

Mt. Vernon Voices

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

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

March was Women's History Month. As I was searching the Internet to find out what was being said about women's history, it occurred to me that many – if not all – of the members of our branch are part of women's history... and all of us are still making history today. That's pretty significant!



Think back to when **AAUW of Virginia** was founded 90 years ago. What opportunities did women have then? How many had an opportunity to go to college and, if they went, what did they do after they graduated? That was 1925 and my guess would be a wide variety of opportunities were not available to them.

(*Women Air Force Service Pilots*), who were the first women in history to fly America's military aircraft. These women cracked open the door.

It was my privilege to meet an exceptional and daring **WASP**. The talent might have run in the family since she was also **Janet Reno's** aunt. **Janet**, along with **Justice Ginsburg**, has made current history in the legal world, breaking barriers at the top rungs of the federal government. Both have established opportunities for women in the federal government that members of **AAUW of Virginia** in 1925 could not even have imagined.

Then came World War II with the famed Rosie the Riveter and the **WASPS**

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LTA FUNDRAISER - THE ODD COUPLE



Our annual **Little Theater of Alexandria** event is this month!
Please remember that we need donations for our 3 raffle baskets.

We do not have definite themes until we see what is donated by **YOU**, our wonderful branch members. Wine, of course, always sells well! But so do other useful items you may have on hand (new garden tools, stationary, whatever – we can “make” a theme). If you don't have a specific item to donate but have an idea for a theme, please let us know. Please email or call Shirley Richey – shirley97@verizon.net, or 703-780-0834 if you want someone to pick up items from you, or you could bring them to her.

Also, if you have not yet sent in your ticket payment or donation, please remember to do so as soon as possible. Any tickets you don't plan to use can be returned for resale, of course, thereby adding to our profit and donation to AAUW Funds.

It is our year for sweets for the reception, and as always, we do the wine. If you would like to donate some sweets and/or wine you may also bring them to Shirley's house, or we can pick them up from you on the 24th. Just give Shirley a call! And – **THANK YOU!**

FRIDAY
APRIL 24

BRANCH
FUNDRAISER

LITTLE
THEATRE OF
ALEXANDRIA

\$30

RECEPTION:
7 PM

CURTAIN:
8 PM



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2015 – Think of our **Mount Vernon AAUW** members: lawyers, scientists, college professors, teachers with exceptional expertise, entrepreneurs and more. We are all part of women's history, paving the way for today's young women who now have much greater opportunities in engineering, science, technology, mathematics and humanities. It looks to me like the sky can be the limit for young women today.

Mount Vernon AAUW members can help make tomorrow's history by helping today's young women and girls achieve their goals. For them it is no longer just a dream. AAUW is helping move this dream forward by sponsoring

the **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** (NCCWSL*) that will be held in May at the University of Maryland. The program is designed to prepare young women for political leadership roles and is just one of many examples of how AAUW continues to move women's history forward.

*Pronounced "Nick Whistle." See: www.nccwsl.org for further information

BARBARA MANN

National Equal Pay Day
April 14, 2015

Wear RED on Equal Pay Day
to symbolize how far women and
minorities are "in the red" with
their pay!

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the year before.

Mark **Equal Pay Day** with the Best "unhappy" Hour in DC at **AAUW headquarters**, 1111 Sixteenth St NW (near L and 16th) between 5:30– 7:30 pm.

To register go to <http://www.aauw.org/event/2015/04/equal-pay-day-2015-unhappy-hour/>

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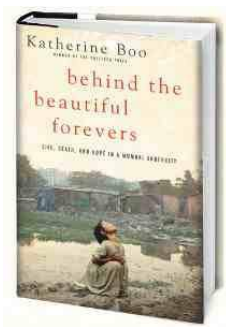
BOOK GROUP

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

DATE: Monday, April 20, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: **Betty Demarest**
6117 Vernon Terrace
Alexandria, VA 22307
703/329-1335

Co-Host: **Joanne Malkin**



BOOK: Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity
by Katherine Boo

REVIEWER: Joanne Malkin

NEXT BOOK: Flight Behavior
by Barbara Kingsolver

GAME NIGHT



April Game Night

NEW DATE: Friday, May 1, 2015 !!!

7:30 PM

Home of Cynthia Jacobus / Watch for email.



Join us for fun and games! Light snacks will be served!

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

DINING OUT



Dining Out: Cannoli and Tiramisu, May 8th, 7 pm

Enough said! Oh, you want to know where...

Rosemarino d' Italia

1905 Mount Vernon Avenue

Between E. Bellefonte and E. Howell Streets in the Del Ray section of Alexandria



The restaurant is handicap-accessible and has a parking arrangement with the Salvation Army across the street.

Menu: <http://www.rosemarinoditalia.com/omenu/>

Reviews:

- www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g30226-d4243351-Reviews-Rosemarino_d_Italia-Alexandria_Virginia.html
- www.yelp.com/biz/rosemarino-d-italia-Alexandria
- http://www.washingtonpost.com/goingoutguide/rosemarino-ditalia-in-alexandria-the-next-iteration-of-italian-american-cooking/2014/12/23/c169fb90-870d-11e4-a702-fa31ff4ae98e_story.html

Please reserve seats for yourself and any guests with Elizabeth Lonoff at elonoff@msn.com by May 5th.

REPORT FROM THE ANNUAL MEETING

At the Annual Meeting held on March 21, branch members approved the proposed budget for 2015-2016, which was presented by Treasurer **Trish Smith**.

Lois Passman presented the slate of candidates for 2015-2016 offices and explained that the positions of Membership VP and Treasurer would be combined. The following officers were elected:



Co-presidents:

Joanna Crane and Mary Ellen Mehler

Secretary:

Shirley Richey

Treasurer/Membership VP:

Eddie Bartlett

Fundraiser Chair **Shirley Richey** updated the group on ticket sales for our annual fundraiser, *The Odd Couple* performance at Little Theatre of Alexandria on April 24.

Eddie Bartlett distributed instructions for paying annual dues on line or by mailed check and reminded members that dues-paying time has arrived.

The branch was fortunate to have AAUW Northern Virginia Representative **Jeanne Elmore** as our meeting speaker. **Jeanne** asked us to reflect on **who we are and what we do** as she led the branch members in the first session of the **Visioning Project** that several Virginia branches are undertaking in the coming months. The **Visioning Project** is an initiative of AAUW that aims to focus and reinvigorate the branches. A lively discussion followed **Jeanne's** question. Although the discussion was not completed and will be continued at the next session, members agreed that we have four categories of concentration: **membership, education, advocacy and fundraising**.



MEMBERSHIP DUES

It is time to renew your AAUW membership.

Please renew by **JUNE 30, 2015**



- **HERE IS HOW TO PAY YOUR DUES ONLINE:**

Go to www.aauw.org. This will be your Homepage

Go to the bottom of the page and click on MSD - Member Services Database

Log in with your **Member ID** and **password**. If you do not remember your **Member ID** there is help to retrieve it or simply contact Edie Bartlett (redsse@aol.com). If this is your first time logging in, you will need to register first. Enter Member ID and they will ask you to put in a password. (Write this information down in your notebook so you will know where to look for it next year.)

Follow down the left side to "renew membership" and follow the directions.

- **YOU MAY ALSO PAY BY CHECK.** Make your check in the amount of \$90 payable to Mt. Vernon AAUW and mail it or give it to Trish Smith or Edie Bartlett.

- **YOUR PROFILE ON MSD:**

Your profile gives your information, plus any donations you made for the year 2014. This will be helpful if you itemize on your income tax. Remember that \$46 of National dues are tax deductible on itemized returns.

AAUW STATE AND NATIONAL ELECTION

There are two important AAUW elections coming up this spring: AAUW National and AAUW of Virginia.

Electronic voting for **AAUW National** will be open from **April 15 until June 19**. You will need your member ID and voter PIN, which you will find on the back cover of the Spring/Summer Outlook magazine.

You will vote for candidates for the **AAUW Board of Directors, bylaw amendments, and the proposed Public Policy Program.**

You may also vote by paper ballot. **Paper ballots have to be requested between April 1 and May 8.**

For more information about the election Process, candidates, and ballot issues visit the **AAUW National** election website:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>



This is the fourth year for **AAUW of Virginia's One Member/One Vote Initiative**. New members who have joined by April 1 will be eligible to vote in the 2015 elections.



Electronic voting for **AAUW of Virginia** will be open from **April 27 until May 27**. The state ballot will have the candidates for the **AAUW of Virginia Board of Directors.**

Paper Ballots by request only! Members may request a paper ballot until **April 21** by calling **Mary K. Johnson** at 703/913-9490, emailing to johnsons7703@verizon.net, or writing to her at 7703 Griffin Pond Court, Springfield, VA 22153. She will need your AAUW ID number, branch, and address.

Watch for your voting instructions in late April and early May!

The Voter Guide is available on the state website - <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>

It is very important for members to participate in both elections in order to meet the needed quorums!

2014 - 2015 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

MT. VERNON AAUW 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 and Sue Worden of Fairfax Area LWV Speaker's Bureau
Thursday, October 16, 2014, 7:00 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8513 Fort Hunt Road	Privacy in the Digital Age Speaker: Debbie Diener , of Privacy Made Simple
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, VA 22306	Sexual Harassment and Bullying Speakers: Lourdes Neilan and Susan Ashcraft
Saturday, December 6, 2014, 11:30 am Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Holiday Luncheon
Thursday, January 15, 2015, 6:30–8:30 pm Mount Vernon Government Center 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Women in Leadership Speakers: Jessica Grounds , Co-founder of Running Start, and Kate C. Farrar , VP of AAUW Campus Leadership Programs
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 7:00 pm Mount Vernon Government Center 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Gardening: Creating a Beautiful Container Garden Speaker: Eileen Powell Master Gardener, Author
Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:00 am Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Annual Meeting From Vision to Reality: Mission Possible Speaker: Jeanne Elmore
Friday, April 24, 2015 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance Little Theater of Alexandria 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Little Theater Fundraiser "The Odd Couple" (female version)
Thursday, May 21, 2015 Home of Cathy Krebs	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, June 6, 2015 Home of Joanna Crane	Annual Planning Session (Brunch)

Other Important Dates to Remember:

April 18-19, 2015	AAUW of Virginia Conference, Charlottesville
May 14, 2015	AAUW Federal Lobby Day
June 18-21, 2015	AAUW National Convention, San Diego

AAUW Mt.Vernon

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First Class



- **7 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm**
Barbara Mann's home
703/360-3880
- **20 Book Group, 7:00 pm**
Contact Betty Demarest
703/329-1335
- **24 LTA Fundraiser,**
- 7:00 pm Reception
- 8:00 pm Performance
Contact Shirley Richey
703/780-0834
- **1 May Game Night,**
7:30 pm
Contact Cynthia Jacobus
703/780-3806



APRIL 2015

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