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JOANNA CRANE

Plant, Nurture, and Grow Your Ideas



"It is only the farmer who faithfully plants seeds in the Spring, who reaps a harvest in the Autumn."

- B. C. Forbes

The month of June brings us the summer solstice, which is the longest day of the year, the shortest night, and a tipping point: from here on out the days get shorter and the nights get longer. The solstice, sometimes called "midsummer"

because farmers have typically planted half their crops by this time, is technically the first day of summer. It both ushers in the warmest season, and reminds us that the season is short, slipping away day by day.

June also brings our branch's last Program Meeting of the 2015-2016 year. We have had many outstanding programs this year, so we offer a big thank you to all who have contributed to bringing them to fruition, especially our Program Vice President **Joanne Clark!** But just as we celebrate a bountiful year of activities and programs, we must now plant the seeds of our next program year. If you have an idea, we would love to help you plant it, nurture it, and see it grow into an outstanding program or activity next year! So, please join us on June 4th at 9:30 am at **Edie Bartlett's** home for the Program Planning Meeting.

ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

EDIE BARTLETT

ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION AND BRUNCH

Saturday, June 4, - 9:30 AM

Home of Edie Bartlett, 3204 Battersea Lane

Let us hear your ideas and help plan our branch activities for the 2016/2017 Mt. Vernon branch program year.

Edie will provide coffee, tea, and a French Toast Casserole. Please call or email her by June 1 to let her know if you are coming and what you would like to bring. (Tel.: 703/780-6809 Email: redsse@aol.com)

Hope all will be there with some new and exciting ideas.

SATURDAY

JUNE 4

9:30 AM

ANNUAL
PLANNING
SESSION
AND
BRUNCH

BRING A DISH
TO SHARE!

NEXT
NEWSLETTER
WILL BE IN
AUGUST



Kudos to Shirley Richey!

UCM's Progreso Center for Literacy and Citizenship has just awarded **Shirley** a special Life Time Achievement Award for her work at Progreso. **Shirley** has been a volunteer at Progreso teaching English as a second language since 2003. Our branch and AAUW is fortunate to have members like **Shirley** who are committed to helping others in their communities.

Elaine Kolish



Photo Courtesy of Diane Hill, UCM of Alexandria



**THANK YOU TO ALL
WHO PAID THEIR
DUES!**

You are doing a great job of getting your dues in on time, either on line or by sending them to me. It makes my job a lot easier and I don't have to bother you.

I am happy to announce that one half of the membership has paid their dues. Hopefully, all will be paid by the end of June.

You can bring them on Saturday, June 4th to the planning meeting brunch or pay on line.

Edie Bartlett
Membership VP/Treasurer

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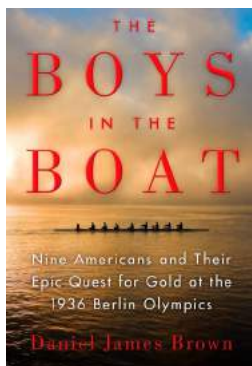
BOOK GROUP JUNE

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

DATE: Monday, June 20, 2016, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: DeJuana Jones
8406 Stockade Drive (22308)
703/780-5026

CO-HOSTESS: Patsy Quick



BOOK:

The Boys in the Boat: Nine Americans and Their Epic Quest for Gold at the 1936 Berlin Olympics
by Daniel Brown

REVIEWER: Elizabeth Lonoff

BOOK GROUP JULY

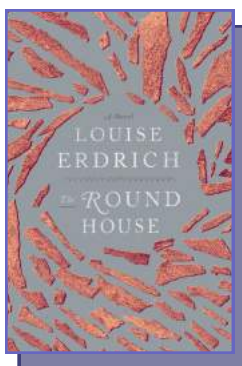
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Please inform the hostess whether or not you plan to attend.

DATE: Monday, July 18, 2016, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Patsy Quick
5508 Old Mill Road (22309)
703/360-8678

CO-HOSTESS: Liz Promen



BOOK: The Round House
by Louise Erdrich

REVIEWER: Patsy Quick

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

GAME NIGHT

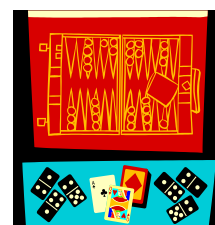


**Last Game Night
before our summer break!**

Friday, June 24, 2016

7:30 PM

Home of Suzi Shafer



Join us for light snacks and fun!

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



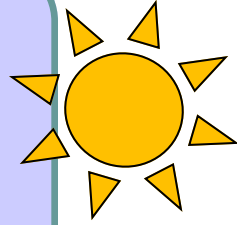
The **Dining Out Group** will meet up again in August for **Alexandria Restaurant week!**

Watch for email information from **Elizabeth Lonoff!**
Contact **Elizabeth** if you would like to join the group (elonoff@msn.com)

MAY POTLUCK DINNER

On May 19 Mt. Vernon branch members gathered for a delicious potluck at the lovely home of **Carolyn Stewart**.

The weather cooperated, a beautiful sunny evening invited to enjoy the outdoors and take in the beautiful scenery in the garden. Great food, lively discussions, laughter, and just enjoying each other's company made for a fun gathering! Everyone had a great time!



Thank you Carolyn for opening your home to us!





Mt. Vernon Branch will again partner with Mt. Vernon Registrars to register new voters in our community. Eight members have expressed interest in participating. Some will take **training online** and others will attend the **training session on June 17 at Sherwood Hall Library**. Soon after, we will have some dates and locations to begin registering voters. Usually only a couple of hours of time are needed.

If you would like to participate, or if you have questions, please email **Patsy Quick** at pnquick@cox.net.

AAUW OF VIRGINIA LOBBY DAY MAY 12

PATSY QUICK

On May 12, **twenty-nine (29) AAUW members**, including regular Lobby Corps members, took to the halls of Congress. After a briefing by AAUW's **Pam Yuen**, we visited members of the **House of Representatives**, in pairs, urging them to co-sponsor the **Women's Health Protection Act (H.R. 448)**. Within 24 hours of our visit, six new Co-Sponsors had been added to the bill. We do make a difference! After our visits, we met with Representative **Don Beyer** (Virginia's 8th District) for 30 minutes in his office. The group ended the day in the cafeteria of the Longworth House Office Building for lunch. Many thanks go to **Leslie Tourigny**, state Public Policy VP, and **Marcy Leverenz** Arlington Branch Lobby Corps member, for organizing this event. It seems to get bigger and better each year!



AAUW members prepare packets to take with them when they visit Representative.



Angie Benson and Pat Hales (center) came all the way from Roanoke to participate in Lobby Day. They stayed with **Patsy Quick**. Both claimed it was an exciting day and that they learned so much!

On the left, **Leslie Tourigny**, State Public Policy Chair. On the right, **Sandy Lawrence and Patsy Quick**, state Co-Presidents.



Meeting with Rep. **Don Beyer**.

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, 6:30 pm Home of Carolyn Stewart	Annual Potluck Dinner
Saturday, June 4, 2016, 9:30 am Home of Edie Bartlett	Annual Planning Session

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First Class



- **4 Planning Brunch, 9:30 am**
Edie Bartlett's home
703/780-6809
- **20 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact DeJuana Jones
703/780-5026
- **24 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Suzi Shafer
703/360-0283



JUNE 2016

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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