

Mt. Vernon Voices

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Presidents' Corner



This spring has been a good time for AAUW of Virginia. On April 8, Governor McAuliffe signed an Equal Pay Day Proclamation and AAUW had representation at the event, along with other Virginia women's organizations that had worked hard on the project.

On a personal note, I have recently participated in a most efficiently run, informative, and enjoyable conference—and it was managed completely by volunteers. This was the state level AAUW Conference held at Smith Mountain Lake on the first weekend in April. I guess we should not have expected less from our always competent AAUW members. During my professional life, I attended many conferences run by people who were being paid to do so, and this conference was equal to any.

The six of us attending from the Mt. Vernon

branch also had the special honor of seeing our own **Patsy Quick** noted as one of the nominees for AAUW of Virginia Co-president. Patsy and **Sandy Lawrence** (presently our Northern Virginia District Rep) are slated to become the next co-presidents of the state. Ballots will be arriving soon in our email boxes. Be on the lookout so you can vote. The state election process opens on April 29 and closes on May 29. Branches with 40% of their membership voting will be recognized.

Along with informative workshops and the opportunity to connect with AAUW members across the state, the state conference also provided the opportunity to recognize Dr. Barbara Ryder, chair of the Computer Science Department at Virginia Tech, with the 2014 Woman of Distinction award and to chat with Dr. Ryder. She is a groundbreaking computer engineer, an AAUW member, and a woman with an outstanding STEM career.

Mary Ellen Mehler

MAY 15
Thursday

POTLUCK
DINNER

6:30 PM

Home of
Joanna Crane

Annual Potluck Dinner



Potluck Dinner
6:30
Joanna Crane's
Home

6511 Princeton Drive
Alexandria, VA 22307

Our annual May potluck dinner will be held this year at Joanna Crane's house. (Thank you, Joanna!) The date is May 15.

Everyone is asked to bring a dish and/or bottle of wine. For now, it is important to let Joanna Crane know whether or not you will be attending so we can begin planning for how much food and drink we will actually need. More details of what is needed after the board meeting on May 6, regarding the main entrée.

This is always a very festive and fun event. Perhaps we could start a new tradition this year with a very eclectic assortment of cuisines and dishes, but in general we will need appetizers, salads (pasta or green), breads and desserts.

Stay tuned for more information to come. But in the meantime, once again, please let Joanna know if you will be attending by May 12:

joanna.p.crane@gmail.com

Don't Snooze...It's Time to Pay Dues

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. As an AAUW member whose branch participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you will be paying all of your dues — branch, state, and national — at once.

Please renew by June 30, 2014.

THERE ARE TWO WAYS TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP.



1) To renew online:

- Go to www.aauw.org. Click **LOGIN** at the top of the page.
- Enter your **MEMBER ID** and **PASSWORD**. If you do not have a password, register here first: https://svc.aauw.org/recore/inc/register_wp.asp.
- Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of any page and click **MEMBER TOOLS**, then click **MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE**. Select **RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP** and pay with your credit card.

2) To renew by check: Make your check payable to your AAUW branch, and mail it to the branch treasurer:

Trish Smith
11806 Robertson Farm Circle
Fairfax, VA 22030

Branch Leadership 2013 – 2014

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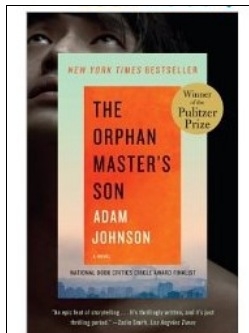
Book Group

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

DATE: Monday, May 19, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Cheryl Sponholtz
5287 Sandyford Street
Alexandria, 22315
sponzie80@cox.net

CO-HOSTESS: Joanne Clark



BOOK: Personal History
by Katharine Graham

REVIEWER: Elizabeth Lonoff

Next Book: The Orphan Master's Son
by Adam Johnson

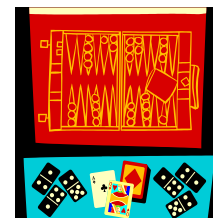
Game Night

Game Night

**Join us on
May 23, 7:30**

**Home of
Cathy Krebs**

2400 Nordok Place
Alexandria, 22306



Northern District News

Northern District (ND) Meeting

The following items were presented at the ND meeting held at the State conference:

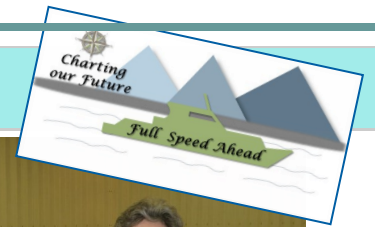
- The Summer Leaders Session will be held on July 26 at the English Inn, 2000 Morton Drive, Charlottesville, in the Queen Ann room. More details to follow, but I hope every branch sends one or two leaders/members.
- The 2016 State Conference will be hosted by Northern District branches.
- Voting for State officers, bylaws and public policy continues. Paper ballots must be postmarked by May 24 and on-line voting closes May 29 at midnight. *Vote and make a suffragist smile!*
- ND Co-Representatives were elected. Congratulations to **Jeanne Elmore** (Woodbridge) and **Caroline Pickens** (McLean). I have worked with them on branch and state boards and I know they will do an outstanding job as your representatives. Please congratulate them when you see them.

Thank You

Thank you for your support these past four years. I've enjoyed meeting so many members and seeing/hearing about the great things ND branches are doing. You are a member of a powerful, awesome, tremendous group and it has been an honor to serve you.

Sandy Lawrence
Northern District Representative
slawrence4@juno.com

Smith Mountain State Conference



Six Mt. Vernon members attended the state conference.



Raffle Winners!



At podium receiving Named Honoree certificates.



Friday Night : Cocktails and Poppycock



Business meeting discussion of public policies.

**2014-16 Northern District Reps:
Caroline Pickens (McLean) and
Jeanne Elmore (Woodbridge)**



Woman of Achievement 2014: Dr. Barbara Ryder, left. Caroline Pickens, state president, right.

Don't Forget to Vote!



Watch your email for the voting instructions for AAUW of Virginia's online state elections and approval of Bylaws changes and Public Policy Priorities for 2014-2016. The email message will be coming

from AAUW National, our service provider for voting and elections. It is very important that you vote and help us make our quorum!

Although your vote is private, we will have statistics and will be recognizing all branches with over 40% of eligible members voting and especially those with the highest percent voting. The state election process opens on April 29 and closes on May 29. Those who requested paper ballots by April 9 will be able to vote by mail. All

others will vote on-line. The process should be quick and easy!

The full *Voter Guide* is at the AAUW of Virginia website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net>.

If you have additional questions, you may email vandec4va@gmail.com.

Please vote and help your branch be recognized for its active participation in AAUW of Virginia's One Member One Vote process.

AAUW of Virginia Voting and Elections Committee

Woodbridge Branch SUCCESS Conference

On March 22, Joanne Clark, Mary Ellen Mehler and Patsy Quick attended Woodbridge AAUW's

Girls+Math+Science+SUCCESS! Conference at Marsteller Middle School. We were impressed by the organization & the number of engaged participants. The presenters were excellent! Shown below: Chef Silberberg demonstrating math and cooking concepts. Below right in blue shirt is Mrs. Stacy Bunin, Principal Meteorologist: Noblis.



In their 24th year, the SUCCESS Conference is an annual event held each Spring where students in grades 5-12 in Prince William County, Manassas, and Manassas Park Public Schools, are treated to a day of workshops with professionals working in the Science, Technology, Engineering and Math.



Membership News

Edie Bartlett



Dues are due for 2014-2015. I will have invoices at the potluck or you can pay on line at www.aauw.org. (See page 2 for how to pay online.) The total dues amount s \$90: \$49 National (\$46 tax deductible), \$15 state and \$26 branch.

Please submit your dues by June 30, 2014 for another great year with AAUW!

Name Tags

We will be ordering sturdy name badges for all who want them, some time in June. (See the example to the right.) The name tags are heavy plastic with magnetic fasteners. These name tags are attractive and can be used for years. They will not damage your clothing. The cost is just \$5.00 apiece. You can send me your name and I will put it on the list.



Contact me now: redsse@aol.com

Online at AAUW



Read this excellent blog by Jan Mitchell, AAUW member and Community Action Grantee as she shares her thoughts on what AAUW means:

<http://www.aauw.org/2014/04/08/what-aauw-stands-for-2/>

Give a Grad a Gift: It's FREE!



AAUW members can give recent college graduates a FREE, one-year AAUW membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them.

Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 170,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.

Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.

Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift/>

2013 - 2014 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year

MT. VERNON AAUW 2013-2014 Program Schedule

Meeting Date & Location	Focus/Activity
Thursday, SEPTEMBER 19, 6:30 pm Pema's Restaurant 8430 Richmond Hwy	Kickoff Dinner
Thursday, OCTOBER 17, 7:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Road	Food Safety and Nutrition Elaine Gibson, Leah Tasman, and Dr. Sarina Grosswald, Ed.D
Sunday, NOVEMBER 17, 1:00 pm Cameron Station Clubhouse 200 Cameron Station Blvd. Alexandria, VA 22304	The Affordable Care Act: What does its implementation mean for you? Joint program with Alexandria Branch
Saturday, DECEMBER 7, 11:30 am Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., 22309	HOLIDAY LUNCHEON
Thursday, JANUARY 16, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, 22306	Fair Girls: Anti-trafficking Support Programs Teresa Tomassini, Director of Programs
Tuesday, FEBRUARY 11 Little Theatre of Alexandria 7:00 Reception, 8:00 Performance	Little Theater Fundraiser "Ragtime"
Saturday, MARCH 15 Mount Vernon Inn 3200 Mt. Vernon Memorial Hwy.	Annual Luncheon Panel on Women in Leadership (Lean In)
Sunday, APRIL 13 Elaine Kolish's home: 920 Emerald Drive, 22308	Annual Business Meeting Wine and Cheese Gathering Bring or Mail Survey
Thursday, MAY 15, 6:30 pm Joanna Crane's home: 6511 Princeton Drive, 22307	ANNUAL POTLUCK
Saturday, JUNE 7, 9:30 AM Edie Bartlett's home 3204 Battersea Lane	2014-2015 PLANNING BRUNCH

AAUW of Virginia Date to Remember

May 8, 2014

AAUW of Virginia Federal Lobby Day

**Check out AAUW's new recruitment video that was unveiled at state conference!
You'll like it!**

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/power-of-membership-recruitment-video/>

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First Class



- **6 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm**
Barbara Mann's Home
- **8 Federal Lobby Day**
Washington, D.C., 9:30 am
- **15 Potluck Dinner, 6:60 pm**
Joanna Crane's Home
Contact Joanna Crane
703/718-8892
- **19 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact Cheryl Sponholtz
sponzie80@cox.net
- **23 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Bianca Daugherty
571/332-8371

May 2014

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6 Board Meeting	7 Lobby Day	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Potluck Dinner	16	17
18	19 Book Group	20	21	22	23 Game Night	24
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