

# Mt. Vernon Voices

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through, advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

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## Presidents' Corner



One of the most commonly heard phrases at the AAUW State Convention in Smith Mountain Lake was about AAUW's mission. So what is AAUW's mission? If you'd like a recap, the mission is: "AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research."

What exactly does advocacy, education, philanthropy and research encompass? A lot, as I found out. I started by looking at advocacy on [www.AAUW.org](http://www.AAUW.org). Here are just a few of the current topics that AAUW is supporting:

- **Work-Life Balance** focuses on modernizing workplace policies, such as wage discrimination, caregiving, sick leave, equal pay, workplace discrimination, paid leave, and paid sick days.
- **Employees' rights to health care plans.** This is the highly charged Supreme Court case where two family-owned companies claim that providing certain services violate their religious freedom(s) and thus they

shouldn't have to provide employee insurance for this type of healthcare. This is a very interesting case and AAUW is right in the thick of things.

- Other interesting topics include **Voucher Schools** and **Fighting Title IX Discrimination** at the high school level.
- And there is much more going on. You are just one click away from [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Take a look at the website to see what AAUW is advocating (Go to ISSUES... Advocacy). It is very impressive.

For those of you who are computer phobic, don't worry – the AAUW website is terrific. I am sure many of you have landed on websites and don't have a clue where to go to find information once you get there. With the AAUW website all you have to remember is [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). It's a very user-friendly website. I think you'll be very pleased at what you find.

*Barbara Mann*

**JUNE 7**  
**Saturday**

**PLANNING  
BRUNCH**

**9:30 AM**

**Home of  
Edie  
Bartlett**

**This is the last  
newsletter until  
August!**

## Planning Brunch, June 7

### WHAT WILL NEXT YEAR BRING?

The time for planning is now! Join us for our annual planning brunch (**bring a dish**) and help decide the programs for next year. Enjoy good food as great minds toss around ideas and make decisions about the 2014-15 Mt. Vernon Branch Program Year. We have some good information to use from the survey. It is always a fun and well-attended event. Great outcomes are expected!

**WHERE?** Edie Bartlett's Home, 3204 Batter Sea Lane, 9:30 AM

Beverages will be provided. Please let Edie know what you would like to bring:

703-780-6809 or [redsse@aol.com](mailto:redsse@aol.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 (\$90) — 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](http://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](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(\$90) 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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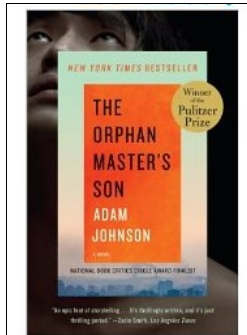
## Book Group

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

**DATE:** Monday, June 16, 7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Liz Promen  
2210 Cavendish Drive  
Alexandria, 22308  
epromen@cox.net

**CO-HOSTESS:** Diane Watts



**BOOK:** The Orphan Master's Son  
by Adam Johnson

**REVIEWER:** Cheryl Sponholtz

**Send your book recommendations to  
Liz Promen during the summer.**

**Book selections will be made September 15.**

## Game Night

### Game Night

**Join us on  
June 27, 7:30**

**Home of  
Cynthia Jacobus**  
9352 Mt Vernon Circle  
Alexandria, 22309



## Lobby Day, May 8

**Patsy Quick** and **Cathy Krebs** headed to D.C. on May 8 to participate in AAUW's Lobby Day. We were briefed by **Anne Hedgepeth** (first photo, red dress) from AAUW, and escorted by Lobby Corps members to 4-5 delegates' offices to lobby for the Family Act. There were over 30 of us, including Lobby Corps members, participating!

We learned that Lobby Corps members are extremely organized and professional as they walk about the halls of Congress. We had fun and were glad to have had the experience! Photos: Middle, Patsy Quick; right, Sandy Lawrence, both visiting a member of the House of Representatives.





## Name Tags Will Be Ordered

### Name Tags

We will be ordering sturdy name badges for all who want them, after June 7. (See the example below.) 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.

**Bring your \$5 to the planning meeting, June 7.**

**Edie Bartlett - [redsse@aol.com](mailto:redsse@aol.com) or call 703-780-6809.**



## Lovely Evening for a Potluck

On a beautiful evening, May 22, 30 lively Mt. Vernon members gathered at the lovely home and garden of Joanna Crane. Each one brought a delicious dish or bottle of wine. (And, how nice to see a few faces that we hadn't seen in a while!) We ate, we talked, we enjoyed the wine. We lingered later than expected: It was just too delightful to leave! Thank you, Joanna, for adding your warm hospitality to this event!



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

**Date to know:**

**AAUW of Virginia Summer Leaders Meeting**  
**July 26, 2014 Charlottesville, Virginia**  
**Contact Branch Presidents if you would like to go.**

## Mt.Vernon

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Alexandria, VA 22308

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[mtvernon-va.aauw.net](mailto:mtvernon-va.aauw.net)

## First Class

*Have a happy summer,  
everyone!*

- **7 Planning Brunch, 9:30am**  
Edie Bartlett's Home  
703/780-6809
- **16 Book Group, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Liz Promen  
703/780-7342
- **27 Game Night, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Bianca Daugherty  
571/332-8371

## June 2014

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