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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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## January Branch Meeting\*\*

Saturday, January 20, 2017

9:30 am

Meeting will start at 9:30 a.m. and will be followed by a salad potluck lunch. Keep an eye out for an email link to sign up to bring something.

\*\*WHRO

5200 Hampton Blvd.

Norfolk, 23508

Join us for a showing of GerryRIGGED: Turning Democracy On Its Head, produced by OneVirginia2021. This one-hour documentary will bring awareness to the impact of gerrymandering, and explore how Virginia can progress from a system where legislators create their own districts toward a system that makes sense for true representative government.

Following the film, we'll hear from a representative from OneVirginia2021.



About OneVirginia2021

In 2013, a small group of concerned citizens came together in Charlottesville, Virginia, to discuss the status of redistricting efforts in the Commonwealth. From that meeting, a new coalition emerged. Now called OneVirginia2021: Virginians for Fair Redistricting, the organization brings together concerned citizens from all over the Commonwealth to reenergize forces for fair, non-partisan redistricting. That energy must infuse citizens, not just legislators. To get real, lasting change, OneVirginia2021 appeals to all Virginians to become part of this important effort.



# PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

I hope everyone had a safe and happy holiday season! I spent mine at home with family and friends—there's no better way!

2018 has a lot in store for us. I hope you'll join us at our first meeting, which will be on January 20 at WHRO. I am very much looking forward to the screening of GerryRIGGED and the discussion that will follow. Before the end of the month, on January 28, we'll have another fun gathering to see *And Then There Were None* at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach. (Tickets still available— let me know if you want to purchase any!)

Before we know it, there will be signs of spring— one of which is our annual STEM4Girls event. The committee is hard at work to ensure another wonderful event for local teens and their significant adult, and we'll need all hands on deck to pull it off! Be sure to save March 10 for AAUW!

Looking forward to all of the hard work and fun we'll have together in 2018!

Kaitlin

## THIS MONTH IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

**January 5, 1925** – Nellie Tayloe Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history (Governor of Wyoming)



### TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST

As a Two-Minute Activist, you will receive urgent email notices when your advocacy is needed most. We'll provide all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, write letters to the editor for your local newspapers, contact your state legislators about pressing issues and more.

Sign up today! <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

# January 2018 Membership Matters

## HAPPY NEW YEAR!!

Our membership has increased! Please welcome **Cheryl Snowden**. She came to the Holiday Luncheon and has already volunteered to help with a photo project. She expressed interest in other areas too so she may show up at your book club or other activity. Please be sure to say hello.

Sally P will soon be sending out an updated **Directory**. It will have the contact information for our new members along with additions and corrections for the previous edition. Watch for this in your inbox.

Are you using your new AAUW **Calling Cards**? Do you need more? You can pick up another packet at the next branch meeting. If a friend or acquaintance expresses an interest in AAUW you can give her a card with the basic information including our branch website. Be sure to write your name and contact info on the back so she can call you if she has questions. Be proactive: Invite her to the next meeting or other activity. We have some wonderful speakers on the schedule.

Our branch was recognized by Cyndi Shanahan, VP Membership VA for our membership recruiting. She emailed:

"Congratulations on the wonderful work that you and your branch have been doing regarding membership. You are joined by 11 other branches in the state in having more members in your branch today than you did during the official branch report last February. You can only have done this through an effort to retain your current members and to recruit new members. Thank you for all the work that you have accomplished already this year. We hope that you will add to your membership through the remainder of 2017 and into 2018!"

## In It for Life? Make It Official

Put your values into action and empower women and girls for generations to come through life membership in AAUW. Join us or [upgrade your existing membership to lifetime membership today](#) and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly knowing that you've put your values into action to advance AAUW's mission. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980. [Become a life member today!](#)

**Keep up the good work everyone! Bring a friend to the January meeting!**

## A very Happy Birthday to:

Christine Medlin	January 8
Sally Pattison-Cisna	January 12
Maria Fornella	January 16
Fran Adams	January 17



## PUBLIC POLICY

The House of Representatives has proposed a reauthorization of the Higher Education Act that would make college more expensive, more hostile, and ultimately further out of reach for many.

This bill would:

- Eliminate student loan forgiveness for public service employees and alter income-driven repayment options, increasing debt burdens for struggling borrowers
- Weaken schools' requirements to prevent and end campus sexual assault and support survivors
- Fail to strengthen the Pell grant program, which makes it possible for millions of low-income students to go to college, or even increase its annual grant amount to reflect inflation

**ACTION:** Urge Your Representatives to Oppose H.R. 4508

Graduating to a Pay Gap:

The Earnings of Women and Men One Year after College graduation explores the earnings difference between male and female college graduates working full time, one year after graduation using the latest nationally representative data available. There's also a map with pay gap in cities across the country.

**ACTION:** Click [here](#) for the full report

Public Policy Chairs

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## Facts and Figures (source: T. Rowe Price)

50%

### COLLEGE SAVINGS

Percentage of parents with only boys who have money saved for their kids' college, compared to 39 percent of parents with only girls who have money saved

17%

### PAYING FOR COLLEGE

Percentage of parents with all boys who say they will be able to cover the entire cost of college, compared to 8 percent of parents of all girls.

68%

### EDUCATION PRIORITY

Percentage of parents with all boys who say that saving for their kids' education is a greater priority than saving for retirement, compared to 50% of parents of all girls who said that college savings is a greater priority.

## Be Part of Advocating for Women in Court Cases!

Women are in the courts suing to find justice in their lives with cases involving pay equity and sexual assault and discrimination...YOU can help them out!

Back your Legal Advocacy Fund to help AAUW help these women with your [purchase of Autobell Gift Cards](#).

Look at the women and their cases supported by AAUW National LAF:

<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/>

Each gift card is \$20.00 of which \$10.00 goes to LAF. Use your gift card towards any car wash type. Autobell gift cards do not expire. Email Sally P/ [pattisonsj@gmail.com](mailto:pattisonsj@gmail.com) to order and state whether you prefer we mail your gift cards(s) or deliver them at branch meetings where you can use a credit card, cash, or pay by check.



Send your check to Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451. Please write Autobell in the check's memo line. You can, also, use your card to pay Tammie at our October or November Branch meeting.

**Every Car Wash includes the following. Upgrades do more.**

- Interior vacuum of carpets and seats
- Exterior wash including wheels
- Dash, door panel, and console wiped down
- Interior window cleaning
- Hand-dried

**Use at any Hampton Roads Location**

- Chesapeake: 925 N. Battlefield Boulevard
- Chesapeake: 4010 Portsmouth Boulevard
- Chesapeake: 3245 Western Branch Boulevard
- Hampton: 1411 N. Armistead Avenue
- Newport News: 13698 Warwick Boulevard
- Norfolk: 5840 E. Virginia Beach Boulevard
- Virginia Beach: 528 First Colonial Road
- Virginia Beach: 1060 Independence Drive

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## Pennies for Prescriptions - \$15 for 15 years

If you have not attended a recent meeting, we want you to know are passing out "\$15 for 15" containers to celebrate the 15th year of AAUW-VB participation in the contributions to the Free Clinic.

To date, the drive amount collected is \$174.50

It does not take long for that amount of pocket change to grow. Thank you on behalf of those who benefit.

Christine Medlin





This March will be our 5<sup>th</sup> annual STEM4Girls conference. It will be held on March 10 on the TCC (VB) campus. At our first meeting on October 23, a group of intrepid branch members gathered to begin planning this monumental activity. It helps that we have 4 years of contacts and 4 years of experience as we plan this year's event. If you'd like to help, please contact one of the Sallys, Tammie, Louise, Patty, Kaitlin or Kathleen. Even if you don't want to volunteer for the coordinating committee, you can volunteer to do such things as taking posters to schools and libraries, finding sponsors for the hospitality room or for door prizes, or whatever you would like to do! Many hands make light work!!! Of course, many, many hands will be needed on March 10 so clear your calendar now!!

Sally Daniel

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## JOIN US ON SUNDAY, JANUARY 28, 2018

**For fun and Fundraising**

**@ the Little Theatre Virginia Beach**

**Tickets \$23 see Kaitlin**



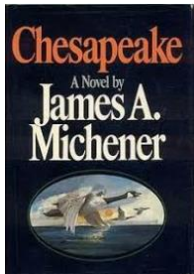
Ten guilty strangers are trapped on an island. One by one they are accused of murder; one by one they start to die. In this superlative mystery comedy statuettes of little soldier boys on the mantel of a house on an island off the coast of Devon fall to the floor and break one by one as those in the house succumb to a diabolical avenger. A nursery rhyme tells how each of the ten "soldiers" met his death until there were none. Eight guests who have never met each other or their apparently absent host and hostess are lured to the island and, along with the two house servants, marooned. A mysterious voice accuses each of having gotten away with murder and then one drops dead - poisoned. One down and nine to go!

## MORNING BOOK GROUP

**January 4**

*Chesapeake*

By James Michener



**Dish**

8:00 am

**February 1**

*The Rosewood Casket*

By Sharon McCrumb



**Sandfiddler**

8:00 am

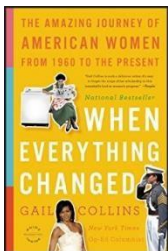


## ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

**January 25**

*When Everything Changed: The Amazing Journey of American Women from 1960 to Present*

By Gail Collins



**Hostess:** Carole



The book groups joined together for a Holiday Party at June Lam's house on Tuesday, December 12. June graciously hosted this party at her beautifully decorated home. Meeting at their new winter time of 4:30, members brought appetizers and desserts instead of a Pot Luck meal. A fun time was enjoyed by all!

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

**January 9**

*The Colour Bar*

By Susan Williams

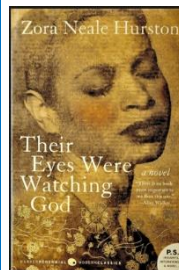


Fran Adams will review and we will meet at Linda Todd's house at 4:30.

**February 13**

*Their Eyes Were Watching God*

By Zora Neale Hurston



Linda Todd will review and we will meet at Susan Wagner's house at 4:30.



## AAUW VIRGINIA BEACH BOARD

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### MARK YOUR CALENDAR

Sat., January 20- Branch Meeting  
 Wed., January 24- Board Meeting  
 Sun., January 28- Little Theatre  
 Sat., February 17- Branch Meeting  
 Wed., February 21- Board Meeting  
 Sat., March 10 – STEM4Girls  
 Wed., March 21- Branch Meeting  
 Wed., March 28- Board Meeting  
 Tues., April 4- Equal Pay Day  
 Wed., April 11 – Branch Meeting  
 Fri., April 20- Sun., April 22- AAUW of Virginia Conference  
 Wed., April 25- Board Meeting  
 May TBD- May Banquet  
 Wed., May 17- Board Meeting  
***Dates subject to change.***



Virginia Beach (VA) Branch

*Providing women and girls  
 waves of support in  
 Virginia Beach*