

# Mt. Vernon Voices

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through  
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Mt. Vernon Branch



## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

**T**HANK YOU - to everyone who worked on our January Branch program **"GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on its Head"** to make it such a success! There were many members of the Branch who contributed, principal among these were **Elizabeth Lonoff** and **Patsy Quick**, supported by

an excellent group effort. All in all a thoroughly informative program on the importance of fair, bipartisan redistricting, leaving all of us with a lot to think about-and, where possible, work on, now and in the future.

As you know, AAUW has just completed an **analysis of the gender and racial pay gaps in 25 major U.S. cities** (see



page 5 of our January, 2018 newsletter for a synopsis). As noted in the article, five city governments so far have partnered with AAUW to bring **AAUW Work Smart** salary negotiation workshops to their cities. Now, the McLean Branch of AAUW has undertaken a pilot program

to introduce both **Work Smart** and **Start Smart**, AAUW's pay negotiation seminar for graduating seniors, as a first

step to implement these seminars in Northern Virginia and throughout our Commonwealth. Working with Trinity University as a host partner, they offered an **AAUW Work Smart** seminar in

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## BRANCH PROGRAM FEBRUARY 24

**Join us for a look back at the struggle of Women's Suffrage  
Includes film, lecture, Q and As, and museum tour.**

At 11:00 AM on Saturday, February 24, we will meet at the infamous **Lorton Workhouse Museum, Building 9**, which is part of the larger complex of **Lorton Arts Center**. We will be treated to a short film, then a speaker and a brief tour of the prison.

The film, **"Night of Terror"** depicts what took place on **November 14, 1917**, at the Occoquan Workhouse prison. On that day, 33 suffragists from the National Women's Party were arrested for demonstrating outside the White House to demand their right to vote. News of their beatings and torture at the Lorton prison horrified the public and furthered support for the **Women's Suffrage Movement**.

**Three years later the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the Constitution was ratified, giving women the right to vote.**

Since there is no food on the premises, we suggest that we gather afterward at **Madigan's Riverside Restaurant** in Historic Occoquan for individual choices and individual checks. Reservations have been made for 20 to 25 guests.

It's important that we hear from you soon so we can accommodate all members and friends comfortably at the Museum.

**Kindly let Mary Ellen Mehler know by February 19 if you plan to attend.**  
([mem@msn.com](mailto:mem@msn.com) or 703-780-8494)

**Saturday**

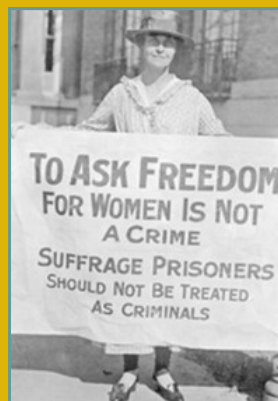
**February 24**

**11 am**

**Branch  
Program**

**Lorton  
Workhouse  
Museum**

**Building 9**



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November, 2017, to Trinity University alumnae. They report that the *"curriculum and the facilitator were impressive and program participants left with some real skills"*. Trinity now wants to offer **Start Smart** to their graduating seniors this spring. Both McLean Branch and National AAUW are involved in this very exciting pilot effort.

Last week we received an invitation to our Branch to get involved, at whatever level we choose, in whatever way we choose. Our board will be discussing and exploring this at our **next monthly meeting on Tuesday, February 6 at 7:15** at my house. Anyone who thinks she might wish to explore getting involved in the effort that McLean and National AAUW are pioneering here in Northern Virginia should get in touch with me or one of our other Board Members ASAP, and if possible, attend the Board Meeting on February 6. It is not often we are in a position to be a "pioneer", but this is one of those times!! Would love to hear from many of you!!



At graduation, the average woman owes  
**\$1,500 MORE**  
 in student loans than the average man does.

***Have a wonderful February!! And, Happy Valentine's Day!!***

**JOANNE MALKIN**  
**CO-PRESIDENT**

Let's Carpool!



**CARPPOOL, ANYONE???**

**Carpools to our branch meetings available!**

**If you need a ride or would like to share a ride  
 please contact Mary Ellen Mehler ([memehler@msn.com](mailto:memehler@msn.com))**

## BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2017 – 2018

### Elected Officers

**Co-Presidents:** Edie Bartlett  
 Joanne Malkin  
 Shirley Richey  
**Program Vice President:** Joanna Crane  
 Mary Ellen Mehler  
**Membership Vice President:** Shannon Dubicki  
**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  
**ImpromptEvent:** Barbara Mann

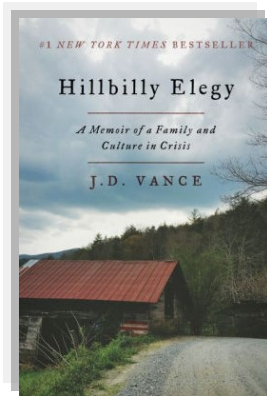
## BOOK GROUP

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

**DATE:** Monday, February 19, 2018  
7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Ebba Jo Spettel  
3003 Cunningham Drive  
703/780-0841

**CO-HOST:** DeJuana Jones



**BOOK:** Hillbilly Elegy  
A Memoir of a Family and Culture in Crisis by J.D. Vance

**REVIEWER:** Barbara Mann

**NEXT BOOK:** Americanah  
by Chimamanda Ngozi Adichie

## GAME NIGHT

Join us for fun and games!

Friday, February 23, 2018

7:30 pm

Home of Cynthia Jacobus

Spouses and significant others are welcome!

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



## Saying good bye

Game Night members say good bye to fellow gamers **Edie Bartlett** and **Shirley Richey**. Edie and Shirley will be moving from Mount Vernon in the next couple of weeks to be closer to their families.

Edie and Shirley co-hosted our first official game night on October 28, 2011!!! They set the tone for a fun and relaxing evening! And what a fun start it was. Guests stayed well past midnight!!!

We sure will miss them and wish them all the best in their new homes!





## BRANCH PROGRAM MEETING, JANUARY 14

### *GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on its Head, January 14*

It was a very cold evening, but over 40 people showed up to learn about how gerrymandering in this country affects us all. The screening of the documentary, *GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on its Head* was held at the Heritage Presbyterian Church, on January 14. **Brian Canon**, Executive Director of OneVirginia2021 <https://www.onevirginia2021.org/>, and **Candy Butler**, of the League of Women Voters, answered questions and shared information after the screening. One of **Paula Lettice's** guests came from Maryland. We had members from the Arlington branch attending. **Susan Burk**, Northern District Co-Rep. from the Springfield-Annandale Branch, was there. Lots of Mt. Vernon Branch members were present.



A good turnout, over 40 branch members and guests attended the meeting



Arlington branch member, Carol Dabbs

The audience was very engaged and had smart questions for Brian and Candy. It was an informative and educational evening! Look for more information on OneVirginia2021 on page 5 in the newsletter.

It takes a village to pull off a great meeting: **Cathy Krebs** provided delicious snacks, **Elizabeth Lonoff**, **Bianca Daugherty**, and **Patsy Quick**, helped with publicity. Elizabeth also contacted our speakers, **Shannon Dubicki** brought membership information to share, **DeJuana Jones** arranged the venue and resolved our technology issues. Thank you all for helping to make this program evening a success!



Paula Lettice with guests and Susan Burk



Patsy Quick with Brian Canon and Candy Butler

## BRANCH NOMINATION ANNOUNCEMENT

### ***LEADERSHIP HAPPENING!!!! - NOMINATIONS FOR 2018 – 2020***

The following members have agreed to be nominated:

**Vice-President for Membership:**



***SHANNON DUBICKI***

**Treasurer:**



***ANNE SIMPSON***

**BE THERE! – ANNUAL MEETING – MOUNT VERNON COUNTRY CLUB**

**Saturday, March 17, 9:30 am**

## IN CASE YOU MISSED IT...

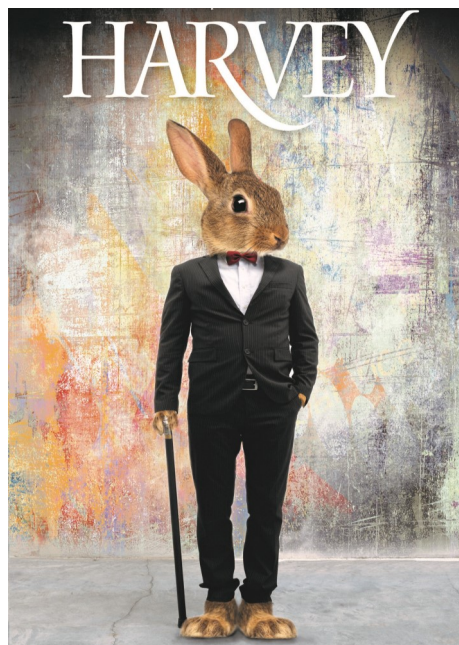
If you missed our branch program meeting “GerryRigged” on January 14 or you want to learn more about how to take action you may want to attend the

***Redistricting Forum  
Sherwood Community Center  
Presented by League of Women Voters of Fairfax and One Virginia 2021  
3740 Old Lee Highway, Fairfax  
on February 25, 1 - 5 pm***

See <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/redistricting-forum/>

## UPCOMING EVENT

**AAUW Mt Vernon Branch and AAUW Alexandria Branch Annual Fundraiser**  
We invite you to attend the Little Theatre of Alexandria's production of



### **HARVEY**

written by Mary Chase

produced by Rachel Alberts and Bobbie Herbst

directed by Frank Pasqualino

**May 1, 2018, 7:00 PM**

Join us for a performance of HARVEY based on the Mary Chase, Pulitzer Prize winning play.

Imaginary friends can be whoever -- or whatever -- you want them to be, even a six and a half foot tall rabbit. When Elwood starts introducing his imaginary rabbit friend, Harvey, to guests at a party, his sister can no longer tolerate his inebriated antics and worries about her family being exposed to this imaginary rabbit. However, after years of living with Elwood (and Harvey), she begins to start seeing him herself.

**Enjoy our reception starting at 7:00 PM in the "Green Room!"**

**Performance begins at 8:00 PM.**

**Buy tickets, bring friends and family! Visit with member friends!**

**Buy Raffle tickets! Proceeds benefit AAUW Educational Funds!**

**Branch members will receive tickets in March.**

**More information to come.**

**Contact Ronnie Gunnerson, [ronniegunnerson@gmail.com](mailto:ronniegunnerson@gmail.com)**

**Tickets are \$35 each**

***The Little Theatre of Alexandria***

***600 Wolfe Street***

***Alexandria VA 22314***

***703-683-0496***



# AAUW OF VIRGINIA CONFERENCE



It is never too soon to begin planning to attend the 2018  
AAUW of Virginia Conference!

**Changing the Climate for Women and Girls**

April 20-22, 2018

Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel

**Location, Location, Location! The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth River flowing between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Two easy blocks away is the downtown area with shops, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride gets you to Norfolk.**



**What a perfectly perfect location!!**

**Hotel Reservations 855-214-4563**

**Group Rate \$129    \$5 per night parking    100% Water view rooms**

**Indoor pool, whirlpool, sundeck, and complimentary exercise facilities**

**Watch for more information and conference registration form in the *VISION*.**

**[CLICK HERE TO BOOK YOUR ROOM ONLINE!](#)**

**GROUP RATE IS AVAILABLE UNTIL MARCH 20.**

## 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>
Saturday, November 11, 2017, 11 am <b>The Campagna Center</b> 418 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>Early Childhood Education and its Effect on Women</b> <b>Dr. Tammy Mann, President and CEO</b>
Saturday, December 9, 2017, 12 noon <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Holiday Event - Luncheon</b>
Sunday, January 14, 2018, 4:30 - 6:30 pm <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 – 3pm <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 24, 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>

### Other Important Dates to Remember:

**February 3**  
**February 7**  
**April 20 - 22**

**31st Annual Mount Vernon District Town Meeting**  
**State Lobby Day, Richmond**  
**AAUW of Virginia Conference, Portsmouth**





## AAUW Mt.Vernon

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Alexandria, VA 22308

<http://aauw-va.aauw.net/>

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

## First Class



Mt. Vernon (VA) Branch

- **6 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm**  
Home of Joanne Malkin  
703/360-7725
- **19 Book Group, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Ebba Jo Spettel  
703/780-0841
- **23 Game Night, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Cynthia Jacobus  
703/780-3806
- **24 Branch Program 11 am**  
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler  
703/780-8494

# FEBRUARY 2018

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