

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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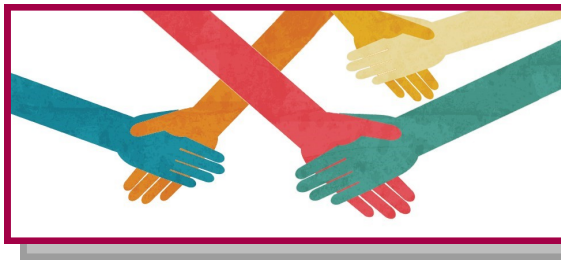
## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Do you read this great newsletter? It truly is one of the best newsletters in the state, I think. And it is so easy to grab information from, even if you don't read every word. Look on the right hand side of page 1 – see when and where this month's main activity will be? Yep – it's right there!

Do you want just a quick reference for all activities? Print off the last page with the monthly calendar on it. Stick it on the fridge and you won't miss anything!

Want to know what's going on all year? Look at the next to last page. Whole year, right there!

So it's really easy to get information from this newsletter, and you can also find out a lot more about things we do that you



are interested in on the remaining pages.

We have a great group. You must know people who would enjoy some of our programs or other activities. Why not invite them to something? The dinners are fun and very social, but they do cost money.

However, you could just invite them to any one of the programs, depending on their personal interest, and I know they

would find a warm welcome from all of our members! As usual, the program list for this coming year is very interesting and varied. Each one will be stimulating and help keep our brains "tuned."

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## MEET NEW AAUW CEO KIM CHURCHES!

**COME MEET AND TALK WITH AAUW'S NEW CEO**

**Saturday, October 21, 1:30-4:15 p.m.**

**Northern District Meeting - George Mason Regional Library**

**Kim Churches**, AAUW's new CEO, will bring us up to date on AAUW and tell us her vision for AAUW's future as the premier organization for women's equity and education. Best of all, there will be plenty of time for you to make comments and ask Kim your questions. Those of you who attended national convention were impressed with this young, dynamic, articulate woman. AAUW is very fortunate!

You will also hear about the outstanding and exciting branch and state events on the horizon. We have a full agenda, so **please arrive about 1:15** so you can pick up some refreshments and be ready to start right at 1:30.

**The George Mason Library is at 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, with a large room for all of us.**

*Susan Burk and Caroline Pickens  
Northern District Co-Representatives*

**October  
21**

**Saturday**

**1:30 pm**

**Northern  
District  
Meeting**

**George  
Mason  
Regional  
Library**

**Annandale**



Consider the October **Northern District Meeting**. Why go? Because you will have the great opportunity to meet **Kim Churches**, AAUW's new CEO. There will also be a lot of interesting women from other branches to meet. You can listen to **Ms. Churches** and ask her questions. And it's a Saturday afternoon, so it doesn't interfere with any evening plans.

**If you want to carpool, just call Mary Ellen Mehler, Joanna Crane, or me and we will get it arranged for you.**

Come on, ladies! Let's get involved and keep life interesting!

**SHIRLEY RICHEY**  
**CO-PRESIDENT**

## BUSY OCTOBER

As you see by the related items in this newsletter, we have a particularly busy branch schedule in October. **The Northern District Meeting on October 21 at George Mason Library will serve as our regular October branch meeting.**

The special **ImpromptuEVENT** at Mount Vernon on **October 20** is a bonus arranged by **Elaine Kolish**.

We also have the opportunity to work with our local **League of Women Voters** for their nonpartisan political candidate forum to be held at **Hayfield High School on Thursday, October 12 at 7:00 PM**. Several of our branch members have volunteered to provide refreshments for the forum and we will have a table to showcase our organization. The forum is open to the public and provides a great opportunity to meet the candidates. **Elizabeth Lonoff** is our branch's liaison with the League, which is one of the organizations recognized by AAUW as having objectives related to our own.

For more information of what's on the ballot or to view a video of the televised forum for the House of Delegates, please visit <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/votersguide/>

**MARY ELLEN MEHLER**  
**PROGRAM CO-VICE PRESIDENT**

## BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2017 – 2018

### Elected Officers

**Co-Presidents:** Edie Bartlett  
Joanne Clark  
Joanne Malkin  
Shirley Richey

**Program Vice President:** Joanna Crane  
Mary Ellen Mehler

**Membership Vice President:** **vacant**

**Treasurer:** Edie Bartlett

**Secretary:** Clair Wylie

### Appointed Chairs

**Bylaws:** **vacant**

**AAUW Funds:** Joanne Malkin

**Public Policy:** Patsy Quick

**Newsletter/Website:** Bianca Daugherty

**Newsletter/Directory Distribution:** Cynthia Gindlesperger  
Mary Ellen Mehler

**Nominating Committee Chair:** Lois Passman

**Hospitality:** Cathy Krebs

### Interest Groups

**Book Group:** Liz Promen

**Dining Out:** Elizabeth Lonoff

**Game Night:** Bianca Daugherty

**ImpromptuEvent:** Barbara Mann

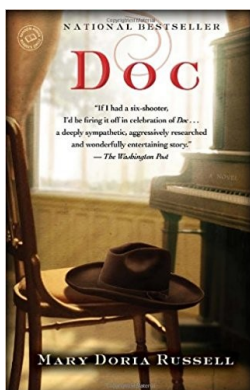
## BOOK GROUP

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

**DATE:** Monday, October 16, 2017, 7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Mary Ellen Mehler  
2002 Old Stage Road  
703/780-8494

**CO-HOST:** Anne Simpson



**BOOK:** Doc  
by Mary Doria Russell

**REVIEWER:** Ebba Jo Spettel

**NEXT BOOK:** The Woman in Cabin 10  
by Ruth Ware

## GAME NIGHT



Join us for fun and games!

Friday, October 27, 2017

7:30 pm

Home of Shannon Dubicki

Spouses and significant others are welcome!

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

2017/2018 Game Night Schedule has been posted to our website.

IMPROMPT  
EVENT

Tour of

*The Fred W. Smith  
National Library for the  
Study of George Washington*

Mount Vernon Estate

Our branch will have a private tour on  
**Friday, Oct. 20 at 11 am.**

Watch for email from **Elaine Kolish** with more  
information to participate!



THE FRED W. SMITH  
NATIONAL LIBRARY  
FOR THE STUDY OF  
GEORGE WASHINGTON  
AT MOUNT VERNON

*Dining Out does Del Ray!*



**Friday, November 10, 7:30 pm**

**Live Oak** is a new restaurant serving Low Country  
food. More information from **Elizabeth Lonoff** to  
follow in November newsletter.



Save  
the  
Date

# VIRGINIA DELEGATES FORUM REMINDER

## 2017 House of Delegate Candidate Forum

Hayfield Secondary School

7630 Telegraph Road, Alexandria, VA 22315

Thursday, October 12, 2017, 7:00-9:00 PM

Eastern Region Delegate Districts: 38, 39, 43, 44, 45, 49

You still can volunteer at <http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0d48afa82fa7f94-oct2> to the **League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area's October 12th candidate forum** cosponsored by AAUW of Virginia. Contact **Elizabeth Lonoff** for further info. Also, if you missed it, you can watch the televised September 11th forum with the local candidates on either the League's website or the Inside Scoop's YouTube channel.

**ELIZABETH LONOFF**

### General Election - Tuesday, November 7, 2017

- Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, for the November 7, 2017 General Election is Monday, October 16, 2017
- Deadline to request an *absentee ballot to be mailed to you* is 5:00 p.m. Tuesday, October 31, 2017. Your request must be received by your Registrar by 5:00 p.m.
- Deadline to request an *absentee ballot by appearing in-person* is 5:00 p.m. Saturday, November 4, 2017



### HELP! HELP! HELP!



The Board is looking for someone interested to take over the **VP - membership position** of the branch. As membership VP you will make contact to referred prospective members and provide an information

package. For the information package you will put together folders with newsletter, an application form and some of the AAUW brochures and flyers. Also, at public branch meetings put out some of the folders, any other materials, and a sign in list. If you receive a membership application, just hand it off to the treasurer and she will take care of the rest. Easy, right? Please call Edie at 703-780-6809 and tell her you will take the job. Thank you!

**EDIE BARTLETT**  
**CO-PRESIDENT**

### APPRECIATION FROM THE EARLY LEARNING CENTER

The staff of the **UCM Early Learning Center** was surprised and thrilled with the 11 large bags of recycled craft supplies that I delivered to them (along with one "treasure chest" from **Louise Priest** and a knit baby blanket from **Elizabeth Lonoff**.) There should be enough paper rollers, egg cartons, shoe boxes, fuzzy balls, etc., to make cute craft items for at least a year. Thanks to all those who contributed the items at KICKOFF.



**MARY ELLEN MEHLER**  
**PROGRAM**  
**CO-VICE PRESIDENT**

## VOTER REGISTRATION



**REGISTER  
TO VOTE!**



**Many thanks** to these Mt. Vernon Branch members who joined with the Mt. Vernon Registrars to register voters in various locations around our community during September and October.

- Joanne Clark
- Joanna Crane
- Shannon Dubicki
- DeJuana Jones
- Elaine Kolish
- Cathy Krebs
- Mary Ellen Mehler
- Patsy Quick
- Shirley Richey
- Ebba Jo Spettel
- Margaret Zebrowski

**PATSY QUICK**  
**PUBLIC POLICY CHAIR**

### MCLEAN AREA BRANCH BOOK SALE IS HERE!

**October 6-8, 2017**



**New place and new date**, so tell all your neighbors, friends, and colleagues to come buy books and support scholarships and fellowships for women and girls. If they are Nationals fans, tell them about the **raffle of a signed Max Scherzer jersey and cap**. Our tickets of \$10 or 3 for \$20 for the jersey and \$5 or 3 for \$10 for the cap are a bargain. These are listed online for \$400 and \$200! Our books are a bargain, too—more children's books this year than ever, current and recent novels, fabulous specially priced books—something for everyone.

It's at **Spring Hill Rec Center** (intersection of Spring Hill Road and Lewinsville Road).

**Friday 9-7; Saturday 10-6; and Sunday 12-4** (when most books are \$10 a bag and specially priced books are half-price). Spread the word!

## PUBLIC POLICY

### **The SIMPLE TRUTH about the Gender Pay Gap**

We have all heard that men are paid more than women are paid over their lifetimes. But what does that mean? Are women paid less because they choose lower-paying jobs? Is it because more women work part time than men do? Or is it because women have more caregiving responsibilities? And what, exactly, does gender bias have to do with paychecks?

Recently new statistics came out about the gender pay gap in our country. AAUW updates its research booklet, **The SIMPLE TRUTH about the Gender Pay Gap**, each year based on the new statistics. This current report succinctly addresses these issues by going beyond the widely reported 80 percent statistic. The current report (with the newly released 2016 data) explains the pay gap in the United States; how it affects women of all ages, races, and education levels; and what you can do to close it. In 2016, for the fifth anniversary of *The Simple Truth*, AAUW updated the report with information on disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.

**AT THIS RATE, YOUR**



**GREAT, GREAT, GREAT,  
GRANDDAUGHTERS**

**MIGHT HAVE FAIR PAY.**

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HELP AAUW CLOSE THE GAP.



According to the report, in 2016, women working full time in the United States typically were paid just 80 percent of what men were paid, a gap of 20 percent? The gap has narrowed since the 1970s, due largely to women's progress in education and workforce participation and to men's wages rising at a slower rate. Still, the pay gap does not appear likely to go away on its own. At the rate of change between 1960 and 2016, women are expected to reach pay equity with men in 2059. But even that slow progress has stalled in recent years. If change continues at the slower rate seen since 2001, women will not reach pay equity with men until 2119.

#### Here are some quick facts:

- According to AAUW, the pay gap won't close until 2119.
- There isn't just a gender pay gap, there is a racial pay gap.
- Women in every state experience the pay gap, but in some states it's worse than others.
- In 2016 the pay gap was smallest in New York, where women working full time year-round were paid 89 percent of what men were paid.
- The largest gap was in Louisiana, where women were paid 70 percent of what men were paid.
- **In 2016, median annual earnings for men in Virginia were \$55,817 compared to \$44,798 for women — an earnings ratio of just 80 percent, or 23rd out of all states and the District of Columbia. The gap is worse for most women of color and moms. As efforts stall at the federal level, states can enact legislation to help women and families at the local level.**

#### How to get your copy of The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap, 2017 edition:

- Download a copy here: <http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>
- Order a free copy here: <http://aauw.source4.com/b2c/Category.asp?Category=4303>



To see how Virginia ranks by district, click here:

[http://www.aauw.org/aauw\\_check/pdf\\_download/show\\_pdf.php?file=Gender\\_Pay\\_Gap\\_Virginia](http://www.aauw.org/aauw_check/pdf_download/show_pdf.php?file=Gender_Pay_Gap_Virginia)

## 2017 - 2018 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 21, 2017, 6:30 pm <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Kickoff Dinner</b>
Saturday, October 21, 2017, 1:30 pm <b>George Mason Regional Library</b> 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA, 22003	<b>Northern District Meeting</b> Meet new AAUW CEO, <b>Kim Churches</b>
Thursday, November 16, 2017, 6:30 pm <b>The Campagna Center</b> 418 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>Early Childhood Education and its Effect on Women</b>
Saturday, December 9, 2017, 11:30 am <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Holiday Event - Luncheon</b>
Sunday, January 14, 2018, Time TBD <b>Heritage Presbyterian Church</b> 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	Film screening and Discussion <b>"GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on its Head"</b>
Saturday, February 24, 2018, 11 am – 3 pm <b>Lorton Prison Workhouse</b> 9518 Workhouse Rd, Lorton, VA 22079	<b>Tour of Lorton Prison Workhouse</b>
Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:30 am <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Annual Meeting and Brunch</b>
Sunday, April 15, 2018, 6 pm <b>Heritage Presbyterian Church</b> 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	<b>Immigration and its Effects on Women and Children</b>
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance <b>Little Theatre of Alexandria</b> 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>Little Theatre Fundraiser</b> <b>"Harvey"</b>
Thursday, May 17, 2018, 6:30 pm <b>Home of Paula Lettice</b>	<b>Annual Pot Luck Dinner</b>
Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:30 am <b>Home of Mary Ellen Mehler</b>	<b>Annual Planning Session</b>

## AAUW Mt.Vernon

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Alexandria, VA 22308

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## First Class



- **3 Board Meeting, 7:30 pm**  
Home of Joanne Malkin  
703/360-7725
- **16 Book Group, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler  
703/780-8494
- **Imprompt Event, 11 am**  
Contact Elaine Kolish  
703/360-7319
- **21 Northern District Meeting, 1:30 pm**  
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler  
703/780-8494
- **27 Game Night, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Shannon Dubicki  
703/780-7973

## OCTOBER 2017

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