

Mt. Vernon Voices

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

March is **Women's History Month** in the U.S. Luckily for us, the Issues page of our AAUW Website, www.aauw.org/issues, is a great place to keep abreast of the latest news on women's issues and rights.

There you will find AAUW's Statement of Support for President Obama's **Proposed Rule on Equal Pay**.

On January 29, 2016, Obama directed the Equal Employment Opportunity Commission and the Department of Labor to publish a proposed rule to annually collect summary pay data by gender, race, and ethnicity from businesses with 100 or more employees. AAUW supports the proposal, saying that the data collected will help us identify discriminatory pay practices across industries and occupations and is an important step in our efforts to ensure fair pay for all.

The Events link from the Issues page lists a variety of AAUW-sponsored events taking place in March. To mention but two:



1) **March 3rd, 7pm: Supreme Court Update** Join a conference call about the Supreme Court judicial nomination process. Learn about what you can do to urge Senators to uphold their constitutional responsibility and move forward to fairly and expeditiously consider the President's nominee;

2) **March 30th, 3:30 pm: Barriers and Bias** Watch a panel discussion of AAUW's newest research report, *Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership*, live from the Newseum. The panel of experts from industry, politics, and academia will discuss the report's findings, what they mean for women in leadership, and how our society can benefit from more women leaders.

So, we can be proud of AAUW's firm stance on the Equal Pay proposal, and its efforts to empower us to be active and engaged citizens during Women's History Month.

JOANNA CRANE

SATURDAY

**MARCH
19**

9 AM

**ANNUAL
MEETING**

**MT VERNON
COUNTRY
CLUB**

\$ 25

BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

***It's that time of year again !
The Mt. Vernon Branch of AAUW is holding its
Annual Meeting at the Mt. Vernon Country Club
on Saturday, March 19, from 9:30 to noon.***

Plan to arrive at 9 am for some socializing with your friends.

As is our custom, we will be enjoying a **buffet breakfast** before our **business meeting**. The cost for the breakfast brunch and meeting is **\$25.00 all inclusive!** So come with a good appetite and be ready to vote in two new branch officers and to share ideas for next year's program.

We will be collecting non-perishable food items for **UCM**, towels and/or washcloths for **Friends of Guest House**, and also items for our baskets for the **Little Theatre fundraiser**.



***** Reservation form on page 3! *****

BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

LEADERSHIP HAPPENING!!!! - NOMINATIONS FOR 2016 – 2018

Vice-President for Membership – **CLAUDIA CREO**

Treasurer - **EDIE BARTLETT**

BE THERE! – ANNUAL MEETING – MOUNT VERNON COUNTRY CLUB

Saturday, March 19, 9 am



FROM THE TREASURER:

This year we will be reducing the annual dues (July 1, 2016 through June 30, 2017) from \$90 to \$77!

Edie Bartlett will explain and answer questions at the Annual Meeting



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RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND BREAKFAST

PLEASE RSVP NO LATER THAN MARCH 14!

Clip and
mail !

I, _____, plan to come to the March 19 Annual Meeting and Breakfast at the Mt. Vernon Country Club, 5111 Old Mill Road.



My check, made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW , for \$25 is enclosed.

Mail to: Joanne Clark, 6607 10th Street, Apt A2, Alexandria VA 22307

Please note that if you make a reservation and find you'll be unable to attend, please cancel by the due date to avoid being charged for the meal. No refunds after due date!

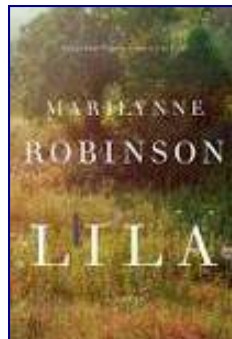
BOOK GROUP

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

DATE: Monday, March 21, 2016, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Dianne Watts
4403 Robertson Blvd (22309)
703/780-1753

CO-HOSTESS: Joanne Malkin



BOOK: Lila
by Marilynne Robinson

REVIEWER: Ebba Jo Spettel

NEXT BOOK: All the Light We Cannot See
by Anthony Doerr

GAME NIGHT

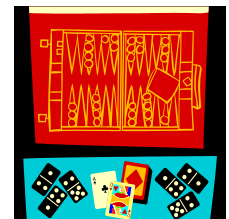


Game Night

Friday, March 25, 2016

7:30 PM

Home of Patsy Quick



Join us for light snacks and fun!

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

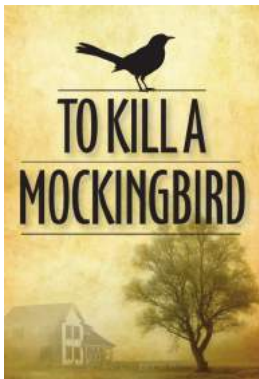
ANNUAL MT. VERNON TOWN HALL MEETING



Shirley Richey and Cathy Krebs represented our branch at the 29th Annual Mt Vernon Town Hall Meeting on February 27 at Walt Whitman Middle School.



LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA - APRIL 26



Annual Fundraiser
Little Theatre of Alexandria
April 26, 2016
Reception 7 pm - Curtain 8 pm



You all should have your tickets in hand by now. Checks for the tickets may be sent to **Shirley Richey**.

We look forward to spending this fun evening together.

Please remember it is our turn to provide **savories and wine** this year. Also, if you have any items for the raffle baskets, please let **Shirley Richey** know. You also may bring them to our annual meeting and breakfast on March 19.

Thank you all for your always wonderful support of this fundraiser!



MARCH 8 IS INTERNATIONAL WOMEN'S DAY

After spending the night and enjoying dinner with gracious members of the Greater Richmond Branch, I attended the **AAUW of Virginia Lobby Day**, February 3, in Richmond. What a day it was! We had meetings as a group with **Senator McEachin** who introduced the equal pay legislation this year and last; **Lt. Governor Ralph Northam**; and **House Speaker William Howell**. We thanked **Speaker Howell** for last year's legislation on human trafficking and discussed the need for additional legislation for victims of human trafficking. We also thanked him for some measures he implemented to make the legislative process more transparent, and asked for House support on ERA. The group also met with **Senator John Edwards**. He has been a human trafficking-legislation-champion, including for victims, and has introduced numerous bills which are all pending in committee. Each of the legislators commented on what a large group we had. Nineteen of us trooped around together!

Irene McGhee from Springfield, and I visited **Senator Adam Ebbin** and **Delegate Dave Albo** from our district

and talked about the same items as discussed with **Speaker Howell**. It is definitely empowering to be able to speak up for AAUW's priorities!

After these meetings, the group split and headed to either the House or Senate Galleries where we were acknowledged by **Delegate Jennifer McClellan** and **Senator Janet Howell**, respectively.

Lobby Day in Richmond is a jam packed day of movement, but it is always an adventure! The area is teeming with others who are there to lobby their causes, kind volunteers who graciously help visitors, and of course the elected men and women who are serving us in the General Assembly. It is a fascinating peek into the goings on when the General Assembly is in session.

Many thanks go to **Leslie Tourigny**, state Vice President for Public Policy, who arranged a very effective Virginia AAUW Lobby Day!



THE CENTENNIAL RALLY FOR EQUAL RIGHTS - FEBRUARY 16

ROUNDTABLE FOR EQUITY – FEBRUARY 17

On February 16 **Sandy Lawrence** and I were honored to attend the **Centennial Rally for Equal Rights** on the steps of the Virginia Capitol in Richmond where our foremothers rallied over 100 years ago in 1915. At that time they rallied for the right of women to vote. They also worked for the **Equal Rights Amendment (ERA)**. The **ERA** was originally written by **Alice Paul** and **Crystal Eastman**, and was introduced in the Congress in 1923 for the first time.

As the League of Women Voters' flyer states: Thirty-five states have ratified the **ERA**. Virginia is not one of them. THREE more states are needed. The **Centennial Rally** will bring together groups from across the Commonwealth in a show of support for the **Equal Rights Amendment**. The American Association of University Women, The League of Women Voters, The National Organization for Women, and Women-Matter are planning this event. We must make it clear to our General Assembly that the time for waiting is over.



Governor Terry McAuliffe



Senator Scott Surovell

Because of the downpour of rain, this rally was moved inside, diminishing the effect of several hundred women standing outside. However, nothing could diminish the enthusiasm of each of the 15 speakers. In the morning, **Governor Terry McAuliffe** was the keynote speaker. Our own **Scott Surovell** spoke as well. **Coline Jenkins**, the great-granddaughter of **Elizabeth Cady Stanton**, AAUW's **Elizabeth Holden**, and **Carol Stephens** from the Greater Richmond Branch were among the other speakers.



Coline Jenkins



Carol Stephens

In the afternoon **Sandy** and I replaced **Elizabeth Holden** (who had to leave) as speakers! We were asked the night before, so you can imagine us scurrying to revamp her speaking points!

The following day, **Sandy** and I attended a roundtable discussion of Equity in Virginia, with **Lt. Governor Ralph Northam**. At the table were female legislatures and women from non-profits around the state fighting on the front line for equity in Richmond. It was exciting to listen to these, mostly young, women who can recite the senate and house bills they are watching and who know who sponsors each one and which way individuals will probably vote. It was impressive to learn that such women are working so gallantly! It was shocking to hear personal insights into the workings in the halls of legislature. It is not always a pretty place! Being Co-President of AAUW of Virginia has afforded me opportunities such as these to learn from admirable women I would never have met otherwise. If you ever have a similar opportunity, take it!

PATSY QUICK

AAUW OF VIRGINIA CONFERENCE



**April 15 - 17, 2016
at the Hyatt Regency Dulles Hotel**

You don't want to miss this!!! A weekend filled with exciting and interesting programs, inspiring speakers and panelists and a chance to meet with old friends, make some new and just have a good time!

Friday night starts off with a Washington style salon, featuring cider tasting (the latest trend), musical entertainment from a clarinet duo, and a gorgeous photo display with tips and tidbits from the photographer. In between the presentations, enjoy finger foods and socializing

Saturday will be busy with the annual business meeting, energizing workshops and mini-break sessions, speaker presentations and the **Saturday Night Banquet** with presentation of the Woman of Achievement Award to **Dr. Kathryn Thornton**.

Sunday will conclude with the District Meetings, followed by "**Women Breaking Through**", a panel of successful women who have made their marks in predominately male fields — naval aviation, law enforcement, and football.

Detailed conference information, has been published in the Winter/Spring VISION newsletter and also on the state website at <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference/>

Register online <http://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference/> or mail in the registration form (included in the Winter/Spring edition of **VISION** and also attached to this newsletter)

Cost for registration is \$ 90 and includes Saturday lunch!

Don't forget that the **Hyatt Regency** bargain hotel room rate of \$99 includes 2 full buffet breakfasts. Rooms can sleep up to three if you really want to save money because there is a sofa bed in each room. The third person would have to purchase breakfast but still it is a bargain for a luxury hotel.

**Remember to book your hotel room at
<https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016>**

Rooms are going fast, don't be left out!

AAUW ACTION NETWORK

Register for the AAUW Supreme Court Conference Call

Join AAUW on **March 3, 2016, at 7 p.m. ET**, for a [conference call](#) to learn more about the process on judicial nominations. Members will learn more about what they can do to urge the President and senators to uphold their constitutional responsibility to fairly and expeditiously select and consider a nominee.



Date: March 3, 2016
Time: 7 p.m. ET

If you cannot attend the call, make sure to [take action by sending a message](#) to President Barack Obama and the Senate urging them to select and consider a nominee!

Register here: <http://www.aauw.org/event/2016/03/scotus-vacancy-conference-call/>

AAUW OF VIRGINIA CONFERENCE



Conference Registration AAUW of Virginia State Conference April 15-17, 2016 Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, Virginia

Name _____ Email _____
First Last

Preferred Name for Badge: _____

Affiliation with AAUW: Your Branch Affiliation _____

OR National Member _____ OR Young Women's Task Force _____ OR College/University Student _____

Street Address _____ City _____

State _____ Zip Code _____ Phone: Home _____ Cell _____

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: Student _____ First time Attendee _____ Current Branch President _____

Current State Board Member _____ Past State President _____ Presenter _____ None of the above _____

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: (includes Saturday Lunch)

Received by April 1, 2016: \$90 Received after April 1, 2016: \$100 \$ _____

No refunds after April 8, 2016

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: STUDENT (includes Sat. Lunch) \$45 \$ _____

List your 2- or 4-year college/university: _____

FRIDAY NIGHT SALON: \$15 x number of registered members and guests \$ _____

NON-REGISTERED GUEST SATURDAY LUNCH: \$25 x number of guests \$ _____

Name of Guest _____ Name of Guest _____

SATURDAY BANQUET w/ CASH BAR: \$35 x no. of registered members & guests \$ _____

Name of Guest _____ Name of Guest _____

TOTAL \$ _____

Indicate banquet food selection:

Indicate guest(s) banquet food selection:

_____ Grilled chicken breast/fresh herb demi glace _____ Grilled chicken breast/fresh herb demi glace

_____ Herb crusted pork loin _____ Herb crusted pork loin

_____ Vegetable lasagna _____ Vegetable lasagna

Dietary or Other Special Needs: _____

Send check payable to AAUW-VA to: Ms. Ali Cohen, 4287 Newbold Court, Woodbridge, VA, 22192, ATTN: AAUW CONFERENCE

HOTEL INFORMATION: Hyatt Regency Dulles, Herndon, VA. See Conference article in Winter/Spring 2016 *Virginia Vision*. Make reservations at <https://resweb.passkey.com/go/aauw2016>.

For questions or additional information, contact Carol Campbell, 703-389-4702, Breeze053@aol.com

Thank you!

AAUW OF VIRGINIA CONFERENCE

2016 AAUW of Virginia State Conference Schedule

Friday, April 15

11:30 am–6:45 pm	State Board Meeting
3:00 pm–8:00 pm	Conference Registration
7:30 pm–9:30 pm	The AAUW Salon—featuring cider tasting, musicians, and art through photography

Saturday, April 16

7:30 am–8:15 am	Casual Yoga with Joanna Crane
7:30 am–9:30 am	Conference Registration
9:00 am–11:15 am	Opening Session, Keynote Address, Annual Business Meeting
11:30 am–12:15 pm	Mini-Break Sessions <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Branch Sharing Ideas—Fun Ways to Keep Members□ Purchase LAF Basket Tickets□ Buy Empowering Women International items and VA AAUW history books□ Take a Walk□ Socialize
12:25 pm–1:10 pm	Lunch
1:10 pm–1:55 pm	Rebecca Norlander, AAUW Board of Directors Presentation
2:10 pm–3:25 pm	Workshops <ul style="list-style-type: none">□ Leading in Philanthropy: Effective Fundraising with Available Volunteers□ Leading on Campus: AAUW's Programs for College Women□ Leading for Equitable Treatment: What's New in LAF
3:35 pm–4:15 pm	Mini-Break Sessions (those above plus chair yoga and new member reception)
4:30 pm–5:30 pm	Lean In: What Body Language Says About Leadership (Chris Ulrich, Body Language Institute)
6:00 pm–6:45 pm	Legacy Circle/ Past State Presidents Social (Neola Waller, host)
6:30 pm	Cash Bar Opens
7:15 pm	Dinner and Presentation of the Woman of Achievement Award to Dr. Kathryn Thornton

Sunday, April 17

8:30 am–9:15 am	District Meetings
9:30 am–10:30 am	Women Breaking Through (a panel of successful women in male-dominated fields)
10:40 am–11:05 am	Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership, AAUW's new report
11:05 am–11:50 am	Final Business Meeting/ LAF and First Timer drawings/ District Rep elections announcement/ Unfinished and New Business Closing Remarks and Adjournment

2015 - 2016 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 17, 2015, 6:30 pm Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Kickoff Dinner With AAUW Video Screening
Thursday, October 15, 2015, 7:00 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane Alexandria, VA 22306	Friends of Guest House (Rehabilitation of ex-offender women) Speaker: Kari Galloway, Executive Director of Guest House
Thursday, November 19, 2015, 7 pm Mt. Vernon Governmental Center 2511 Parkers Lane Alexandria, VA 22306	AAUW Public Policy Speaker: Lisa Maatz VP Government Relations at AAUW
Saturday, December 12, 2015, 12 noon Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Holiday Event Brunch/Lunch
Saturday, January 9, 2016, 1 pm Mt. Vernon Governmental Center 2511 Parkers Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Virginia's Legislature - Current Policy Priorities Speaker: Scott Surovell State Senator
Thursday, February 18, 2016, 7 pm Mt. Vernon Governmental Center 2511 Parkers Lane Alexandria, VA 22306	Container Gardens Speaker: Eileen Powell Master Gardener, Author
Saturday, March 19, 2016, 9 am Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Annual Meeting Breakfast Buffet
Tuesday, April 26, 2016 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance Little Theatre of Alexandria 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Little Theatre Fundraiser "To Kill a Mockingbird"
Thursday, May 19, 2016, Time TBD Home of Mary Ellen Mehler	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, June 4, 2016 Time & Location TBD	Annual Planning Session

Other Important Dates to Remember:

March 1, 2016

Virginia Presidential Primary Election Day

April 15 - 17, 2016

AAUW of Virginia Conference, Hyatt Regency Dulles

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First Class



- **3 Board Meeting, 7 pm**
Mary Ellen Mehler's home
703/780-8494
- **19 Annual Meeting 9 am**
Contact Joanne Clark
703/768-8996
- **21 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact Dianne Watts
703/780-1753
- **25 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678

MARCH 2016

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