

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

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## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

### Planning Ahead

As we begin the 2015-2016 program year, our branch has a special project for the coming months. This is the year when we, along with all other Northern Virginia branches, will host the **Virginia State AAUW Conference** at the **Dulles Hyatt on April 15-17**. Six of our branch members attended the first conference planning meeting on September 13. **Edie Bartlett, Joanna Crane, Cathy Krebs, Mary Ellen Mehler, Patsy Quick, and Shirley Richey** have all volunteered to serve on the regional planning committee. They would love to have you join the volunteer committee!



At the first planning meeting, each of the Northern Virginia branches received a conference assignment. The **Mt. Vernon branch** will be responsible for preparing a **welcome bag** for each attendee, creating the **banquet table decorations**, and publishing the **banquet programs**.

We have lots of work ahead and, fortunately, we have some very creative branch members. **Something clever for the welcome bags?** Somebody will have a great idea for those. What goes inside should be useful,

like notepad, pen, and maybe something to snack on. Or, maybe something unique from our area. **Table decorations for the banquet tables?**

Sure—that will be fun

for the artistic types among us. **Programs for the banquet?** We can handle that!

Our volunteer committee will welcome your ideas and participation for accomplishing the tasks ahead, so be thinking creatively. The conference theme of **WOMEN LEADING** may provide inspiration. **Please let the volunteer committee members hear from you.**

*MARY ELLEN MEHLER*

THURSDAY

OCTOBER  
15

BRANCH  
PROGRAM

7 PM

SHERWOOD  
REGIONAL  
LIBRARY

## BRANCH PROGRAM, OCTOBER 15

October 15 - 7 pm  
Sherwood Regional Library - 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane

**Rehabilitation of Ex-Offender Women**  
**Speaker: Ms. Kari Galloway**  
**Executive Director, Friends of Guest House**

We are excited to offer to the branch an evening with **Ms. Kari Galloway**, Executive Director of **Friends of Guest House**, a local 501(c) (3) charity that helps female ex-offenders in Northern Virginia make the difficult transition from incarceration back into the community. Branch member **Cynthia Gindlesberger** has arranged for **Ms. Galloway** to speak to our members, friends and community members about the important work that **Friends of Guest House** is doing for our community.

**Join us and bring a guest or two. This promises to be a very rewarding meeting!**



# MEET OUR SPEAKER



**Kari Galloway** has served as Executive Director of **Friends of Guest House** for six years. During that time, she has turned this struggling non-profit organization into a vibrant community-leader helping female ex-offenders get jobs, stay off drugs, integrate back into their families and prepare to become productive contributing citizens.

Under her leadership the organization has enlarged services from Alexandria-based **Residential** program to include statewide **Aftercare**, **Outreach** and **Speakers Bureau**. Their four-year-old Community Outreach program

targets women in Northern Virginia that either do not qualify for or do not wish to participate in the Residential program. This program has grown from a handful of women in the first year to a projected 80 women in FY 2011-12. Prior to joining Guest House, **Ms. Galloway** worked on a national campaign aimed at highlighting domestic violence and breast cancer issues, building state-wide collations, organizing messaging and coalition building to mobilize pivotal grassroots effort to elect a national candidate to office. She has worked as a consultant to two women's organizations in the DC Metro area that focus on women's empowerment and providing low-income women with employment opportunities.

## DID YOU KNOW.....



**WE COLLECTED 45 LBS OF FOOD ITEMS AT OUR MAY POTLUCK DINNER THAT WERE DONATED TO THE UCM FOOD BANK!**

## Branch Name Tag



If you would like the plastic, magnetic branch name tag (cost is \$5) please call or send email to

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

# BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2015 – 2016

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## BOOK GROUP

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

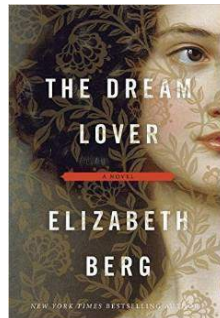
**DATE:** Monday, October 19, 2015, 7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Louise Meade

7116 Fort Hunt Rd, #119

571/312-6688

**CO-HOST:** Elaine Kolish



**BOOK:** The Dream Lover  
by Elizabeth Berg

**REVIEWER:** Joanne Clark

**NEXT BOOK:** Euphoria  
by Lili King

## GAME NIGHT



### Game Night

October 23, 2014

7:30 PM

Home of Bianca Daugherty / Watch for email.



Join us for light snacks and fun!

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

## DINING OUT

**Next Dining Out will be Friday, November 13th**

Watch for email from Elizabeth Lonoff!

\*\*\* More Information in our November Newsletter \*\*\*



## TOOTHBRUSH DRIVE

### ***Toothbrush Drive at October Program Meeting***

**Denise Hayden**, a local resident and the secretary at the **Heritage Presbyterian Church** where we sometimes have our meetings, is collecting toothbrushes in support of **My Girlfriend's House's (MGH)**

**Annual Purse Drive.** MGH is a non-profit ([www.mygirlfriendshouse.org](http://www.mygirlfriendshouse.org)) whose mission is to empower underserved teenage girls and women to develop positive self-worth and enhance their social, academic, and career skills. Each year **MGH** fills

**800 purses with 17 personal care items** and distributes them to teen girls and women in foster care, homeless shelters, halfway homes, and domestic violence shelters (e.g. House of Ruth, Carpenter's Shelter, Gabriel Project).

***Please bring a new toothbrush to the Branch Meeting on Thursday, October 15th at the Sherwood Regional Library and we will deliver them to Denise. Thanks!!!***



## KICKING IT OFF!



On Thursday, September 17, 31 members attended and “kicked off” the 2015-2016 branch program year at the Mount Vernon Country Club!

Program VP **Joanne Clark** emceed the evening, introducing the schedule for the program year ahead and also our newly elected/re-elected Co-Presidents **Joanna Crane** and **Mary Ellen Mehler**.

**Mary Ellen** revealed which tasks our branch will be responsible for at the AAUW of Virginia State Conference and invited members to join the volunteer committee and to attend the conference.

**Joanna** talked about the various interest groups outside our monthly branch meetings that members can enjoy: Book Group, Game Night, Gourmet Group, and also, new this year, a Yoga Group!

**Patsy Quick**, our new Public Policy chair, reminded members about the Voter Registration Drive that our branch participates in with the Mt. Vernon Registrars and passed out sign up sheets.

Together we viewed the AAUW video “**One AAUW**” which was followed by a brief discussion.



## DUES ARE DUE!

### Time to renew your dues!



The quickest way to renew your membership is to pay online. You can log in and renew your membership in the [Member Services Database \(MSD\)](http://www.aauw.org/resource/member-services-database/) - <http://www.aauw.org/resource/member-services-database/>

Or send a check made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW for \$90.00 to

**Edie Bartlett, 3204 Battersea Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309**



Don't let your membership expire!  
After 11/30, all non-renewed members will be removed from the branch roster.

## GET OUT THE VOTE

Once again, the **Mt. Vernon AAUW Branch** has been invited to join forces with the **Mt. Vernon Registrars** to register voters in our community. Our **Voter Registration** table is also a place where we can educate voters on the VA Voter ID Requirements. All of the print material we need for registration and education is provided.

Voter registration will be conducted in 2-hour segments.

Here are the dates, locations, and 2-hour shift start times for our Branch's **Voter Registration Drive**:

- **10/03 Sat.**      **Safeway Engleside**      **10:00, 12:00, 2:00**
- **10/05 Mon.**      **Hybla Valley Post Office**      **11:00, 1:00, 3:00**
- **10/10 Sat.**      **Safeway Mt Vernon Square**      **10:00, 12:00, 2:00**
- **10/11 Sun.**      **Safeway Belle View**      **12:00, 2:00, 4:00**



A link for a brief online training is at [fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregtraining.htm](http://fairfaxcounty.gov/elections/vregtraining.htm)

**Get Out the Vote** is a major public policy priority for AAUW. We can be especially attuned to asking women if they are registered to vote or if they have moved recently and need to update their registration. **The state goal is to register 500 voters between now and June 2016.** Let's help make that goal!

Contact **Joanna Crane**, [joanna.p.crane@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.p.crane@gmail.com), to sign up for a shift or with questions.

## ANNUAL FALL NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING, OCTOBER 3

Come learn about **Title IX** with **Rachel Gettler**, an attorney in the Department of Education's Office for Civil Rights. **Rachel** will speak about the progress **Title IX** has fostered in the Civil Rights arena, and the new guidelines for schools. As an added bonus, **Rachel** will comment on the recently released report on investigations into the nearly 70 colleges and universities with Title IX sexual harassment and assault violations.



[The Annual Fall Northern District Meeting will be on Saturday, Oct. 3, at 2:00 pm, at the Kings Park Library.](#)

**We are trying to form carpools for all who want to attend.**  
**Please contact Joanna Crane (703-489-7073 or [joanna.p.crane@gmail.com](mailto:joanna.p.crane@gmail.com))**  
**by noon on Friday 10/02 for if you can drive or if you would like a ride.**



## INSIDE SCOOP

On Monday August 10, **Patsy Quick** and **Sandy Lawrence** were guests on *Inside Scoop* (Channel 10) to discuss AAUW, which is a co-sponsor of several League of Women Voters' Candidates' "Meet & Greet" events in Fairfax County. They were interviewed by **Catherine Reed**.

*Inside Scoop* is produced and aired live at the Public Access Station Cable Station in Fairfax.

A link to the show is at [https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2w-6RRWN\\_YU](https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=2w-6RRWN_YU)

There are 4 segments of this show. Each segment is about 15 minutes long.

**Sandy** and **Patsy** are on in the 3rd segment after League and PTA. It is 30 minutes into the show. If you don't want to view the whole show, move the red bar through the first two segments and when the time shows 30 minutes stop. That's Sandy and Patsy! The last segment features the Turning Point Memorial ladies.

**On Monday August 31**, the League of Women Voters along with AAUW of Virginia and other organizations sponsored a Candidates' Forum at the Fairfax County's Public Access station. The Forum was aired live that night on *Inside Scoop*.



Nine members of **Northern District AAUW** assisted the night of the forum. **Elizabeth Lonoff** and **Patsy Quick** were there from Mt. Vernon Branch. **Elizabeth** worked as a member of the League and **Patsy** was an AAUW volunteer.

(*Inside Scoop* is on Channel 10 every Monday night from 7:00-8:00.)



VISIT OUR MT. VERNON BRANCH WEBSITE: <http://mtvernon-va.aauw.net>

Can't find the newsletter? It's on the website. Want the book group or game night schedule? It's on the website. Don't remember a meeting date? It's on the website. **CHECK IT OUT!**

## NEW DC LOCATION FOR AAUW HEADQUARTERS

**Patricia Fae Ho**, AAUW Chair of the Board of Directors, has just announced that the national offices will be moving from the current building on 16<sup>th</sup> Street to a **new location on L Street NW**, just a few blocks from the old offices and still close to the White House and Capitol Hill. **The move will take place in June 2016.**

**AAUW** has maintained its national office in DC since 1919 in four different locations. The sale of the 16<sup>th</sup> Street property, which was badly in need of costly renovation, will allow the organization to have state-of-the-art offices with room for activities and the archives.

# 2015 - 2016 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:30 pm <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Kickoff Dinner</b> <b>With AAUW Video Screening</b>
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 pm <b>Sherwood Regional Library</b> 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane	<b>Friends of Guest House</b> (Rehabilitation of ex-offender women) <b>Speaker: Kari Galloway,</b> Executive Director of Guest House
Thursday, November 19, 2015 <b>Time &amp; Location TBD</b>	<b>AAUW Public Policy</b> <b>Speaker from AAUW National</b>
Sunday, December 13, 2015 <b>Restaurant Chez Andrée</b> 10 E Glebe Rd, Alexandria, VA 22305	<b>Holiday Event</b> <b>Brunch/Lunch</b>
Saturday, January 16, 2016 <b>Time &amp; Location TBD</b>	<b>Speaker:</b> Virginia Delegate <b>Scott Surovell</b>
Thursday, February 18, 2016 <b>Time &amp; Location TBD</b>	<b>Container Gardening:</b> <b>Speaker: Eileen Powell</b>
Saturday, March 19, 2016, Time TBD <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Annual Meeting</b> Breakfast
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance <b>Little Theater of Alexandria</b>	<b>Little Theater Fundraiser</b> <b>"To Kill a Mockingbird"</b>
Thursday, May 19, 2016, Time TBD <b>Home of Mary Ellen Mehler</b>	<b>Annual Pot Luck Dinner</b>
Saturday, June 4, 2016 <b>Time &amp; Location TBD</b>	<b>Annual Planning Session</b>

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

October 3, 2015	Northern District Meeting
April 15 - 17, 2016	AAUW of Virginia State Conference, Dulles Hyatt

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## First Class



- **6 Board Meeting, 7:00**  
Joanna Crane's home  
703/718-8892
- **15 Branch Program, 7:00**  
Contact Joanne Clark  
703/768-8996
- **19 Book Group, 7:30**  
Contact Louise Meade  
571/312-6688
- **23 Game Night, 7:30**  
Contact Bianca Daugherty  
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# OCTOBER 2015

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
				1	2	3 Northern District Meeting
4	5	6 Board Meeting	7	8	9	10
11	12	13	14	15 Branch Program	16	17
18	19 Book Group	20	21	22	23 Game Night	24
25	26	27	28	29	30	31