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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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March Branch Meeting

Wednesday, March 21, 2018

6:30 pm for socializing

7:00 pm meeting

LEE ELLEN KNIGHT

Women, the Environment,
and Climate Change

Based on five years of experience in designing and teaching, Lee Ellen Knight will offer ideas about the ways the environmental issues intersect with women's lives—from our food, to our personal care products, to pollution, to the overarching effects of climate instability. Increasing historical understanding of the activism in ecofeminism and environmental justice can help us feel a sense of personal agency in addressing environmental challenges.

Lee Ellen Knight holds a BA from Goucher College and an MA from Old Dominion University.

Location: ODU/NSU Virginia Beach Higher Education Center
1811 University Drive
Virginia Beach VA 23453
(Parking Lot 3)
Room 244



PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

Last month, we heard from a wonderful speaker at our branch meeting, Edna Hawkins Hendrix. She's an esteemed historian who has made multiple contributions in chronicling the history of blacks in Princess Anne County. I really enjoyed hearing the tidbits of history she has uncovered and learning more about our local history.

The branch board puts a lot of time and effort into organizing informative and interesting programs for our members. Let's not forget that membership with AAUW means you are part of a community dedicated to changing the climate for women and girls.

Your participation in branch meetings and activities makes AAUW's powerful voice even stronger.

If you have suggestions to make branch programs more appealing to you, please let me know. And, we would love to have your voice on our branch board.

Kaitlin

THIS MONTH IN WOMEN'S HISTORY



March 31, 1888 – The National Council of Women of the U.S. is organized by Susan B. Anthony, Clara Barton, Julia Ward Howe, and Sojourner Truth, among others, the oldest non-sectarian women's organization in the U.S. (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!



Wow, here we are in March 2018! Our daffodils woke early and are nodding in the breeze. I found a crocus and a hyacinth winking at me last week! I suggest they go back to bed but they just don't listen.

Wish more of you had been at our February branch meeting. If you did not come, you missed one of our best programs yet! Regretfully, only nine attended. Hoping *you will* commit to our March meeting!

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! Please, update your directories for:

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Karen Perkins	
Birthday	March 7
College/University	Old Dominion University Illinois Benedictine University
Degree(s)	ODU: BA in Mathematics IBU: Graduate Certificate in Organization Development

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

Congratulate
our Members
with March
Birthdays!



Ann Rowan	March 1
Jeanette Olson	March 3
Lynn Feigenbaum	March 4
Karen Perkins	March 7
Patty Smith	March 13

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



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.



Members can comment on the proposed amendments and submit their own proposals from February 22, 2018, through March 22, 2018, at 11:59 p.m. ET. 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/>

SUPPORT VIRGINIA BEACH EDUCATION FOUNDATION BEACH BAGS PROGRAM

At our March meeting, we will be collecting food to donate to the Virginia Beach Education Foundation Beach Bags program. This program provides shelf-stable meals and healthy snacks to students who might otherwise go hungry during weekends. This program only accepts specific food items, so please only purchase items listed below:

- Small, individual cereal boxes or bowls

- 8oz. shelf stable milk **most needed item**

- Shelf stable main course items, including ravioli, spaghetti and meatballs, beef stew, chicken and dumplings, tuna/chunk chicken, chunky soups, macaroni and cheese

- 4oz. or larger fruit cups

- 4oz. or larger 100% juice

- Snack items, including granola bars, toaster pastries, cereal bars, pudding cups, raisins



We'll be contributing the items we collect to the food drive being held by the Virginia Beach Education Foundation in support of Beach Bags on March 22.

OPPORTUNITIES

TCC, Virginia Beach, has asked us to staff two voter registration tables in March: one during the week of March 11 and one the week of March 18. These will be during the day (from 11 - 1). They can be arranged around your schedule! ***Please call Sally D. at 495-4349 to volunteer.***

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 Prescription - \$15 for 15 years

Our "\$15 for 15" campaign is paying off and it is enjoyable to watch those numbers climb. Last month, an additional \$35 was contributed bringing our total donations to \$252. 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.



Christine Medlin

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.

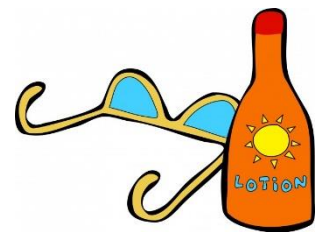
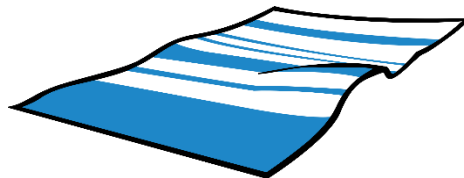
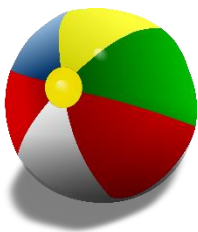
Tammie Mullins-Rice, Treasurer

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.

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 March branch meeting.





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*.

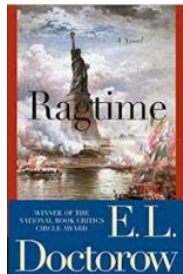
Click [here](#) to register today!!!!

MORNING BOOK GROUP

March 1

Rag Time

By E.L. Doctorow

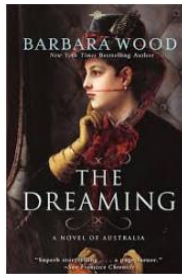


Mary's
7:30 am

April 5

The Dreaming

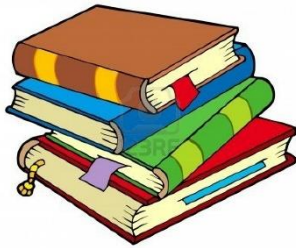
By Barbara Wood



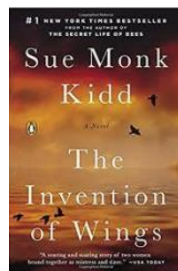
Classic Diner
7:30 am



ADELANTE BOOK GROUP



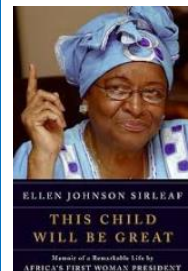
March 22



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

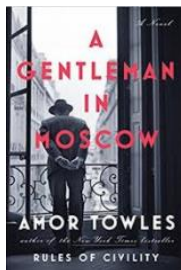
Hostess: Sally

EVENING BOOK CLUB

March 13

A Gentleman in Moscow

By Amor Towles

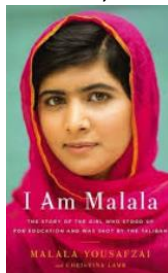


Mary Delaney will review and meeting will be at Karen Perkins' house at 4:30 pm

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



Where Were You?

Edna Hawkins was guest speaker at our February 17, 2018, Branch meeting. She is a historian and the author of "Black History Our Heritage: A Pictorial History of Princess Anne County and Virginia Beach, Virginia." One would think this topic would be of interest to us since this is our home and history. We received notice of this in our newsletter and a reminder that it was a 10:00 start time a few days before the meeting.

Nine AAUW members attended this meeting! According to our latest directory update, our Branch has fifty-five members. So, approximately seventeen percent of our members attended. I realize we are all busy and are often away on Saturdays, but I've also noticed a trend. It seems more and more members attend just one activity and never, or rarely, attend Branch meetings. For example, some attend only one of the book groups or dining group or Little Theater. While all of our activities are important, it just seems to me that we should be supportive of our officers and programs as a joint activity. Otherwise, why join AAUW?

I don't mean to step on anyone's toes (I've certainly missed meetings myself), but it concerns me the direction we seem to be taking. I realize the day and time and location of meetings changes from month to month, and I agree that this is not good. I miss the days when we always met at 7:00 at Central Library, but we have changed. I simply found it embarrassing that a woman was invited to speak to us and so few came. I can only imagine what she thought. I know what I would have thought.

--Linda

**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!

AAUW VIRGINIA BEACH BOARD

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Members participate on The Hampton Roads Show to share information about STEM4GIRLS!

Mark your calendars!!

Sat., March 10 – STEM4GIRLS
 Wed., March 21- Branch Meeting
 Wed., March 28- Board Meeting
 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.

MEMBER RECOGNITION

Congratulations to Tammie Mullins-Rice, who was honored with an Image Award by the Seatack Civic League last month!



Virginia Beach (VA) Branch

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