

Mt. Vernon Voices

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through research, education, and advocacy.

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PRESIDENTS' CORNER

JOANNE MALKIN

Well, Autumn is here - if you can just glimpse it between the raindrops - and to my mind it is one of the prettiest times of year here in Mount Vernon! I think all of us are conditioned by our early school years to think of this time of year as an exciting new beginning - a time to focus on new projects and learn lots of new, exciting things. Here's to a wonderful Autumn for AAUW Mount Vernon Branch!!

And here's to **Cathy Krebs** for hosting our very successful **Kickoff Potluck Dinner** in her home in September - it was a wonderful chance to catch up on each of our summer adventures and coming personal plans. Thank you very much, Cathy!



Speaking of September, if each of you has not already done so, I would strongly urge you to print out your copy of our branch's September 2018 Mount Vernon Voices. In it our Editor **Bianca Daugherty**, Public Policy Chair **Patsy Quick** and our other member contributors have given each of us a really thorough blueprint of the AAUW public policy and public action opportunities now and in the coming months. There is a wealth of detail - much of it in planning or anticipation of **ACTIONS**, that, should you have the time, will be really vital to the public policy goals of AAUW. **I can't remember a time when so many direct-action opportunities have been available to us all at the same time.**

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OCTOBER COMBINED PROGRAMS



On Saturday, **October 20**, Mt. Vernon Branch members will have the opportunity to participate in the **Northern District Meeting** to be held at **Burke Centre Library**.

Kate MacLeod and **Sara Anderson**, our Northern District co-representatives, have planned a most interesting program and we urge all branch members to attend.

The Northern District Meeting will serve as the Mt. Vernon Branch program for October.

Contact **Mary Ellen Mehler** (703-780-8494) or **Patsy Quick** (703-360-8678) to arrange for car pools.

*** See the meeting agenda on page 4. ***



Saturday

October 20

**AAUW
Northern
District
Meeting**

1:30 PM

**Burke Centre
Library**

OUT ON THE TOWN



The **National Women's History Museum** was founded in 1996 and currently curates online exhibitions and provides educational materials for schools. It has a variety of programs, particularly walking tours in the Washington, DC area. On Saturday, September 8th, **Mary Ellen Mehler, Anne Simpson, and Paula Lettice** went on the "**Women of Alexandria Civil War**" walking tour in Old Town, visiting many historic sites that still survive and learning about women who served in medical capacities at a time when medicine was considered men's work and how many women supported both the Union and Confederate causes.

The Museum maintains a presence online through social media and a comprehensive website which hosts many online exhibits where visitors can learn about the history of American women. The website also serves as a platform to promote NWHM's mission and generate support.

In December 2014, the Congress voted to create a congressional commission to study the creation of a National Women's History Museum.

Paula Lettice

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So please again read through the September Newsletter and check your calendars to see where you might have the time to pitch in - maybe just for a single session here or there - in support of: **Get Out The Vote**; **Redistricting** education or action; **Lobbying** at the Federal or State level; **Ratification**

of the ERA in Virginia (VAratifyERA), and/or the **Start Smart/Work Smart** training efforts of the Start Smart Northern Virginia Consortium in support of Equal Pay. Hearty cheering from the sidelines is also needed, but the "action train" is starting to roll, and now is the time, if we can, to get on board!

Joanne Malkin
Co-President

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
ImpromptEvent:	Barbara Mann

Contact Email: AAUW.MtVernon@gmail.com

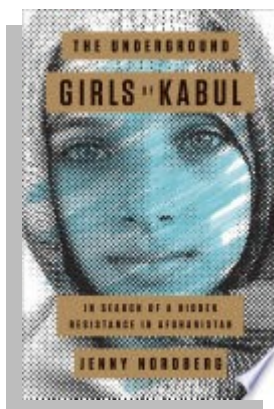
BOOK GROUP - OCTOBER 15

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

DATE: Monday, October 15, 2018, 7:30 PM

HOSTESS: Mary Ellen Mehler
2002 Old Stage Road
703/780-8494

CO-HOST: Anne Simpson



BOOK: The Underground Girls of Kabul
by Jenny Nordberg

REVIEWER: Elaine Kolish

NEXT BOOK: News of the World
by Paulette Jile

GAME NIGHT - OCTOBER 26



Join us for fun and games on
Friday, October 26, 2018
7:30 pm
Home of Patsy Quick



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.

To participate, contact Elizabeth Lonoff by November 4th (elonoff@msn.com) so our reservation can be finalized. A confirmation e-mail will follow. If your plans change, please alert her so she can adjust the reservation.

8TH DISTRICT CANDIDATE FORUM



Candidate Forum for Congressional District 8

Wednesday, October 17, 2018 7PM to 9PM

Grace Presbyterian Church, 7434 Bath Street, Springfield

Meet your candidates, ask questions!

Thomas S. Oh (R) and Donald S. Beyer (D)

****AAUW of Virginia is co-sponsoring the Candidate Forums.****

- Deadline to register to vote, or update an existing registration, for the November 6, 2018 Midterm Election is Monday, October 15, 2018
- Deadline to request an *absentee ballot to be mailed to you* is 5 pm Tuesday, October 30, 2018. Your request must be received by your Registrar by 5 pm.
- Deadline to vote an *absentee ballot in-person* is 5 pm Saturday, November 3, 2018.



NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING



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Saturday, October 20

Burke Centre Library, 5935 Freds Oak Rd., Burke, Virginia

Gather at 1:00; Program starts promptly at 1:30

Join your fellow AAUW members for the following presentations:

- ♦ **Brian Cannon** of **VA2021** will talk about the work that is going on to correct **gerrymandering** in the next census.
- ♦ **Sue Christie** of the McLean AAUW branch will do a follow up to her presentation last March about the **StartSmart/Work Smart** initiative, and let us know what has happened since then.
- ♦ **Chioma Eni**, a member of the Arlington AAUW branch, and a **Start Smart facilitator**, will share her personal story of the perils and challenges in salary negotiation.
- ♦ **Caroline Pickens** of the McLean branch will give us a short update on the new **Strategic Plan** and its 4 focus areas.

Please bring announcements to share with all of us on your branch's upcoming programs and events!

Kate MacLeod and Sara Anderson
Northern District Co-Representatives

WHAT'S ON THE BALLOT



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Prepared by The League of Women Voters®
of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA) Education Fund - a 501(c)(3) organization

General and Special Election – Tuesday, November 6, 2018
Polls open 6:00 a.m. to 7:00 p.m.

For information on the general election, voter registration, or polling places:

Fairfax County General Registrar	(703) 222-0776	www.fairfaxcounty.gov/elections
City of Fairfax General Registrar	(703) 385-7890	www.fairfaxva.gov/home
Town of Herndon	(703) 435-6800	www.herndon-va.gov/government
Virginia Department of Elections	(800) 552-9745	vote.virginia.gov

Candidates appear in the order they will appear on the ballot, as determined at the State Board of Elections by random drawing.

Ballot Abbreviations: (D) = Democrat; (R) = Republican; (I) = Independent; (L) = Libertarian; * = Incumbent

Only candidates for federal, statewide and General Assembly races are identified by political party affiliation on the November 6 ballot.

Voter Registration Deadline: October 15, 2018. Voter registration is available at vote.virginia.gov, and forms are available at the Fairfax County Office of Elections, libraries, and county supervisors' offices.

For the United States Senate

Corey A. Stewart (R)
www.coreystewart.com

Timothy M. Kaine (D)*
www.timkaine.com

Matt J. Waters (L)
mattwaters.com/

For the United States House of Representatives

8th District

Thomas S. Oh (R)
www.letuschangecongress.org

10th District

Barbara J. Comstock (R)*
www.barbaracomstockforcongress.com

11th District

Jeff A. Dove Jr. (R)
www.doveforcongress.com

Donald S. Beyer, Jr. (D)*
www.friendsofdonbeyer.com

Jennifer T. Wexton (D)
www.jenniferwexton.com

Gerald Edward Connolly (D)*
www.gerryconnolly.com

Stevan M. Porter (L)
www.porter4us.com

Town of Herndon Elections

Candidates will be on the same ballot as the General Election candidates.

Further information is available from the Town Clerk's office, 777 Lynn Street, Herndon, 703-435-6804.

See www.herndon-va.gov/government/mayor-town-council/town-elections.

Mayor

Lisa C. Merkel*

Town Council (Vote for no more than six candidates)

Jennifer K. Baker*
Grace Wolf Cunningham*
Cesar A. Del Aquila

Pradip Dhakal
Signe V. Friedrichs*
W. J. "Sean" Kenis, Jr.

William "Bill" J. McKenna*
Sheila A. Olem*
Joseph T. "Joe" Plummer
Roland Taylor



Fall 2018 Voters' Guide: The League sent questionnaires to the candidates for the U.S. Senate and House of Representatives. All candidates queried are those whose names were certified for the General and Special Election ballot. Responses can be found at vote411.org, at LWV-Fairfax.org, on twitter.com/LWVFairfax, or on our Facebook page, facebook.com/lwvfairfax

Disclaimer: The contact information provided in "What's on the Ballot?" was furnished by the campaigns to the League of Women Voters of the Fairfax Area (LWVFA), obtained from the Fairfax County Office of Elections, or official websites. The LWVFA is not responsible for any changes or inaccuracies in the listings; the information was current as of August 20, 2018. This is not an official publication for any campaign or candidate, but information only. The LWVFA can be reached at 703-658-9150, on the web at www.LWV-Fairfax.org, on our Facebook page, www.facebook.com/lwvfairfax, twitter.com/LWVfairfax, or at LWVUS@www.vote411.org.

For additional information and Proposed Constitutional Amendments to be voted on at the November 6, 2018 Election go to

⇒ <https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/>

⇒ <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/election-law/proposed-constitutional-amendment-2018/index.html>

THIS MIGHT INTEREST YOU

The Fairfax City Branch of AAUW presents

Book & Author Luncheon

Saturday, November 3, 2018, 11 am to 2 pm

Springfield Golf & Country Club • 8301 Old Keene Mill Road, Springfield

\$42 per person (includes luncheon and silent auction)

From our featured authors come quirky characters, dark mysteries, an unusual detective, and the pinnacle of 1960s culture.

📖 **Joseph Esposito, *Dinner in Camelot*.** Some of our greatest scientists, writers, and socialites dined at the Kennedy White House in April 1962, reminding us of a past era.

📖 **Josh Pachter, *The Tree of Life*.** In these stories, Mahboob Chaudri, a Pakistani working as a police officer in Bahrain, tackles crimes and solves them with wit and heart.

📖 **Art Taylor, *On the Road with Del and Louise*.** From screwball comedy to domestic drama, these six stories offer suspense with a side of romance—a dash of something for all tastes.

📖 **Tara Laskowski, *Bystanders*.** By turns spooky, terrifying, and banal, the events in these stories dramatize how people react when they are involved in unsettling events.

This annual event is sponsored by AAUW Fairfax City Branch to raise funds for scholarships for women in our area and for the AAUW Fund.

Please mail your check or Visa or MasterCard information to Sonia Esteve at 7416 Seabrook Lane, Springfield, VA 22153 • (703) 569-1456 • email: westeve47@gmail.com • Checks should be payable to AAUW Fairfax City Branch.

Reservations must be made by October 27 and are payable in advance.

Requests for seating must be made at the time of the reservation.

Guests with special dietary requirements must make their requests when making reservations.



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 TBD 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



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- **15 Book Group, 7:30 pm**
Contact Mary Ellen Mehler
703/780-8494
- **20 Northern District Meeting, 1:30 pm**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678
- **25 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm**
Home of Joanne Malkin
703/360-7725
- **26 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678

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