

Mt. Vernon Voices

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Get Ready for the New Program Year

Summer is coming to a close, and the Mt. Vernon Branch of AAUW is gearing up for a busy year. Now is the time to reconvene the clan to renew our friendships, share our summer adventures, and prepare for the coming program year.

Joanne Clark has worked hard with the Mount Vernon Country Club to offer us a great menu for our **Kickoff Dinner on September 17**. We will be screening a video about AAUW that should make you feel very proud of your participation in this venerable organization.

Six of our members attended the outstanding annual state AAUW conference in Charlottesville in May.

Now it is our turn! We of the **Northern District** are hosting the annual **AAUW of Virginia/West Virginia State Conference** this coming year at the Dulles Hyatt on **April 15 - 17, 2016**. You can attend an upcoming meeting to get more involved in planning and organizing this important AAUW activity. The first **Board Meeting** for the Mt. Vernon Branch will be on Tuesday, **September 1 at 7:00 p.m.** at **Mary Ellen Mehler's House**, 2002 Old Stage Road, 22308. The fall **Northern District Meeting** will be on Saturday, **October 3** at the Kings Park Public Library, where planning for the annual state AAUW conference will be on the agenda.

Please come to the Kickoff Dinner and one of the early organizational meetings! **We would love to see you there!**

JOANNA P. CRANE

**THURSDAY
SEPTEMBER
17**

**KICKOFF
DINNER**

\$38

6:30 PM

KICKOFF DINNER, SEPTEMBER 17

**Our 2015-16 season will kick off on
Thursday, September 17
at the Mt. Vernon Country Club.**



We are looking forward to seeing everyone again. Plan to arrive at **6:30 pm** and spend an evening with your friends and catch up on how you spent your summer. We are hoping that some of you might bring a friend to discover how much enjoyment they could experience as a member of our branch. We will have a short AAUW video and we will also be going over the branch program that has been determined for the upcoming year. It's a great one!

The dinner will be a buffet (including salad, choice of chicken or salmon, dessert, coffee, etc.), \$38.00 all inclusive. We will need to have solid numbers by September 14.

Put September 17 on your calendars and let us know that you will be there.

You can email **Joanne Clark** at jclark@meridian.org with any questions and to let her know if you will be coming.

**This is going to be a terrific year for our branch.
Come and celebrate with your friends!**

**MT VERNON
COUNTRY
CLUB**

SEPTEMBER 17 KICKOFF DINNER RESERVATION FORM



Please make your reservation for the Kickoff Dinner at the Mt Vernon Country Club

**Buffet Dinner with Salad Bar,
Chicken Piccata, Blackened Salmon with Tomato Relish,
Whipped Potatoes, Mixed Vegetables
Apple Cobbler with Vanilla Ice Cream**

I, _____, plan to come to the kickoff dinner.
I will be bringing a friend / guest: _____

Mail in by September 11

**together with your check for \$38 per person made out to AAUW Mt Vernon to:
Joanne Clark, 6607 10th Street #A2, Alexandria, VA 22307**

See you all there!



DUES ARE DUE! If you have not renewed your membership yet, please send your dues check made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW for \$90.00 to

Edie Bartlett, 3204 Battersea Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309

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BOOK GROUP

On September 21, we will meet to select books and enjoy a potluck dinner together.

We welcome new members to join the book group!

DATE: Monday, September 21, 2015

6:30 PM

HOSTESS: Joan Winslow

3706 Carriage House Court
Alexandria, VA 22309

winfaster@verizon.net / 703/780-7810



CO-HOSTESS: Elaine Kolish

In preparation for this evening, send your book recommendations, with brief descriptions, to Elaine Kolish, dmfedk@cox.net

Please respond to Joan Winslow whether or not you plan to attend. More information will come via email concerning refreshments.

GAME NIGHT



Game Night

September 25, 2014

7:30 PM

Home of Shannon Dubicki / Watch for email.



Join us for light snacks and fun!

Contact Bianca Daugherty if you would like to join the group (d4bnjk@aol.com)

VOTER REGISTRATION DRIVE FOR MT. VERNON BRANCH

Once again, the Mt. Vernon AAUW Branch has been invited to join forces with the Mt. Vernon Registrars to register voters in our community. Our Voter Registration table is also a place where we can educate voters on the VA Voter ID Requirements. All of the print material we need for registration and education is provided. Here are the dates, locations, and 2-hour shift start times for our Branch's Voter Registration Drive:



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| • 09/25 Fri. | Hybla Valley Post Office | 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 |
| • 09/26 Sat. | Giant Beacon Mall | 10:00, 12:00, 2:00 |
| • 10/03 Sat. | Safeway Engleside | 10:00, 12:00, 2:00 |
| • 10/05 Mon. | Hybla Valley Post Office | 11:00, 1:00, 3:00 |
| • 10/10 Sat. | Safeway Mt Vernon Square | 10:00, 12:00, 2:00 |
| • 10/11 Sun. | Safeway Belle View | 12:00, 2:00, 4:00 |

A Voter Registration Training session will be held at the Mt. Vernon Governmental Center on **Tuesday, September 15th from 6:30 - 8:00 pm.**

To register, call Patricia Ferguson at 703-324-4711, or email her at patricia.ferguson@fairfax.county.gov. A link for online training is at fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregtraining.htm

Contact Joanna Crane, joanna.p.crane@gmail.com, to sign up for a shift or with questions.

COOKING UP A NEW PROGRAM SCHEDULE



On June 6 members gathered at the home of **Edie Bartlett** for the annual planning brunch. After a delicious breakfast, it was down to business.

Joanna Crane presented the results of the May member survey. **Joanne Clark** led the lively discussion of what we would like to do for the next program year. **The result - another great program year to look forward to!** Learn more about our exciting programs at the Kickoff Dinner on September 17!

Report from 2015 Summer Leaders Meeting

Co-President **Mary Ellen Mehler** attended the 2015 Virginia AAUW Summer Leaders Meeting, which took place on July 18 in Williamsburg.

The meeting was chaired by **Patsy Quick** and **Sandy Lawrence**, state co-presidents. **Deepti Gutapati** from AAUW National Headquarters led leadership workshops on growing and strengthening the branches.

HEADS UP:

Our **Northern District** will host the **AAUW of Virginia State Conference on April 15-17, 2016** at the Dulles Hyatt Hotel. Several of our branch members have volunteered to be on the planning committee for the event. **Caroline Pickens** of the McLean branch is heading up the committee and is planning an organization meeting in mid-September, probably at her home in McLean. If you have an interest in planning the conference and/or will be available to help during the conference, please let **Mary Ellen Mehler** (memehler@msn.com) know.



Condolences

The Mount Vernon branch extends their heartfelt condolences to Patsy Quick on the loss of her mother, Rena Nance. The branch has made a donation in her memory to the Benton Heights Presbyterian Church Building Fund in Monroe, NC.

CANDIDATE MEET AND GREET

The Mt. Vernon branch will again assist the **Fairfax League of Women Voters** as they conduct **Meet and Greet** sessions for political candidates this fall.

The branch has contributed \$50 toward the filming and editing of the Meet and Greet events.

The first candidate's forum will be aired on Fairfax Public Access Television as part of the program **"Inside Scoop."**

The program will air on Channel 10 at 7:00 PM on August 31.

Mt. Vernon Branch is working with the League of Women Voters to sponsor the following event:

**Mt. Vernon District Magisterial Event Meet and Greet
for Board of Supervisors
and FCPS School Board Member**

**Wednesday, September 16, 2015, 7:00-8:30 PM
Sherwood Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306**

We hope to see you there! Be informed so you can vote responsibly!



**SEPTEMBER 26 IS NATIONAL
VOTER REGISTRATION DAY!**

Join the Mt. Vernon Branch Voter Registration Drive

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING

**HOW WILL THIS STORY END?
COME FIND OUT ON OCTOBER 3!**

WHO: All Northern District Branch Members
WHAT: Annual Fall District Meeting
WHERE: 2:00 pm; Kings Park Library, 9000 Burke Lake Rd.
WHY: Learn, Energize, Act



Once upon a time (1972 to be exact) Congress wisely adopted **Title IX**. What progress has been made in these 43 years? Many look to women's sports and the incredible changes in that arena. But **Title IX** is much broader than sports and covers many activities that are civil rights issues. The U.S. Department of Education has just released new guidelines and resources for public schools. That is where we AAUW members come into the picture.

Our invited speaker is **Catherine Lhamon**, Assistant Secretary for Civil Rights in the Department of Education. Those who attended AAUW National Convention this year were captivated by this young woman and her very informative talk. Come hear how equal educational opportunities still lag behind, and how AAUW members can be an incredible partner in connecting with our school **Title IX** coordinators and the new guidelines for schools.

JOIN US OCTOBER 3 FOR THE REST OF THIS STORY.

Jeanne Elmore and Caroline Pickens

Northern District Co-Representatives

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2015 - 2016 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:30 pm Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Kickoff Dinner With AAUW Video Screening
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane	Friends of Guest House (Rehabilitation of ex-offender women) Speaker: Kari Galloway, Executive Director of Guest House
Thursday, November 19, 2015 Time & Location TBD	AAUW Public Policy Speaker from AAUW National
Sunday, December 13, 2015 Restaurant Chez Andre 10 E Glebe Rd, Alexandria, VA 22305	Holiday Event Brunch/Lunch
Saturday, January 16, 2016 Time & Location TBD	Speaker: Virginia Delegate Scott Surovell
Thursday, February 18, 2016 Time & Location TBD	Container Gardening: Speaker: Eileen Powell
Saturday, March 19, 2016, Time TBD Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Annual Meeting Breakfast
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance Little Theater of Alexandria	Little Theater Fundraiser "To Kill a Mockingbird"
Thursday, May 19, 2016, Time TBD Home of Mary Ellen Mehler	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, June 4, 2015 Time & Location TBD	Annual Planning Session

Other Important Dates to Remember:

October 3, 2015	Northern District Meeting
April 15 - 17, 2016	AAUW of Virginia State Conference, Dulles Hyatt

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First Class



- **1 Board Meeting, 7:00**
Mary Ellen Mehler's home
703/780-8494
- **17 Kickoff Dinner, 6:30**
Contact Joanne Clark
703/768-8996
- **21 Book Group, 6:30**
Contact Joan Winslow
703/780-7810
- **25 Game Night, 7:30**
Contact Bianca Daugherty
571/332-8371



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