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Mt. Vernon Branch



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



Greetings and welcome
to the 2019-2020 program year
for the Mt. Vernon
Branch of AAUW.

Thank you to everyone who came to the June planning meeting and to those who reached out to speakers. We have interesting and varied programs planned for 2019-20! We also have entered a collaboration with Sherwood Regional Library which will benefit both the branch and the library. So, now that this hot summer is fading away, please be ready to join in the many activities of our branch. There are so many ways to participate: Book Group, Dining Out, Game Night, Impromptu Events, and monthly programs. Keep this newsletter handy as a reminder.

We begin the year on September 19, at Mt Vernon Country Club, for our Kickoff

Dinner and speaker. It will be a time to reconnect with friends after the summer hiatus, and begin an exciting year together. Thank you to **Barbara Mann** for obtaining the venue in which we all feel so comfortable, and to **Paula Lettice** for obtaining our speaker. I believe **Kathy Newcomer** will have an interesting and eye-opening talk for the current times.

I'm excited about all kinds of other activities as we start a new year. We have a number of new members that I look forward to meeting, 2020 is a year to celebrate the 100th anniversary of women's right to vote, and AAUW of Virginia will again work toward ratifying the ERA. As individual members we are donating money to have our branch name inscribed on the Friends Wall at the Turning Point Suffragist Memorial! Join us at the Kick-Off Dinner to hear about these things and more. Cheers to all for a great year in AAUW!

Patsy Quick
President

Thursday

**September
19**

6:30 pm

**Kickoff
Dinner**

**Mt. Vernon
Country Club**

IT'S KICKOFF TIME!

Welcome back from summer!
And to the launch of our 2019-2020 program year.

Learn about the exciting programs being planned for the upcoming year! We will be having dinner at the

Mount Vernon Country Club on Thursday, September 19 at 6:30 p.m.

and are delighted that **Dr. Katherine Newcomer**, Professor and Former Dean of the Trachtenburg School of Public Policy and Public Administration, will be our guest speaker (see page 3).

Friends and guests are welcome. The cost for the 2-course-dinner (Chicken Marsala and Apple Tart for dessert, coffee/tea) is \$30 including tax and gratuity. Cash bar available. Please make your check to AAUW Mt. Vernon and send to **Paula Lettice**. RSVPs and payment are due by September 16:

Looking forward to seeing everyone!



TIME TO PAY YOUR DUES!

The deadline for paying your dues is fast approaching, **September 30**. If you are still getting notices from National **you have not paid yet**. Follow the link provided in the email to pay with your credit card. It is easy, quick, and safe.

E-mail (aseyedoc@gmail.com) or call (301/203-0454) the treasurer, **Anne Simpson**, if you have any questions.

You may also bring your check, made out to AAUW Mt Vernon to the Kickoff Dinner on September 19.

Dues are **\$ 87** total:

- ♦ \$59.00 National
- ♦ \$15.00 State
- ♦ \$13.00 Branch



*Outgoing Branch Presidents **Joanne Malkin** and **Cathy Krebs** with new Branch President **Patsy Quick** and Public Policy Chair **Mary Ellen Mehler** at the June 8 Planning Meeting*

BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2019 – 2020

Elected Officers

President:	Patsy Quick
Program Vice President:	Joanne Clark
Membership Vice President:	Shannon Dubicki
Treasurer:	Anne Simpson
Secretary:	Paula Lettice

Appointed Chairs

Bylaws:	vacant
AAUW Funds:	Joanne Malkin
Public Policy:	Mary Ellen Mehler

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

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, or socioeconomic status.



Please Join Us For
Dinner and Launch of Our 2019-2020 Program Year

Thursday, September 19, 2019 at 6:30 p.m.
at the Mount Vernon Country Club
5111 Old Mill Road, Alexandria

Our Guest Speaker: Dr. Katherine Newcomer

Professor and Former Dean, Trachtenberg School of Public Policy &
Public Administration, The George Washington University



**Importance of and Increased Interest in
Public Administration and Public Policy**

**\$30 per person – Reservations and Payment
by September 16 to Paula Lettice**
pglettice@gmail.com

BOOK GROUP

On September 16 we will select books for the year
and enjoy a potluck dinner together!
We welcome new members to join the book group.

Annual Book Group Potluck Dinner

Monday, September 16 at 6 pm

Home of Liz Promen
2210 Cavendish Drive, Alexandria

Please RSVP to Liz Promen if you can attend and what you will
be bringing - Home 703/780-7342 or Cell 571/212-3387



GAME NIGHT



WE ARE BACK!
Join us for fun and games on

Friday, September 27, 2019

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)

WELCOME TO OUR BRANCH!



**A warm welcome to our
new member Rosemarie
Petz.**

Rosemarie's 35 year career
as an educator on
New York's Long Island
encompassed service in
three separate public school
districts.

As an elementary teacher,
she specialized in remedial
reading and math. She
obtained her Master's Degree
in Special Education.

In addition to teaching Special Ed, she served as an
educational evaluator.

She became the Chairperson of the Committee on
Special Education which had the responsibility of
classifying students for Special Education programs.

In this capacity, she served as the liaison between
parents, regular education teachers and administra-
tors. At that time she was also a member of the local
AAUW branch.

Upon retirement, **Rosemarie** and her husband
Dennis relocated to the Delaware Beaches where
she volunteered her Special Education services to
the local schools. Four years ago, they moved to
Alexandria in order to spend more time with their
children and grandchildren. They continue to
maintain a part-time residence in West Palm Beach,
Florida, as a winter getaway.

Source: AAUW of Virginia

<https://aauw-va.aauw.net/aauw/directors/publicpolicy/>

2019 Candidate Forum

The **League of Women Voters**, Fairfax Area, is once again hosting a number of candidate forums in the fall. **AAUW of VA** is a co-sponsor of these events and there are many opportunities for our members to volunteer at them. There will be forums in the **Mt. Vernon**, Sully, Springfield, Braddock, Hunter Mill, Lee, Providence, Dranesville and Mason Districts. There will also be forums for school board elections.

The link above will take you to the [League's website](#) and to [Sign-up genius forms](#) for each event. If you are able to volunteer for any of them, please note in the comment section that you are a member of AAUW of VA. It's a great way to advertise our presence.

<https://www.lwv-fairfax.org/candidateforum>

2019 Mount Vernon District Candidate Forum

Mt. Vernon District School Board and House District 44 (Hayden, Krizek*)

When: Wednesday, September 4, 2019, 7:00 to 8:30 PM

Where: Sherwood Regional Library
2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria

* Incumbent

Federal Lobby Day Thursday, October 17, 2019

We will receive logistical details and information on the subject of our lobbying much closer to the actual date, and will get that information to you as soon as we have it.

If anyone will need a place to stay, please let **Susan Burk** know as soon as possible so we can find members in the area who can host visitors.

Please send Susan Burk and Marcy Leverenz, our Lobby Corps coordinator and member of the Springfield-Annandale Branch, the names, branch affiliations, and email addresses of participants by October 10 (We will send a reminder!). Our Lobby Corps needs that information to plan the program and make assignments.



NORTHERN DISTRICT MEETING



AAUW of Virginia Northern District Meeting

Saturday, October 26, 2019, Gather at 1 p.m., Program begins at 1:15 p.m.

Thomas Jefferson Library 7415 Arlington Blvd., Falls Church

Mark your calendars now to attend the Northern District's fall meeting. There will be several interesting and informative presentations you will not want to miss.

Tremayne Parquet, Director of Advancement at AAUW National Headquarters, will bring us up-to-date on some of the recent changes at AAUW.

Leslie Tourigny, AAUW of Virginia Co-President, will discuss what's going on in the state, including the state conference which will be held in Northern Virginia in April, 2020.

Cyndi Shanahan, AAUW of Virginia Diversity and Inclusion Chair, will talk about this new position and how branches can contribute to this initiative.

Representatives from the Alexandria Branch will present the program they have been developing over the past year to deal with human trafficking issues, and how local branches can support their efforts.

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

2020 AAUW of Virginia State Conference

Save The Date: April 17-19, 2020

Because 2020 marks the **100th anniversary of women's suffrage** in the United States, our conference will be themed around this momentous event and what's happened in advancing gender equity for women and girls in the past 100 years.

The conference is being hosted by the **Northern District** at the

**Holiday Inn Hotel & Suites Alexandria - Old Town, 625 First Street,
from April 17-19, 2020.**

The Winter/Spring 2020 issue of *Vision* will have the complete conference guide and registration information. ***The good news is that it's not too early to reserve a guest room if you plan on staying at the hotel.*** If you reserve now, you'll help us determine if we have to add additional rooms to our block before the hotel sells out for next spring. King or Double Rooms are available for \$129 per night plus tax for April 17 and 18. Also, in case you want to build a mini-vacation around the conference, the hotel will offer the same rate for 2 days before and after these dates. To make guest room reservations, use this link: [American Association of University Women of Virginia](https://www.aauwva.org/2020-state-conference). The group code is AAU. If you want to park in the hotel garage, ignore any references to \$20 per day for parking. The hotel is giving us a special rate of \$8 per night.

SAVE THE DATE

**COMING
UP**

ANNOUNCEMENTS FROM OUR SISTER BRANCHES

AAUW Alexandria Branch

Turning on the Light for Human Trafficking Victims

By M. Elizabeth Hendrix

"Give light and people will find the way."—Ella Baker

"Light up the darkness."—Bob Marley

Our human trafficking intervention team from our AAUW of Alexandria branch has been striving to light a flame and help rescue human trafficking victims. Our team now consists of: **Dr. M. Elizabeth Hendrix, Ms. Diane Schrier, Ms. Lane Stone, Dr. Gail Kalin, Ms. Lalitha Mani, and Dr. Dev Mani**. Also, we have partnered with **Chief Michael Brown** and **Commonwealth Attorney Bryan Porter** of Alexandria, Virginia as well as the **Northern Virginia Community College's Braden Women's Center** and **John Carter**, a film director and producer.

We have making strides in our three-pronged approach to combat human trafficking with educational awareness, advocacy, and research and development. We presented information about human trafficking and its history at a conference with the **Braden Women's Center** in March of 2019. We partnered with **John Carter** who showcased his new film **"American Exploitation: The Slaves Among Us"** for the conference participants. Additionally, we began our lobbying efforts to advocate for better policies in the spring.

On July 27, 2019, **Elizabeth, Diane, Gail and Lane** presented our three-pronged approach along with statistical and historical data about human trafficking at the AAUW of Virginia's Summer Leadership Meeting in Harrisonburg, VA. At this meeting, we focused on present global and Virginia issues, plus our rescue tool that we are developing, the **AAUW Angel App with an Angel Alert**.

The **AAUW Angel App** will have three buttons for people silently to use to contact 911, a trained investigator, and/or report any warning signs of human trafficking to the authorities. The **Angel App** can start an **Angel Alert** as well. If it is an emergency, the person can hit an emergency button which will alert 911 to their emergency and start a tracker on their phone. If it is not an emergency, but the person needs help, there will be another button for non-emergencies which the person can hit to send information to a trained investigator and/or start the tracker. The third button will be a reporting button for concerned citizens to report a case and/or warning signs that they have encountered to the authorities.

At this summer Leadership meeting, we also requested branch support for the **Angel App** throughout Virginia. We will be applying for grants this fall and next spring, and we want to list that we have support from every branch in Virginia. Currently, we are working on our application for the AAUW Community Action grant. Additionally, we plan to pilot the **AAUW Angel App and Angel Alert** in Alexandria, Virginia with the hope that eventually it can spread it throughout Virginia, the United States, and then internationally. Please continue to support our efforts however you can. Please be a light to the human trafficking victims; please change their world for the better!

AAUW McLean Area Branch

The McLean Branch's **50th Used Book Sale** will be held the second weekend in September:

- Friday, Sept. 13, from 9:00 am to 7:00 pm
- Saturday, Sept. 14, from 10:00 am to 6:00 pm
- Sunday, Sept. 15, from 12:00 pm to 4:00 pm

The sale is at the **McLean Community Center at 1234 Ingleside Ave., McLean**. On Sunday, most books will be priced at \$10 for a grocery bag. Credit cards are accepted. The proceeds provide scholarships for women. For questions, call: 703/527-4206.



2019 - 2020 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
Thursday, September 19, 2019, 6:30 pm Mt. Vernon Country Club 5111 Old Mill Rd., Alexandria, VA 22309	Kickoff Dinner Dr. Kathryn Newcomer, GWU <i>Importance of and Increased Interest in Public Administration and Public Policy</i>
Thursday, October 10, 2019, 7 pm Heritage Presbyterian Church 8503 Fort Hunt Rd, Alexandria, VA 22308	Presentation by Pat Wirth, Executive Director/CEO <i>Turning Point Suffragist Memorial</i>
Saturday, November 16, 2019, 10:30 am Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Jane Collins, founder of Heard "Everyone Deserves to Be Heard" Arts Programs for the Marginalized Populations in Alexandria and Arlington
Saturday, December 14, 2019, 11:30 am Cedar Knoll 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308	Holiday Brunch
Saturday, January 18, 2020, 1 pm Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Movie Screening: Gina's Journey: The Search for William Grimes (Documentary)
Saturday, February 8, 2020, 10:30 am Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Joan Mullholland, American civil rights activist and a Freedom Rider With video documentary
Saturday, March 21, 2020, 10 am Sherwood Regional Library 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	Annual Meeting Speaker: Solveig Eggerz, Author
Friday, April 24, 2020 7 pm Reception - 8 pm Performance Little Theatre of Alexandria 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	Annual Fundraiser "Blue Stockings"
Thursday, May 21, 2020, Time TBD Place TBD	Annual Potluck Dinner
Saturday, June Date and Time TBD Place TBD	Annual Planning Session



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First Class



SEPTEMBER 2019

- **4 Board Meeting, 7:15 pm**
Home of Patsy Quick
703/360-8678
- **16 Book Group, 6 pm**
Contact Liz Promen
703/780-7342
- **19 Kickoff Dinner, 6:30 pm**
Contact Paula Lettice
703/780-3463
- **27 Game Night, 7:30 pm**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
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