

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

I've very much enjoyed my term as the Mount Vernon AAUW co-president with **Mary Ellen Mehler**. One of the best aspects of the position has been the opportunity to engage with members and get to know them better.

My wish for the future is that our branch members also get to know one another better, but there needs to be a "vehicle" to do this. My thinking is: more **interest groups** like we have with the **Book Group** and **Game Night**. Both are well attended and have loyal followings.

Interest groups would gather different groups



of members in an informal setting where they can get to know one another, hear different opinions and learn new things. Some ideas for interest groups that have been brought up but not acted on are: **Discussion Groups** (world events, US events, etc.); **Travel** (sharing experiences, tips and tricks with our peripatetic members); **Movies** (interest has been expressed by more than one person); new

**Gourmet Group** (the old one is now defunct after 35-40 years).

**And more.... what are your ideas?**

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## ANNUAL PLANNING BRUNCH, JUNE 6

*Hey Good Lookin', What you Got Cookin'?*

Mark your calendars for the **Annual Planning Brunch**, and then come on down to **Edie's** house to cook up a delicious plan for next year. We'll toss our ideas into a big mix, stir it up, and see what we've got. It's our time to be creative, energetic, and have fun together. And we get to eat and drink our favorite brunch treats all the while!



**Home of Edie Bartlett - 3204 Battersea Lane, 22309 - 10 am to noon**

Our goal is to set the topics and the coordinators for the monthly meetings for the 2015 - 2016 schedule and to talk about other policy programs that we want to undertake as a Branch.

To help us think about where we have been, who we are, and where we are going, the results of the 2015 Member Survey will be revealed. We will also be revisiting the action items that we developed at our Annual Meeting in our "visioning session" with Jeanne Elmore. As those of you there will recall, we created bullet points focused on the elements of the AAUW mission that we think we can incorporate into our branch activities: Multi-generational outreach; advocacy; community engagement; and branch social engagement.

Please contact Edie by June 1 at [redsse@aol.com](mailto:redsse@aol.com) or 703-780-6809 to let her know what dish or beverage you will be bringing.

**SATURDAY  
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**ANNUAL  
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Each interest group needs a coordinator. The only requirements are that the coordinator be interested and know how to send out emails. Beyond that, members of interest groups have been very generous in offering their homes as meeting places.

**We have a great group of people here in the Mount Vernon branch of AAUW** – let's get to know each other even better.



**Please volunteer to coordinate an interest group.** It will not take too much time. Then you, too, will have a chance to meet other members in an informal setting and find it as rewarding as I have.

Drop us a line if you are interested: **Mary Ellen Mehler** (memehler@msn.com), **Barbara Mann** (speech.solutions@verizon.net), **Joanna Crane** (joanna.p.crane.@gmail.com)

*BARBARA MANN*

## NAME TAGS

**Eddie Bartlett** will be ordering the magnetic name tags again. They are made of 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.

If you do not have a name tag and would like one, please call or send email to

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



## BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2014 – 2015

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## BOOK GROUP JUNE

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

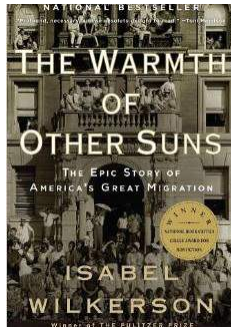
**DATE:** Monday, June 15, 7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Liz Promen

2210 Cavendish Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22308

703/780-7342

**Co-Host:** Joanne Clark



**BOOK:** The Warmth of Other Suns: The Epic Story of America's Greatest Migration  
by Isabel Wilkerson

**REVIEWER:** Elizabeth Lonoff

## BOOK GROUP JULY (RESCHEDULED FROM FEBRUARY)

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

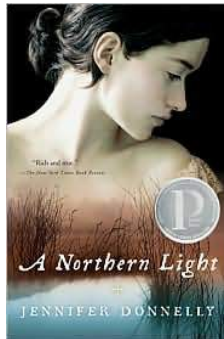
**DATE:** Monday, July 20, 7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Joanne Malkin

8339 Orange Court  
Alexandria, VA 22309

703/360-7725

**Co-Host:** Patsy Quick



**BOOK:** A Northern Light  
by Jennifer Donnelly

**REVIEWER:** Mary Ellen Mehler

Books for next program year will be chosen in September. Send your book recommendations to Liz Promen during the summer ([epromen@cox.net](mailto:epromen@cox.net)).

## GAME NIGHT



**No Game Night in June!**

Thank you to all the hostesses for a great game night year!

**We will be back in September!**

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

## DINING OUT

Let's dine out together  
and enjoy good food, good drink and good company!

Next Dining Out will be in August for Alexandria Restaurant week!

**Watch for email information from Elizabeth Lonoff!**

Contact Elizabeth if you would like to join the group ([elonoff@msn.com](mailto:elonoff@msn.com))



# MAY POTLUCK DINNER

Cold temperatures and falling rain could not stop members from gathering at the home of **Cathy Krebs** for the **Branch Annual Potluck Dinner** on May 21. Everyone brought a delicious dish or wine to share!

**Joanna Crane** handed out the Member Survey to be filled out. And after a brief business meeting it was time to enjoy the good food and each other's company.

Thank you **Cathy** for inviting us to your home!



.....and upon request here it is:

## EDIE'S Reuben Casserole

1 large can sauerkraut, very well drained  
1 to 1 1/2 lbs chipped kosher corned beef  
1/4 lb butter, melted

8 oz Thousand Island dressing  
1 lb shredded Swiss cheese  
2 cups rye bread cubes

In 13 X 9 inch baking dish layer sauerkraut, then corned beef. Spread salad dressing over entire layer, sprinkle with Swiss cheese and top with bread cubes that have been sautéed in the melted butter. Bake uncovered at 350 degrees for 30 minutes. (Can be made ahead of time and refrigerated or frozen. If frozen, thaw before baking.)

Bon Appetit !

## DUES ARE DUE

If you have not paid your dues for 2015-2016, the time is getting short.

**Please renew by June 30, 2015!**



### 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**.
- 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:

Send **Trish Smith** a check made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW for \$90.00.

Address: Trish Smith  
PO Box 1426  
Fairfax, VA 22038

### 3) Give **Edie Bartlett** a check made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW for \$90.00 at the Planning Brunch on June 6.

AAUW national dues are \$49.00, of which \$46.00 is tax deductible by the individual member; \$3.00 of that national dues payment is not tax deductible because it will be used to support the AAUW Action Fund's Section 501(c)(4) activities (Lobby Corps and election-related activities).

**This is the last newsletter for the program year 2014/2015.**



**In order to save time and funds the board voted to send out our branch newsletter by email only starting with the September 2015 issue.**

In addition the newsletter will also be available on our branch website:

**<http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net/newsletter>**

You may receive a print copy of the newsletter via postal mail for a small annual fee of \$ 5.

Please contact **Mary Ellen Mehler** ([memehler@msn.com](mailto:memehler@msn.com)) if you would like to receive a print copy via postal mail.

## AAUW OF VIRGINIA SUMMER LEADERS MEETING



**July 18, 10:30-4:30**  
**Clarion Hotel Historic District**  
**351 York Street**  
**Williamsburg, Virginia**

The session topics will include Leadership, Managing Volunteers, Email Management and Public Policy for Branches.

The session will be interactive, with time for networking.

Members interested in all aspects of AAUW are encouraged to attend.

Lunch will be a Deluxe Salad Bar that includes salads of various kinds with soup and bread, costing \$20 per person.

**Contact Branch Presidents if you would like to go.**

# 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 <b>Fiona's Irish Pub</b> 5810 Kingstowne Center Alexandria, VA 22315	<b>Kickoff Dinner</b> with Speaker on Voter ID Laws <b>Speaker: Sherry Zachry and Sue Worden</b> of Fairfax Area LWV Speaker's Bureau
Thursday, October 16, 2014, 7:00 pm <b>Heritage Presbyterian Church</b> 8513 Fort Hunt Road	<b>Privacy in the Digital Age</b> Speaker: <b>Debbie Diener</b> , of Privacy Made Simple
Thursday, November 20, 2014, 7:00 pm <b>Sherwood Regional Library</b> 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, VA 22306	<b>Sexual Harassment and Bullying</b> Speakers: <b>Lourdes Neilan</b> and <b>Susan Ashcraft</b>
Saturday, December 6, 2014, 11:30 am <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Holiday Luncheon</b>
Thursday, January 15, 2015, 6:30–8:30 pm <b>Mount Vernon Government Center</b> 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	<b>Women in Leadership</b> Speakers: <b>Jessica Grounds</b> , Co-founder of Running Start, and <b>Kate C. Farrar</b> , VP of AAUW Campus Leadership Programs
Thursday, March 5, 2015, 7:00 pm <b>Mount Vernon Government Center</b> 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	<b>Gardening: Creating a Beautiful Container Garden</b> Speaker: <b>Eileen Powell</b> Master Gardener, Author
Saturday, March 21, 2015, 9:00am <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Annual Meeting</b> <b>From Vision to Reality: Mission Possible</b> Speaker: <b>Jeanne Elmore</b>
Friday, April 24, 2015 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance <b>Little Theater of Alexandria</b> 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>Little Theater Fundraiser</b> "The Odd Couple" (female version)
Thursday, May 21, 2015, 6:30 pm <b>Home of Cathy Krebs</b>	<b>Annual Pot Luck Dinner</b>
Saturday, June 6, 2015, 10:00 am <b>Home of Edie Bartlett</b>	<b>Annual Planning Session (Brunch)</b>

### **Other Important Dates to Remember:**

June 18-21, 2015	AAUW National Convention, San Diego
July 18, 2015	AAUW of Virginia Summer Leaders Meeting

## AAUW Mt.Vernon

Cynthia Gindlesperger  
915 Neal Drive  
Alexandria, VA 22308

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## First Class



- **6 Planning Brunch, 10:00 am**  
Contact Edie Bartlett  
703/780-6809
- **15 Book Group, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Liz Promen  
703/780-7342



# JUNE 2015

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