

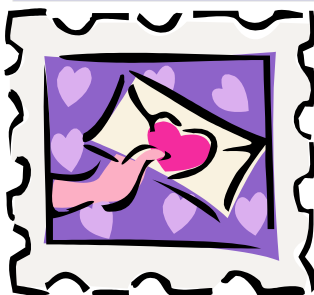


Mt. Vernon Voices

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

President's Corner

Cathy Krebs



Recently my husband and I were running errands on a truly bleak, pewter gray, icy cold, rain-spitting day and we popped in for lunch, and to get warm, at a local restaurant. We

were greeted at the door with, "Welcome! It's a great day!" Then he explained, "Every day is a great day." That reminded me of an old Irishman who said, "Throw yourself down on your knees and thank God that you are still on your feet!" So, let's be grateful for every opportunity we have to live, learn, laugh and love.

We had wonderful attendance at our recent wonderful program on Senior Scams. We are grateful to **Joanna Crane** who lined up Federal Trade Commission attorney, **Lisa Shifferle**, as our speaker. She outlined the types of scams, educated us as to what we can do if we or someone we know are threatened by a scam, and provided a fantastic array of

publications filled with useful email and telephone contacts. Thanks are also due to **Mary Ellen Mehler** for reserving the room, to her husband **Paul Mehler** for providing the Power Point display, and to **Shirley Richey** and **Joanne Malkin** for providing the refreshments. Thanks to all others involved in putting on and publicizing this really educational event, including but not limited to: **Joanne Clark**, **Erika Kinsey**, **Patsy Quick**, and **Lois Passman**.

We have a lot to look forward to. February 6 is the LWV/AAUW annual State Lobby day in Richmond. At our February 21 meeting, we will learn how to get greater enjoyment out of our travel experiences at home and abroad and save money too. Looking ahead to March 12, our annual fundraiser will be the fascinating play, *Dial M for Murder*, at the Little Theater of Alexandria. Our branch will be responsible for bringing sweets for the reception. Keep on the lookout for interesting additions to our raffle basket for that event.

Happy Valentine's Day to all.

Cathy Krebs

**FEBRUARY
21**

**Branch
Presentation**

**Alternative
Travel**

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

7:00 PM

Save \$\$\$ While Traveling

How To Enrich Your Travels While Saving \$\$\$



**Presented by June Malina
Thursday, February 21 at
7:00 p.m.**

**Mt. Vernon Governmental
Center
2511 Parkers Lane**

June Malina, a solo world traveler for 20-years, will cover how to...

- * Save \$100+ per day
- * Find the best local tours and sights
- * Learn where is the best shopping
- * Hear which local sights are worth seeing and which ones you shouldn't waste your time on
- * Get the best food at the best prices

**Join us for this "Be Your Own Sweetheart"
Event!**

Calling All Members

Be an AAUW Leader! Nomination Time is Now!

**Create your own leadership team! Pair up with a friend!
Pairing has been an on-going tradition! And very successful!**

Here is what we need this year:

Co-Presidents: You and ???

Co-VP Program: Joanne Clark and You

Co-Secretary: You and ??? Or Secretary of the Month?!

Hurry! The Annual Meeting is April 20!

Call **Lois Passman** at 703-781-7626 or email her at LMPassman@msn.com

New number!

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Book Group

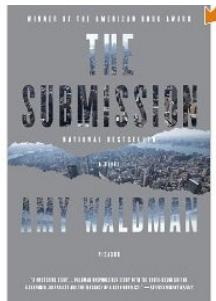
Please notify the hostess whether or not you plan to attend.

DATE: Monday, February 18, 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Patsy Quick

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Alexandria, 22309
pnquick@cox.net

CO-HOSTESS: Edith Appel

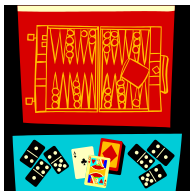


Book: The Submission
by Amy Waldman

Reviewer: Liz Promen

Next Book: The Weird Sisters
by Eleanor Brown

Game Night



Game Night

February 22, 2013

7:30 PM

Suzi Shafer's Home

Cynthia Jacobus, Co-host

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

EWI House Party

**Empowered Women International
House Party, Thursday, January 31**

Patsy Quick's Home
6:30-9:30 PM

RSVP by January 27
pnquick@cox.net
jclark@meridian.org

Shop a variety of artistic items.

Dining Out



Join Dining Out as we celebrate DC Restaurant Week at Bastille for a late lunch (1:30)

Saturday, February 9th

The special 3-course fixed-price lunch costs \$20.13 plus beverage, 19% gratuity, and tax, plus any extras you order. An early-February e-mail will invite RSVPs to distribute the limited number of seats, with a confirmation to follow.

Bastille Restaurant and Wine Bar

**1201 North Royal Street Alexandria, VA 22314
703/519-3776**

Bastille serves contemporary French cuisine with seasonal local ingredients.

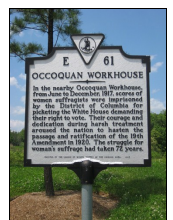
Special Restaurant Week lunch menu:

http://www.ramw.org/restaurantweek/sites/default/files/menus/Bastille_Lunch_Menu_0.pdf

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 site 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. The money we collect will be sent to AAUW of Virginia as part of the larger donation to be made by the state organization.

Another Opportunity to Give: Branch Meeting February 21



George Mason College/University Partner got a big boost when Kitty Richardson and I met with the directors, associate director and graduate students at the Office of Diversity, Inclusion and Multicultural Education and the Office of Women and Gender Studies in December. We discussed activities within AAUW at all levels and the many resources in the DC metro area that could be tapped. For the spring semester, we are looking at activities such as involvement with Lobby Corp, having a presentation from Turning Point Suffragist Memorial, sponsoring students to attend NCCWSL, and publicizing e-student membership.

Sexual Assaults in the Military. The **Academy Award nominated *The Invisible War*** and the high profile lawsuits LAF has supported have influenced the 2013 National Defense Authorization Act (NDAA). The NDAA has 19 amendments that reform sexual assault/harassment policies, including:

- Prohibit the military from recruiting anyone convicted of a sex offense
- Mandatory separation of convicted sex offenders
- Create a "Special Victims Units" to improve investigation, prosecution and victim support
- Create an independent review panel to closely examine the way that the DoD investigates, prosecutes, and adjudicates sexual assaults

However a recommendation to change how rapes are reported and prosecuted was not acted on. Currently, reports must go through the service member's chain of command. The Sexual Assault Training Oversight and Prevention Act, which AAUW supports, calls for rape cases be tried in civilian court than military court. DoD opposes this change as it would disrupt "good order and discipline".

HAVE YOU... gassed up the car for Lobby Day in Richmond?

February 6, VA AAUW is teaming up with the League of Women Voters to lobby in Richmond. This effort is especially critical this year as all elected offices are up for election in November. It starts at 8:30 am with a Women's Round table. For more information, contact Angela Booker, Co-VP Public Policy at angeladbooker@gmail.com.



Sandy Lawrence
Northern District Representative

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Informative Scams Meeting

Cathy Krebs

Nobody wants to be made a sucker or to be separated from his or her hard-earned money without getting some value in return. Yet it happens every day. Unscrupulous scammers use the mail, the telephone, the internet to take advantage of the unwary. At our branch's excellent meeting on Senior Scams on January 17, I woke up to learn that I too had been scammed -- I had bought those fraudulent light bulbs! *So this was a very useful and educational program.*

Branch member, **Joanna Crane** introduced former coworker, attorney **Lisa Schifferle** of the Federal Trade Commission's Bureau of Consumer Protection. Lisa, granddaughter of an AAUW member, outlined the types of scams they encounter. She also provided some information about the law enforcement cases handled by the FTC.

If you missed the meeting, please mark your calendars: the FTC is offering a free public Forum on Senior Identity Theft at FTC headquarters, 301 New Jersey Avenue, N. W., Washington, D. C. on May 7, 2013. Lisa Schifferle brought many really useful pamphlets, es-

pecially "Who Cares – Sources of Information About Health Care Products and Services," "10 Things You can do to Avoid Fraud," "Putting Telephone Scams on Hold – Recognize & Report Phone Fraud," and "Identity Theft – What to Know – What to Do." These pamphlets and more are available from the FTC. More information at: www.ftc.gov



Joanna Crane (left), presents Lisa Schifferle with AAUW mug.

AAUW Links of Interest



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

The Invisible War Was Nominated for an Oscar!

???Have You Seen the AAUW Member Survey???

Recently the AAUW *Outlook* Winter 2013 issue came in the mail and had a 2012 AAUW Member Survey enclosed. However, some AAUW members have opted to receive the *Outlook* via email. Those members received no notice of the Survey.

If you go to www.aauw.org and scroll down, on the bottom left, you will see a link to the survey: "Have an Opinion? Let us Know!" Click there and fill out the survey. Or, you can enter this link into your browser: www.aauw.org/membersurvey2012. Either way, you will need to login with your member number.

Even if you threw away the postal survey, you can submit the online version.
Deadline for submissions: April 2, 2013.



**2 Events in
March!**

Upcoming Branch Event

March 12

Little Theatre of Alexandria
Fundraiser

Upcoming Branch Event

March 21

The Invisible War Screening
Heritage Presbyterian Church



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

For MORE Tickets:

Contact Patsy Quick
pnquick@cox.net 703/360-8678

AAUW will
unveil a
new logo
and
new website
on
February 20!

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, 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: <i>The Invisible War</i> Holly Kearl, 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



**AAUW/LWV
Lobby Day
February 6
Richmond**

**Want to car-
pool?
Contact Patsy
Quick!**

AAUW Mt Vernon

Cynthia Gindlesperger
915 Neal Drive
Alexandria, VA 22308

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Mtvernon-va.aauw.net

First Class



- **5 Board Meeting, 7:30**

Call Cathy Krebs
703/765-2751

- **9 Dining Out, 1:30**

Call Elizabeth Lonoff
202/564-1607

- **18 Book Group, 7:30**

Call Patsy Quick
703/360-8678

- **21 Branch Meeting, 7:00**

Call Sandra Prince
703/360-5012

- **22 Game Night, 7:30**

Call Suzi Shafer
703/360-0283

February 2013

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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3	4	5 Board Meeting	6	7	8	9 Dining Out
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