

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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

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Mt. Vernon Branch



## PRESIDENTS' CORNER

"You Can't Take It With You" - What a fun play! Hope you enjoyed it as much as we did! Thank you again to all of you who contributed so many goodies and wine! And, of course, very special thanks to **Ronnie Gunnerson, Patsy Quick, and Paula Lettice** for all of your hard work, creativity and ingenuity-- truly a wonderful evening!

Well, we didn't succeed, this year, in convincing the several key leaders in our General Assembly to STOP IMPEDING the progress of ratification of the ERA here in Virginia-- but we are very proud of our branch's (your) strong efforts - onward to next year!

The Legislature DID, however, pass a resolution calling for a constitutional amendment to create an independent redistricting commission, the first step in the three step process. A terrific step forward, and one we have been strongly supporting.

Be sure to underline our **March 16 Annual Meeting** on your calendars -- a great time for review, discussing future plans and catching up! See you there!

*Joanne Malkin and Cathy Krebs  
Co-Presidents*

## BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING

*Taking care of business!*



**AAUW MT. VERNON BRANCH ANNUAL MEETING  
AND BRUNCH**

**Saturday, March 16, 2019, 11 am**

This year we will be gathering at the lovely **Cedar Knoll Restaurant** on the GW Parkway (9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria.) Enjoy a delicious brunch and socializing before our business meeting. The cost for the brunch is \$25 all inclusive of tax and gratuities.

**Please take a look at the menu and fill out the form on page 3  
and mail by March 9.**

**Saturday**

**March 16**

**11 AM**

**Annual  
Meeting and  
Brunch**

**CEDAR  
KNOLL**

**\$25**



# ELECTIONS AHEAD

## ***Elections will take place at our Annual Meeting, March 16***

These members have agreed to be nominated for the following leadership position in the Mt. Vernon Branch for the two year term of 2019 - 2021:

### **President**



**Patsy Quick**

### **Secretary**



**Paula Lettice**

### **Program (Co-) Vice President**



**YOU AND ???**

Nominations may also be made from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

If you are interested please email **Lois Passman** ([LMPassman@msn.com](mailto:LMPassman@msn.com)) or call **Lois** (703-781-7626) to take advantage of this amazing opportunity!!!!!!

# BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2018 – 2019

## Elected Officers

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

## Appointed Chairs

<b>Bylaws:</b>	<b>vacant</b>
<b>AAUW Funds:</b>	Joanne Malkin

<b>Public Policy:</b>	Patsy Quick
<b>Newsletter/Website:</b>	Bianca Daugherty
<b>Newsletter/ Directory Distribution:</b>	Mary Ellen Mehler
<b>Nominating Committee Chair:</b>	Lois Passman
<b>Hospitality:</b>	Cathy Krebs

## Interest Groups

<b>Book Group:</b>	Liz Promen
<b>Dining Out:</b>	Elizabeth Lonoff
<b>Game Night:</b>	Bianca Daugherty
<b>ImpromptEvent:</b>	Barbara Mann

**Contact Email:** [AAUW.MtVernon@gmail.com](mailto:AAUW.MtVernon@gmail.com)

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.

# RESERVATION FOR ANNUAL MEETING AND BRUNCH

**AAUW Mount Vernon Branch Annual Meeting**  
**Saturday, March 16, 2019, 11 AM**  
**Cedar Knoll Restaurant on the GW Parkway**  
**\$25.00 per person (including tax and tip)**



I, \_\_\_\_\_ plan to attend the Annual Meeting on March 16.

Check for \$25 made out to AAUW Mt Vernon is enclosed.

## Menu:

Shared at each table:      Miniature Pear and Walnut Parfait  
   Miniature Homemade Biscuits

Your Choice (in advance) of:

- \_\_\_\_\_ 1.    Fried Chicken Salad or
- \_\_\_\_\_ 2.    Charburger Le Lafayette Royal or
- \_\_\_\_\_ 3.    Cured Ham McWashington

*(Descriptions can be found on the Cedar Knoll website: <http://www.cedarknollva.com/lunch/> )*

Please mail your **check** in the amount of **\$25.00** and your **menu selection** to

**Paula Lettice, 9016 Nomini Lane, Alexandria, VA 22309.**

**Please RSVP no later than March 9!**



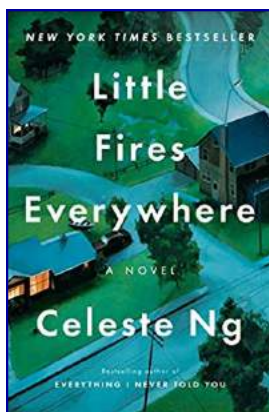
## BOOK GROUP

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

**DATE:** Monday, March 18, 7:30 PM

**HOSTESS:** Diane Watts  
4403 Robertson Blvd.  
703/780-1753

**CO-HOST:** Joanne Malkin



**BOOK:** Little Fires Everywhere  
Celeste Ng

**REVIEWER:** Ebba Jo Spettel

**NEXT BOOK:** Wolf Hall  
Hilary Mantel

## GAME NIGHT

Join us for fun and games on

Friday, March 22, 2019  
7:30 pm  
Home of Cynthia Jacobus

Spouses and significant others are welcome!  
Contact **Bianca Daugherty** if you would like to join the group  
([biancadaauw@gmail.com](mailto:biancadaauw@gmail.com))



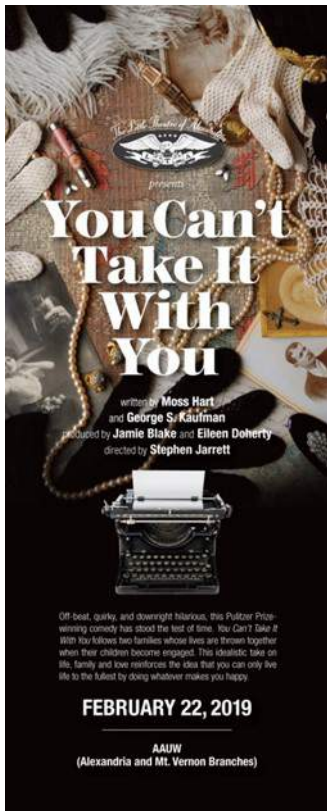
### Mt. Vernon District Town Meeting

Our branch again staffed a booth at the annual Mt. Vernon Town Meeting on February 2.

We had the opportunity to greet the public, show our organization's presence in the community, and distribute our literature.

*From left: Bianca Daugherty, Paula Lettice, Patsy Quick, and Mary Ellen Mehler*

## SUCCESSFUL LTA FUNDRAISER



### Kudos to Mt. Vernon Branch Members for a very successful fundraiser at the Little Theatre of Alexandria, on the evening of February 22!

We had a great turnout of members. Thanks so much for the support you gave by purchasing and/or selling tickets! The selection of sweets that you brought was divine! The many and varied delicious items were scarfed up by attendees! We had plenty of wine as well. Thank you so much for your generosity!!

Thanks to **Ronnie Gunnerson** for leading the sale of tickets and money collection. Thank you to **Paula Lettice** for collecting items and putting them together for the beautiful raffle baskets. Thanks to **Paula, Cathy Conran and Maureen McGuire-Kuletz** for assisting with the raffle itself. Thank you to branch members for donations for those baskets. The raffle baskets earned **\$370** for each branch! Thank you to **Cathy Krebs, Joanne Malkin, Paula Lettice, Ronnie Gunnerson, and Mary Ellen Mehler** for helping set up and decorate. Thank you to **Bob McGuire-Kuletz and Jack Coulter** for pouring and serving wine. We greatly appreciate all the support and assistance from everyone! Thank you very much!

Mt. Vernon Branch members are the best! You come through when you are needed, and are so generous! Even our member, **Susan Watkins**, who lives in Mississippi, participated. We are so grateful to Susan's continued support for our branch from a distance!

**Thank you again to everyone for your support and generosity! It was a great evening!**

## ACTION BY MT. VERNON BRANCH MEMBERS



During the campaign for the ratification of the ERA in the 2019 General Assembly Mt. Vernon branch members contributed passionately! From attendance in August at the screening of *Iron Jawed Angels* at Bethlehem Baptist Church, to the postcard writing and phone calls in February, Mt. Vernon branch members showed strength and determination. Thank you for your passion and action on behalf of the ERA. We will do it all again next year! This issue is not dead!

Though ratification of the ERA in Virginia failed, we moved on to the issue of fair redistricting...which passed in the General Assembly.

Thanks for your efforts! We helped make a difference!

*Patsy Quick*  
*Public Policy Chair*



**International Women's Day is March 8, 2019**

**MARK YOUR CALENDAR!**



Please Join Us

**Saturday, April 27, 2019 -- 10:30 AM**

at the Sherwood Regional Library

2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria



**Delegate (VA-42) Kathy Tran**

Will Speak on the  
Gains Achieved in the Virginia Legislature as a Result  
of the 2017 Election and  
Gender Issues Being Addressed in the Virginia Legislature

Refreshments will be served  
Questions and RSVPs to Paula Lettice  
[pglettice@gmail.com](mailto:pglettice@gmail.com)

# NORTHERN DISTRICT SPRING MEETING

The Northern District spring meeting will take place on **Saturday, April 13** at the **Fairfax Regional Branch of the Fairfax County Library**. The meeting will begin at 1 pm.



This will be a gathering for branch presidents, program and membership VPs. It will be a workshop/discussion of what's been working well in your branch, and a chance to share ideas with other branches. Please mark your calendars now. More information will be coming as the date gets closer.

*Kate MacLeod*  
Northern District Co-Rep  
[bobmacleod@verizon.net](mailto:bobmacleod@verizon.net)

## AAUW WASHINGTON UPDATE

Look who made the spotlight!

On Feb 26, the House Education and Labor Committee **approved** the Paycheck Fairness Act. The committee approved one amendment with minor and technical changes and defeated several harmful amendments that would have undermined the goals of the legislation. The Paycheck Fairness Act remains strong and now advances to the House floor, where the full House of Representatives will vote on its passage. AAUW advocates ensured that Congress made this critical pay equity legislation a top priority, and we continue to advocate for swift passage of the Paycheck Fairness Act to help close the gender pay gap.

### State Spotlight

Earlier this month, **AAUW of Virginia** kicked off their state's legislative session by hosting their second annual reception for women legislators. AAUW of Virginia members were able to speak with legislators and staff in an informal environment, discussing issues including the Equal Rights Amendment and pay equity. Ten legislative offices were represented at the event, which took place the night before AAUW of Virginia's successful state lobby day. Events like this are a great way to create and strengthen relationships with lawmakers!

**Contact your members of Congress today and urge them to swiftly pass the Paycheck Fairness Act!**



Thank You!

I wish to thank all of the members who sent messages of condolence, made calls, sent culinary delights.

My heart was blessed by each kind thought, each caring word, each kind deed, each embrace.

DeJuana Jones

# 2019 AAUW of Virginia State Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2019

With optional activities Friday evening April 5

Roanoke Valley



**W**e invite you to join members from around the state when we meet in the lovely Roanoke Valley for the annual AAUW of Virginia Conference. Attendance is sure to open your eyes to the work of AAUW beyond the branch level and increase your awareness of diversity in and out of AAUW.

The focus of this conference is diversity and inclusion. The keynote speaker will introduce the focus and define it for us. The afternoon workshops will involve activities which will raise our awareness of bias, privilege, and judgment that permeates our society. The approach to our learning is new and different. Everyone will come away from this conference with a better understanding of some of the issues facing citizens in our state.

**Get all the information you need and online or mail-in registration here**

**<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/conference> and in the Winter/Spring Virginia Vision.**

**CONFERENCE REGISTRATION** (Includes Saturday Morning Coffee/Tea/Danish and Lunch)

**Registration received by March 15, 2019: \$50**

**Received after March 15, 2019: \$55**

Please click here for more information: <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/files/2019/02/2019-Conference-Roanoke-BrochureFINAL.pdf>

**For those who wish to spend Friday night before the conference, join us at the Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport for special activities.**

**5033 Valley View Blvd. North, Roanoke, Virginia, 24012**

**Reservations: 1-540-366-6300 or toll free at 1-800-560-7809**

(Please mention the AAUW State Conference.)

***The last day for the group rate is March 10, 2019.***

## **Activities at the Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport**

**FRIDAY EVENING, APRIL 5, 7:30 PM to 9:00 PM**

**CARTOONS AND STEREOTYPES:** Enjoy an evening of cartoons and other videos with a look at what subtle or not so subtle messages are being sent to our children and grandchildren about stereotypes.

Enjoy snacks and conversation with other AAUW members.  
Pick up your conference packet and name tag for Saturday.



# 2019 AAUW of Virginia State Conference

Saturday, April 6, 2019 – with optional activities Friday evening, April 5, 2019

Online Registration available <https://aauw-va.aauw.net/>



NAME: \_\_\_\_\_ EMAIL: \_\_\_\_\_

First/Last Preferred Name for Badge: \_\_\_\_\_

AFFILIATION WITH AAUW: Your Branch Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_ OR

National Member \_\_\_ OR Young Women's Task Force \_\_\_ OR College/University Student \_\_\_

STREET ADDRESS: \_\_\_\_\_ City \_\_\_\_\_

State \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_ PHONE: Home (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_ Cell (\_\_\_\_\_) \_\_\_\_\_

CHECK ALL THAT APPLY: \_\_\_ Student \_\_\_ First time Attendee \_\_\_ Current Branch President \_\_\_ Current State Board Member  
\_\_\_ Past State President \_\_\_ Presenter \_\_\_ Branch Member \_\_\_ None of the above

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION (Includes Saturday Morning Coffee/Tea/Danish and Lunch)

**Received by March 15, 2019: \$50 ..... Received after March 15, 2019: \$55** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1, 2019**

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION: STUDENT (includes Sat. Lunch) \$20 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

List your 2 or 4 year college/university: \_\_\_\_\_

AAUW MUG ORDER: Mugs are \$10

Number of Mugs: \_\_\_\_\_ X \$10 \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**TOTAL DUE:** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

**FRIDAY EVENING ACTIVITIES:**

\_\_\_\_\_ I plan to arrive on Friday evening and will participate in the Friday evening activities at the Hampton Inn & Suites Roanoke Airport, 5033 Valley View Blvd. North, Roanoke, Virginia, 24012

**LUNCH MENU:** Buffet with honey barbecue chicken breast, parsley buttered potatoes, house salad with fresh greens, candied pecans, Craisins, feta cheese and house made balsamic vinaigrette, mixed steamed vegetable, dinner rolls, and for dessert petit fours. Tea and Lemonade.

**DIETARY AND OTHER SPECIAL NEEDS (PLEASE BE SPECIFIC):** \_\_\_\_\_

**WORKSHOP CHOICES: (Choose one per session. See descriptions page 3.)**

**Session 1: 2:00 to 2:45 PM (choose one):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Silent Interviews
- \_\_\_\_\_ DIE + K – Responding vs. Reacting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unearned Privilege Exercise/Privilege Walk

**Session 2: 2:55 to 3:40 PM (choose one):**

- \_\_\_\_\_ Silent Interviews
- \_\_\_\_\_ DIE + K – Responding vs. Reacting
- \_\_\_\_\_ Unearned Privilege Exercise/Privilege Walk

Send check payable to AAUW-VA to:  
**Judy Goodwin**  
3132 Clayview Circle, Salem, VA 24153  
ATTN: AAUW Conference.  
If you have questions or need additional information, please contact Helen Ruth Burch [hrburch@aol.com](mailto:hrburch@aol.com) or 540/797-2760.  
**NO REFUNDS AFTER APRIL 1, 2019**

# 2018 - 2019 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 20, 2018 Gathering at 5pm; Dinner at 6 pm <b>Home of Cathy Krebs</b>	<b>Kickoff Meeting - Potluck</b>
Saturday, October 20, 2018, 1:30 pm <b>Burke Centre Library</b> 5935 Freds Oak Road, Burke, VA 22015	<b>AAUW Northern District Meeting</b>
Saturday, November 10, 2018, 2 to 4 pm <b>Heritage Presbyterian Church</b> 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	<b>AAUW Then and Now</b> <b>Suzanne Gould - AAUW Archivist and Historian</b>
Saturday, December 8, 2018, 12 noon <b>Cedar Knoll Inn</b> 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308	<b>Holiday Event - Luncheon</b>
Saturday, January 19, 2019, 2 pm <b>Heritage Presbyterian Church</b> 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	<b>Meditation and Mindfulness</b> <b>Dr. Jamie Grant</b> <b>Director Institutional Programs</b> <b>Maharishi Foundation USA</b>
Friday, February 22, 2019 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance <b>Little Theatre of Alexandria</b> 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>Little Theatre Fundraiser</b> <b>"You Can't Take It With You"</b>
Saturday, March 16, 2019, 11 am <b>Cedar Knoll Inn</b> 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308	<b>Annual Meeting and Brunch</b>
Saturday, April 27, 2019, 10:30 am Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria	<b>Delegate Kathy Tran</b>
Thursday, May 23, 2019, 6:30 pm <b>Home of Paula Lettice</b>	<b>Annual Pot Luck Dinner</b>
Saturday, June 8, 2019, 9:30 am <b>Home of Mary Ellen Mehler</b>	<b>Annual Planning Session</b>



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

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



## AAUW Mt. Vernon

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## First Class



Mt. Vernon (VA) Branch

- **16 Annual Meeting, 11 am**  
Contact Paula Lettice  
703/780-3463
- **18 Book Club, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Diane Watts  
703/780-1753
- **22 Game Night, 7:30 pm**  
Contact Cynthia Jacobus  
703/780-3806



# MARCH 2019

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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17	18 <b>Book Club</b>	19	20	21	22 <b>Game Night</b>	23
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