

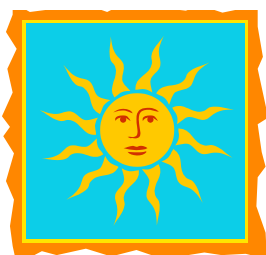
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PRESIDENT'S CORNER



WOW! What a wonderful program year Mount Vernon Branch has had!

In September, while enjoying a dinner at Pema's Restaurant, we heard from **Elizabeth Vandenburg** about

Science, Technology, Engineering, and Mathematics (STEM) initiatives for girls. Later that month, we enjoyed a field trip to **Arcadia Center at Woodlawn Plantation** and learned about sustainable agriculture and their methods for improving nutrition among the less advantaged of Alexandria. This field trip was in preparation for our November meeting. State **Senator Adam Eben** addressed the problem of human sex trafficking in Virginia at our October meeting. "Nutrition and Food Quality for Better Health" was the subject covered on November 15 and included a screening of the film, **FOOD, INC.**, and a panel of experts on agriculture and nutrition.

At our holiday luncheon, we were privileged to hear from **Kristen Galles**, plaintiffs' attorney in Title IX cases, talk about how appreciative

she is for AAUW Legal Advocacy Funding that helps keep alive her fights for the rights of women student athletes. At the January meeting, a **Federal Trade Commission attorney** provided a wealth of information on how to recognize, avoid and report scams that are often targeted at the elderly. In February, we learned that by joining various **cooperative travel** organizations we can enjoy lower cost vacations abroad by staying in private homes and we can make new friends by opening our homes to people from abroad.

In March, we enjoyed the Little Theater of Alexandria's production of **Dial M For Murder**, and profited from this joint fundraiser with the Alexandria Branch. Later in March, we screened the documentary, **The Invisible War**, about the problem of sexual assault within the military. Afterwards **Holly Kearl**, AAUW LAF Manager, and **Sandy Lawrence**, who is AAUW Northern Virginia District Representative and a retired U. S. Naval officer, answered questions.

PLANNING BRUNCH, JUNE 8

WHAT WILL NEXT YEAR BRING?

The time for planning is now! Join us for our annual planning brunch (bring a dish) and help decide the programs for next year. Enjoy good food as great minds toss around ideas and make decisions about the 2013-2014 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year. It is always a fun and well-attended event. Great outcomes are expected!

WHERE? Mary Ellen Mehler's Home, 2002 Old Stage Road, 9:30 AM

Contact Mary Ellen and let her know you are coming and what you will bring!

703/780-8494 memehler@msn.com

FINAL

JUNE 8
SATURDAY
9:30 AM

Branch
Planning
Meeting/
Brunch

Mary Ellen
Mehler's
Home

Bring a dish
for brunch!



PRESIDENT'S CORNER (CONTINUED FROM PAGE 1)

An increase in the Branch dues was approved at the Annual Meeting in April and **Edith Appel** was recognized for her almost 20 years of excellent service to our board.

Edie Bartlett opened her lovely home for our very enjoyable potluck dinner in May.

The efforts of so many people who contributed to organizing the above events are greatly appreciated. Our branch is fortunate that next year **Mary Ellen Mehler** and **Barbara Mann** will serve as Co-Presidents, **Joanna Crane** and **Joanne Clark** (continuing) will be Program Vice Presidents, and **Shirley Richey** will serve as Secretary, and many wonderful people are continuing on the board.

*Do come to the **Planning Meeting at Mary Ellen Mehler's home on Saturday, June 8, at 9:30 a.m.** Bring a breakfast item to share and plenty of ideas. At the planning meeting last year, ideas swirled around the room and we emerged with the excellent program outlined above. We need your input.*

Thanks for giving me the opportunity of serving as Co-President and later as President. It has been a good experience to work with good people to make good things happen.

Cathy Krebs



This is the last issue of *Mt. Vernon Voices* until September, 2013. A new program year will begin at that time.

Until then, may everyone have a relaxing and enjoyable summer!

BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2012 – 2013

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BOOK GROUP

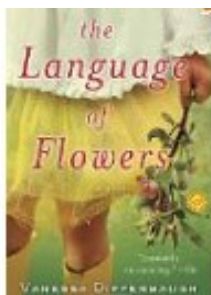
Please notify the hostess whether or not you plan to attend.

DATE: Monday, June 17, 7:30 pm

HOSTESS: Betty Demarest
6117 Vernon Terrace
Alexandria, 22307
ejdema@gmail.com

CO-HOSTESS: Sue Rardin

Book: The Language of Flowers
by Vanessa Diffenbaugh



Reviewer: Elaine Kolish

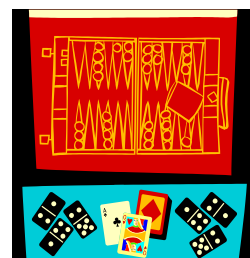
Next Book: Books for next year will be chosen in September. Send recommendations to **Joanne Clark (jclark@meridian.org)**. Include a **short** summary and the number of copies that are available in the Fairfax County Library.

GAME NIGHT

Game Night will resume in September!

Watch for the email notice.

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

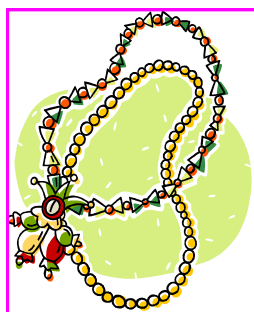


BEADING CLASS

JOANNE CLARK

Come feed your creative outlet! Make something unique and beautiful to adorn your newest outfit!

Leave at home your preconceived ideas about your beading capabilities. You are guaranteed a priceless (to your sense of self!) piece of jewelry by the end of the class.



Joanne Clark will hold a beading class (\$15) at Louise Meade's home

5902 Mt. Eagle Dr. #1414

Sunday, June 2, 1:00 PM

15 Participants Maximum!

RSVP to Joanne (jclark@meridian.org) AND Louise (meadelt@cox.net)

DUES ARE DUE!

TRISH SMITH, TREASURER

AAUW Mount Vernon annual branch dues will increase from \$13 to \$26 effective July 1, 2013.

Members can renew their branch dues at the current rate of \$13 until June 30, 2013. You may renew your membership online at www.aauw.org or send a check to Trish Smith. Checks must be received by June 30, 2013 to qualify for the 2013-14 membership rates.

2013-14 Total Dues:

The rate below applies until 6/30/2013

National: \$49 (100% tax deductible)
State: \$15
Branch: \$13
Total: \$77

The rate below applies July 1, 2013

National: \$49 (100% tax deductible)
State: \$15
Branch: \$26
Total: \$90.



For questions, please contact Trish Smith, Treasurer at trish-smith@cox.net or 703/803-0252. Mail dues check to: Trish Smith, 11806 Robertson Farm Circle, Fairfax, VA 22030.

Give a Grad the Gift of AAUW

Looking for a gift for someone you know who is graduating this spring? Consider AAUW's Give-A-Grad-A-Gift program, which entitles them to a free AAUW membership within two years of graduation. **What an awesome gift at no cost to you or them!**

This is an offer that only AAUW members can take advantage of at no cost. You can apply online or download the application at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>.

Remember, your grad will receive a one-year at-large membership — a \$49 value — for free. They can join a branch at any time but will be responsible for paying branch and state dues.

YOU CAN STILL VOTE!

AAUW National:

Candidates for President, VP, 10 Directors, plus Resolutions, Bylaws amendments, and additions to Public Policy Program

Voting Period: April 15 – June 10, online.

Use your member ID and the voter PIN that was emailed to you by AAUW Executive Director, Linda Hallman, on April 8, 2013.

Details: *Outlook*, Spring/Summer 2013 issue, and online. AAUW vote is online. A paper ballot must be requested by May 2, 2013.

AAUW of Virginia Slate:

Sally Sledge, Norfolk, for State VP for Membership & Branch Dev.

Nancy Thompson, Reston Herndon, for State VP for Finance

Sherry Warren, Portsmouth, for State Recording Secretary

Voting Period: May 1 – end of May.

Details: *Virginia Vision*, Winter/Spring 2013 issue. VA vote is by paper ballot unless member has opted for online. In 2012, VA AAUW mailed out 922 paper ballots and only 142 were cast. Save trees and money and vote online.

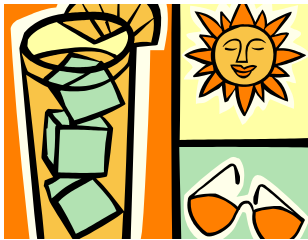


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First Class



- **2 Beading Class, 1:00**
Call Joanne Clark
703/768-8996
And Louise Meade
703/960-0073
- **8 Planning Brunch, 9:30**
Call Mary Ellen Mehler
703/780-8494
- **17 Book Group, 7:30**
Call Betty Demarest
703/329-1335

JUNE 2013

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