

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

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## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

**A**pril! That means Spring is here! The daffodils and a few tulips are springing up, and, HOPEFULLY, we have heard the last 2018 prediction of a "possible wintry mix," which keeps us all guessing, checking weather apps, unsure whether we are dealing with rain or weather conditions much more challenging to navigate.

It was wonderful to see so many of you at our **Annual Meeting on March 17** at Mount Vernon Country Club. Special thanks to **Mary Ellen**

**Mehler** for making all of the arrangements, to all of the Board Members for their comprehensive reports and, very especially, to **Patsy Quick** for her thorough outline of the upcoming **AAUW of Virginia Conference** in Portsmouth, April 20-22, 2018; her up to the minute report on the **Start Smart/Work Smart** initiative both at the State and District levels and her outline and backgrounding on the proposed amendments to the **AAUW bylaws** which we all received on February 22, and which were also in your March newsletter. **These amendments address questions vital to the future of AAUW -- PLEASE remember to vote!**

Spring signals new growth, new beginnings. A common theme this year, echoed again by **Kathleen Parker** in the March 21, 2018, *Washington Post*, is that this is the "Year of the Woman". **She mentions that women now outnumber men in college, graduate school and medical and law school.**



**Wow.** Who back in 1881 could have imagined such a thing! This underlines for us the importance, right now, of **AAUW's Start Smart/Work Smart initiative.** All of these women, having worked so hard for

their professional training and credentials, deserve equal pay in their careers, and deserve training in the "fine art" of salary negotiation. We should be proud that our organization, AAUW, is not only totally aware of this situation, but is in the process of developing training to address this next building block toward full equality for women.

So, the "Year of the Woman"? It is only the beginning of April, and remains to be seen -- but it clearly gives us something to work toward! Happy April!! Happy, Happy Spring!!

**JOANNE MALKIN**  
CO-PRESIDENT

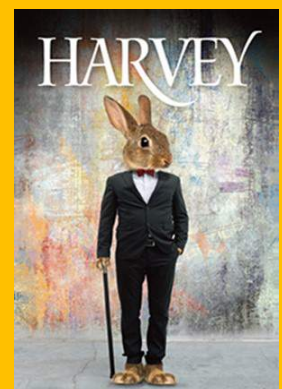
Are you ready?  
Read about our LTA fundraiser on page 2!

**Tuesday**

**May 1**

**BRANCH FUNDRAISER**

**Little Theatre of Alexandria**



**Reception 7 pm**

**Curtain 8 pm**

# LITTLE THEATRE OF ALEXANDRIA FUNDRAISER



**Tuesday, May 1, 2018**  
**Little Theatre of Alexandria**  
**"HARVEY"**  
**Reception 7 pm - Curtain 8 pm**

**Are you ready?** The Mt. Vernon Annual Fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria is **May 1**. You know that this is a fun event!

The performance at 8 PM, which we share with the Alexandria Branch, begins with a reception at 7:00. It is our turn to bring **savories and wine**. Please send **Ronnie Gunnerson** [ronniegunnerson@gmail.com](mailto:ronniegunnerson@gmail.com) an email **RIGHT NOW** if you will bring a savory and maybe a bottle of wine.

Raffle baskets are being prepared. Email **Patsy Quick** [pnquick@cox.net](mailto:pnquick@cox.net) **RIGHT NOW** if you can donate something for the Tea Time or Summer Fun basket. Drop off items by her garage door, or call and she will pick up.

Don't forget to mail the money for your tickets (\$35 each) to Ronnie. Her address is on the ticket envelope.

**Mary Ellen Mehler** and **Patsy Quick** will drop off food items on the afternoon of the event. Let one of them know if you would like them to take your savory/wine so it will be set out in time for the reception at 7 PM. Otherwise, arrive by 6:45 so that you can set it out.

Thank you, everyone, for your participation and contributions. Our branch is very proud of your past generosity. This year will be a great success, too!



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## BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2017 – 2018

### Elected Officers

**Co-Presidents:** Joanne Malkin  
 Cathy Krebs

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

**Membership Vice President:** Shannon Dubicki

**Treasurer:** Edie Bartlett

**Secretary:** Paula Lettice

### 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

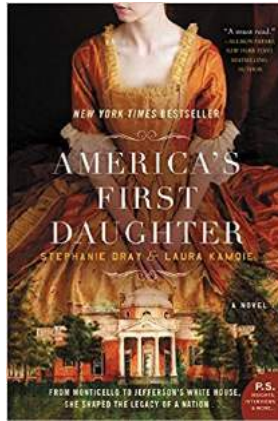
## BOOK GROUP

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

**DATE:** Monday, April 16, 2018  
7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Liz Promen  
2210 Cavendish Drive  
703/780-7342

**CO-HOST:** Patsy Quick



**BOOK:** America's First Daughter  
by Stephane Dray and  
Laura Kamoie

**REVIEWER:** Mary Ellen Mehler

**NEXT BOOK:** A Gentleman in Moscow  
by Amor Towels

## GAME NIGHT

Join us for fun and games!

Friday, April 27, 2018

7:30 pm

Home of Anne Simpson

Spouses and significant others are welcome!

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



## DINING OUT

Join Dining Out for dinner at local favorite **Tempo** on **Friday, May 4th**. An early-May confirmation e-mail will distribute the limited number of seats.

**Tempo Restaurant**  
4231 Duke Street, Alexandria West End  
703/370-7900

Located west of N. Quaker Lane, **Tempo** serves northern Italian and French cuisine, featuring fresh seafood. The many house specialties are matched by signature cocktails. As a neighborhood gem dressed in a flock of white tablecloths, **Tempo** has a dedicated clientele and has caught Zagat's attention. The husband and wife team of chef-owners have won multiple restaurant-management awards. Don't overlook the extensive dessert menu!

**Menu:** See  
<http://www.temporestaurant.com/menus/dinner/>.

Weekly specials and three fixed-price dinners also are available.

**Reviews:**

- <https://www.opentable.com/tempo-restaurant-alexandria?page=1>

- [https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant\\_Review-g30226-d536407-Reviews-Tempo\\_Restaurant-Alexandria\\_Virginia.html](https://www.tripadvisor.com/Restaurant_Review-g30226-d536407-Reviews-Tempo_Restaurant-Alexandria_Virginia.html)

- <https://www.yelp.com/biz/tempo-restaurant-alexandria-2>

**Please feel free to invite a family member or friend. Parking is available onsite.**

To participate, contact **Elizabeth Lonoff** by **April 27th** ([elonoff@msn.com](mailto:elonoff@msn.com)) so that our reservation can be finalized. If your plans change, please alert her so she can adjust the reservation.

## ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 17

Branch members approved the proposed budget for 2018-2019 which was presented by treasurer **Edie Bartlett**. She also reported that our annual dues will increase from \$77 to \$87 as AAUW national dues increased from \$49 to \$59.

**Lois Passman** presented the slate of candidates for 2018-2020. The following officers were elected:



Vice-President for Membership – **SHANNON DUBICKI**

Treasurer – **ANNE SIMPSON**

**Cathy Krebs** was elected co-president to fulfill the remaining term of **Edie Bartlett** and **Shirley Richey**. **Paula Lettice** was appointed secretary to fulfill the remaining term of **Clair Wylie**.

**Ronnie Gunnerson** reported on the May 1 event at the Little Theatre of Alexandria. Two tickets for the show were distributed to those attending the Annual Meeting, and will be mailed to those members not in attendance.

**Patsy Quick** reported on the proposed AAUW National bylaw amendments (see page 8) as well as on the Northern District AAUW Start Smart/Work Smart initiative and how branch members can get involved.

Mt. Vernon Branch and members contributed \$6,243 to AAUW Funds! Branches are entitled to honor one individual (or group) for every \$500 in total donations to AAUW during the calendar year. Co-President **Joanne Malkin** announced the twelve honorees for 2018. They will receive certificates after the state conference.



Named Honorees from left: Cathy Krebs, Ronnie Gunnerson, Elizabeth Lonoff, DeJuana Jones, Clair Wylie, Shannon Dubicki, Shirley Richey, Edie Bartlett, Anne Simpson, Mary Ellen Mehler, Paula Lettice  
Also honored was the Little Theatre of Alexandria.



# ANNUAL MEETING MARCH 17



We were all a little bit Irish!



# SAYING GOODBYE TO EDIE, SHIRLEY AND CLAIR!



Shirley Richey



Edie Bartlett



Joanne Malkin, Patsy Quick, and Mary Ellen Mehler presented certificates of appreciation and orchids to Shirley Richey, Edie Bartlett, and Clair Wylie, who are relocating from the Mount Vernon area, to thank them for their service to the branch.



Clair Wylie



# DON'T SNOOZE...TIME TO PAY DUES!

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. Please renew by June 30, 2018!

There are two ways to renew your membership.



## 1) To renew online:

- Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org). Click **LOGIN** at the top of the page.
- Enter your **MEMBER ID** and **PASSWORD**.
- Once logged in, scroll to the bottom of the page and click **MEMBER SERVICES DATABASE** and enter MSD.
- Select **RENEW MY MEMBERSHIP** on the left side of the screen and pay with your credit card.

## 2) To renew by check:

Send **Edie Bartlett** a check made out to Mt. Vernon AAUW for \$87.

Address: Edie Bartlett  
44715 Audubon Square, Apt 315  
Ashburn, VA 20147

AAUW national dues are \$59, state dues are \$15 and branch dues are \$13. Remember that \$56 of national dues are tax deductible on itemized returns.

## Meet our new member!



**Maureen McGuire-Kuletz** has lived in the Mt. Vernon area with her family for more than 30 years. She and her husband Bob have 2 grown children and twin grand daughters (age 1). She is always happy to share pictures of the twins!

She has been active with a number of local organizations including UCM Friends, the Campagna Center and Westie Rescue. In addition, she volunteers with the NSO Women's Committee and the Smithsonian Women's Committee. She is an Associate Professor of Counseling at the GW Graduate School of Education and Human Development in Washington, DC. where she has taught for almost 20 years.

**Welcome to our branch!**



## Changing the Climate for Women and Girls

April 20-22, 2018

Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel

Be part of this conference.

Access online registration at

<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/2018-aauw-of-va-state-conference/>

# VOTE!

AAUW of Virginia elections are coming up! Watch your email for the voting instructions for the online state elections.

**AAUW of Virginia**  
**One Member / One Vote**

**AAUW of Virginia Slate:**

- ◆ Co-Presidents: Carol Stephens and Leslie Tourigny
- ◆ Co-Vice Presidents for Program: Sandy Lawrence and Cheryl Spohnholtz
- ◆ Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy: Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers
- ◆ Vice President for Communications: Patsy Quick



**Online Voting Period:** April 24 to May 14

**Please take the time to vote as a responsible AAUW of Virginia member.**

For more information consult the Voter Guide in the Virginia Vision, **Winter/Spring 2018 Edition.**

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for by-laws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring.

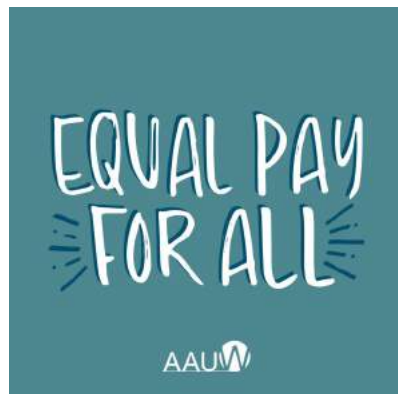


**Here are the three proposed amendments:**

1. The Board of Directors strongly supports the **adoption of staggered terms of office for AAUW Board of Directors on a three-year rotation.**
2. The Board of Directors strongly **supports allowing up to 5 directors who are not members of AAUW to serve on the board.** Wording of the proposal:  
*The Board of Directors shall be comprised of fifteen directors with a minimum of ten individual AAUW members and no more than five non-members.*
3. The Board of Directors strongly supports **removing the degree requirement for membership in AAUW.**

**Online Voting Period:** April 25 to June 9, 2018 (paper ballots have to be requested between April 16 and May 7)

For more information go to **<https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>**



**Equal Pay Day** — which takes place **Tuesday, April 10**, this year — is the symbolic day when women’s pay finally “catches up” to the wages that men took home the previous year. The date represents the fact that women working full time, year-round in the United States typically **are paid just 80 percent of what men are paid, or a gap of 20 percent.**

Fight for Fair Pay! Make your voice heard in Congress! Become an AAUW **Two-Minute Activist.** All it takes is two minutes and an internet connection! Sign up at

**<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>**



# 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, 9:00 am <b>Mt. Vernon Country Club</b> 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	<b>Annual Meeting and Brunch</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:

**April 20 - 22**  
**July 27 - 29**

**AAUW of Virginia Conference, Portsmouth**  
**Summer Leaders Meeting, Harrisonburg**



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## First Class



Mt. Vernon (VA) Branch

- **3 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm**  
Home of Joanne Malkin  
703/360-7725
- **16 Book Group, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Liz Promen  
703/780-7342
- **27 Game Night, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Anne Simpson  
301/203-0454



# APRIL 2018

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