

Mt. Vernon Voices

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Mt. Vernon Branch



PRESIDENTS' CORNER

Before switching into Summer gear, let's reflect what a remarkable year our branch has had.

Starting with the most recent, our **Annual Potluck Dinner** was celebrated on May 24. Our "hostess with the mostest," **Paula Lettice** deserves a round of applause for a fabulous party held in her lovely home and spacious patio. Thanks also to all those who attended and brought incredibly good things to eat and drink. Someone asked, when does the business portion start? The point of the potluck is to enjoy socializing with interesting women. We did, and we had the opportunity to meet our newest member **Maureen McGuire-Kuletz**, and our about-to-be-member, **Mimi Lippold**.

It appears that, in addition to being informed and inspired by worthwhile programs, we are good at socializing. We enjoyed the following: the **Kick-off Dinner** on September 21, 2017; the **Holiday Luncheon** on December 9, 2017; the **Annual Meeting and Brunch** on March 17, 2018; topped off by the aforementioned Potluck.

We profited from learning about "**Early Childhood Education and Its Effect on Women**," a presentation by **Dr. Tammy Mann**, President and CEO of the Campagna Center in Alexandria.

We were educated and inspired by the screening and discussion of the film, "**GerryRigged: Turning Democracy on its Head**," held February 14, 2018. The **Tour of the**

Lorton Prison Workhouse, on February 24, 2018, was a sobering reminder of the debt we owe to the women who fought for our right to vote. Our **annual fundraiser**, a theater performance cum reception, was a blast with an excellent performance of the comedy, "**Harvey**," at the **Little Theatre of Alexandria** on May 1, 2018. The proceeds from our fundraiser, as well as donations from members, go to support the activities of the AAUW, such as scholarships and legal aid.

If you have not had a chance to attend all the activities, you can change your ways and come to the **Annual Planning Session** at the home of **Mary Ellen Mehler** on Saturday June 9, 2018. You will have the opportunity to help decide on the programs you will want to attend next year. We look forward to seeing you there. Your input is needed.

Best wishes for a happy and healthy summer.



CATHY KREBS



AND JOANNE MALKIN

CO-PRESIDENTS

**June 9
Saturday**

9:30 am

**ANNUAL
PLANNING
SESSION**

**Home
of
Mary Ellen
Mehler**

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ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION, JUNE 9

PLEASE COME TO THE JUNE 9 PLANNING SESSION

All branch member are invited to attend the planning session for our 2018-19 program year. WE NEED YOUR HELP!



DATE AND TIME: Saturday, June 9, 9:30 AM

PLACE: Home of Mary Ellen Mehler
2002 Old Stage Road in
Riverside Gardens subdivision

YOU BRING: Your ideas and your favorite “nibble” of any sort for breakfast
(Bringing food is optional. There will already be food items provided)

Please RSVP to Mary Ellen Mehler (memehler@msn.com)

As you think about the planning session,

1. What location do you prefer for our meeting and/or special events?

(responses to the March questionnaire included Mt. Vernon Country Club, members' homes, The Fairfax, a new place such as Wegman's Pub, church auditorium, library meeting room, and “depends on event.”)

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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

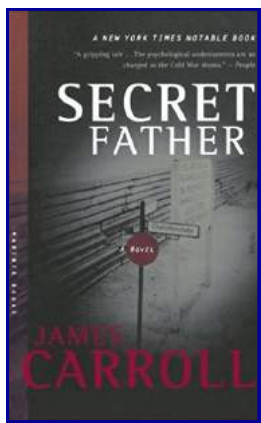
BOOK GROUP

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

DATE: Monday, June 18, 2018
7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Joanna Crane
6511 Princeton Drive
703/718-8892

CO-HOST: Anne Simpson



BOOK: Secret Father
by James Carroll

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



Join us for fun and games!

Friday, June 22, 2018

7:30 pm

Home of Barbara Mann

Spouses and significant others are welcome!

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



ANNUAL PLANNING SESSION

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2. What should be the main focus and topics of our programs for next year?

(example: topics related to political action particularly concerning women, the progress of *Start Smart/Work Smart*, etc.)

3. What are some topics you wish to see addressed as either a monthly meeting topic or an Imprompt event?

(previous questionnaire mentioned such topics as personal protection, internet security and identity theft, the ERA, Imprompt visit to resources at Mt. Vernon, Meditation/Mindfulness training, Women's History Month event)

4. Whom do you recommend as a possible speaker?

5. Would you be willing to coordinate one of the monthly meetings?
(contact speaker, arrange location)



POTLUCK FUN, MAY 24



MEMBERSHIP

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. As an AAUW member whose branch participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you will be paying all of your dues - branch, state, and national - at once:

\$59.00 National
\$15.00 State
\$13.00 Branch
\$87.00 TOTAL (*\$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution*)

Please renew by June 30, 2018

There are two ways to renew.

- 1) **To renew online with your credit or debit card:** Go to <https://www.aauw.org/?s=pay+dues>, click on Membership Payment Program to enter the MSD (Membership Services Database)! Also, you should have received an email from memberinfo@aauw.org May 30 with a direct link to renew online.
- 2) **To renew by check:** Make your check payable to AAUW, and mail it to your branch treasurer:

until June 30: Edie Bartlett
44715 Audubon Sq., Apt 315
Ashburn, VA 20147

after June 30: Anne Simpson
1604 Old Drummer Boy Lane
Fort Washington, MD 20744

Different from prior years, membership will be terminated for any individuals who have not renewed their memberships as of September 30.



LTA FUNDRAISER

FUNDRAISER SUCCESS!

A big thank you goes to all Mt Vernon Branch members who helped to make the fundraiser on May 1 at the Little Theatre of Alexandria such a success!

Thanks so much to you all who purchased and sold tickets, made donations of money, food, wine and raffle items, and helped with setup and cleanup. You are the best!!!

\$2915 was made on tickets and donations and \$520 on the raffle baskets!

ANNOUNCING NEXT YEAR'S LITTLE THEATRE FUNDRAISER

At the May 5 **Partners in Arts Night Lottery** for the Little Theatre of Alexandria our combined Alexandria/Mt. Vernon branches were fortunate to get our first choice in a sponsored play for our annual fundraiser.

We will be sponsoring

“YOU CAN'T TAKE IT WITH YOU”

on Friday, February 22, 2019.

2018 AAUW - VA VOTING AND ELECTIONS RESULTS

Thank you to the 277 AAUW of Virginia Members who voted in the recent **One Member One Vote** Election of state officers. That is **18.76%** of our membership, and definitely meets the quorum we needed.

Each candidate was elected with 97.8% or more of the vote. (A few ballots were left blank.)

AAUW of Virginia 2018-20 officers for the following positions are:

AAUW of Virginia Co- Presidents: **Carol Stephens and Leslie Tourigny**
Co-Vice Presidents for Programs: **Sandy Lawrence and Cheryl Spohnholtz**
Vice President for Communications: **Patsy Quick**
Co -Vice Presidents for Public Policy: **Susan Burk and Sylvia Rogers**

**Congratulations and thank you to these members!!
We look forward to working with you in 2018-20.**

Congratulations and thank you also goes to these branches with the highest percentage of members voting:

Newport News Branch	40%
Winchester Branch	36%
Mt. Vernon	31%



*Patsy Quick and Sandy Lawrence
Voting and Elections Co-Chairs*

Latest Report Transparency Virginia



AAUW of Virginia is a member of **Transparency Virginia**, a coalition promoting and evaluating transparency in the Virginia General Assembly.

The Transparency Virginia 2018 report, which is the post-legislative review of the 2018 General Assembly session, was released on April 30, 2018. Both AAUW-VA and the AAUW Greater Richmond Branch are signatories to the report. You can access a copy of the report at the following link:

<https://transparencyvirginia.wordpress.com>

LETTER FROM AAUW CEO KIM CHURCHES

Dear AAUW leaders,

It was an honor to visit with so many of you at state conventions this spring. I know **Julia Brown**, members of the Board and members of our senior leadership staff all enjoyed the chance to discuss the mission and future for AAUW at conventions.

As you may know, since joining AAUW last June, I've been laser-focused on ensuring we have the right operating and fiscal model for AAUW: controlling costs, evaluating AAUW's operations and legacy structures and modernizing technology to ensure optimal efficiency and efficacy. Importantly, all of this is focused on our mission and ability to show measurable impact; a lot of this was conveyed in the state convention presentation from national (which can be accessed here on the website: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/2018-state-convention-presentation/>)

With the reorganization of the new senior staff cabinet, including the Managing Director, Chief Administrative Officer, and Senior Vice Presidents, we've conducted analyses of AAUW's budget, business needs, processes, functions, and current complement of talent. I'm writing to let you know that this week, we began the process of restructuring. When I began at AAUW, there were 13 Vice President positions for a \$22 million organization and at one time, there were as many as 15 Vice Presidents. While we have eliminated some positions throughout the organi-

zation, we have also created **new** positions – this is not a hiring freeze, but a reorganization. Any and all employees affected are eligible and encouraged to apply for new positions created now or in the future. As many of you have worked closely with some of these valued colleagues, I did in particular want to let you know that **Cordy Galligan** and **Anne Powell** have both now left AAUW for new opportunities. Additionally, **Ruby Peters**, VP of Administration, will be retiring in June, and **Fong Cheng**, VP of IT, will also be leaving AAUW in June.

I've attached the new organizational charts so you can get a sense of the new structure. **[Ask Patsy Quick if you wish to see these.]** We will update the organizational chart fully on aauw.org here: <https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/leadership-and-staff/> and here <https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/leadership-and-staff/executives/>. We will also be putting forward a new staff directory to make it easier for members to connect with staff, and speaking of "Connect"...the AAUW Connect team is always available at connect@aauw.org.

I'm pleased to say that with all of these changes, we should net almost \$1 million in savings on the budget – the budget forecasting has been an issue that has been discussed at great length at state conventions.

I am available to speak with each of you personally should you have any questions about staff departures, new prospective positions or simply wish to discuss further. I also encourage you to share this information with your state and branch leadership and with committee members. This has been a year to tighten and focus our AAUW efforts for greater impact and sustainability, but it has also been a year of strategy. I'm grateful for your support as we move AAUW towards a bright future.

Best,
Kim

Kimberly Churches
Chief Executive Officer
AAUW

AAUW National Bylaws Amendment
Have you voted yet?
Online voting is still open until June 9



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NATIONAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT
VOTE 2018

VOTE NOW

VIRGINIA
CHAMBER
ORCHESTRA



PRESENTS



19, The Musical

an original musical production from
THROUGH THE 4th WALL

Classical Cabaret at 1st Stage

Saturday, June 30, 2018, 7:30 PM

1st Stage Theater
1524 Spring Hill Road
Tysons, Virginia 22102

Tickets: \$25 at door, \$20 online purchase and seniors, \$15 military and students

Come see the original musical "19," the dynamic and little-known story of Alice Paul, the suffragists and their fight to get women the right to vote—the 19th Amendment.

Written & Directed by Jennifer Schwed & Doug Bradshaw
Music by Charlie Barnett
Lyrics by Jennifer Schwed & Doug Bradshaw

The stage will be arranged in the popular cabaret format with cocktail tables and seating on the stage.
Complimentary champagne will be served.



Are you interested to go and would like to carpool?



Please contact:

♦ **Patsy Quick**
pnquick@cox.net

This is a small theater with seating for only 100.

Please purchase your ticket before the event.

To purchase your ticket online, click on the link below:

<http://www.virginiachamberorchestra.org/tickets.html>



This is our last newsletter for program year 2017/2018.
"AAUW Mt Vernon Voices" will be back at the end of August.

If you have news to share, please send photos and/or articles to biancadaauw@gmail.com

HAVE A GREAT SUMMER!

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**
For information and registration form go [here](#)



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



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First Class



JUNE 2018

- **5 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm**
Contact Joanne Malkin
703/360-7725
- **9 Annual Planning Session
9:30 am**
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler
703/780-8494
- **18 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact Joanna Crane
703/718-8892
- **22 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Barbara Mann
703/360-3880

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