

# MT. VERNON VOICES

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## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

BARBARA MANN



I was so sorry to miss hearing the excellent speakers at the Mount Vernon Inn luncheon, but had an opportunity

to be with my son in Boulder while I was there on business. Far flung family always wins!

Apropos of the luncheon speakers, we're going to have our annual election and business meeting on April 13 at a wine and cheese function at Elaine Kolish's house where we will talk about what we want to focus on next year. Save the date. Tentative time is 3-5 PM. We will confirm the time and address by email.

What we will do during that meeting is ask you to submit your opinions/thoughts on what we have done this past year. What have you liked most and least? What can we improve and what are your ideas for improvement? If

you can start thinking about this now, that will help a great deal.

Even more important, is what we should focus on next year. What are your ideas? This is your organization and this is your chance to give input so that you can continue to enjoy being a member of the Mount Vernon AAUW branch. We are looking for input from ALL members, so don't be shy about sharing your ideas. Having a really good idea doesn't mean you'll have to be in charge of the project! (On the other hand, no one will ever object if you volunteer.)

We look forward to seeing you at the April meeting. The big plus is that the snow will probably be gone by then so we should all be in a really great mood. And it is also wonderful of Elaine to share her lovely home with everyone for this event.

**APRIL 13  
SUNDAY**

**WINE AND  
CHEESE**

**ANNUAL  
BRANCH  
MEETING**

**3:00-5:00 PM**

**HOME OF  
ELAINE KOLISH**

## ANNUAL MEETING WITH WINE & CHEESE

**April Wine and Cheese Gathering**

**Annual Branch Meeting**

**Sunday, April 13, 3-5 PM**

**Elaine Kolish's Home, 920 Emerald Drive, 22308**

Please join us on this special day! Enjoy refreshments and socializing while we reflect on this 2013-2014 program year, and begin to think about priorities for the year ahead. Enjoy the beauty of spring popping out all over...we hope!... in Elaine's lovely garden.



We will also elect officers to the board. **Edie Bartlett** and **Trish Smith** have generously agreed to continue for another term as VP for Membership and Treasurer respectively. Nominations from the floor are also welcome and are in compliance with branch bylaws (Article V, Section 1-b). Bylaws stipulate that election of officers be held at the Annual Branch Meeting.

**We want to hear from you!** Please look over the **Annual Member Survey** that appears in this Newsletter. You can complete it and bring it to the April Meeting, or mail it to **Mary Ellen Mehler** at 2002 Old Stage Road, 22308. We will use your responses as the basis for our themes and program plans for 2014-2015, to be discussed at the June 7th Planning Meeting.

Please RSVP for the April Gathering to: **Joanna Crane** at 703-718-8892 or [joanna.p.crane@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.p.crane@gmail.com).

**Hope to see you there!**

## DON'T SNOOZE...READ THE NEWS

Betty Demarest has agreed to be the Mt. Vernon Branch Public Policy Chair!

*Thank you, Betty!*

### Beyond Camping and Cookies: AAUW and the Girl Scouts

Recently, we celebrated Girl Scout Week. Maybe you were a Girl Scout yourself, or perhaps you have one in your family. Or you may just love those cookies! But did you know that AAUW has **historical connections** to the organization, which was founded by Juliette Gordon Low of Savannah, Georgia on March 12, 1912? READ MORE HERE FROM THE AAUW ARCHIVES:

<http://www.aauw.org/2014/03/11/aauw-and-the-girl-scouts/>

### Gap in Coaches' Salaries Guides NCAA Tournament Picks

The 100-plus schools in the NCAA men's and women's basketball tournaments all pay coaches for men's sports teams more — often much more — on average than coaches for women's sports teams. How's that for March madness?

The millions of Americans filling out NCAA tournament brackets this week will use a variety of methods to choose game winners, including tournament seeds, gut feelings, and expert predictions. But we're willing to bet almost no one picks based on how equitably a school invests in men's sports and women's sports — until now. READ MORE THIS INTERESTING STORY AT:

<http://www.aauw.org/2014/03/18/march-madness-salaries/>

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## BRANCH SURVEY (PRINT AND BRING TO MEETING, OR MAIL)

**The board needs your input. We would like your ideas on branch priorities and suggestions for future activities. Information from this survey will be discussed at the June 7 Planning Meeting. If you can't attend on April 13, please mail this survey to Mary Ellen Mehler, 2002 Old Stage Rd., Alexandria, VA 22308.**

### AAUW MT VERNON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING – SUNDAY, APRIL 13, 2014

#### MEMBER SURVEY

In your opinion, what was the most successful monthly meeting topic or presentation this year?

- ☐ Kick-off Dinner
- ☐ Food Safety and Nutrition
- ☐ Affordable Care Act: What are the Implications?
- ☐ FAIR Girls/Human Trafficking
- ☐ LTA Fundraiser
- ☐ Women in Leadership (Lean In)

Why do you think it was so successful? \_\_\_\_\_

For planning purposes, which AAUW public policy issue(s) do you think our branch should concentrate on next year? (*check all you think should be a priority*)

- ☐ Gender Pay Gap
- ☐ Gender Equity
- ☐ Bullying and Sexual Harassment
- ☐ Title IX
- ☐ STEM
- ☐ Access to Quality Health Care
- ☐ Get Out the Vote

Would you like to be more involved in the monthly planning for the branch programs? ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Would you be willing to coordinate one of the monthly programs (contact speaker, and/or reserve location, and/or manage publicity, etc.) ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Would you be willing to chair or co-chair the annual Little Theater fundraiser (*Patsy Quick will become state AAUW Co-president next year and will not be able to continue as Fundraiser Chair*)  
☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

Would you be interested in learning how to put the newsletter together? (*Recognizing that Patsy, current editor, will be Co-president of Virginia State AAUW next year.*) ☐ **YES** ☐ **NO**

What are your program suggestions for next year?

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Please list name and contact information for any potential new members.

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**YOUR NAME FOR CONTACT** \_\_\_\_\_

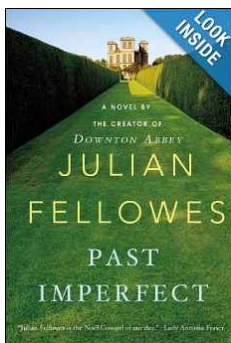
## BOOK GROUP

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

DATE: Monday, April 21, 7:30 PM

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

CO-HOSTESS: Elaine Kolish



BOOK: Past Imperfect by Julian Fellowes

REVIEWER: Ebba Jo Spettel

Next Book: Personal History  
by Katharine Graham

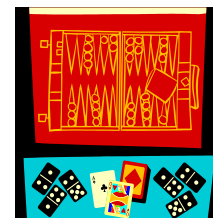
## GAME NIGHT

### Game Night

Join us on  
April 24, 7:30

Home of  
Edie Bartlett

3204 Battersea Lane  
Alexandria, 22309



## SNAPSHOTS MARCH 15



At the luncheon on March 15 (Mt. Vernon Inn), our 3 panelists (photo top left) were very impressive! **Kelly Morris** did an excellent job as moderator. *Thank you, Kelly!*

Everyone had positive comments after the presentation! Job well done!





## SIX BRANCH MEMBERS WILL ATTEND

The AAUW of Virginia State Conference is April 4-6, in Smith Mountain Lake. Six of our members will attend: **Mary Ellen Mehler, Barbara Mann, Bianca Daugherty, Shirley Richey, Edie Bartlett and Patsy Quick.** Look for a report on the conference in the next issue. **If you want to go, too, it is not too late to register. Registration form can be found at the state website: <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>.**



## AAUW LOBBY DAY IN DC



**Federal Lobby Day**, held under the auspices of the AAUW Lobby Corps, is scheduled for

**Thursday, May 8, 2014, in Washington, DC.**

(This is subject to change if there are any changes to the Congressional calendar.)

**The anticipated schedule is as follows:**

**9:30 a.m.** - We'll meet in the cafeteria of the appropriate Capitol Hill office building. Further information and directions will be provided at a later date. **Anne Hedgepeth, AAUW's Government Relations Manager and Manager of Lobby Corps**, will brief on the bill we'll be covering and discuss strategy regarding the offices and meetings in which we'll be participating. AAUW of Virginia members will be matched up with experienced Lobby Corps members and assigned offices to visit.

**10:30 a.m.-noon**-The group will visit lawmakers' offices.

Optional group lunch follows.

Please let Leslie Tourigny, state VP for Public Policy, know by April 23, 2014, ([itsles@cox.net](mailto:itsles@cox.net)) the names and email addresses of those who'll be coming, along with information on who their Member of Congress is.

**HAVE AN EXTRA ROOM??** Those traveling from great distances who need to come in the night before can take advantage of overnight accommodations from AAUW members in Northern Virginia. Let Sandy Lawrence, Northern District Rep ([slawrence4@juno.com](mailto:slawrence4@juno.com)), know by April 23<sup>rd</sup> if you are willing to provide a room for a visiting AAUW member.

**Want to know what other Virginia branches are up to?  
Visit here:**

<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/branches/newsletters/>

# 2013 - 2014 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

## MT. VERNON AUUW 2013-2014 Program Schedule

Meeting Date & Location	Focus/Activity
<b>Thursday, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 pm</b> Pema's Restaurant 8430 Richmond Hwy	<b>Kick Off Dinner</b>
<b>Thursday, OCTOBER 17, 7:00 pm</b> Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road	<b>Food Safety and Nutrition</b> Elaine Gibson, Leah Tasman, and Dr. Sarina Grosswald, Ed.D
<b>Sunday, NOVEMBER 17, 1:00 pm</b> Cameron Station Clubhouse 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22304	<b>The Affordable Care Act: What does its implementation mean for you?</b> Joint program with Alexandria Branch
<b>Saturday, DECEMBER 7, 11:30 am</b> Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., 22309	<b>HOLIDAY LUNCHEON</b>
<b>Thursday, JANUARY 16, 7:00 pm</b> Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 22306	<b>Fair Girls: Anti-trafficking Support Programs</b> Teresa Tomassini, Director of Programs
<b>Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11</b> Little Theatre of Alexandria 7:00 Reception, 8:00 Performance	<b>Little Theater Fundraiser "Ragtime"</b>
<b>Saturday, MARCH 15</b> Mount Vernon Inn 3200 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy.	<b>Annual Luncheon Panel on Women in Leadership (Lean In)</b>
<b>Sunday, APRIL 13</b> Elaine Kolish's home: 920 Emerald Drive, 22308	<b>Annual Business Meeting Wine and Cheese Gathering Bring or Mail Survey</b>
<b>Thursday, MAY 15, 6:30 pm</b> Joanna Crane's home: 6511 Princeton Drive, 22307	<b>ANNUAL POTLUCK</b>
<b>Saturday, JUNE 7, 9:30 AM</b> Location TBD	<b>2014-2015 PLANNING BRUNCH</b>

### AAUW of Virginia Dates to Remember

April 4-6, 2014

AAUW of Virginia Conference, Smith Mountain Lake

May 8, 2014

AAUW of Virginia Federal Lobby Day

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## First Class



- **1 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Mary Ellen Mehler's Home
- **13 Annual Meeting/ Wine & Cheese, 3-5 PM**  
Elaine Kolish's Home  
Contact Joanna Crane  
703/718-8892
- **21 Book Group, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Betty Demarest  
703/329-1335
- **24 Game Night, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Bianca Daugherty  
571/332-8371

# APRIL 2014

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