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PRESIDENTS' CORNER



Welcome back, Mt. Vernon branch! We hope to see everyone at Pema's on Thursday, September 19, for good food, reunion with friends, and creative ideas for the new program year.

Over the summer, your board has been busy planning, firming up details for programs, meeting, corresponding with state and local colleagues, and working hard to get organized for the coming year.

Patsy Quick and **Mary Ellen Mehler** attended the Charlottesville State AAUW Leadership Conference in July to represent our branch, to glean successful ideas from other branches statewide, and to learn about state

and national AAUW priorities. In June, **Mary Ellen** attended the annual Northern Virginia Regional Meeting in Falls Church.

The newly elected 2013-2014 Mt. Vernon branch board met for the first time on August 6 at the home of Co-president **Barbara Mann**. At the Kickoff you will hear about something new that was discussed at that meeting—ImpromptEvents. We are hoping to get three new special interest groups organized for fun and camaraderie. (Much more about this later.) Come to the Kickoff to make your own special interests known. See you there!

MARY ELLEN MEHLER

KICKOFF DINNER, SEPTEMBER 19

WHERE: PEMA'S RESTAURANT
8430 RICHMOND HWY ALEXANDRIA, VA 22309
TELEPHONE: (703) 619-5005

WHEN: THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 PM

WHAT: BUFFET DINNER, SALAD, TWO ENTREES, DESSERT, BREADS, COFFEE, TEA, SOFT DRINKS; CASH BAR

Cost: \$27.00 all inclusive

Checks by September 15 to:
Joanne Clark
6607 10th Street, Apt. A2
Alexandria, VA 22307
Tel: 703/768-8996

We will be introducing the exciting program for the upcoming year that resulted from a lively and fun planning session in June. We will also be introducing new fun ideas that you will find outlined in this newsletter. You will meet former member, Mary Jane Masciola, and we are counting on everybody to help her to decide to rejoin! Annual LAF donations will also be collected. Please feel free to bring a friend or family member to introduce to the branch.

Let's have a great turnout for our kick-off! Be there or be square!

SEPTEMBER
19
THURSDAY

Kickoff Dinner

Pema's

6:30 PM

\$27
Reservations by
September 15



NEW FOR MT. VERNON BRANCH: ImpromptEvents

ANNOUNCEMENT!

ImpromptEvents was inspired by a need of members and their friends who want to get together informally to see and do things. This expands the great groups we already have, but does not guarantee that **ImpromptEvents** will be scheduled as much as a week or so ahead. It all depends on who wants to do an **ImpromptEvent** and how far in advance they know about it.

We need your input! What would you find interesting and fun to do in the Washington area? When are the best days and times for you to do things? Would Friday evenings work for you for Dining Out? Would Saturday mornings—say from 10 to 2—work for you for something like a trip to the Indian Museum or Hillwood? Or would Sunday afternoons work for getting together with an AAUW friend or two for an **ImpromptEvent**?

The movie fans thought of “Matinee Munchies for going to an early movie followed by lunch. The explorers thought of “Museum Musings” to make sure special exhibits aren’t overlooked. We could also call this group “Fabulous Treasures” be-

cause we have so many in our own area. Don’t go alone! And bring a friend. Make it an **ImpromptEvent**.

And fear not, Dining Out fans; we will continue with Dine Around Old Town/Alexandria on random Friday nights (or other times). Dining Out is a great way to get to know one another better, eat well, and have a great time.

We are open to all ideas for **ImpromptEvents**. We want to enhance the opportunities to get together for fun more often and to introduce potential new members to our great group.

To share ideas and provide input, contact Barbara Mann and Mary Ellen Mehler.



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BOOK GROUP PLANNING POTLUCK

**We welcome new members to join the book group.
On September 16 we will select books for the year and
enjoy a potluck dinner together!**

DATE: Monday, September 16, 6:30 PM

HOSTESS: Louise Meade

5902 Mt. Eagle Dr. #1414

Alexandria, 22303

meadelt@cox.net



CO-HOSTESS: Patsy Quick

pnquick@cox.net

Please email Patsy to let her know whether or not you will attend. If you plan to attend, let her know the dish you will bring.

**In preparation for this evening, please email
book recommendations and brief description
to Joanne Clark at jclark@meridian.org.**

**Please inform Liz Promen (epromen@cox.net)
if you no longer wish to be in the group. She is
updating the member list.**

GAME NIGHT

Game Night

September 27, 2013

7:30 PM

Bianca Daugherty's Home / Watch for email.

Join us for light snacks and fun! Contact **Bianca Daugherty** if you would like to join the group.
D4BNJK@aol.com



MEET AND GREET THE CANDIDATES, OCTOBER 9

Our **Mt. Vernon Branch** will collaborate with the **League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area** (Mt. Vernon day and evening units) on a non-partisan "Meet and Greet" event for local political candidates to be held at **Sherwood Library at 7:00 on October 9**. Voters in the Mt. Vernon Magisterial District will be electing the Fairfax County Sheriff and representatives for the Virginia House of Delegates.

Our role as a branch will be assisting with publicity, setup, and hospitality. Publicity for the event is the most critical factor in its success. Please contact **Mary Ellen Mehler** (memehler@msn.com) with your ideas for spreading the word about this important event. We can all publicize it among family, friends, social groups, work contacts, etc. Besides showing good citizenship, this opportunity raises the profile of AAUW as a partner in such endeavors.

**This year AAUW awarded
women scholars and leaders :**



**\$3.7
million**

Learn how their work empowers other women and girls around the world:

<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/educational-funding-and-awards/>



2013 - 2014 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

MT. VERNON AAUW 2013-2014 Program Schedule

Meeting Date & Location	Focus/Activity
SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 pm Pema's Restaurant 8430 Richmond Hwy	Kick Off Dinner
SEPTEMBER 21, 10:00 am Elaine Kolish's Home 920 Emerald Drive, 22308	UCM's Walk for the Homeless and Plant Exchange
OCTOBER 9, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 22306	Meet and Greet the Candidates In collaboration with League of Women Voters
OCTOBER 17, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 22306	Food Safety and Nutrition Elaine Gibson and Dr. Sarina Grosswald, Ed.D
NOVEMBER 21, 7:00 pm Mount Vernon Government Center, 2511 Parker's Lane, 22306 Community Room	The Affordable Care Act: What does its implementation mean for you?
DECEMBER 7, 11:30 am Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., 22309	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
JANUARY 16, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 22306	Fair Girls: Anti-trafficking Support Programs Teresa Tomassini, Director of Programs
FEBRUARY 11 Little Theatre of Alexandria 7:00 Reception, 8:00 Performance	Little Theater Fundraiser "Ragtime"
MARCH 15 Mount Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., 22309	Annual Meeting Speaker on Women in Leadership (Lean In)
APRIL (date and location TBD)	STEM Education (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)
MAY 15, 6:30 pm Joanna Crane's House: 6511 Princeton Drive, 22307	ANNUAL POTLUCK
JUNE 7, 9:30 AM Location TBD	2014-2015 PLANNING BRUNCH

AAUW of Virginia Dates to Remember

October 26, 2013	Northern District Meeting, 12:30 Oakton Library
February 5, 2014	State Lobby Day, Richmond
April 4-6, 2014	AAUW of Virginia Conference, Smith Mountain Lake

NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING, OCTOBER 26

AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN OF VIRGINIA NORTHERN DISTRICT PROGRAM

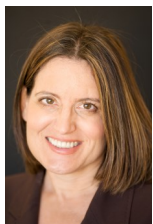
"COMMUNITY COLLEGES: AFFORDABLE, AVAILABLE, SO WHAT'S THE BARRIER?"

Date: **October 26, 2013** from 12:30 to 4:30 pm

Location: **Oakton Public Library**, 10304 Lynnhaven Place Oakton, VA 22124-1785

Guest Speaker: **Dr. Catherine Hill**, Director of Research, AAUW

In 2010, 57 % of community college students were women. About a quarter are mothers and many have significant work and family responsibilities. Dr. Hill will talk about the AAUW report *Women in Community College: Access to Success*. This report identifies challenges facing student parents and opportunities in STEM fields, as well how community colleges can provide more women with a reliable path to opportunity and economic security.



Catherine Hill is a Director of Research at AAUW and an author or co-author of many AAUW reports including *Women in Community College: Access to Success* (2013); *Graduating to a Pay Gap: The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College Graduation* (2012); *Crossing the Line: Sexual Harassment at School* (2011); *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics* (2010) and *Where the Girls Are: the Facts about Gender Equity in Education* (2008). Before coming to AAUW, Dr. Hill was a Study Director at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and an assistant professor at the University of Virginia. She has a bachelor and master's degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in policy development from Rutgers University

This program is free and open to the public. After the program there will be a Northern District business meeting.

For more information, contact:

Sandy Lawrence

Northern District Representative, AAUW of VA

slawrence4@juno.com 703/569-1588

For carpool info contact Patsy Quick at pnquick@cox.net.

WE'LL BE THERE



Join Congressman Moran for the 2013 Annual Women's Issues Conference at Kenmore Middle School, 200 S. Carlin Springs Road in Arlington on October 12, 2013 from 8:30

a.m. until 1:30 p.m. The conference will include health screenings, information booths on a range of relevant issues, and a series of seminars on topics including women in the developing world, finance, professional and community leadership, and auto care.

**Northern District AAUW branches, including Mt. Vernon Branch, will have an informational table at this event.
We hope you will participate!**

For more information: <http://moran.house.gov/event/womens-conference-event>

ANNUAL LAF DONATIONS: We will be seeking your donations for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) at the September Kick Off Dinner. All donations are fully tax deductible under IRS guidelines; please write checks to "AAUW Funds" and designate "LAF" in the memo section of the check. Please contact **Joanne Malkin** if you have any questions 703/360-7725 or jbalkin@verizon.net.

Mail your check now to reserve a spot at the KICK-OFF DINNER at Pema's, September 19. Cost of dinner is \$27. Make check to Mt. Vernon AAUW.

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Joanne Clark
6607 10th Street, Apt. A2
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First Class



- **3 Board Meeting, 7:30**
Mary Ellen Mehler's home
703/780-8494
- **16 Book Group, 7:30**
Patsy Quick
703/360-8678
- **19 Kickoff Dinner, 6:30**
Call Joanne Clark
703/768-8996
- **27 Game Night, 7:30**
Call Bianca Daugherty
571/332-8371

SEPTEMBER 2013

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