

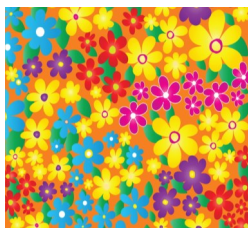
MT. VERNON VOICES

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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Mount Vernon Branch was on the march in March!

On March 3, **Elizabeth Lonoff** attended the centennial of the first suffrage parade in Washington, D.C. (She reports

that the Dining Out group will resume activity in May.)

At our branch board meeting on March 5, **Edith Appel** reported that we have donated \$3331 to AAUW. **Trish Smith** provided financial background as to why a dues increase is needed, as she will explain at our Annual Meeting. Trish is mailing the proceeds of our "Buck Basket" to the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial Association in Occoquan.

On March 12, with Alexandria Branch we co-hosted a very successful fundraiser at the Little Theater of Alexandria. Once more **Patsy Quick** masterminded the decorating and set up for the reception, in spite of the fact she was flying to Europe that evening! With the play, **Dial M For Murder**, as a theme, Patsy borrowed an intriguing collection of antique telephones (all labeled "M") which were perched on nests of red raffia which "poured" like blood down the sides of support-

ing boxes. Long black table runners added to the sinister effect. The play was great, especially the acting of the police inspector. The food and wine were, of course, greatly appreciated. **Shirley Richey** and helpers put together four wonderful raffle baskets and Alexandria Branch provided two more baskets. **Mary Ellen and Paul Mehler** sold raffle tickets. It was a great night! Thanks to everyone who participated.

On March 21, members and friends had the opportunity to see the documentary, **The Invisible War**, followed by a Q and A session with **Holly Kearl**, AAUW LAF Manager, and **Sandy Lawrence**, the NOVA AAUW District Representative.

Are we active or what?

Please mark your calendars for our Annual Meeting at the Mount Vernon Country Club on Saturday, April 20 at 9:15 a.m. YOU NEED TO BE THERE to express your opinion as to how much our dues need to be increased, and as to what topics you want to see included in next year's programs. YOUR INPUT IS IMPORTANT.

Happy Spring!

Cathy Krebs

APRIL 20
SATURDAY

**Annual
Meeting**

**Mt. Vernon
Country Club**

9:15 AM

**Elections
Dues Issues**

\$25

ANNUAL BRUNCH/MEETING, APRIL 20

WE WILL TAKE CARE OF BUSINESS! MARK THE CALENDAR!

Our Annual Meeting and Brunch will be held on **Saturday, April 20, at the Mt. Vernon Country Club (5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria, 703-780-8700).**

Plan to arrive around 9:15 a.m. for socializing, enjoying a hot brunch, and taking care of business (elections, dues increase). The cost is \$25.00. Please make your check out to **AAUW-Mt. Vernon Branch** (write "Annual Brunch" on the memo line) and send it to **Ericka Kinsey, 7041 Quander Rd., Alexandria, VA 22307, by April 15.**

If you have any questions, please call Ericka Kinsey at 703-660-0713.



LEADERSHIP OPPORTUNITIES

Leaders of the Pack!

These members have agreed to have their names placed in nomination for leadership positions in the Mt. Vernon Branch:

Presidents: We hope someone will step forward soon.
Co-VP Program: Joanne Clark and Joanna Crane
Co-Secretary: Shirley Richey

Elections will take place at the Annual Meeting, April 20.

Many thanks to **Lois Passman**, Nominations Chair for her hard work!

NEW NUMBER
NEW EMAIL

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NEW

RESERVATION FORM FOR BRUNCH

Clip and
Mail.

I, _____ plan to be at the brunch on April 20 at the Mt. Vernon Country Club.

Enclosed please find a check to *Mt. Vernon AAUW* for \$25

Mail to

Ericka Kinsey, 7041 Quander Rd., Alexandria, VA 22307.

Deadline April 15.

BOOK GROUP

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

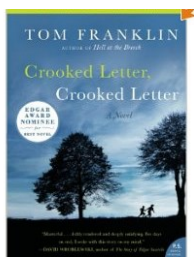
DATE: Monday, April 15, 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Elaine Kolish

9920 Emerald Drive

Alexandria, 22308

dmfedk@cox.net



Book: Crooked Letter, Crooked Letter

by Tom Franklin

Reviewer: Louise Meade

CO-HOSTESS: Joanna Crane

Next Book: The Paris Wife by Paula McClain

and A Moveable Feast by Ernest Hemingway

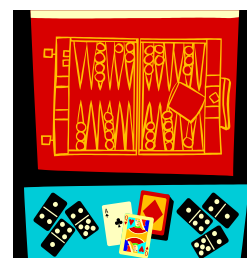
GAME NIGHT

Game Night

April 26, 2013

7:30 PM

Place to be determined. Watch for an email.



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

Did you
know...?

HONOREES FOR 2012/2013 SELECTED

Our total contributions to AAUW Funds for 2012 entitle us to name six honorees for the 2012/13 program year. AAUW policy dictates that for every \$500 contributed to AAUW Funds we may name an honoree. Each year the Mt. Vernon Branch Board selects honorees who have contributed significantly to the success of our branch during the preceding year. This year's honorees will be **President Cathy Krebs, Program Vice Presidents Joanne Clark and Ericka Kinsey, and individual program coordinators DeJuana Jones, Joanna Crane and Jeanne Gayler.** We will honor these members at our Annual Meeting and Brunch on April 20 at the Mt. Vernon Country Club.

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 Others?*

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.



FALLS CHURCH BRANCH BOOK SALE, APRIL 12, 13

Antiquarians....Mystery Lovers...Cooks...Historians...Children...Bargain Hunters...

The Falls Church Area AAUW, is holding its annual Used Book Sale on Friday April 12 (9 a.m. - 9 p.m.) and Saturday April 13 (9 a.m. - 4 p.m.) at the Falls Church Community Center, 223 Little Falls Street, Falls Church, just off Route 7. More than 40,000 books for browsing and buying. Huge selection. Most books priced at \$3 or less.

Profits help us break barriers for women and girls by funding AAUW fellowships, scholarships for Falls Church area high school girls, and special projects in Falls Church area.

For more information about the book sale, call (703) 534-5345 or contact gjewell@cox.net.

of note...

At the last branch board meeting, on March 5, **Edith Appel**, quietly handed over her board file to Joanne Malkin, as she relinquished her long-held position as AAUW Funds Chair. Edith has moved, and that was her last board meeting. As a branch member for many years, Edith held the position of Public Policy Chair and then AAUW Funds Chair for a long time. She is was a vital member of the board and will be greatly missed. We will all look forward to seeing Edith at AAUW meetings, book group and gourmet.

Thanks, Edith, for all your dedicated work for Mt. Vernon Branch!

FUNDRAISER SUCCESS



Bouquets of thanks go to all the members of the Branch who helped make the fundraiser, on March 12 at The Little Theatre of Alexandria, such a success!!

You generously purchased and sold tickets, made donations of money, food, wine, and raffle items. Thank you, thank you! You are the best branch in Virginia!

Special thanks go out to: **Edith Appel** who helped mail the tickets; **Joan Howerton, Cynthia Jacobus, Bianca Daugherty, and Cynthia Gindlesperger** who loaned vintage telephones; **Lois Passman** who donated raffle containers; **Shirley Richey, Joanne Malkin and Marvel Luykx**, who put together the beautiful raffle baskets; **Cathy Krebs, Mary Ellen Mehler, Cynthia Jacobus, and Joanne Malkin**, who helped decorate; **Saundra Prince** who came early and helped with last minute details; **Mary Ellen Mehler, Paul Mehler, and Shirley Richey** who sold raffle tickets and **Cathy Krebs** who picked up all the stuff at the end to bring home.

\$3160 was made on tickets and donations and \$660 was the total raffle profits. WOW!!
A detailed accounting will be published in next month's newsletter.



www.aauw.org: a GREAT site to visit!

SINCE THE MT. VERNON BRANCH DOES NOT HAVE A PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR you may want to receive *Washington Update*, an internal publication for public policy leaders and AAUW members at this link:

https://spreadsheets.google.com/viewform?key=p_2h11FLmbCU-HRq5TYXZSw

Read the AAUW blog: <http://www.aauw.org/blog/> by subscribing to receive it via email.

And, subscribe to become at a **Two-Minute Activist** at: <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=62534596>

BRANCH DUES NEED TO BE RAISED

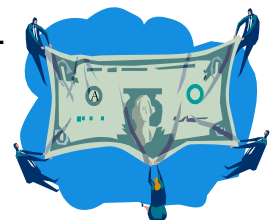
TRISH SMITH

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.



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
Saturday, April 20, 2013 9:15 a.m. Mt. Vernon Country Club	Annual Meeting
Thursday, May 16, 2013 6:30 p.m. Edie Bartlett's Home	Branch Potluck Dinner
Saturday, June 8, 2013 9:30 a.m. Mary Ellen Mehler's Home	Planning Meeting

Federal Trade Commission Forum

Senior Identity Theft: A Problem in this Day and Age

May 7, 9:00 AM—4:30 PM

The forum will take place at the Commission's Conference Center at 601 New Jersey Avenue, N.W., Washington, D.C. The Conference Center is a short walk from Union Station, and is across the street from the Georgetown Law Center. It will be free and open to the public.

Joanna Crane will be attending. Contact her if you would like to ride or follow in your car.

joanna.p.crane@gmail.com

703/489-7073

Other important dates:

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

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



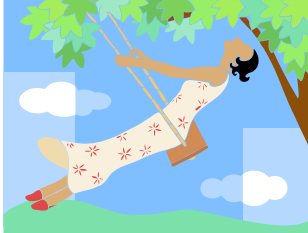
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First Class



- **2 Board Meeting, 7:30**
Call Cathy Krebs
703/765-2751
- **15 Book Group, 7:30**
Call Elaine Kolish
703/360-7319
- **20 Annual Mtg/Brunch, 9:15 AM**
Mt. Vernon Country Club
Call Cathy Krebs
- **26 Game Night, 7:30**
Call Edie Bartlett
703/780-6809

APRIL 2013

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