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PRESIDENTS' CORNER



WELCOME TO THE NEW PROGRAM YEAR

Goodbye to summer! Welcome back to a new branch program year with the Kickoff Dinner on

September 11.

Joanne Clark and **Joanna Crane** have found a great new restaurant and a great Kickoff speaker for us. We also have several delightful new members to greet at the Kick-off.

Your board has been busy over the summer. **Bianca Daugherty** has taken on the newsletter responsibility in her very capable manner while **Patsy Quick** transitions into her new

responsibilities as Virginia State co-president.

Edie Bartlett, Joanne Clark, Joanna Crane, Barbara Mann, Mary Ellen Mehler, and Shirley Richey traveled to Charlottesville in July to attend the Virginia State Summer Leadership Conference and to meet the new state officers. Marketing of local branches in the community and visioning exercises to determine branch priorities were the emphasis in this year's training sessions.

We hope to see everyone at Fiona's Irish Pub for the Kickoff.

MARY ELLEN MEHLER

KICKOFF DINNER, SEPTEMBER 11



5810 KINGSTOWNE CENTER
ALEXANDRIA, VA 22315
(KINGSTOWNE)
TELEPHONE: (703) 888 3900

DRINKS 6:30 PM, DINNER 7:00 PM

**SPEAKER SHERRY ZACHRY, LWV SPEAKERS BUREAU,
"2014 UPDATE: VA VOTER ID LAWS"**

Join us at our annual branch Kickoff Dinner to meet up with old friends and to make new friends. Don't miss to hear about the exciting program planned for the upcoming year! We will enjoy a lovely dinner and hear about voting issues impacting Virginia voters. Our speaker, **Sherry Zachry** of the Fairfax Area LWV Speaker's Bureau, will also address the new Voter ID Law that went into effect on July 1, 2014. Sherry will leave time to answer all of your questions.

The cost for the dinner is \$30 including tax and gratuity. Please make your check for \$30 to AAUW Mt. Vernon and send together with your reservation form to Joanna Crane, 6511 Princeton Drive, Alexandria VA 22307 by Sept. 5th.

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SEPTEMBER
11
THURSDAY

Kickoff Dinner

FIONA'S IRISH
PUB
KINGSTOWNE

6:30-9:00 PM

\$30
Reservations by
September 5



SEPTEMBER 11 KICKOFF DINNER RESERVATION FORM

Please make your reservation for the
Kickoff Dinner at Fiona's Irish Pub by September 5th

Mail together with check for \$30 made out to AAUW Mt Vernon to

Joanna Crane
6511 Princeton Drive
Alexandria VA 22307



Select one appetizer:

Green salad_____ Cup Guinness Onion Soup_____

Select one entrée:

Fish and Chips_____ Shepherd's Pie_____ Corn Beef/Cabbage_____ Noodles and Veggies_____

Select one dessert:

Bread pudding with fruit compote_____ Fruit Crumble/Vanilla Ice Cream_____

Choice of coffee, tea, or soda included

Wine or beer paid individually

See you all there!

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MOUNT VERNON BRANCH JUMPS INTO GET OUT THE VOTE

AAUW has launched a public policy campaign to **Get Out The Vote (GOTV)**. In a recent email to Branch Presidents, our State Public Policy and Program VPs wrote:

"With the critical upcoming midterm elections on November 4, 2014, AAUW has launched **"It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard 2014 - Getting Out The Midterm Vote."** Our GOTV activities under our newly awarded AAUW Public Policy Impact grant will support this initiative.

Our goals for GOTV are: 1) At least half of the active branches participate in at least one GOTV activity, such as voter registration drives, candidate forums, etc.; and 2) We register at least 500 voters."

Mount Vernon Branch is actively supporting GOTV. To get involved, you have several options to consider: join the GOTV team, attend the September Kickoff Dinner where we will have a speaker on this issue, take voter registration training, and go out into the community to register and educate voters. Here are the details:

1. Join the GOTV Team: Call or email **Joanna Crane** (703-718-8892, Joanna.p.crane@gmail.com) to help make this important project a success. There are many small tasks to share!

2. Come Hear Our Speaker: **Sherry Zachry** from the League of Women Voters Fairfax Area Speakers Bureau will speak at our September Kickoff Dinner about issues impacting Virginia voters. (see page 1)

3. Get Trained: There are two options for voter registration training, either live in-person, or online.

- **Live in-person:** The Fairfax County Office of Elections is providing us with a live in-person training session at the Mount Vernon Government Center at 2511 Parker's Lane, starting at 7:00 pm on Tuesday, September 16th. To register, email **Patricia Ferguson**, the Outreach Coordinator for the Fairfax County Office of Election, at Patricia.Ferguson@fairfaxcounty.gov, by September 12th. Tell her you want to sign up for the class. Please cc Joanna so the Branch can keep a head count.
- **Online:** You can do the training online by going to the State Board of Elections website. To do this, go to sbe.virginia.gov and then locate the "registration" topic at the top of page and click on "Registration Drives". Scroll down this page until you get to "3. Online". Click on this and it should get you into the training course module. Please let Joanna know if you do your training online.
- **Certified:** In addition to getting trained, you can get "certified." Not everyone who participates in a voter

registration drive has to be certified, but at least the people in charge have to be.

To get certified, once you have completed the training, you will have to go online and take the quiz/tutorial so that it may be submitted to the Department of Elections (formerly State Board of Elections). Once completed, you will be able to order forms and download your certificate.

4. Do Voter Registration and Education: We are fortunate to have a well-organized group of voter registration volunteers whom we can join. **Diana Cull's** organization, called **"the Mount Vernon Registrars,"** is a nonpartisan all-volunteer group. She would be happy to have us participate with her group. To make this a team activity for our AAUW Branch, we would like to focus on a few dates.

Please let Joanna know which of the following dates and locations you prefer. She will email you instructions for signing up online and help you with it if needed. (People sign up for 2-hour shifts.):

Saturday September 20, 10am – 4pm, Giant at Beacon Mall

Monday September 22, 11am – 5 pm, Hybla Valley Post Office

Sunday September 28, 12pm – 6pm, Safeway at Belleview

Saturday October 4, 10am – 4pm, Safeway at Engleside

Sunday October 12, 12pm – 6pm, Safeway at Mt. Vernon Square

5. Attend the Candidate Meet and Greet: The AAUW Mt. Vernon Branch, along with the AARP, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA), the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia (CAPAVA), and the Lee District Association of Community Organizations will co-sponsor a **Meet and Greet Candidates Night** for the 8th Congressional District candidates. All candidates certified by the Virginia State Board of Elections will be invited. The event will take place at the Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, 6488 Landsdowne Ctr, Kingstowne, VA 22315 on **Tuesday October 21, 2014** from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m.

Conclusion: DON'T JUST WORRY ABOUT VOTING RIGHTS. DO SOMETHING!

Be in the know about the new Voter ID laws and other voting issues in our community. Voter Registration is fun. Let's make robust voter participation a reality in Mount Vernon.



Get involved in GOTV!

**Joanna Crane
Program VP**

BOOK GROUP

On September 15, we will meet to select books and enjoy sweets and savories (finger food). We welcome new members to join the book group!

DATE: Monday, September 15, 2014

7:00 PM

HOSTESS: Mary Ellen Mehler

2002 Old Stage Road
Alexandria, VA 22308

memehler@msn.com 703/780-8494



In preparation for this evening, by September 12, send your book recommendations, with brief descriptions, to **Patsy Quick** (pnquick@cox.net).

This year consider recommending a classic.

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

GAME NIGHT



Game Night

September 26, 2014

7:30 PM

Home of Cathy Krebs / Watch for email.



Join us for light snacks and fun!

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

DINING OUT IS BACK!

Nine members and guests enjoyed DC Restaurant Week at the Chart House in August. To make suggestions for the next Dining Out event, contact **Elizabeth Lonoff** at elonoff@msn.com.



MEMBERSHIP UPDATE



We are delighted to welcome
four new members joining our Branch:

Susan Ashcraft
Claudia Creo
June Malina
Judy Titterton

MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATES, OCTOBER 21

Hold the date - Tuesday, October 21st Candidate Meet and Greet

Our Branch, along with the AARP, the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area, the Coalition of Asian Pacific Americans of Virginia, and the Lee District Association of Community Organizations are sponsoring a Meet and Greet for the 8th Congressional District candidates.

All candidates certified by the Virginia State Board of Elections will be invited. Each will make a brief introductory statement before the floor is open to questions from the floor. One-on-one discussions will follow, if time allows.

The event will take place from 7 p.m. – 9 p.m. at the Kingstowne Center for Active Adults, 6488 Landsdowne Ctr., Kingstowne, VA 22315.

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING, OCTOBER 18

Save the Date for "**The Ups (and Downs) of Electing Women**" at the Northern District Meeting Oct. 18 featuring a **panel discussion with current and former elected women officials.**



Come join members from the 12 Northern District branches **Oct. 18 at 1:00 at the Burke Center Library!**

Manassas Park Councilmember, **Jeanette Rishell**, and former House of Delegates member, **Margi Vanderhye**, will discuss their experiences getting elected (and defeated), and AAUW Public Policy staff member, **Melissa Jackowski**, will bring us the latest statistics on women in elections at local, state, and national levels.

Hope to see everyone there!

Jeanne Elmore and Caroline Pickens
Co-Northern District Reps

AAUW VA *Vision*

How to Receive a Paper Copy of the *Vision*

The AAUW of Virginia *Vision*, the state newsletter, is issued three times a year: Fall, Winter/Spring and Summer. With the fall 2014 issue, you will notice a new email service providing the *Vision* online to everyone with an email address registered with AAUW on the Membership Services Database (MSD). We encourage you to help AAUW of Virginia to save money by accepting the *Vision* via e-mail. In that way you can read it online, print it, or download it and save it to your computer. The link will arrive in your email boxes via the new AAUW email service called Salsa.

In addition, the *Vision* (both past and current) is always available on the AAUW of Virginia website (<http://aauw-va.aauw.net>).



THE *VISION* WILL AUTOMATICALLY BE POSTAL-MAILED TO BRANCH MEMBERS WHO DO NOT HAVE AN EMAIL ADDRESS REGISTERED WITH AAUW ON THE MSD.

If you wish to receive the *Vision* in print copy via postal mail, you may fill out and submit a simple online form at this link: <http://bit.ly/T6xnT9>. You may also submit the form from the state website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>. Once you have submitted the form, you will receive paper copies of the *Vision* via postal mail.

Please submit the form by September 20 if you wish to receive a print copy of the fall 2014 *Vision*.

Patsy Quick & Sandy Lawrence
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DID YOU KNOW...

...that Betty Crocker was an AAUW member?



Marjorie Child Husted (1892–1986), a graduate from the University of Minnesota, was a home economist, businesswoman, and the brain and voice behind Betty Crocker.

To learn more visit the AAUW Website:

<http://www.aauw.org/2014/06/12/the-real-betty-crocker/>

**...that September 23rd
is National Voter
Registration Day?**

**Join our GOTV Team
and support**

Voter Registration!

(s. page 3 for more information)

IT'S MY VOTE

♦♦♦♦ I WILL BE HEARD ♦♦♦♦
A A U W A C T I O N F U N D

... that AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 244 fellowships and grants to outstanding women and non-profit organizations in the 2014–15 academic year?

[\(http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/\)](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/)

2014 - 2015 Mt. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

MT. VERNON AUUW 2014-2015 Program Schedule

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 11, 2014, 6:30 pm Fiona's Irish Pub 5810 Kingstowne Center Alexandria, VA 22315	Kickoff Dinner with Speaker on Voter ID Laws Speaker: Sherry Zachry of Fairfax Area LWV Speaker's Bureau
October 16, 2014 Time & Location TBD	Privacy in the Digital Age Speaker: Debbie Diener, of Privacy Made Simple
November 20, 2014 Time & Location TBD	Sexual Harassment and Bullying
December 6, 2014 Mt. Vernon Country Club	Holiday Party
January 15, 2015 Time & Location TBD	Women in Leadership
February 19 th , 2015 Time & Location TBD	Gardening: Either Container/ Winter/ Wildlife/Sustainable Speaker: Eileen Powell Master Gardener, Author
March 21, 2015 Mt. Vernon Country Club	Annual Meeting
April 24, 2015 Little Theater of Alexandria	Little Theater Fundraiser "The Odd Couple" (female version)
May 21, 2015 Location TBD	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
June 6, 2015 Location TBD	Annual Planning Session

Other Important Dates to Remember:

October 18, 2014 Northern District Meeting, 1:00 pm, Burke Center Library

October 21, 2014 Candidate Meet and Greet, 7 - 9 pm, Kingstowne Center for Active Adults

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First Class



- **2 Board Meeting, 7:30**
Mary Ellen Mehler's home
703/780-8494
- **11 Kickoff Dinner, 6:30**
Contact Joanna Crane
703/718-8892
- **15 Book Group, 7:00**
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler
703/780-8494
- **26 Game Night, 7:30**
Contact Bianca Daugherty
571/332-8371

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SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
	1	2 Board Meeting	3	4	5	6
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