Virginia Beach (VA) Branch

MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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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.

There is still time to join us! Deliver your check/cash to Tammie Mullins-Rice. Checks should be payable to AAUW Virginia Beach with reference to May 2018 Banquet in memo. Payment due May 9, 2018.

Our scholarship recipient will be joining us.

THIS MONTH IN WOMEN'S HISTORY

May 29, 1977 – Janet Guthrie became the first woman to qualify for and complete the Indy 500 car race.





PRESIDENT'S PONDERINGS

It's hard to believe that I am wrapping up my year as president of our branch. I have had a lot of fun, and I've learned a lot along the way! For me, one of the highlights of the year was STEM4Girls. There's nothing quite like being in a room with more than 100 girls who are excited to learn something new! I also really enjoyed Equal Pay Day at Virginia Wesleyan University. We certainly fired up some young women to seek equity when it comes time for them to negotiate their first salary.

Of course, we could not have had such a successful year without my fellow board members. And, I want to appreciate each of you for all the time and energy you have given to AAUW. I am looking forward to continuing to work with everyone in a different role next year.



It's hard to believe a whole year has passed since this photo was taken at last year's May Banquet!

But, the year is not quite over yet! I hope to see you at our May Banquet so that we can celebrate the wonderful year we've had making waves of change for women and girls.

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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.

Now open through June 9, 2018, at 9 p.m. ET. Find more information here: <u>https://www.aauw.org/resource/national-election/</u>

Membership Matters!

There are so many reasons to love AAUW. What's your favorite? Is it the community involvement including voter registration events at local colleges? Pennies for Prescriptions providing prescriptions for the uninsured through the Beach Health Clinic, supporting REACH by giving books to at risk children, or working on STEM4Girls to motivate middle school girls to try something new? Perhaps it's the social groups like movie sisters, book clubs, or dining groups where we get together with friends to have fun and share a common experience? Even our fundraising events like Little Theater of Virginia Beach and Paint N' Sip are fun.

Now is the time to renew your support for AAUW for June 2018-July 2019. Bring your check, card or cash to the May banquet and Tammie will take care of you. Total dues are \$88 which includes National dues of \$59, state of \$15, and branch of \$14. If you are not coming to the banquet, just mail your payment to Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23451.

Did you know that two of our members have been supporting AAUW for 50 years? Our congratulations go to Jo-ann Clegg and Herta Okonkwo who are Lifetime Honorees and have earned the right to never pay dues again. Jo-ann and Herta both joined on June 1, 1968. Congratulations, Ladies!!

Have you signed up to be a Zip Sister yet? Encourage our less active members in your zip code with a phone call or a special invitation to a meeting or other event. They live in your zip code neighborhood and probably just need some encouragement to join in on the fun. Let us know if you are interested, and we will get you started.

See you at the banquet!

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

HAPPY SUMMER BIRTHDAY TO:

Theresa Nock	June 16	
Linda Todd	July 2	
Alice Forest	July 14	
Lorrie Ames	July 15	
Tammie Mullins-Rice	July 22	
Nancy Sloan	July 22	
Sally Daniel	August 11	
Mary Rau	August 26	
Leslie Tourigny	August 30	



Leaders of AAUW Virginia Beach July 1, 2018–June 30, 2019

Please, welcome and congratulate our new duly elected and appointed officers for our next yearly round of making waves to support women and girls in Virginia Beach!

Thanks	Meet our new leaders. Join the teamand the fun!!!
President:	Neola Waller
President Elect:	To be filledby you?
Program Vice President:	Sally Daniel
Recording Secretaries	
Branch: Board:	Carole Szetela Louise Wild
Little Theater of Virginia Beach	Marianne Stanley
College/University Chair	Yuying Shen
VBCPS Food Beach Bags for at Risk Children	Kaitlin Smith
VBCPS School Supplies for at Risk Children	Lynn Zoll
Holiday Luncheon	To be filledby you? Just responsible for set-up and favors, if needed.
May Banquet	To be filledby you? Just responsible for set-up and door prizes, if needed.
Linda Todd Scholarship Chair:	Kaitlin Smith
Public Policy Co-chairs:	Jeanette Olsen and Barbara Woodley

As you see, we still have positions to fill and entreat each of you to consider your schedule and your commitment to the missions of AAUW VB. Please, take a few minutes to ask yourself if you can give us a few hours...literally in most positions...to help keep our branch not only alive but thriving! We need YOU!!!

Come help! Contact Sally P at 757.340.2829 or pattisonsj@gmail.com.

Thank you to Virginia Beach Branch Member Barbara Woodlee for accepting the nomination of Southeast District Representative for AAUW of Virginia. She was voted in at the conference last month.

STEM4Girls

For the past five years, the Virginia Beach Branch has planned and implemented a STEM-oriented day for girls. We had just at 70 girls that first year—growing to just over 100 this year. Each year has been a little different—with different workshops (although many of our workshop leaders return each year with enthusiasm) and with different participants (girls and their adults). However, one thing has remained constant: the enthusiasm of the participants. Each year we receive comments like these received this year:

From the girls:

"I loved the program and would definitely come back." "I really learned a lot more about career opportunities for the future."

"STEM4Girls really made me realize that girls can do anything that guys can do and maybe even more."

From the adults:

'Thanks for putting this on this awesome program."

"Just fabulous! I want more! I hope we are doing this for all ages. Thank you."

"First time here and truly enjoyed it."

"I had a great time. Very valuable information. Thank you!"

"Loved hearing from the keynotes-very motivational for middle school girls."

"Thank you for putting on this event. It is so valuable to me, especially as a homeschooling parent/teacher!"

All in all, each member of the Virginia Beach Branch should be proud of this effort. We have changed lives of girls (and their parents!). Some of these girls have little support in choosing their futures—and we have been there to help. This is no small feat.

However, this endeavor takes work. And, although the ones of us who have been on the planning committee have learned ways to make the onerous task of planning STEM4Girls easier (we have many speakers, we have TCC who is willing to host us, we have a registration system), we just cannot continue to be the point people for the next year. We are willing to share the joy of this event with others (you!). We WANT to keep the event going—it means so much to the girls, their adults and our society—that we would hate to end. *But, to make that commitment, we need a minimum of 5 new members who are willing to serve on the planning committee*. I can assure you that there are jobs for everyone—including jobs that you can do from the comfort of your own home!

So, here's the challenge: ARE YOU WILLING TO WORK FOR THE GIRLS OF OUR COMMUNITY? ARE YOU WILLING TO STEP UP TO PUT ON STEM4GIRLS NEXT YEAR? If 5 people call Sally Daniel by May 20 to volunteer to work on the planning committee, we'll put it on our schedule for next year. If not, we'll notify TCC and the organizations who have helped us in the past that 2018 was the last year.



MORNING BOOK GROUP



ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

EVENING BOOK CLUB

<mark>May 24</mark> This Child will be Great: Memoir of A Remarkable Life by Africa's First Woman	<u>May 8</u> <i>Our Souls at Night</i> By Kent Haruf	June 12 Meeting will be at Fran
Fresident By Ellen Johnson Sirleaf By Ellen Johnson Sirleaf Hostess: Sally	Ann Rowan will review and meeting will be at Louise Wild's house at 7:00 p.m.	Adams's house at 7:00 p.m. Deciding book choices for next season.



Spring Renewal Tea before our April Branch Meeting





Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach





















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