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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

In this Year of the Woman, let's consider one extraordinary woman, **Joanne Malkin**, and how lucky we are to have her in our branch. Granted, every AAUW member is unique and extraordinary, but **Joanne** is a particularly inspiring role model.

Joanne and husband, **Bruce**, just received the **2018 Gerry Hyland Humanitarian Award** from UCM, United Community Ministries.

UCM Board President **Ken Disselkoen** commented on presenting the award, "**Joanne** and **Bruce Malkin** share a passion for helping individuals in low-income families, especially children. They have demonstrated a long term, sustained commitment to serving people in need in our community and to empowering, transforming, and enriching their lives."

For many years, both have been deeply involved in Kiwanis Club activities, especially food drives. I remember more than once driving into the Sherwood Hall Library parking lot in a hurry to buy before the Farmers Market closed, and there was **Joanne** waiting to glean, to gather whatever the farmers were willing to leave for the poor.

Joanne has been an active member of our branch of the AAUW for sixteen

years. She is generous in contributing her time, talents, and home for meetings. As Funds Chair, she is a master of the labyrinthian subject of AAUW contributions.

Mary Ellen Mehler notes, "given this opportunity to describe all that **Joanne Malkin** has contributed to our AAUW branch, it makes me realize how vital **Joanne** has been to the success of the branch. **Joanne** is one of the strong, reliable leaders who keep things going forward year after year. She is currently serving as Co-President for the third time, and over the years she has filled various offices on the board. We are most grateful for all she has done and continues to do."



UCM Board Chair Ken Disselkoen, UCM Executive Director Alison Decourcey, retired Supervisor Gerry Hyland, Bruce and Joanne Malkin

Shirley Richey remarks that **Joanne** "has always been there to help the branch in any capacity, whether a one time shot or a board position. She is excellent at keeping in touch with everyone and she does keep busy."

So, let's get inspired and be all that we can be.

CATHY KREBS,
A LUCKY CO-PRESIDENT,
WITH THE AID OF
PAULA LETTICE, MARY ELLEN
MEHLER, AND SHIRLEY RICHEY

May 24
Thursday

5 to 8 pm

ANNUAL
POTLUCK
DINNER

Home
of
Paula Lettice

Bring your
favorite dish!

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POTLUCK DINNER, MAY 24



Enjoy good company and good food
at our annual potluck dinner!

Thursday, May 24
5 to 8 pm

Home of Paula Lettice
9016 Nomini Lane, Alexandria

Pull out your favorite potluck recipe! A meat dish and wine will be provided by the branch and host. The rest of us will provide appetizers, salads, sides, casseroles, breads and dessert (limit of 4).

**We will socialize and have drinks and hors d'oeuvres beginning at 5 pm,
and dinner will begin at 6 pm.**

Please RSVP by May 22 to our hostess Paula Lettice along with the item you are bringing!
pglettice@gmail.com

See you all there! This is one of our most enjoyable events.

**This is also another opportunity to support UCM, by bringing non-perishable foods to the
potluck. Thank you in advance for your contributions!**

BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2017 – 2018

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents: Joanne Malkin
Cathy Krebs
Program Vice President: 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, May 21, 2018
7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Joanne Malkin
8339 Orange Court
703/360-7725

CO-HOST: Liz Promen



BOOK: A Gentleman in Moscow
by Amor Towles

REVIEWER: DeJuana Jones

NEXT BOOK: Secret Father
by James Carroll

GAME NIGHT



Join us for fun and games!

Friday, May 25, 2018

7:30 pm

Home of Cathy Krebs

Spouses and significant others are welcome!

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



FREE LIGHT BULBS!

Since we could save 19 million kWh and \$2 million every year if each household in Fairfax County replaced one incandescent bulb, the County is offering **up to five free LEDs** per household while supplies last.



The first LED is complimentary; the rest are available in exchange for an incandescent or CFL. The LEDs provided will be 60W equivalent, warm white, ENERGY STAR® certified, and non-dimmable. A handout helps you match LEDs to the planned use. **The location is at Sherwood Regional Library at 10:30-12:30 am on May 22.** See <https://www.fairfaxcounty.gov/energy/energyactionfairfax> for more energy-saving ideas, like **borrowing a thermal camera from your library**. You also can borrow an educational backpack to take a child to visit a state park with a free admission pass

A Note of Thanks!

I wanted to thank all of you for your thoughtfulness, and in many cases, attendance, at this year's UCM Gala on April 14. It was truly an honor and unforgettable life occasion for both Bruce and me to receive UCM's Gerry Hyland Humanitarian Award -- we are still a little bit in shock regarding it all.

Thank you everyone for sharing it with us with your kind words, wishes and tremendous support. What a lovely, lovely evening!!

JOANNE MALKIN
CO-PRESIDENT



VOTE TWICE!

Yes, it's legal—you will be voting twice this spring in AAUW elections, once for Virginia and once for national. So you won't get them mixed up, here's the info you need.

AAUW National Bylaws Amendments



- ◆ The April **Outlook** has the proposed amendments (and your voting number). There are only three, but they are important ones. #1 changes the national board structure to staggered 3-year terms. #2 allows up to 5 non-AAUW members on the 15-member AAUW Board (non-members could serve as officers of the board, including chair). #3 provides opening membership to all who support AAUW's mission. You may see members' comments to these amendments at www.aauw.org; click on bylaws.
- ◆ Online voting started **April 25** and closes **June 9** at 9:00 p.m. ET.
- ◆ If you need a paper ballot, request by **May 7** at connect@aauw.org or 202/785-7700.

AAUW of Virginia Voting

- ◆ The Spring **Virginia Vision** has the slate of state officers to elect and the proposed 2018-2020 Public Policy Priorities.
- ◆ Online voting began **April 24** and concludes on **May 14** at midnight. You should have received an email with your member ID and voter pin.

To vote online, go to www.aauw.org/va-vote, and then enter your member ID and your voter PIN, then click START TO VOTE.

AAUW of Virginia hopes you will take this opportunity to participate in the leadership of the state organization by voting. **Branches with the highest percent of voting members will be recognized so help your branch win recognition!**

- ◆ Note that there are no paper ballots for Virginia AAUW. For questions about the voting process or ballot content, contact the state co-presidents at pnquick@cox.net or sandyaauw@juno.com. For technical inquiries about voting contact connect@aauw.org or call 800/326-2289 (M-F, 10 to 5).



Two branch members have had bad falls and need to be in Rehab. To **Joan Howerton** and **Ronnie Gunnerson**, we send our thoughts and prayers for speedy recoveries.

We miss seeing you at our activities!

Congratulations to AAUW's 2018–19 Fellowships and Grants Awardees!

AAUW is excited to announce **245 awards and \$3.8 million** in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2018–19 award year! This exceptional group of recipients will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls.

For 130 years, AAUW has been a leading source of funding for graduate women, providing more than \$100 million in fellowships and grants to more than 12,000 women and nonprofit organizations in the United States and around the world.

The 2018–19 award year kicks off on July 1, 2018, with the release of our updated online **Fellowships and Grants directory**, in which you can find out more about the remarkable women and organizations from your area! To learn more about AAUW's fellowships and grants programs and past awardees, visit our **fellowships and grants web page** and read our **Following the Fellows** blog series.

The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap

You've probably 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?

AAUW's ***The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap*** succinctly addresses the pay gap issues by going beyond the widely reported 80 percent statistic. The report 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*, we updated the report with information on disability status, sexual orientation, and gender identity.



AAUW CLOSE THE GAP.

The 2018 update of this report is currently online at

<https://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

Download your copy from the link or read the highlights online.



New US postage stamp for astronaut Sally Ride gets May launch date

The U.S. Postal Service will release a stamp in honor of astronaut **Sally Ride**, the first American woman to fly into space, on May 23, 2018 in La Jolla, Calif.

www.collectspace.com

2017 - 2018 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 21, 2017, 6:30 pm Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Kickoff Dinner
Saturday, October 21, 2017, 1:30 pm George Mason Regional Library 7001 Little River Turnpike, Annandale, VA, 22003	Northern District Meeting Meet new AAUW CEO, Kim Churches
Saturday, November 11, 2017, 11 am The Campagna Center 418 S Washington St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Early Childhood Education and its Effect on Women Dr. Tammy Mann, President and CEO
Saturday, December 9, 2017, 12 noon Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Holiday Event - Luncheon
Sunday, January 14, 2018, 4:30 - 6:30 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	Film screening and Discussion "GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on its Head"
Saturday, February 24, 2018, 11 – 3pm Lorton Prison Workhouse 9518 Workhouse Rd, Lorton, VA 22079	Tour of Lorton Prison Workhouse
Saturday, March 17, 2018, 9:00 am Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Annual Meeting and Brunch
Tuesday, May 1, 2018 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance Little Theatre of Alexandria 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Little Theatre Fundraiser "Harvey"
Thursday, May 24, 2018, 5 pm Home of Paula Lettice	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, June 9, 2018, 9:30 am Home of Mary Ellen Mehler	Annual Planning Session

Other Important Dates to Remember:

July 28 **AAUW-VA Summer Leadership Meeting, Harrisonburg**



Check out our website <https://mtvernon-va.aauw.net/>

Visit us on Facebook <https://www.facebook.com/mtvernonvaaauw/>



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First Class



- **1 LTA Fundraiser**
Reception 7 pm, show 8 pm
Contact Ronnie Gunnerson
703/887-1593
- **4 Dining out, 7 pm**
Contact Elizabeth Lonoff
703/765-2634
- **21 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact Joanne Malkin
703/360-7725
- **24 Annual Potluck Dinner**
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler
703/780-8494
- **25 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Cathy Krebs
703/765-2751

MAY 2018

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
		1 LTA Fundraiser	2	3	4 Dining Out	5
6	7	8	9	10	11	12
13	14	15	16	17	18	19
20	21 Book Group	22	23	24 Annual Potluck Dinner	25 Game Night	26
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