

# Mt. Vernon Voices

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Mt. Vernon Branch



## PRESIDENT'S CORNER



**M**ay in the Mt. Vernon Branch signals a time for some fun. Instead of a program, we have an all-member potluck dinner! We focus on enjoying a delicious meal with each

other and celebrate the good work that has been done this program year. Since our last few programs have been via Zoom, this in-person gathering will be special. Our Named Honorees will receive their certificates and our hard-working board members will be celebrated. **Paula Lettice** will again host us on May 19 at 6:00 p.m. on her lovely patio. I hope you will plan to bring a dish and join us!

We have booked the Fellowship Hall of Heritage Presbyterian Church on Ft. Hunt Road for our June Planning Meeting. It's at 9:45 a.m. on June 18 and we will have light refreshments. A list of program ideas will be sent to everyone before the meeting. If you have ideas send them to me (pnquick@cox.net), or **Solveig Eggerz** (solegg24@gmail.com). This is

usually a well-attended meeting and I hope you can come. It is a time to discuss the programs we want to have and to plan our focus for 2022-23.

**Dues are coming due! Your membership expires June 30. Here is how to renew:** Please mail a check for \$95 to **Anne Simpson** at 1604 Old Drummer Boy Lane, Ft. Washington, MD 20744. Or login to <https://www.aauw.org/>. Then click on "Log In" at the top right corner. That takes you to your Personal Snapshot, if you have already reset your password at this new Community Hub. From there you just click "RENEW." You will join as a National Member first and that will lead you to the page where you add branch and state. If you have trouble, call me! I'll walk you through it. If you need help resetting your password, also give me a call. I can help! (703-360-8678) Our membership is strong, active, and engaged. AAUW is worthwhile! We want you to renew! And, RSVP when Paula sends the Potluck invitation! Hope to see you there!

*Patsy Quick*

## BRANCH ANNUAL POTLUCK DINNER

**You Are Invited!!!**

**AAUW Mount Vernon Branch Potluck Dinner**

**Thursday, May 19, 2022 - 6:00 ~ 8:00 pm**

(6 p.m. – Drinks and Socializing / 6:30 p.m. – Dinner)



**Home of Paula Lettice, 9016 Nomini Lane, Alexandria**

**We will gather outside and enjoy Paula's lovely patio!**

**Please bring a dish to share:** Hors d'oeuvres, Salad or Side, Entrée, Dessert (limit of 4, please)  
**and a beverage of your choosing**

**Please RSVP May 14** to our hostess **Paula Lettice** along with the item you are bringing!  
[pglettice@gmail.com](mailto:pglettice@gmail.com)

**\*\*\* You must be fully vaccinated in accordance with current CDC guidance. \*\*\***

# AAUW VOTE 2022 - TWICE!



## Voting and Elections 2022 AAUW-VA

**THE VOTING PROCESS FOR THE ELECTION OF STATE OFFICERS AND APPROVAL OF A BYLAWS AMENDMENT AND PUBLIC POLICY PRIORITIES FOR 2022-2024 WILL BEGIN MAY 6.** Please cast your online vote by the deadline of May 29 because we need a quorum of seven (7) percent of the membership for the election. If there is no quorum, the new state officers cannot take office on July 1, 2022. Please take the time to vote as a responsible AAUW of Virginia member.

A voting guide was published in the Winter/Spring *Vision*. You can find it on pages 9-14. In it you will “meet” the candidates for office, read about a proposed state bylaws amendment, and preview the state public priorities for 2022-24. Make an informed vote! See the Voting guide [HERE](#).

## AAUW National Election 2022

If you haven't already, please take a moment to ensure AAUW has strong leaders to guide us into the future by voting in the AAUW [National Election](#).

For this vote, members are asked to elect members to the national AAUW Board of Directors and vote on changes to the bylaws that would streamline the nominations process and ballot administration.

**Voting opened April 6 and will close at 5:00 p.m. ET on Monday, May 16, 2022.** Emails with a link to vote have been sent out to members.



## BRANCH LEADERSHIP 2021 – 2022

### Elected Officers

**President:** Patsy Quick  
**Program Vice President:** Solveig Eggerz  
**Membership Vice President:** Mary Wall  
**Treasurer:** Anne Simpson  
**Secretary:** Paula Lettice

### Appointed Chairs

**Bylaws:** vacant  
**AAUW Funds:** Elaine Kolish  
**Public Policy:** Mary Ellen Mehler

**Newsletter/Website:** Bianca Daugherty  
**Newsletter/Directory Distribution:** Mary Ellen Mehler  
**Nominating Committee Chair:** Lois Passman  
**Hospitality:** Cathy Krebs

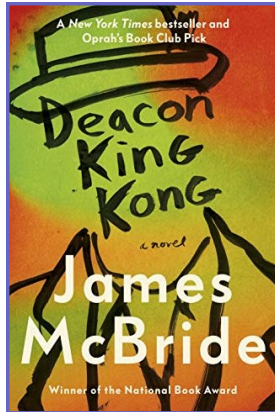
### Interest Groups

**Book Group:** Liz Promen  
**Diversity Outreach Group:** Janet Hedrick  
**Dining Out:** Paula Lettice, Cathy Conron, Bianca Daugherty  
**Game Night:** Cynthia Jacobus  
**ImpromptEvent:** Joanne Clark

**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, or socioeconomic status.

## BOOK GROUP



**Book Group will meet via Zoom on  
Monday, May 16, 7:30 p.m.  
\*\*\* Zoom link will be sent via email. \*\*\***

**BOOK:** Deacon King Kong  
By James McBride

**REVIEWER:** Liz Promen

**NEXT BOOK:** American Pride  
By Jeanine Cummins

Contact **Liz Promen** if you are interested in joining the group or would like more information. ([epromen2@gmail.com](mailto:epromen2@gmail.com))

## GAME NIGHT



### Last Game Night on Friday, May 27

**Ann and Richard Simpson are hosting our AAUW Game Night on the fourth Friday May 27, gathering at 7:15PM and beginning playing at 7:30PM.**



**We do welcome any of you who have not signed up for or attended one of our game nights. All you need to do is:**

- Contact Cynthia or the hostess of the month you want to attend ([cynthiajacobus@cox.net](mailto:cynthiajacobus@cox.net)).
- Assure Cynthia and the hostess that you are fully vaccinated.

We want to **thank all of our hosts this year 2021-2022:** Paula Lettice in September, Cynthia & Tom Jacobus in October, Patsy & Kermit Quick in November, Shannon Dubicki in February, Bianca Daugherty in March, Barbara & Lowry Mann in April, and Anne & Richard Simpson in May. Our June 24<sup>th</sup> Game Night is *after our final branch meeting* and, therefore, is not scheduled to take place.

**Spouses and significant others are welcome to join in!**

We are guided by the CDC. <https://www.cdc.gov/coronavirus/2019-ncov/variants/variant.html>.  
All current Game Night members are fully vaccinated.

## DIVERSITY OUTREACH GROUP



**The Diversity Outreach Group will meet on  
Wednesday, May 11 from 7 p.m. – 8:30 p.m. via Zoom.**

If you have ideas or want to participate at any time, you are welcome. Just let **Janet Hedrick** know of your interest. ([jhedrick815@gmail.com](mailto:jhedrick815@gmail.com))

# 2021 - 2022 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

Meeting Date and Place	Focus/Activity
<b>Saturday, September 18, 2021, 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sherwood Regional Library</b> 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	<b>Protect the Vote</b> <b>Sue Worden</b> , Alexandria League of Women Voters <b>Chris DeRosa</b> , Spread the Vote <b>Bettina Lawton</b> , Vice-Chairman of the Electoral Board Fairfax County
<b>Tuesday, October 19, 2021, 7 p.m.</b> <b>Sherwood Regional Library</b> 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	<b>Making Laws More Equitable for Minorities</b> <b>Pia Miller</b> Fairfax Co. Deputy Commonwealth's Attorney
<b>Saturday, November 20, 2021, 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Sherwood Regional Library</b> 2501 Sherwood Hall Lane, Alexandria, VA 22306	<b>Alexandria Social Justice Initiative</b> <b>Jacqueline Tucker</b> , Race and Social Equity Officer. <a href="https://www.alexandriava.gov/Equity">https://www.alexandriava.gov/Equity</a>
<b>Sunday, December 12, 2021, 11:30 a.m.</b> <b>Cedar Knoll Restaurant</b> 9030 Lucia Lane, Alexandria, VA 22308	<b>Holiday Event</b>
<b>Friday, January 14, 2022, 8 p.m.</b> <b>Little Theatre of Alexandria</b> 600 Wolfe St, Alexandria, VA 22314	<b>CANCELED</b> LTA Annual Fundraiser <b>Bright Star (Musical)</b>
<b>Thursday, January 20, 2022, 4 p.m.</b> <b>Location ZOOM</b>	<b>Book and Author</b> <b>Police Use of Force and Its Impact on People with Disabilities</b> <b>Panel Discussion</b>
<b>Saturday, January 22, 2022, 10 a.m.</b> <b>Location ZOOM</b>	AAUW-VA—DE&I Program <b>Creating Inclusive Spaces</b>
<b>Saturday, February 12, 2022, 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>Location ZOOM</b>	<b>Book and Author</b> <b>My City of Dreams</b> , journey into uncovering the lives of her relatives long-lost to the Holocaust. <b>Lisa Gruenberg</b>
<b>Saturday, March 19, 2022 9:45 a.m.</b> <b>11 a.m. Laugh Yoga</b> <b>Location ZOOM</b>	<b>Annual Business Meeting followed by Laugh Yoga</b>
<b>Saturday, April 23, 2022, 10:30 a.m.</b> <b>ZOOM</b>	<b>School-to-Prison Pipeline</b> <b>Panel Discussion</b>
<b>Thursday, May 19, 2022, Time 6 p.m.</b> <b>Home of Paula Lettice</b>	<b>Annual Potluck</b>
<b>Saturday, June 18, 2022, 9:45 a.m.</b> Heritage Presbyterian Church	<b>Annual Planning Session</b>



### Hillwood ImpromptEvent

Joanne Clark is suggesting that we visit and tour Hillwood on Thursday, May 26. Please notify her if you would like to join the group ([jojoandgeorge@gmail.com](mailto:jojoandgeorge@gmail.com)). She suggests we visit in the morning and have lunch there afterwards. It will be beautiful this time of year.



Mt. Vernon (VA) Branch

## MAY 2022

- **3 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
Contact Patsy Quick  
703/360-8678
- **11 Diversity Outreach Group Meeting, 7 p.m.**  
Contact Janet Hedrick  
571/213-2670
- **16 Book Group, 7:30 p.m.**  
Contact Liz Promen  
703/780-7342
- **19 Branch Potluck, 6 p.m.**  
Contact Paula Lettice  
703/780-3463
- **ImpromptEvent**  
Contact Joanne Clark  
703-768-8996
- **27 Game Night, 7:30 p.m.**  
Contact Anne Simpson  
301/203-0454

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
1	2	3 Board Meeting	4	5	6	7
8	9	10	11 Diversity Group	12	13	14
15	16 Book Group	17	18	19 Branch-Potluck	20	21
22	23	24	25	26 Imprompt Event	27 Game Night	28
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