9:30 AM. We will continue the discussions that began at the Annual Meeting in March and hope to include aspects of those discussions in our program for 2012-2013. **Your input is important and we hope to see you at the meeting!**

At the Annual Meeting in March, it seemed that many of you want to be part of some sort of action. One way to get started is to participate in one of the many **branch leadership opportunities**. Some of those opportunities are:

**Co-President:** Since **Sandra Prince** had to resign, **Cathy Krebs** will go it alone, unless someone would like to partner with her.

It is a great way to get to know the workings of the branch and its members.

**Membership Vice President:** **Kelly Morris's** term is up and due to job interference, can not continue as MVP. We need someone to take her place now.

**Other opportunities include being a chair (or co-chair) of one of our activities.** These positions are possibilities:

**Book Group, Dining Out, AAUW Funds, Hospitality, Little Theatre Fundraiser.**

If you are unsure about what each chair entails, come to the planning meeting to learn, or contact the person currently in the position. All numbers and emails are on page 2 of this newsletter. None of these opportunities involves a huge amount of work, and may be done YOUR WAY! Mostly, it is fun to participate. Think about it and let **Cathy Krebs** know by June 9.

*Hope to see you at the planning meeting!*

*Editor*

**JUNE  
PLANNING  
MEETING  
&  
BRUNCH**

**9:30**

**Home of  
Louise Meade**

**Bring a dish!**

## Brunch and Planning, June 9

### June Planning Breakfast

**Let your voice be heard!** Join us for our planning meeting and breakfast on June 9<sup>th</sup> at 9:30 a.m., hosted by **Louise Meade**, 5902 Mt. Eagle Drive #1414. **Ericka Kinsey** is working with Louise to organize this meeting, and will be contacting all of you by email with a sign-up sheet for attendance as well as for breakfast items to be contributed. (Louise's address will be in the email.) AAUW is **your** organization. We need your suggestions and feedback to keep it that way!

**Please call Ericka Kinsey at 703-660-0713 if you have questions prior to receiving the email.**



## Dues are Due June 30

Paying dues on time this year may reap a benefit: a savings of \$7.

Voting is occurring now, but it is possible that the AAUW of Virginia dues (which have not been raised for 21 years) will increase by \$7 as of July 1, 2012. Paying on time, by June 30, will save you that amount this year.

**See page 4** for details of how to pay online or by sending a check to Trish Smith, Treasurer.

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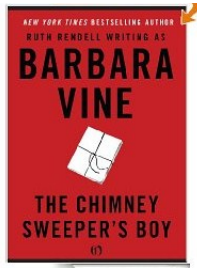
New  
email

# Book Group

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

**DATE:** Monday, June 18, 7:30

**HOSTESS:** Sherry Hazen  
8601 Pilgrim Court  
Alexandria 22308  
703/780-1557  
sher2601@msn.com



**Book:** The Chimney Sweeper's Boy

by Ruth Rendell writing as  
Barbara Vine

**Reviewer:** Patsy Quick

**Next Book:** Books will be chosen in September at the potluck dinner. Details in August. Send your recommendations to **Edith Appel**.

**CO-HOSTESS:** Joan Howerton

# 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.



# 2011-2012 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Saturday, June 9, 2012 Time: 9:30 am Place: Louise Meade's home 5902 Mt. Eagle Drive #1414	Annual Planning Meeting

Our program year ends with the planning meeting. Next Newsletter will be in August. See you in September!

# 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!**



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## First Class



- **9 Brunch & Planning Meeting, 9:30**  
Louise Meade's home  
703/960-0073
- **18 Book Group, 7:30**  
Sherry Hazen  
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# June 2012

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5	6	7	8	9 Brunch/ Planning
10	11	12	13	14	15	16
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