

Mt. Vernon Voices

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Mt. Vernon Branch



PRESIDENT'S CORNER



As I write this I am anxiously waiting until this evening when I have a Covid test to be used before boarding Viking Mars for a cruise in the Mediterranean. If all goes well, I can board the boat as well as engage with members at our Potluck Dinner afterwards at Paula Lettice's

home. Whether I am there or not, you can find great photos of the event on page 4. **A huge THANK YOU to Paula for her gracious hosting!**

The Potluck was a time to celebrate the work of the members of the branch board. Each person has contributed in a variety of ways to ensure that our branch is informed (They write the newsletter articles!), active, and welcoming. When you see them, thank them!! I want to thank them below.

Solveig Eggerz has led us through a great program agenda. She monitors every aspect of a program

before it happens. She is always prepared with a great intro and questions for our speakers. She is already enthusiastic about the next program year. **Mary Wall** has kept our Directory updated and is always on the lookout for new members. She gives 110% of her energy to following up and keeping up with members. **Anne Simpson** has kept our financial records straight and has worked hard to ensure that members renew properly on the new system. She has attended National's Office Hours to ask questions and learn more. That new database system, called Community Hub, is an ongoing challenge. **Paula Lettice** submits concise and timely minutes of our board meetings and as you know is the hostess with the most-est! She is always generous... and knowledgeable! **Elaine Kolish** has managed our branch donations to AAUW Funds and reported to state and National promptly. She is currently distributing the Named Honoree certificates. **Mary Ellen Mehler** kept us informed of state public policy issues and attended state zoom meetings to stay on top of

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IT IS PLANNING TIME! PLANNING MEETING, JUNE 18

Mt. Vernon Branch All-Member Planning Meeting

*** June 18, 9:45 AM ***

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



Hope you will join us for this fun gathering to plan 2022-23 programs!

We have a list of program ideas for you to peruse before the meeting. You are welcome to send other ideas to **Solveig Eggerz** or **Patsy Quick** to add to the list which will be sent via email prior to the date.

We will have continental breakfast food and coffee from Panera like last year. Come and join in the discussion and help make decisions about our 2022-23 program year! Everyone is welcomed!

This will be our last meeting before taking a July and August break. See you there!

*** RSVP by June 14 to Patsy Quick ***

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

It is that time again! Dues are due.

The online payment process is different than before. You should have received an email renewal notice from AAUW explaining how to renew.

To pay online: Visit [AAUW's Community Hub](#). If you haven't already set up an account there, you will have to set it up first. Once you have accessed your account (Personal Snapshot), click the blue RENEW button at the bottom to renew your national membership and add your branch (**VA3015-Mt. Vernon**) and state memberships!

To pay by check: As always, you have the option of making a check payable to AAUW Mt Vernon branch and mailing it to me. Please remember, national dues have gone up, the total is now \$95.



Anne Simpson
Treasurer

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things. **Bianca Daugherty** has managed to put out one beautiful and informative newsletter after another! She also updates our website and formats our branch directory. In addition, she does the layout for the state newsletter and state Conference Program books. She is Super Woman! **Lois Passman, Clare Coulter and Mary Ellen Mehler** are proofreaders with eagle eyes! **Lois Passman** managed our nominating process and slate of officers for this year's election. Our interest group leaders, **Liz Promen, Cynthia Jacobus, Janet Hedrick, Joanne Clark,**

Paula Lettice, Bianca Daugherty, and Cathy Conron, managed their groups and members with aplomb. These groups are the heart and soul of our branch and these leaders therefore are our champions!

Words can hardly express the gratitude and appreciation I feel for our branch leaders (worker bees!) and all of our members. You always come through for each other and for the branch. The rewards for your efforts are sweet! I thank you all for another marvelous year for Mt. Vernon AAUW!

Patsy

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

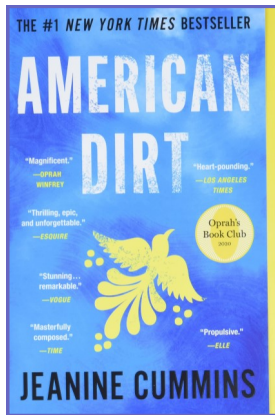
Interest Groups

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

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, June 20, 7:30 p.m.
*** Zoom link will be sent via email. *****

BOOK: American Dirt
By Jeanine Cummins
REVIEWER: Ebba Jo Spettel

Books for next program year will be chosen in September. Send your book recommendations to **Liz Promen** during the summer.

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

DIVERSITY OUTREACH GROUP

The **AAUW Diversity Outreach Group** finished the year on Wednesday, May 11, with a review of several books, including *The 1619 Project*.

We are taking the summer off and will resume meeting in September on the second Wednesday of the month. We will be reading and discussing **The 1619 Project** two chapters at a time. For the September meeting on **Wednesday, September 14**, we will start with the Preface and Chapter 1.

If you have ideas or want to participate at any time, let **Janet Hedrick** know of your interest. (jhedrick815@gmail.com)

Please note that a **Celebration of Juneteenth** will be held on Sunday afternoon, **June 12, at 3 p.m. at Aldersgate United Methodist Church, 1301 Collingwood Road, Alexandria**. The celebration is being planned by Woodlawn Faith United Methodist Church and Aldersgate United Methodist Church as part of the partnership between the two congregations. A reception will follow the program. You are invited to come and share in the Celebration.

Have a good summer. I hope to see you at the planning meeting on Saturday, June 18.

Janet Hedrick
AAUW Diversity Outreach Group



DINING OUT GROUP

The Dining Out Group plans to meet up again in August for Alexandria Restaurant week! No dates have been published yet. Stay tuned for email information from Bianca, Cathy and Paula.



POTLUCK FUN—MAY 19



IMPROMPTEVENTS

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Due to summer schedules, we will revisit branch interest in potential ImprompteEvents at our planning meeting on June 18 and again in the fall, when people are done with their summer plans. Two possible events for which we will solicit interest are:

- **Hillwood Estates and Museum**, which could be so fun with a group - a tour followed by lunch there; and the
- **Freedom House Museum** in Old Town, which is reopening later this month and which "honors the lives and experiences of enslaved and free Black people who lived in and were trafficked through Alexandria." **Cathy Conron** suggested this one and said that it is best to wait until it has been open for a while because of potential crowds early on. For more information, click here: alexandriava.gov/FreedomHouse.

I look forward to organizing these and any other ImprompteEvents you may want to suggest.

Wishing you all a wonderful summer!

Joanne Clark

In case you missed it...

Our April Branch Program ***School-to-Prison Pipeline: Restorative Justice as a Less Punitive Approach*** was recorded and has been posted to the Fairfax County Public Library's You Tube page. It is available for viewing under this link:

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=mLLINjpiMv4>

Thank you to Janelle Ortiz / Sherwood Regional Library.

CELEBRATING 50 YEARS OF TITLE IX

This year marks the **50th anniversary of Title IX**, the landmark federal legislation that prohibits gender discrimination in any educational institution or program that receives federal funds. Through your support and advocacy, AAUW members are a key part of this law's legacy. To commemorate the day the legislation was signed (June 23, 1972), we're holding a **special virtual event** to highlight AAUW's important and ongoing work on Title IX and to recognize our generous supporters and affiliates.



Register now for the virtual celebration on Thursday, June 23, at 4:30 p.m. ET.

Important Dates for Virginia Democratic & Republican Primaries (June 21, 2022)



Ongoing (See 5/28 deadline below)	Register to vote
Ongoing	Check and, if necessary, update registration information
Ongoing (see deadline below)	Apply to vote absentee by mail
May 7	Early in-person voting for Democratic & Republican Primaries begins
May 31	Deadline to register to vote or update registration (in person or receipt by mail) for Democratic & Republican Primaries
June 10, 5 p.m.	Deadline to apply to request an absentee ballot for Democratic & Republican primaries
June 18, 5 p.m.	Deadline for early in-person voting at your local registrar for Democratic & Republican primaries
June 21	Democratic & Republican Primaries Election Day Voting at assigned polling places

[2022 Primary Candidates](#) include Republican primaries in Congressional Districts 2, 3, 6, and 7, and a Democratic primary in D8. There are no primaries in Congressional Districts 1, 4, 5, 9, 10, and 11. There are also city council primary elections in Manassas and Roanoke.

Redistricting following the results of the census resulted in voting district changes throughout Virginia. This primary election will be the first to reflect those changes. To determine how and if your district has changed, visit <https://www.vpap.org/redistricting/> and type in your address.

2021 - 2022 MT. VERNON BRANCH PROGRAM YEAR

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

AAUW National and State 2022 Election Results

AAUW of Virginia

Thank you to the 237 AAUW of Virginia members who voted in the recent **One Member One Vote State Election**; that is a voting rate of 24%, which definitely meets the 7% quorum we needed for the election.

Each candidate was elected with 98% or more of the vote. The AAUW of Virginia 2020-22 officers for the following positions are:

- President - **Lane Stone**
- Vice President for Communications - **Dianne Mero**
- Vice President for Program - **Nadine James**
- Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy - **Janine Greenwood and Denise Murden**

Additionally, both the proposed Bylaws Amendment

and the proposed 2022-2024 Public Policy Priorities passed with 96% of the vote.

Congratulations and thank you to these members!! We look forward to working with you in 2022-24.

*Sandy Lawrence
Voting and Elections Chair*

AAUW National

- **Peggy Cabaniss, Cheryl Sorokin, Dale Satake and Mary Zupanc** have been elected to serve on the AAUW National Board of Directors.
- The bylaws amendment on nominations was approved by 97.37% of voters.
- The bylaws amendment on ballot administration was approved by 97.81% of voters.

This is our last newsletter for the program year 2021/2022. "AAUW Mt Vernon Voices" will be back at the end of August. Have a great summer!



Mt. Vernon (VA) Branch

- **7 Board Meeting, 7 p.m.**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678
- **18 Branch Planning Meeting, 9:45 a.m.**
Contact Patsy Quick
703/360-8678
- **20 Book Group, 7:30 p.m.**
Contact Liz Promen
703/780-7342



JUNE 2022

SUN	MON	TUE	WED	THU	FRI	SAT
			1	2	3	4
5	6	7 Board Meeting	8	9	10	11
12	13	14	15	16	17	18 Branch Planning Meeting
19	20 Book Group	21	22	23	24	25
26	27	28	29	30		



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