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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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February Branch Meeting
Saturday, February 17, 2017
9:30 am



EDNA HAWKINS HENDRIX

Author of "Black History Our Heritage:
A Pictorial History of Princess Anne
County and Virginia Beach, Virginia"

Edna Hawkins Hendrix is an esteemed historian who has made multiple contributions in chronicling the history of Blacks in Princess Anne County (now Virginia Beach, Virginia.) She is the author of "Black History Our Heritage: A Pictorial History of Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach, Virginia." The book is a compilation of Black memorabilia, including many photographs and anecdotes, depicting African American history and life in Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach that she self-published in 1998.

Location: ODU/NSU Virginia Beach Higher Education Center
1811 University Drive
Virginia Beach VA 23453
(Parking Lot 3)

Room 244

PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

It's been another busy month for our branch! Our annual visit to the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach, the STEM4GIRLS committee has been hard at work, and of course we had our branch meeting,

January's branch meeting was all about henrymandering. Nope, not a typo! We learned that it was Patrick Henry who first tried to design an unnatural district that would ensure his rival James Madison's defeat in Virginia's first congressional elections. Years later, the term gerrymandering was coined after Massachusetts Governor Gerry signed a bill that redistricted the state to benefit his party.

After the meeting, I went home and looked at the shape of the districts I live in. Sure enough, there are nooks and crannies of neighborhoods and streets carved in and out of each one of them.

So, what can we do about this? Brian Cannon, executive director of OneVirginia2021 left us with some helpful ways to get involved:

- Sign the petition at www.onevirginia2021.org/petition and pass it on to your friends. Every signature automatically generates an email to the signer's state legislators letting them know that the signer supports reform.
- Get your legislators on the record. Go to town hall meetings, forums, etc. and ask your legislator if she or he supports redistricting reform. Get them on the record and let them know that this is an issue Virginians care about.
- Help out on social media. OneVirginia2021 has a robust presence online, but it only helps if people see their updates! Like, comment, and share posts, and invite your friends to do the same.
- Write a letter to the editor. OneVirginia2021 staff members are happy to help you draft a letter!

How are you going to take action?

Kaitlin

THIS MONTH IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

February 27, 1922 –On this day in 1922, the U.S. Supreme Court unanimously dismissed a challenge to the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which declares that “the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or any state on account of sex”.

(photo credit: archives.gov)



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/>

Membership Matters!

You matter to AAUW VB! Your membership powers our waves of support for women and girls in Virginia Beach. THANKS!!!



As usual, membership is always moving! Fifty-five very special members make AAUW Virginia Beach what it is! Kathleen, Membership VP, is busy distributing our “business cards”. More than one member has remarked as to their “professional” design. Pick yours up at branch meetings. You will be proud to present them to folks who may be interested in joining so they have the essential information to attend our branch meetings.

The National AAUW Board of Directors **voted to increase annual membership dues from \$49 to \$59** effective in fiscal year July 2018–June 2019. Hear our National Board of Director’s Chair, Patricia Fae Ho, national director discuss the reasons for increasing our dues:
<https://www.aauw.org/resource/membership-dues-update/>.

NOW is the best time of year for new folks to join AAUW! From January 1-March 15th, National gives new members the best rate of the year at 50% off national dues through June 30, 2018. The dues cost is \$24.50 (50%*\$49.00). Furthermore, if new members join at a public event which qualifies for *The Shape the Future Campaign*, dues are 50% off the \$24.50 to \$12.25 (50%*24.50) for national dues; Virginia state dues at \$15; and branch at \$14 making the total is \$41.25 for their first year of membership.

Consider being a Zip Sister! Enjoy being in touch with members living close by and boost branch attendance by a call...maybe a coffee meeting...with members living in your zip code neighborhood.

As soon as branch meeting locations are determined we will send our updated Directory.

Thanks, for all you do to make AAUW Virginia Beach waves of support for women and girls in Virginia Beach!

Sally P. and Kathleen

AAUW Virginia Beach Membership VP’s:

Kathleen Stasulis and Sally Pattison-Cisna (Contact info on next to last page!)

A very Happy Birthday to:

Jacque Dessino:	February 1
Connie Davis:	February 7
Toni Lohman:	February 13
Neola Waller:	February 14
Martha Sorenson:	February 22



Linda Todd Scholarship

Linda Todd Scholarship Updates

As you all know, one of the main goals of our Branch is to help advance the education of women in the form of a scholarship. Each year our goal is to present at least one \$800, currently we have raised \$602 (this does not include \$200 from the budget). Thank you to all who have participated in the scholarship fundraisers this year. In addition, making a straight donation is always an option. The form is available on our website: <http://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/scholarship/donations/> or I will have forms at the meetings.

Branch Members, Please Share this Scholarship Announcement:

The Virginia Beach Branch of the American Association of University Women offers at least \$800 or more scholarship to a female resident of Virginia Beach who returned to school after a break and is 23 or older. Applicants must be currently enrolled in an undergraduate program and have completed a minimum of 15 credit hours at an accredited institution with a grade point average of 3.0 or better. Application forms are available at <http://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/scholarship/> or by sending a self-addressed envelope to AAUW Virginia Beach Scholarship Committee at 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. The deadline is April 16, 2018. If you have any questions, please email aauwofvb@cox.net.

Donation Form

Donations can be made directly to the scholarship fund using the branch donation form. The form is available on the branch's website and will be available at branch meetings. For your convenience, a space for memoriam donations has been added to the form. This way your donation intentions will be clear to the branch and proper notifications can be made.

Tammie Rice

Linda Todd Scholarship Chair

STEM4Girls – VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

This March will be our 5th annual STEM4Girls conference. Plans are going well but we need your help.

March 10, 2018
8:30 am to 3:30 pm
Advanced Technology Center at
Tidewater Community College in Virginia Beach

If you'd like to help, please contact one of the Sallys, Tammie, Louise, or Kaitlin





Supporting the literacy needs of homeless and at-risk children throughout Coastal VA.

Thanks, AAUW VB for 37 Books for REACH!!!

Thanks to each of our members who together brought thirty-seven books for REACH to our Holiday Luncheon. Your generosity is appreciated!

REACH will give the books to homeless and at-risk children in Coastal Virginia. REACH Read Aloud program volunteers read to children in shelters and at every visit give each child a book or two to keep for their own personal libraries. REACH serves eleven area homeless and domestic violence family shelters and 11 community partners. REACH needs a multitude of books!

Our branch began our holiday tradition of giving books to REACH many years ago as a contribution to our Community Outreach.

For in-depth information about REACH: <http://reachreads.org/>

THANKS!!!

You've RAISED \$400 FOR LAF.....

**You ARE an Advocate for Women in Court Cases plus
you are keeping your buggy beautiful!**



By purchasing Autobell Gift Cards you provided \$400 for our national Legal Advocacy Fund:

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

“Since its inception in 1981, LAF has provided millions of dollars to balance the scales of justice for people working toward gender equity through the legal system.

LAF supports brave plaintiffs seeking legal redress for Title VII, Title IX, equal pay, sexual harassment, and tenure denial violations and allocates \$100,000 annually to help fund landmark cases such as Wal-Mart v. Dukes and Cioca v. Rumsfeld as well as cases with the potential to set future precedents, such as Rizo v. Fresno County Office of Education.

LAF's Impact Goes beyond Words

- Financial support
- Organizational support: amicus signatory, statement of support
- Emotional support: a family of AAUW members present at significant legal proceedings”

Thanks, for supporting women and girls!

Pennies for Prescriptions - \$15 for 15 years

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

Let us remember who we are helping at the Beach Health Clinic. Many of the recipients are single mothers with small children.

Thank you to all who have contributed to date. Our "\$15 for 15" campaign is paying off and it is enjoyable to watch those numbers climb.



It's That Taxing Time of Year

The Association publishes the following in [AAUW National Dues, Fees, and Tax Deductibility](#) online.

"AAUW national membership dues are \$49. Of that amount, *\$46 is tax deductible* [emphasis added] as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the- vote activities. Student affiliate dues are \$17. Of that amount, \$16 is tax deductible, and \$1 is not deductible. AAUW National Life Membership is \$980 and is fully tax deductible.

Note: [Our] Branch/state portions of dues are not tax deductible... Remember, the tax deduction relates specifically to the member's personal federal tax return for the amount of the dues allocated by AAUW to support the programs of our charitable 501(c) (3) organization. The IRS does not require receipts for tax-deductible dues or contributions of \$250 or less." Refer any questions to your tax advisor.

Tammie Mullins-Rice, Treasurer

And Some More on Tax Deductions

In addition to being able to deduct a portion of AAUW national membership dues on personal federal tax returns, all contributions to [AAUW Funds](#) or to any of the specific funds that are included within [AAUW Funds](#) ([Legal Advocacy Fund](#), [Educational Opportunities](#), [Tech Savvy](#), [Public Policy](#), [Eleanor Roosevelt](#), and [Leadership Programs](#)) are fully tax deductible as a charitable gift on your personal federal tax return. Remember to refer any questions to your tax advisor.



It is never too soon to begin planning to attend the 2018
AAUW of Virginia Conference!

Changing the Climate for Women and Girls

April 20-22, 2018

Portsmouth Renaissance Hotel

Location, Location, Location! The Renaissance Hotel sits on the Elizabeth River flowing between Portsmouth and Norfolk. Two easy blocks away is the downtown area with shops, restaurants and museums. A quick ferry ride gets you to Norfolk.



What a perfectly perfect location!!

Hotel Reservations 855-214-4563

Group Rate \$129 \$5 per night parking 100% Water view rooms

Indoor pool, whirlpool, sundeck, and complimentary exercise facilities

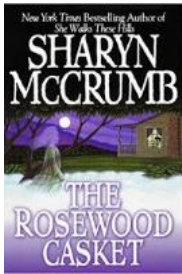
Watch for more information and conference registration form in the *VISION*.

MORNING BOOK GROUP

February 1

The Rosewood Casket

By Sharon McCrumb

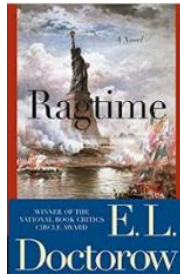


Sandfiddler
8:00 am

March 1

Rag Time

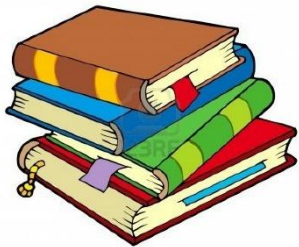
By E.L. Doctorow



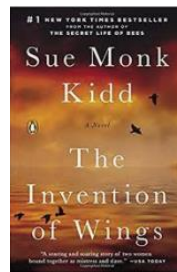
Mary's
7:30 am



ADELANTE BOOK GROUP



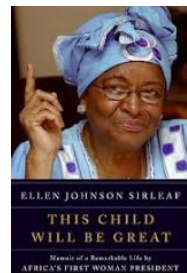
March 22



The Invention of Wings
By Sue Monk Kidd

Hostess: Dana

May 24

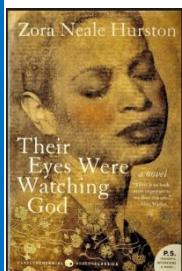


This Child will be Great: Memoir of A Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman President
By Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Hostess: Sally

EVENING BOOK CLUB

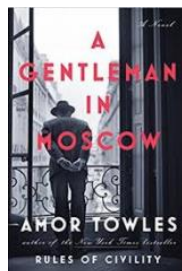
February 13



Their Eyes Were Watching God
By Zora Neale Hurston

Linda Todd will review and meeting will be at Susan Wagner's house at 4:30.

March 13



A Gentleman in Moscow
By Amor Towles

Mary Delaney will review and meeting will be at Karen Perkins' house at 4:30.



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Our January branch meeting took us to WHRO where Branch members listened intently to Brian Cannon, Executive Director of OneVirginia 2021 as he presents on the topic of gerrymandering. The informative presentation was followed by a sumptuous salad luncheon.

Mark your calendars!!

Sat., February 17- Branch Meeting
Wed., February 21- Board Meeting
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

Branch members host a private reception for the cast and crew of the play “And Then There Were None” by Agatha Christie at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach.

