

# MT. VERNON VOICES

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## President's Corner



Every robin sends us greetings. Spring is peeking around the corner. Hello sunny adventures!

If we want to travel, speaker **June Molina**

provided some very useful travel tips, together with pictures from her many travel adventures, at our last meeting. Our appreciation goes to **Saundra Prince** for arranging the speaker and to **Paul Mehler** for projection help and to **Mary Ellen Mehler, Patsy Quick** and all others involved in publicizing the meeting.

At our last board meeting, we had the pleasure of the company of **Peggy Stotz**, AAUW Funds Chair at the State Level. She provided many interesting views, especially regarding her participation in the AAUW lobby corps "for about one hundred years." She stressed that persistence pays off. Our board also discussed the increasingly urgent need for more funds to run our branch. Those who were at the opening meeting in September will recall that a majority of those present voted to live

within our means rather than engage in an additional fundraiser. Therefore, a dues increase appears necessary. (See **Trish Smith's** information.) There will be votes regarding dues and new officers at our annual meeting on Saturday, April 20, at 9:15 a.m. at Mount Vernon Country Club so please be sure to enter this date on your calendar, and be there. Your vote counts.

After months of excellent programs, we can look forward to two more stellar branch activities in March. Our annual fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria is on Tuesday, the 12<sup>th</sup>, with the reception at 7 p.m. (it's our turn to bring sweets), and the excellent play, **Dial M For Murder**, at 8 p.m. On Thursday, March 21, the screening of the film, **The Invisible War**, a nominee for an Academy Award, will be at Heritage Presbyterian Church at 7 p.m., followed by an opportunity to ask questions of AAUW officers, **Holly Kearl** and **Sandy Lawrence**. Don't miss these opportunities!

Happy St. Patrick's Day to all.

*Cathy Krebs*

**MARCH 12**  
**TUESDAY**

**Branch  
Fundraiser**

**Little Theatre  
Of  
Alexandria**

**7:00 PM  
Reception  
8:00 PM  
Performance**

**Tickets \$30**

## Dial M for Murder, March 12

Another great evening at the Little Theatre of Alexandria is fast approaching: March 12. Our fundraiser always draws a great crowd and good food, making it a fun event!

The reception is at 7:00 in the Green Room. **We will provide sweets and wine.** The Alexandria Branch will provide savories and punch. **Mary Ellen's committee will provide more information on delivering your dishes.** We would like to take everything to the theatre on the afternoon of the event.

Our decorations are ready and we will meet at the Theatre at 1:00 to set up. Join us if you wish!

Thanks to everyone who has bought and /or sold tickets, or made a donation. Your generosity is always heartwarming! This is our one fundraiser of the year. Some of the proceeds will go towards our community outreach (UCM, GSHFS, EWI) and another part will go towards AAUW Funds. **We hope you will bring some extra cash for the basket raffles!**

**March 12  
7:00 Reception 8:00 Performance  
Basket Raffle Ends the Evening**



# Leadership Opportunities

## ***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 Shirley Richey***

Hurry! The Annual Meeting is April 20!

Call **Lois Passman** at 703-781-7626 or email her at [LMPassman@msn.com](mailto:LMPassman@msn.com)

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## Second Branch Event in March



Join us for a special screening of

### **The Invisible War**

**March 21**

**7:00 PM**

**Heritage Presbyterian  
Church**

**8503 Ft. Hunt Road**

Read more at:

<http://invisiblewarmovie.com/press.php>

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

Sexual assault in the military is a significant problem, one that affects 20 percent of women and 1 percent of men in the armed forces, according to the documentary *The Invisible War*. This is an issue of great concern to AAUW. AAUW, through our **Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF)** case support program, is supporting the plaintiffs in two military sexual assault lawsuits.

The documentary was first shown at the Sundance Film Festival where it won the Audience Award. The film which documents the pervasiveness of sexual assault in the military has also been nominated for an Academy Award.

The Mt. Vernon Branch will screen the documentary at our March 21 meeting. The documentary is 90 minutes long.

**Holly Kearl**, AAUW LAF manager, along with **Sandy Lawrence**, a retired Navy Commander and AAUW member, will answer questions after the viewing.

***This viewing is free of charge and we will have refreshments. Please bring friends and family.***

## Book Group

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

**DATE:** Monday, March 18, 7:30 pm

**HOSTESS:** Diane Watts

4403 Robertson Blvd.

Alexandria, 22309

dianewatts8@gmail.com

**CO-HOSTESS:** Mary Beth O'Donnell



**Book:** The Weird Sisters

by Eleanor Brown

**Reviewer:** Betty Demarest

**Next Book:** Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

by Tom Franklin

## Game Night



### **Game Night**

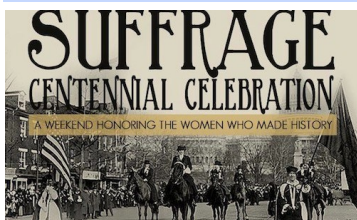
**March 22, 2013**

**7:30 PM**

**Bianca Daugherty's Home**

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

## Suffrage Centennial Celebration



The weekend of March 1-3 marks the Centennial of the suffrage march held in Washington DC, on March 3, 1913. There will be a

variety of events going on around Washington that AAUW branch members might like to know about, including the parade from the Capitol to the Washington Monument at noon on Sunday.

They are listed on this website:

[suffrage-centennial.org](http://suffrage-centennial.org) under "Events."

This link will take you directly to those events:

[http://suffrage-centennial.org/?page\\_id=151](http://suffrage-centennial.org/?page_id=151).

*AAUW is listed prominently here!*

*As you will see on the list, on Saturday, March 2, AAUW, will host two events at the headquarters*

building: 1111 16th Street NW, Washington D.C.

- 9 am-noon: Panel on Modern Day Activism and the Role of Social Media
- 2 pm-4 pm: Author Robert Dooney discusses his book Winning the Vote.

**Suzanne Gould** will also be available that day from 9-5 to display some material from AAUW's archives and to talk with visitors about AAUW's history. Tours of the building will be available for AAUW members. Several non-D.C. based organizations will have information tables set up. Everyone is invited! Hope you can come.

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## State AAUW One-Day Conference, April 13

Couldn't be a better place to be the second weekend in April than Richmond! **Our one-day statewide meeting, Every ONE Counts**, celebrates the fact that AAUW of Virginia has been using the One Member, One Vote for a year now, with great success!

The conference will take place at the new **Holiday Inn Richmond Airport in Sandston**, just a mile from the Richmond Airport, easily accessible for conference attendees. Greater Richmond AAUW looks forward to having you all back to Richmond for an engaging and busy meeting. **Register before April 1 and pay just \$45!**

**The conference begins at 10:30 on Saturday**, with a **Buffet Brunch**, included in the registration fee. Our Key-note Speaker is **Dr. Karen Remley**, the former state Commissioner of Health, who resigned in protest over the stringent new requirements for abortion clinics. Her address will be followed by the annual **Business Meeting** and a **Town Hall discussion** by Patricia Fae Ho, national AAUW Vice President.

The busy day continues with **District Meetings** followed by a choice of enlightening **workshops**: *Count Us IN: Become a Website Wonder*, led by **Patsy Quick**, **Leslie Vandivere** and **Megan Morrison**; *Skinning the Cat: Many Ways to Lead*, led by **Patricia Fae Ho** and **Caroline Pickens**, and *Creating and Innovating the Best Membership Practices: What Can We Learn From Oth-*

*ers?* led by **Mary Beth Pelosky** and **Sally Sledge**.

If you decide to come **Friday evening**, we will all gather in the Hospitality Suite with the State Board members to relax and enjoy each other's company, wearing our college shirts to remember Bright College Days, 7:00-10:00 PM.

THERE ARE SEVERAL WAYS TO REGISTER:

Download and mail the registration form found at the state website: <http://www.aauwofva.org/statemeet2013.htm>

Mail in the form found in the Winter/Spring issue of the *Vision* or the Conference Brochure.

Join us and become energized for the spring. Learn about websites, leadership, and membership at the workshops. Catch up with friends from around the state. Meet **Patricia Fae Ho**, national AAUW Vice President.



## Design a New Branch Nameplate



AAUW has a new logo, and new website!  
Visit the website at <http://aauw.org>  
for more information.

AAUW has introduced a newly designed logo. The old logo was 20 years old! These changes, which also include an updated tagline and a fresh color palette, were designed to place AAUW on the cutting edge of digital communications and appeal to a broad audience. The AAUW website also has a new look and is more user friendly and provides a better experience for smartphone and tablet users.

**As a result of the newly designed AAUW logo, the time has come for us to redesign the nameplate for our branch newsletter.** The one used in this issue, is a possibility, but I bet the creative members in our branch can come up with something more striking.

**Send your designs to Patsy Quick at [pnquick@cox.net](mailto:pnquick@cox.net) by March 31.** The branch board will make a selection and it will be published in the April Newsletter.

## Branch Dues Need to be Raised

Trish Smith



After stretching branch dollars as far as they will go, the Board of Directors recommends that the AAUW Mount Vernon Branch dues for 2013-14 be increased from \$13 per year to \$26 effective July 1, 2013. Using our average membership for the past five years, the increase

would produce \$1,456 in total fees.

Branch dues have not been increased since before 2002. The past 5 years our branch membership count averaged 56 - yielding \$728 average in dues. The branch is required to utilize on average \$900 per year of reserve funds to cover the remaining annual expenses. In addition, the standard reserve fund for non-profits equals at least one year's expenses. In the past years, we have been taking from \$500- \$900 a year from our reserves to

maintain the branch. Those reserves are now at a low level.

Operating expenses include community outreach contributions (UCM, Good Shepherd Housing & Family Services, and Empowered Women International); a contribution to AAUW Funds; newsletter & member directory; Membership and Program committee expenses, Sunshine Fund, District dues, and National & State meetings expenses.

**The details of our expenses and budget will be given at our Annual Meeting on April 20, at Mt. Vernon Country Club. At this time the dues increase will be discussed, and a vote taken.**

### TIME IS RUNNING OUT! VOTE IN AAUW'S ART CONTEST!

Mt. Vernon member **Kelly Morris** submitted 2 pieces: "Rory" and "Purple Passion."

VOTE HERE: <http://www.aauw.org/contests/>



## Out and About with Mt. Vernon AAUW



On February 10, 21 Mt. Vernon Branch members attended the performance of the Capital Steps at the Knights of Columbus building. This was a *Friends of UCM* fundraiser. The show was funny, the food was good and the company was excellent!



**Left photo:** At the Branch board meeting on February 5, Peggy Stotz, from the McLean Branch paid us a visit. Peggy (white sweater, turquoise necklace) is the state Vice President for AAUW Funds. She is also the liaison from the state board to our branch. She talked about things going on at the state level and invited us to the state conference on April 13, in Richmond.

**Photo to the right:** On February 21, the topic for our branch meeting was alternative travel. **Saundra Prince** invited our speaker, June Molina (center). In the words of **Joanne Clark**, "June Molina from People to People International was funny, inspiring with her inspirational experiences, and she came with helpful handouts. I learned a lot and am thinking of trying her method of traveling at some point. The people she stayed with, mostly women, with an occasional man, all looked terribly nice and were so helpful to her."



# 2012-2013 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

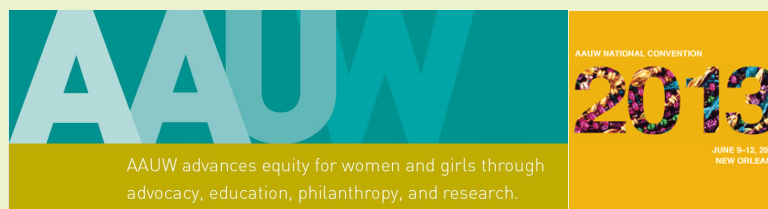
## MT. VERNON AAUW 2012-2013 Schedule of Meetings and Activities Branch Theme: *Making a Difference*

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
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, and Sandy Lawrence, NOVA AAUW District Rep. to answer questions after film
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:

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



- **5 Board Meeting, 7:30**  
Call Cathy Krebs  
703/765-2751
- **12 Fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, 7:00**  
Call Patsy Quick  
703/360-8678
- **18 Book Group, 7:30**  
Call Betty Demarest  
703/329-1335
- **21 Branch Meeting, 7:00**  
**Heritage Pres. Church**  
*The Invisible War*  
Call Patsy Quick  
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- **22 Game Night, 7:30**  
Call Bianca Daugherty  
571/332-8371

## March 2013

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