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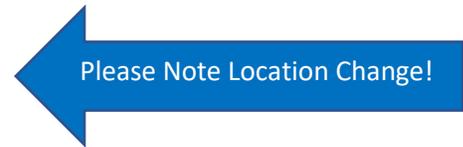
April Branch Meeting

Wednesday, April 11, 2018

6:30 pm for socializing

7:00 pm meeting

Location: Marian Manor
5345 Marian Lane
Virginia Beach VA 23462



THIS MONTH IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

April 19, 1977 – Fifteen women in the House of Representatives form the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues



Margaret Heckler
Co-founder

Elizabeth Holtzman
Co-founder



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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!



PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

We're into the fourth month of the year—and that means we're **finally** creeping up on Equal Pay Day. It is on April 10 this year, and it is a symbolic date to mark when working women's pay catches up to men's from the previous year. As we all know, the gender pay gap is a primary issue for AAUW, and it is one that the organization has been working on for years. In fact, as early as 1922, AAUW's legislative program called for a reclassification of the U.S. Civil Service and a repeal of salary restrictions in the Women's Bureau.

Despite Congress enacting the Equal Pay Act in 1963, the gender pay gap persists. In Virginia, women working fulltime are paid an average of 78 cents for every dollar paid to men. And, if you think 78 cents is bad, African American women make a mere 59 cents and Latina women make only 52 cents for every dollar a white man makes. A lifetime of lower pay burdens women's retirement savings, economic opportunities, access to healthcare and overall quality of life.

According to a study by the Institute of Women's Policy Research, the pay gap in the United States will not close until 2059. But, if you take a deeper dive into the data, each state has its own projected year for the pay gap to close. In Virginia, it's 2075.

Equal Pay Day is an opportunity to draw attention to the gender pay gap and call for legislative action. Please, take a moment of your time this month and do your part to fight for fair pay. [Visit this page](#) of the AAUW website, type in your address, and send the auto-generated messages to your representatives. It only took me one minute to take action!

Kaitlin

2018 NATIONAL BYLAWS AMENDMENT VOTE

The AAUW National Board of Directors has voted to put three proposals for bylaws amendments before the membership for a vote this spring.

The first two proposals would bring AAUW's board governance structure more in line with nationally accepted nonprofit best practices and the needs of the organization. The third proposal — to eliminate the degree requirement for membership — has come before the membership for vote a number of times. The board feels strongly that while the degree requirement made perfect sense at AAUW's inception, this requirement is now perceived by many as counter to our mission and limits our ability to build the capacity needed to increase our impact as an organization.



Voting will open on April 25, 2018, and close June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET. Find more information here: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/>

Membership Matters!



Well, it's time to think about what AAUW means to you. Maybe it's sisterhood with folks to enjoy and laugh with, book club, movie sisters, our unique international dining together, and, seriously, consider you are part of the powerful wave of support for women and girls in Virginia Beach. What springs to your mind when you think AAUW? Is it Pay Equity Day at Virginia Wesleyan, voter registration events at local colleges, STEM4Girls #5, community outreach giving books to at risk children, and *Pennies for Prescriptions* providing prescriptions for the uninsured through the Beach Health Clinic, supporting national's legal advocacy fund or...?

It is time to continue your commitment to whatever you most appreciate American Association of University Women Virginia Beach branch. Celebrate spring and renew your membership for June 2018-July 2019 at \$88 (National Dues /\$59, state/ \$15, and branch/\$14). You can join at any branch meeting with cash, check, or card. Or mail your payment to Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451.

Tell your friends they can join at an AAUW VB public event at half national price under *our Shape the Future Campaign!* Their total would be national \$29.50 (\$59*50%) + state/\$15+branch/\$14 for a total of \$58.50. Give them one of our business cards in case they need more information!

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. Let us know if you'd like to zip into Zip Sisters. Encouraging our less active members with a phone call could spark interest in a more active membership. Details coming!

Our Directory Update was emailed to the branch February 18th. I hope you checked your information and will email me any additions or corrections!

Membership VP's: Kathleen Stasulis and Sally Pattison-Cisna. Contact info in *SandScript's* board list.



HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO:

Herta Okonkwo April 16

PUBLIC POLICY

The new federal budget law just passed includes some good news for AAUW's goals: investment in vital programs like Pell grants, additional funds for the Office for Civil Rights at the Department of Education, and funding left intact for health care and reproductive health programs that serve millions of women nationwide.

However, it failed to include an extension of the Deferred Action for Childhood Arrivals program. AAUW encourages us to [keep the pressure on your members of Congress to enact a clean DREAM Act.](#)

The Virginia House of Delegates passed the bill accepting Medicaid expansion funds from the federal government, which is excellent news for Virginia. However, because the Senate budget bill did not include it, the two houses went into a special session to continue discussion, but chances of passing are very low.

Over 80% of Virginians support an expansion, a December poll showed.

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

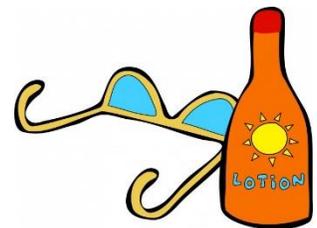
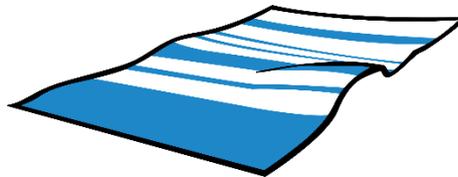
Donations can be made directly to the scholarship fund using the branch donation form. The form is available on the branch's website and will be available at branch meetings. For your convenience, a space for memoriam donations has been added to the form. This way your donation intentions will be clear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

Tammie Rice

Linda Todd Scholarship Chair

CALL FOR BASKET ITEMS

The AAUW of Virginia Conference will be held in Portsmouth April 20-22. Each branch is being asked to contribute a basket. The theme for our basket will be the beach. Please consider donating something beach themed to add to our basket at the April branch meeting.



P.S. Don't forget to register!!!!



Inspire-Virginia has asked AAUW Virginia to work with them in their high school voter registration activities throughout the state. They are part of Inspire U.S., which is a nonpartisan nonprofit group that works to empower young people to register and turn out to vote through peer-to-peer voter registration and get-out-the vote efforts. **More information about their program can be found at www.inspire-usa.org.** The League of Women Voters has also been collaborating with Inspire-Virginia.

Pennies for Prescriptions - \$15 for 15 years

This is 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.

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



SAVE THE DATE



AAUW Virginia Beach Branch May Banquet
May 16, 2018
Virginia Beach Resort Hotel at 2800 Shore Drive.
6pm Meet and Greet ♦ 6:30pm Dinner

The cost is \$26.00 for a buffet supper and a cash bar.
Menu: Garden Salad, Sliced Sirloin, Lemon Sage Chicken with Artichoke Hearts, Oven Roasted Potatoes, Southern Style Green Beans, Fresh Rolls, Coffee, and Tea.

Please, bring your payment to our Branch Meeting. You can deliver your checks/cash to Tammie Mullins-Rice. Checks should be payable to AAUW Virginia Beach with reference to May 2018 Banquet in the memo. Please RSVP by April 30th and all payments are due by May 9th.

Our scholarship recipients will be joining us!

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*.

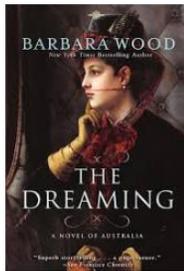
Click [here](#) to register today!!!!

MORNING BOOK GROUP

April 5

The Dreaming

By Barbara Wood



Classic Diner
7:30 am

May 3

The Delancey Sisters First Hundred Years



By Sarah
Delaney, Elisabeth
Delaney with Amy
Hill Heath

Pop's Diner
7:30 am

June 7

The Circle

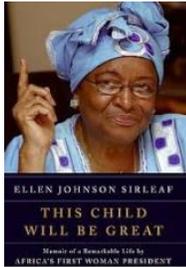
By Dave Eggers



Dish
7:30 am

ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

May 24



*This Child will be
Great: Memoir of A
Remarkable Life by
Africa's First Woman
President*

By Ellen Johnson Sirleaf

Hostess: Sally

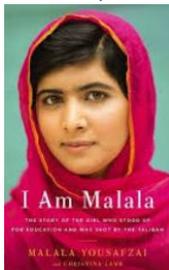


EVENING BOOK CLUB

April 10

I am Malala

By Malala Yousafzai, Christina
Lamb, Patricia McCormack

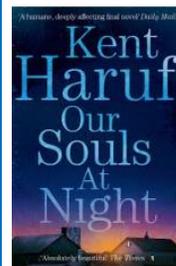


June Lam will review
and meeting will be at
Jane Martin's house
at
7:00 pm

May 8

Our Souls at Night

By Kent Haruf



Ann Rowan will
review and meeting
will be at Louise
Wild's house at
7:00 p.m.

June 12

Meeting will be at Fran
Adams's house at 7:00 p.m.

Deciding book choices for
next season.

ANNOUNCEMENT:

◆◆◆The International Dining Group will no longer meet.◆◆◆

AAUW VIRGINIA BEACH BOARD

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This year we had OVER 100 girls participate!!!



STEM4Girls



**Mark your
calendars!!**

Tues., April 10- Equal Pay Day
Wed., April 11 – Branch Meeting
Fri., April 20- Sun., April 22- AAUW of Virginia Conference
Wed., April 25- Board Meeting
Wed., May 16 – Banquet
Dates subject to change.



Virginia Beach (VA) Branch

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