



Mt. Vernon Voices

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

President's Corner



Say "Good-bye" to scalding summer days and "Welcome" to the joys of autumn. We, the 54 members, of AAUW's Mt. Vernon Branch have a lot to look forward to.

Our opening dinner on September 20 features **Elizabeth Vandenburg** of the AAUW STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics) Task Force. Elizabeth is a native of Hollin Hills, an AAUW member of the Reston-Herndon Branch, and a GEMS (Girls Excelling in Math and Science) Club Supporter, and was the Co-Lead of the recent MAGIC (Mid-Atlantic Girls Collaborative) and PBS Design Squad Nation program to train trainers to boost girls' interest in engineering. By volunteering to register participants at this program, Shirley Richey and I were invited to stay and join in the hands-on activities which included making, out of stationery items, a "lunar landing module" with a shock-absorbing system to protect two "astronauts" (actually marshmallows in a small paper cup) when they land, and a "robo

wheel," a fly-wheel toy which demonstrates the power of stored energy. The experience proved that science and engineering are great careers for young women and they are FUN! We will hear more about STEM and GEMS in March. Involvement in getting girls interested in science is not time out of our lives but time into our lives and their futures.

As background for our November 15 program on **Nutrition and Food Quality**, we will be visiting **Arcadia Farms** at Woodlawn Plantation on Saturday, **September 29, at 10 a.m.** If you haven't already done so, contact **Joanne Clark** if you plan to go.

Many thanks are due to **Elaine Kolish** for her hard work in revising our bylaws. In addition, she is sponsoring a UCM walk to help the homeless, which leaves from her home on **October 6, at 10 a.m.** Please contact her. The more who march, the more chances of UCM receiving matching funds. You can make a difference.

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OCTOBER 11

Branch Presentation

State Senator Adam Ebbin

Sex Trafficking in Virginia

**7:00 pm
Sherwood Hall Library**

Sex Trafficking in Virginia

SEX TRAFFICING IN OUR NEIGHBORHOODS

Notice to Parents and Neighbors in Northern Virginia

In 2010, police and social agencies received 5,701 referrals for sexual abuse in Virginia, including shocking incidents of child sex trafficking in Northern Virginia. The average age of sex traffic victims is between 12 and 14 years of age.

The Mt. Vernon AAUW branch of AAUW is sponsoring a public forum on this topic on **Thursday, October 11, from 7:00 to 8:45 p.m. at the Sherwood Regional Library, 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane.** (Note that this is a location change.) Please bring friends and neighbors to hear State Senator Adam Ebbin discuss a new and important Virginia law on prevention of sex trafficking of minors. He will discuss prevention strategies and outline how the Virginia

Board of Education will provide awareness and training materials to schools. He will also discuss the history of this surprisingly widespread issue.

Senator Ebbin was the prime sponsor of Senate Bill 259, approved on March 21, 2012. The bill brought together the Department of Education and the Department of Social Services to develop awareness and training materials for parents, counselors, teachers, community leaders, and the general public.

BRING FRIENDS AND NEIGHBORS! This is an important topic. Awareness is key to ensuring the prevention and control in our region.

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"Sex Trafficking in Virginia" will be the subject of **State Senator Adam P. Ebbin's** talk to our group on Thursday, October 11, from 7 to 8:45 p.m. in the meeting room of Sherwood Hall Regional Library. Please note this non-typical date and changed location, and **each member should please bring a friend or two or three**. Thanks are due to **Jeanne Gayler** for contacting Senator Ebbin who recently introduced a bill, which was passed, to increase school awareness of this horrible problem.

At our last board meeting, allocation of the \$1,000 budgeted for Community Outreach was decided with \$400 each to go to United Community Ministries and Good Shepherd Housing and \$200 to go to Empowered Women International. Ideas for raising more money to help our community are welcome.

Happy New AAUW Year! Hope to see you soon.

Cathy Krebs

Highlights of the September 4 Board Meeting

It was moved and seconded that our branch will donate \$400 to Good Shepherd Housing and Family Services (GSHFS), \$400 to United Community Ministries (UCM), and \$200 to Empowered Women International (EWI). A motion was tabled to have another fundraiser solely for outreach in order to increase our donation level to match previous years' contributions. The Board felt that we needed the input of the membership before a decision could be made.

Meeting Notes of Record: There were 10 board members in attendance at the September Board Meeting. At that time the Mt. Vernon Branch had 52 members. (See President's Corner for more board news.)

Mary Beth O'Donnell, Secretary

2012-2013 Branch Board Members

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Book Group

Please notify the hostess whether or not you plan to attend.

CO-HOSTESS: Joan Howerton

DATE: Monday, October 15, 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: **Joan Winslow**
3706 Carriage House Ct.
Alexandria, 22309
winfaster@verizon.net



Book: My Own Country, A Doctor's Story
by Abraham Verghese

Reviewer: Patsy Quick

Next Book: Love in a Cold Climate
by Nancy Mitford

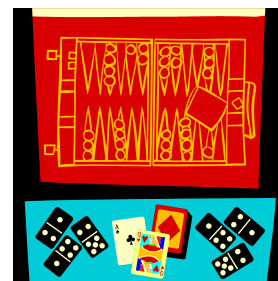
Game Night

Game Night is October 26 at Shirley Richey's home.

We welcome any members and significant others who wish to join us for a fun evening of various games and light snacks. If you would like to participate, contact **Barbara Mann** via email at speech.solutions@verizon.net.

Shirley will send an email to participants prior to the evening to get a head count and game preferences. Join us! We have a lot of fun!

Shirley's address is 3126 Battersea Lane.



Branch Field Trip: Arcadia at Woodlawn

**Mt. Vernon Branch will take a field trip
on Saturday , September 29
to The Arcadia Center at Woodlawn!**

The Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food & Agriculture is a landmark partnership with the National Trust for Historic Preservation. Arcadia has established its operations on the grounds of historic **Woodlawn Plantation**, once a part of George Washington's farms at Mount Vernon, combining education about healthy food and its sources with better logistical connections between local farmers and the urban and suburban core of the region.

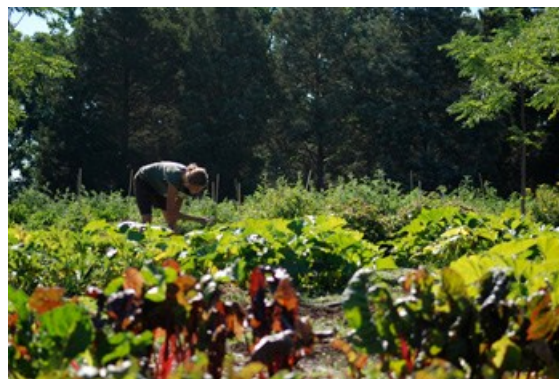
Arcadia Center for Sustainable Food and Agriculture was launched by Neighborhood Restaurant Group (NRG), a business working to ensure the highest level of quality food for its restaurants, using locally sourced ingredients whenever possible and cultivating a network of purveyors of new non-profit farming and food initiatives.

We will congregate in the parking lot of Woodlawn Plantation at 9:45 and the tour will begin at 10:00.

Please email **Joanne Clark** at jclark@meridian.org or call her at 703-768-8996 if you would like to join us and if you need a ride.

Arcadia Farm: Restoring "Woodlawn grown" Food to Local Tables

<http://arcadiafood.org>



Contributing to AAUW Funds: Still Time!

Traditionally, our branch collects contributions to the **Legal Advocacy fund (LAF)** at our September Kick-Off meeting. LAF supports the protection of the legal rights of those who are facing discrimination in the workplace and on campus. Pay equity, paid leave and sexual harassment are examples of issues addressed by LAF. Programs include legal case support, Case Support Travel Grants and Campus Outreach programs. Sexual abuse and Title IX compliance are a focus in high schools and colleges.

In the past we have suggested a contribution of at least \$5 per member. Our total has always exceeded that amount and has placed our branch among the top LAF contributors in the state. Checks should be made out to **AAUW Funds**. In the "For" line at the bottom of the check please put **Mt. Vernon Branch #3999**. ALL CONTRIBUTIONS ARE TAX DEDUCTIBLE. Place your check in the basket

labeled LAF on the table near the door.

The **Educational Opportunities Fund** supports education and learning opportunities that give women a chance for a lifetime of success. Last year we contributed \$2000 from our General Fund to this cause. In addition, some of our members made individual TAX DEDUCTIBLE contributions. If you wish to do so, make your check out to **AAUW FUNDS** and in the "For" line at the bottom of the check put **Mt. Vernon Branch #4336**. There also will be a basket for these checks.

For those unable to contribute at the September meeting, checks can be mailed to:

**Edith Appel, 9313 Boothe Street, Alexandria
22309**

Fairfax City Branch Book & Author

*Join us for an event filled with Literature, Food & Fun, plus a Great
Silent Auction!*

**Saturday, November 3, 2012, 11am to 2pm
Country Club of Fairfax, 5110 Ox Rd., Fairfax 22030
\$40 per person. Reservation deadline, October 31, 2012**

- Carole Bellacera, Lily of the Springs
- Alan Cheuse, Song of Slaves in the Desert
- Del Quentin Wilber, Rawhide Down
- Suzi Weinert, Garage Sale Stalker
- Barbara Esstman, The Other Anna: A Novel

Benefits University Scholarships for Women in our Area and AAUW Fellowships.

Please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Suzanne Mahoney, 8313 Chapel Lake Ct., Annandale, VA 22003 • (703) 978-3258 • suzanne070946@mac.com • Checks should be payable to AAUW Fairfax City Branch. • Seating requests must be made at the time of the reservation. • View flyer at <http://www.aauwofva.org/branches/LuncheonFlyer2012.pdf>



Did you see the article in AAUW **Outlook** (Fall 2012) about AAUW of Virginia breaking ground with our One Member, One Vote election? It's on page 23. Read more in the upcoming AAUW of Virginia **Vision**.

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF VIRGINIA
NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING**

Date: **October 13, 2012 10:00 am**

Location: **Burke Centre Library** 5935 Fred's Oak Road Burke, VA 22015

Guest Speaker: **Attorney Susan L. Burke**



Susan L. Burke graduated from Georgetown University's School of Foreign Service and received her J.D. degree from Catholic University, where she received the faculty award for highest academic average. In her 25-years of practice, Ms. Burke has defended and prosecuted civil actions on a wide range of topics, including human rights, pharmaceutical fraud, defense contractor fraud, employment and disability discrimination, election law, and environmental torts. Presently, Susan focuses on fraud, class actions and mass torts. Ms. Burke serves as lead counsel in the Maryland multi-district litigation known as KBR Burn Pit MDL, where she seeks justice for the many service members and contractors who were harmed by KBR's negligent operation of burn pits in Iraq and Afghanistan.

Ms. Burke is spearheading a nationwide series of lawsuits designed to reform the manner in which the military prosecutes rape and sexual assault. Her work on this project is the subject of a documentary *The Invisible War*. Ms. Burke also serves as lead counsel in actions on behalf of those tortured at the Abu Ghraib prison in Iraq. Those actions are pending in federal courts in Maryland and Virginia.

Directions to Burke Centre library:

From Fairfax County Parkway heading North:

Turn right on Fred's Oak Road. Burke Centre Library will be on the right.

For more information, contact:

Sandy Lawrence

Northern District Representative

slawrence4@juno.com

703/569 1588

The speaker, Susan L. Burke, is an attorney in LAF-supported suits against the Department of Defense regarding military rape and sexual assault. She is featured in the documentary, "The Invisible War," a Sundance Film Festival fan favorite.

Read more:

<http://blog-aauw.org/tag/invisible-war/>

<http://blog-aauw.org/2012/06/18/invisible-war-release/>

<http://blog-aauw.org/2012/04/30/the-invisible-war-at-aauw/>

Let's carpool! Contact Patsy Quick pnquick@cox.net 703/360-8678



FYI: National Trademark Expo

The United States Patent and Trademark Office's 2012 National Trademark Expo will be held Friday, October 19, 10 a.m. - 5 p.m., and Saturday, October 20, 10 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the PTO, 600 Dulany Street, Alexandria, VA.

The Expo educates the public as to the value of trademarks as indicators of the source of goods and services and guarantors of quality. **It is free!** There are interesting, optional seminars, costumed trademark characters (your president was once the bunch of grapes in the Fruit of the Loom group) and usually plenty of free samples. (In past years M&M Mars has been generous.) Garage parking, accessed off Eisenhower Avenue, is free on Saturday. For more information, visit www.uspto.gov/TMExp

AAUW National News



Visit the website at <http://aauw.org> for more information.

All AAUW members are eligible to elect candidates for the AAUW Board of Directors and vote on other items of business. All members may review the AAUW bylaws, propose amendments and discuss them online.

Bylaws Amendments: Comment on and propose amendments to the current bylaws. **Deadline November 15.**

All the changes may be viewed at:

https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/omoVote/index_amendment.asp?member_id=1354027

Resolutions: Comment and propose resolutions to be approved by the membership. **Deadline November 15.**

Public Policy Program: Comment on and propose changes to the AAUW Public Policy Program Comment period begins October 1. Here is where to propose resolutions:

https://svc.aauw.org/RECore/omoVote/index_resolution.asp?member_id=1354027

Candidate Applications: Submit an application to be a candidate for election to the AAUW Board of Directors for a two-year term beginning in July 2013. **Deadline October 1.** More information is here:

http://aauw.org/member_center/AAUWBoard_CallForCandidates.cfm

The 2013 AAUW National Convention is right around the corner!

Join us as we explore the topic, Leading across Generations, in New Orleans on June 9-12, 2013.

We hope to see you there!



SAVE TREES /GO GREEN: Opt-in to receive the AAUW **Outlook** digitally:

<http://www.aauw.org/learn/publications/outlook/index.cfm>



2012-2013 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

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2012-2013 Schedule of Meetings and Activities

Branch Theme: *Making a Difference*

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, October 11 7:00 p.m. Sherwood Hall Library	Sex Trafficking in Virginia State Senator Adam Ebbin
Thursday, November 15, 2012 7:00 p.m. Mt. Vernon Gov't. Center	Nutrition and Food Quality
Saturday, December 8, 2012 11:30 a.m. Mt. Vernon Country Club	Holiday Luncheon Presenter: Student recipients of AAUW grants
Thursday, January 17, 2013 7:00 p.m. Place: Mt. Vernon Gov't. Center	Senior Scams Presenter: Joanna Crane (DOJ)
Thursday, February 21, 2013 7:00 p.m. Mt. Vernon Gov't. Center	Be Your Own Sweetheart: Alternative Travel Fun Presenter: June Malina (People to People International)
Tuesday, March 12, 2013 Reception: 7:00 p.m. Play: 8:00 p.m. Little Theatre of Alexandria	LITTLE THEATER FUNDRAISER "Dial M for Murder"
Thursday, March 21, 2013 7:00 p.m. Mt. Vernon Gov't Center	STEMS/GEMS—A Wider Focus
Saturday, April 20, 2013 9:15 a.m. Mt. Vernon Country Club	Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2013 6:30 p.m. TBD	Branch Potluck Dinner
Saturday, June 8, 2013 9:30 a.m. Place TBD	Planning Meeting

Other important dates:

October 13, Northern District Meeting, Burke

April 13, 2013, One-day AAUW of Virginia Conference, Richmond

June 9-12, 2013, AAUW National Convention, New Orleans

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First Class



October 2012

- **September 29 Arcadia Farm, 10:00 am**
Call Joanne Clark
703/768-8996
- **2 Board Meeting, 7:30**
Cathy Krebs' home
703/765-2751
- **11 Branch Meeting 7:00**
Sherwood Hall Library
Call Ericka Kinsey
703/660-0713
- **15 Book Group, 7:30**
Call Joan Winslow
703/780-7810
- **28 Game Night, 7:30**
Call Barbara Mann
703/360-7725

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
9/29 Arcadia Farm	1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
7	8	9	10	11 Branch Meeting	12	13
14	15 Book Group	16	17	18	19	20
21	22	23	24	25	26 Game Night	27
28	29	30	31 			