



Mt. Vernon Voices

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

President's Corner

Cathy Krebs



Thanks to **Patsy Quick**, attorney **Kristen Galles** was our guest speaker at our holiday luncheon, and Kristen found our "branch had an impressive and engaged turnout." We meanwhile learned a lot from her as to how AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund helps

keep alive important cases of discrimination against women under Title IX. Kristen Galles is the plaintiffs' attorney for former UC Davis female student wrestlers, Mansourian et al., in their suit against the Regents of the University of California, a case which began in 2003.

Thanks to **Louise Meade** we had a beautifully decorated room at the Mount Vernon Country Club and via her beautiful place cards everyone got the food they ordered. Thanks to **Joanne Clark** and **Erica Kinsey** for all their organizing. Thanks to **Edie Bartlett** we have new name badges with cords rather than pins. Thanks to all who came and helped our branch donate 125 lbs. of food to UCM.

Thanks to all who put a buck in the basket in order to get the name of AAUW VA inscribed on the proposed Suffragist Memorial at the former Occoquan Workhouse. Since such an inscription requires a \$1,000 donation and since AAUW VA has about 1,000 members, if we each give a buck the name of AAUW VA stands a good chance of going high on the memorial. I collected **\$33** at the holiday party. If you haven't already given your buck, and you want to contribute, please forward it to me or **Trish Smith** and it will get in. Thanks.

We have some wonderful programs to look forward to in this New Year, starting with information about scams aimed at seniors on January 17. We can look forward to learning about alternative travel fun on February 21, and our Little Theater fundraiser, Dial M for Murder, on March 12.

Gandhi wrote, "What you do may seem insignificant, but it is very important that you do it." Working together, we can contribute to making this world a better place.

Best wishes for a satisfying and productive New Year.

**JANUARY
17**

**Branch
Presentation**

**Scams Target
Seniors**

**Mt. Vernon
Gov. Center
Parkers Lane**

7:00 PM

Scams: Scram!

SCAM TARGETS SENIORS!

More and more often we are reading that headline. Have you noticed: Many of us are seniors; and did you realize we are all very vulnerable to scams?

Join us to learn how to avoid being caught in the trap.

Speaker: Lisa Schifferle, Senior Attorney and Identity Theft Program Lead at the Federal Trade Commission

Thursday, January 17, 2013, at 7:00 pm
Mount Vernon Government Center
2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306

Lisa Schifferle of the Federal Trade Commission will offer advice for individuals, families, and caregivers on ways to avoid scams that target seniors, as well as detecting the signs of fraud and identity theft when it has been perpetrated against older or vulnerable adults. Handouts will include the Federal Trade Commission's 10 Things You Can Do to Avoid Fraud, and a publication by Financial Service Roundtable's Older Americans Financial Abuse Prevention Working Group that includes links to programs on fraud prevention and an overview of tips for seniors and organizations working with older Americans.

Calling All Artists

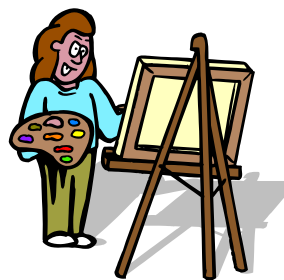
ATTENTION AAUW ARTISTS, DESIGNERS, AND PHOTOGRAPHERS!

The annual AAUW Art Contest is a great way for AAUW members to showcase their talent. Last year there were more than 100 entries in our online art contest. Join us in our fifth year by entering your art or photograph into the contest and voting for your favorite entries.

From **January 4** to **February 4** you can submit an electronic version of your design on the AAUW Art Contest webpage at <http://aauw.org/contests/index.cfm>. Submissions could be photography or a digital photo of your painting, drawing, sculpture, collage, or other form of artwork. AAUW members can then vote every 7 days for six of their favorite entries beginning **February 8** through **March 8**. The winning entries will be featured on a collection of AAUW note cards mailed to members this spring.

I hope you will consider participating in this year's contest.

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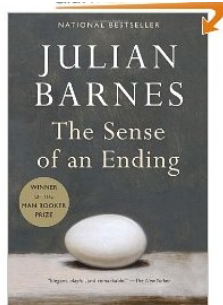
Book Group

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

DATE: Monday, January 21, 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Joanne Malkin
8339 Orange Court
Alexandria, 22309
jbmalkin@verizon.net

CO-HOSTESS: Elizabeth Lonoff



Book: The Sense of An Ending
by Julian Barnes

Reviewer: DeJuana Jones

Next Book: The Submission
by Amy Waldman

Game Night

Game Night
January 25, 2013
7:30 PM
Cathy Krebs Home

Join us for light snacks and fun! Contact **Barbara Mann** if you would like to join the group.
speech.solutions@verizon.net



Gourmet, Too

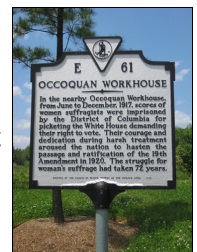


The **Gourmet, Too** group is a combination of Mt. Vernon and Alexandria Branch members. We meet approximately 4 times per year. The dinners are theme based and participants each bring a dish. Seating is limited to 10 diners. Our next dinner will be on Saturday, January 26th. The theme is French and it will be held at the home of Shirley Richey in the Mt. Vernon area. If you would like to attend, please contact Shirley at 703-780-0934, or shirley97@verizon.net.

Turning Point: Give a Dollar

Individuals and organizations who donate \$1000 or more will have their names placed on a wall of honor at the sight of the memorial. AAUW of Virginia is asking every branch member to donate a \$1 towards this effort so that our support of the Suffragist Memorial can be acknowledged. Mt. Vernon Branch is delighted to participate. At our January Meeting, we collected \$33. Opportunities like this will be presented throughout the year. The money we collect will be sent to AAUW of Virginia as part of the larger donation to be made by the state organization.

Thanks to those of you who have already contributed!



Holiday Happiness

Holiday smiles adorned the Mt. Vernon Country Club on December 8. Mt. Vernon Branch members enjoyed being together, eating a delicious meal and hearing an inspiring talk by Kristen Galles (first photo, far right), an LAF attorney specializing in Title IX Issues. Following Kristen's talk, some members of our branch made a special donation to LAF in her honor.

At the event members brought food to donate to UCM and many dropped a buck in the basket for the Turning Point Memorial. A big THANK YOU to all our generous Mt. Vernon Branch members!



AAUW Links of Interest



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

Celebrating 131 Years of AAUW!

Listen to Marion Talbot recount the story of AAUW's first meeting in 1881:

<http://blog-aauw.org/2012/11/28/celebrating-131-years-of-aauw/>

Visit this link to view benefits of AAUW Membership you might not know about:

<http://aauw.org/about/join/discounts.cfm>

Be a Branch Leader!

The nominations committee is looking for a few good women. In March we will elect a **President, Program VP, and Secretary**. These positions could also be shared. Please think about joining our leadership team. *Call Lois Passman:*

703/780-4236

Upcoming Branch Event

February 21
Branch Meeting: Travel Fun!



Tickets for our March 12th fundraiser, *Dial M for Murder*, at the Little Theatre of Alexandria are available for \$30 each!

Tickets will be mailed to members in early January.

Contact Patsy Quick for more information:
pnquick@cox.net 703/360-8678

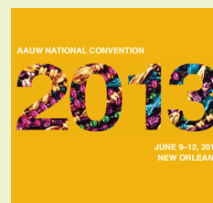
2012-2013 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

MT. VERNON AAUW **2012-2013 Schedule of Meetings and Activities** **Branch Theme: *Making a Difference***

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, January 17, 2013 7:00 p.m. Place: Mt. Vernon Gov't. Center	Senior Scams Presenter: Lisa Schifferle, Attorney Federal Trade Commission
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. Heritage Pres. Church	Documentary: Invisible Wars Holly Kearn, AAUW LAF manager, to answer questions after
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:

February 6, 2013 - Richmond - LWV/AAUW State Lobby Day
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

January 2013

- **8 Board Meeting, 7:30**
Cathy Krebs' home
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- **17 Branch Meeting. 7:00**
Mt. Vernon Govt. Center
Call Joanna Crane
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- **21 Book Group, 7:30**
Call Joanne Malkin
703/360-7725
- **25 Game Night, 7:30**
Call Cathy Krebs
703/765-2751
- **26 Gourmet, Too**
Call Shirley Richey
703/960-9017

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1	2	3	4	5
6	7	8 Board Meeting	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17 Branch Meeting	18	19
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