

Mt. Vernon Voices

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

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

***Looking forward to seeing YOU on Saturday, November 10,
for a LANDMARK program of direct interest and relevance to
all of us! And we do mean us!***

We are told that women "Millennials" take their "right" to attend a university for granted -- any university.

But -- not to give away any secrets of age -- those of us from the "older" generations remember all too well how many universities, now co-ed, in the "old" days were closed to women. Most of the "Ivies" had their "Seven Sisters"; the service academies plus the Citadel and VMI were "men only" as were even some of the public universities, including UVA! Today this is such ancient history that we tend to forget. **But on November 10 the AAUW National Archivist Suzanne Gould will be with us to share some vignettes and data regarding the background and history of women's higher education here in the United States -- in other words, the history of AAUW.**

This is a wonderful opportunity for all of us to learn some of the fascinating details of the issues and struggles of university women from 1881 (read: the REALLY Dark Ages) until today -- when, as you know, not only are all university doors open to us, but women outnumber men enrolled in undergraduate, graduate, medical, dental and law schools here in the United States! Pretty special times -- and a very special program -- we are very fortunate **Suzanne Gould** has time to join us.

***Be sure not to miss this opportunity,
and be sure to bring your friends
(women and men)!***

Happy November! Happy Thanksgiving!

*Joanne Malkin
Co-President*

*Join us to learn about AAUW's founding story and work
throughout its 137-year history. See how that history relates
to the work of the organization today.*

AAUW THEN AND NOW

Suzanne Gould, AAUW Archivist and Historian

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Saturday

**November
10**

AAUW

Then

And

Now

2 - 4 pm

**Heritage
Presbyterian
Church**

BRANCH PROGRAM MEETING

AAUW THEN AND NOW
Saturday, November 10, 2 to 4 pm

Heritage Presbyterian Church, 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308

Our speaker for the November 10 program is **Suzanne Gould**, AAUW's archivist and historian. Suzanne has earned graduate degrees in women's history and library science and has been working in the archives field for 20 years. **Suzanne** preserves AAUW's records and enjoys sharing stories about the many fascinating women and events in AAUW's history.



AAUW Then and Now: The presentation will focus on the history of AAUW, our founding story, and the work throughout the years. She wants us to be able to relate how we think of AAUW's history in terms of the organization's current work. In addition, she will incorporate a little branch and state history.

Suzanne will have slides that visually enhance her words. She is knowledgeable, interesting and fun.

Please join us and bring friends or family who may be interested. AAUW has been around for 135 years. Our history is fascinating and relevant to today. This event will be a great way to get to know AAUW better and be inspired to carry on the work of advocating for women and girls!

Light refreshments will be available.

BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2018 – 2019

Elected Officers

Co-Presidents:	Joanne Malkin Cathy Krebs
Program Vice President:	Mary Ellen Mehler
Membership Vice President:	Shannon Dubicki
Treasurer:	Anne Simpson
Secretary:	Paula Lettice

Appointed Chairs

Bylaws:	vacant
AAUW Funds:	Joanne Malkin

Public Policy:	Patsy Quick
Newsletter/Website:	Bianca Daugherty
Newsletter/ Directory Distribution:	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

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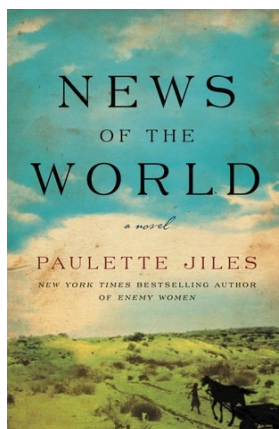
BOOK GROUP - NOVEMBER 12

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

DATE: Monday, November 12, 2018, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Joan Winslow
3706 Carriage House Court
703/780-8494

CO-HOST: Liz Promen



BOOK: News of the World
by Paulette Jiles

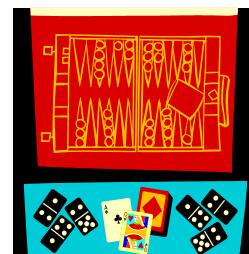
REVIEWER: Mary Ellen Mehler

NEXT BOOK: Another Country
James Baldwin

GAME NIGHT - NOVEMBER 30



Join us for fun and games on
Friday, November 30, 2018
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)

2018/2019 Game Night Schedule has been posted to our website.

DINING OUT - NOVEMBER 9

Join Dining Out for dinner at 7:45 pm
on Friday, November 9 at

Hank's Pasta Bar
600 Montgomery Street
North Old Town Alexandria



As an extension of a local woman-owned chain of oyster bars started in 2005, Hank's Pasta Bar is a rustic Italian restaurant featuring seasonally-driven hand-made fresh pasta and craft cocktails. After only two years, it made it onto Washingtonian magazine's 2018 list of 100 Very Best Restaurants.

Menu: <https://hankspastabar.com/menus/#dinner>

Reviews:

- ⇒ <https://www.opentable.com/r/hanks-pasta-bar-alexandria>
- ⇒ <https://www.yelp.com/biz/hanks-pasta-bar-alexandria-2>

Hank's is wheelchair accessible. In addition to on-street parking, the Sheridan's garage across the street accepts outside customers. Please feel free to invite a family member or friend.

If interested, email Elizabeth Lonoff at
elonoff@msn.com right away.

AAUW MT VERNON GET OUT THE VOTE

Thank
You!

Many thanks to **Cathy Krebs, Anne Simpson, Elaine Kolish and Patsy Quick** for spending time registering voters in our community. The Mt. Vernon Registrars set up the tables and supplied the materials. Our volunteers answered many questions, helped people who need to change their addresses, distributed absentee and early voting information, and registered a total of about 7 citizens. They were cheered on by many members of the community who thanked them for volunteering their time.

**A reminder, Election Day is November 6.
Your vote matters!**

Don't Overlook Ballot Questions

LWV Fairfax's Alison Symons' interviews Del. Mark Keam (D-35) in which he explains the Constitutional Amendments and Bond questions on the November ballot in plain English:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=hO13jztsbls&t=275s>



Read, Read, Read and SHARE

The League of Women Voters of Fairfax Education Fund publishes the

[2018 General Election Voters' Guide](https://bit.ly/2yxWRPZ)

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Learn more about the candidates for US Senate, House of Representatives, the Constitutional Amendments and bond initiatives.

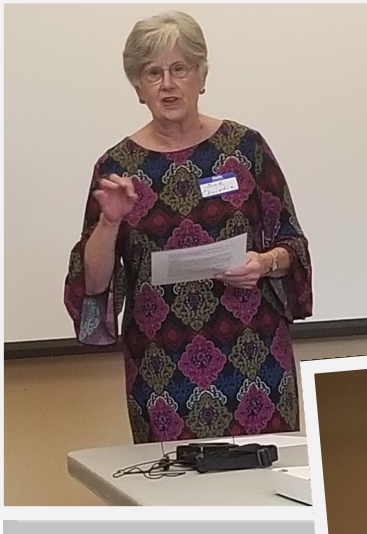
**REMEMBER TO TAKE A VALID PHOTO ID TO THE POLLS ON
TUESDAY, NOVEMBER 6, 2018**



NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING REPORT

The combined Mt. Vernon branch and Northern District AAUW meeting was held on October 20. The Mt. Vernon branch was represented by **Bianca Daugherty, Paula Lettice, Joanne Malkin, Mary Ellen Mehler, and Patsy Quick.**

Caroline Pickens of the McLean Area branch updated participants on **AAUW's new strategic plan** with its four focus areas, which she referred to as "Four Pillars" that are needed to advance the lives of today's women. These are (1) Education and Training, (2) Economic Security, (3) Leadership, and (4) Governance and Sustainability.



Sue Christie (above),
Brian Cannon (center)
and **Chioma Eni** (right)

Two of the meeting speakers, **Sue Christie** and **Chioma Eni**, spoke about AAUW's current central initiative, **StartSmart/WorkSmart**, which addresses the issue of pay inequity. **Chioma Eni**, a **StartSmart** facilitator from the Arlington branch, shared her personal story and described her challenges in salary negotiations.

Brian Cannon, director of **One Virginia 2021 - Virginians for Fair Redistricting** also spoke to the group. The **One Virginia 2021** organization is working to stop gerrymandering. He described the ongoing efforts in Virginia and demonstrated how reform was handled in other states.



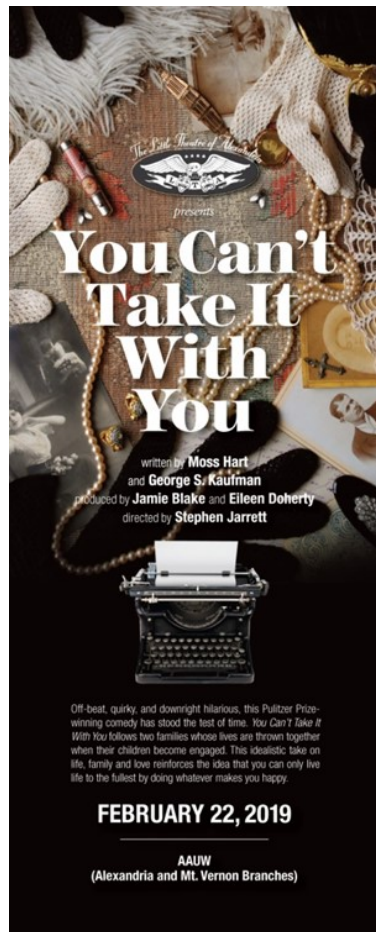
Mary Ellen Mehler
Program VP



Former branch member **Duri Ranzooryar Sherdel** visited the Mt. Vernon branch book group at their October meeting. They reviewed and discussed "*The Underground Girls of Kabul*."

From left: Duri Ranzooryar Sherdel, Barbara Mann, Elizabeth Lonoff, Patsy Quick, DeJuana Jones, Ebba Jo Spettel, and Mary Ellen Mehler.

LITTLE THEATRE FUNDRAISER COMING SOON!



This year our annual fundraiser with the Alexandria Branch at the Little Theatre of Alexandria is the play

You Can't Take it With You

The date is February 22, 2019.

As you notice, this is a bit earlier than usual so we will be getting tickets to you at the **Holiday Luncheon, December 8.**

The tickets are \$35 and we hope everyone will purchase at least two and maybe try to sell two!

This is our only fundraiser!

Our membership numbers are lower than in past years, so we will need your help to sell these tickets. Why not give them as gifts, rewards, and random acts of kindness!

When you receive the email asking how many tickets you would like, please be positive!

This year it is our turn to provide wine and sweets for the pre-play reception. The reception is always outstanding...another selling point for getting tickets!

VIRGINIA AAUW IS LEADING THE WAY!

Recently in the **AAUW Membership Matters** e-newsletter, AAUW of Virginia's leadership actions were highlighted. You can read about it from the excerpt below. If you are not receiving this newsletter and would like to, please e-mail connect@aauw.org with the name of the newsletter and your name, AAUW member ID or zip code, and preferred e-mail address to subscribe.



Bragging on Branches — AAUW National to Facilitate Two Work Smart Sessions at Virginia's Women's Conference

AAUW National is thrilled to be facilitating two Work Smart sessions at the Virginia Women's Conference sponsored by U.S. Senator Mark Warner (D-Va.) on Saturday, November 17 at the Hotel Roanoke and Conference Center. The conference hosts about 800 women annually, and this year AAUW will hold two Work Smart workshops that will reach about 200 – 400 women! **The organizers were inspired to offer the sessions after learning about them through AAUW of Virginia conference participants** and recent press on the Work Smart initiatives in AAUW Boston and AAUW Massachusetts. **AAUW National appreciates AAUW of Virginia's strong support and is engaged in ongoing conversations with the offices of both Senator Warner and Governor Ralph Northam (D) about building a state-wide initiative in Virginia. National efforts continue to engage partners to advance the reach of Work Smart.**

BUILDING MONUMENTS DEDICATED TO WOMEN

The role of women in our nation's history has gone unheralded for too long. Fortunately, there is greater movement to herald and document those roles played by so many and memorials are being constructed.



One will be just down the road within the new cultural area of the Occoquan Regional Park. The **Turning Point Suffragist Memorial** will also be near the Workhouse Arts Center, located at the former Lorton Prison site where many suffragists were incarcerated. There is currently an exhibit at the Workhouse Arts Center that many of us visited as a branch event this past February. Funds are needed to build the memorial. To learn more, please visit:

<https://suffragistmemorial.org/>.

The other is in Richmond on Capitol Square. This **"Voices from the Garden"** monument will feature 12 statues of women who represent 400 years of Virginia history, ranging from the Jamestown period through the 20th century. Much of the funding to construct the monument itself as well as some of the 12 statues has been raised, but additional funding is still required. To learn more about the monument, please visit

<http://womensmonumentcom.virginia.gov>.



If you would like to contribute to either of these monuments and have that contribution sent as part of a larger contribution from named members of the AAUW Mount Vernon Branch, please contact **Paula Lettice** at pglettice@gmail.com or 703/780-3463.

SAVE THE DATE!



Come to the Roanoke Valley!

AAUW of Virginia State Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2019

With activities Friday, April 5, 2019

Roanoke Valley

At the Vinton War Memorial, Vinton, VA

2018 - 2019 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 20, 2018 Gathering at 5pm; Dinner at 6 pm Home of Cathy Krebs	Kickoff Meeting - Potluck
Saturday, October 20, 2018, 1:30 pm Burke Centre Library 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, VA 22015	AAUW Northern District Meeting
Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2 to 4 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	AAUW Then and Now Suzanne Gould - AAUW Archivist and Historian
Saturday, December 8, 2018, 11:30 am Cedar Knoll Inn 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308	Holiday Event - Luncheon
Saturday, January 19, 2019, Time TBD Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	Meditation and Mindfulness
Friday, February 22, 2019 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance Little Theatre of Alexandria 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Little Theatre Fundraiser "You Can't Take It With You"
Saturday, March 16, 2019, 9:30 am Location TBD	Annual Meeting and Brunch
Saturday, April 13, 2019, Time TBD Mount Vernon Governmental Center or Sherwood Regional Library	Delegate Kathy Tran
Thursday, May 23, 2019, 6:30 pm Home of Paula Lettice	Annual Pot Luck Dinner
Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9:30 am Home of Mary Ellen Mehler	Annual Planning Session



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

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



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First Class



NOVEMBER 2018

- **9 Dining Out, 7:45 pm**
Contact Elizabeth Lonoff
703/765-2634
- **10 Branch Program, 2 pm**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678
- **12 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact Joan Winslow
703/780-1753
- **29 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm**
Home of Joanne Malkin
703/360-7725
- **30 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Shannon Dubicki
703/780-7973

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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4	5	6 	7	8	9 Dining Out	10 Branch Program
11	12 Book Group	13	14	15	16	17
18	19	20	21	22 	23	24
25	26	27	28	29 Board Meeting	30 Game Night	