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#### MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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Upcoming dates

September Branch Meeting
September 18, 2019
6:30 p.m. (social)
7:00 p.m. (meeting)

## Join us as we welcome Missy Cotter Smasal



The speaker for our September meeting is Missy Cotter Smasal, a candidate for State Senate District 8 (which encompasses much of Virginia Beach). She is opposing Bill DeSteph, who unfortunately was unable to accept our invitation due to Senate business.

Ms. Smasal served as an officer in the United States Navy and owned and operated a successful small business. She's a parent, coach, and volunteer, and has advocated for safety in Virginia Beach schools.

We welcome the chance to hear Ms. Smasal's stand on issues facing the Virginia State Senate. There will be a q & a time, so bring your questions (and family and neighbors!)

LOCATION: Sentara VB Hospital Campus at 1060 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Enter the parking lot closest to the Emergency Room. The building is separate from the hospital to the right of the ER entrance

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome to the start of the 2019-2020 year for the Virginia Beach Branch of AAUW. I am honored to have been selected to serve as your president this year, and I believe we have an exciting year ahead of us. AAUW has launched a Five Star National Recognition Program, and the board will be working hard to meet the goals to become a Five Star Branch. The program was designed to ensure that branches are working to advance AAUW's strategic plan, mission and goals. If you would like more information about what is required to become a Five Star Branch, the details are available on the national website. Anyone who has an interest in helping to plan activities for the upcoming year is encouraged to join our board in the position of President Elect or as our Diversity and Inclusion representative. Trust me, you will be amazed when you pull back the curtain and see our wizards (board members) at work.

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#### **Federal Lobby Day**

Federal Lobby Day will be Thursday, October 17, 2019. This is an exciting opportunity for our members to join AAUW's Lobby Corps on Capitol Hill to visit congressional offices in support of AAUW public policy priorities.

Logistical details and information on the subject of our lobbying will be forthcoming much closer to the actual date and that information will be provided to you as soon as we have it.

#### Did you know?

You can use AAUW's GEICO Benefit to Save Money and Advance Equity for Women and Girls

Because you're a member of AAUW, you could save money and give back to advance equity! When you simply call for a quote and mention AAUW, GEICO pledges to donate to us. To discover how much you could save, you can visit <a href="https://geico.com/org/AAUW">https://geico.com/org/AAUW</a>, call 800.368.2734, or schedule an appointment with your local agent.



# **Membership Matters**

Welcome back to a new year of making waves to support women and girls as members of AAUW Virginia Beach. We have considered a few recruitment and retainment ideas that we want to share.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership! Our branch membership is now up to 58 which reflects a 73 percent renewal. Congratulations! If you have not yet renewed, you can go online at AAUW.org, give Tammie your check at a meeting, or mail it to Tammie Mullins-Rice, 1010 Barnacle Ct., Virginia Beach, VA 23451. The annual dues are \$88 which includes national, state, and branch dues.

Bring A Friend is a recruitment program that we are continuing this year. The best way to get a new member is a referral from a current member. Bring a friend to a meeting so she can experience our group and learn about AAUW first hand. We announce our speakers in advance, so you can choose a program that will fit her interest. As an additional plus, you will get an extra ticket for bringing a visitor to a branch meeting, two more if she joins! Your extra tickets give you an edge to win a Holiday Gift Basket raffle or the May Banquet door prizes.

Zip Sisters also returns for 2019-20. Our Zip Queens contact members living close to them to remind their Zip Sisters of the upcoming meeting. If you need a ride, she will be able to suggest someone to call. Would you like to be a Zip Queen? Just let us know.

Speaking of needed a ride, if you know of a member who no longer drives and needs some help getting to meetings, please reach out to us so we can help her or help her yourself. We have had members tell us they are not renewing their membership because they can't get to meetings. They do not want to ask someone for fear of being a burden. Let's work together to help our members stay active.

We have expanded our Celebrations! feature to include special events along with birthdays. So, if you know a member who has a special anniversary, won an award, got married, had a baby or grandbaby, or other acclaim let us know so we can celebrate her special event.

#### **BRANCH MEMBERSHIP CHANGES:**

Bridget Hampson has moved to Florida and has decided to be a Member At Large. She wants all her VB Branch friends to know that she has always enjoyed her involvement in the group and thanks them for all the work they do for AAUW. You can email Bridget at hgh45@aol.com to stay in touch.

NEW ADDRESS Connie Davis The Talbot on Granby 6311 Granby Street #229 Norfolk, VA, 235025

# Happy Birthday

Daisy Smith Marianne Stanley June Lam September 3 September 10 September 11 BABY BIZ: Kathleen Stasulis is the proud grandmother of Cameron Ethan Stasulis, born July 30. WISH HER WELL! VeeVee Scott, new member, is having knee replacement surgery Sept 9<sup>th</sup>.

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#### **Donations and Donation Form**

As a friendly reminder, donations can be made at any time. The form is available on our website: <a href="https://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/fundraisers/donations/">https://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/fundraisers/donations/</a> or I will have forms at the meetings. The form allows you to make your intentions clear to the branch and proper notifications to be made. For your convenience, there is a space for AAUW funds, the Linda Todd Scholarship and also a space for memoriam donations. Thank you.

Tammie Rice, Branch Treasurer



SE District Meeting October 26, 2019 10:30am Meet & Greet 11am –12 pm Meeting 12pm Lunch

The meeting will be held at the Fairway Barbecue and Grill, which is part of the Newport News Golf Club at Deer Run. A box lunch will be available for \$13.00. The facility will provide coffee, tea, and cookies for our arrival. Our speaker will be Dr. Angela Spranger, a member of the Faculty at Christopher Newport University's Luter School of Business. Dr. Spranger has extensive experience researching, writing, and consulting about workplace issues. Her remarks for our meeting will focus on pay equity. Dr. Spranger is described as a very interesting and engaging speaker.

#### AAUW'S LEGACY CIRCLE'S NEWEST MEMBER

I am pleased to announce that the newest member of AAUW's Legacy Circle is our own Barbara Woodlee. With Barbara's membership, the Virginia Beach Branch now claims three Legacy Circle members, including Tammie Mullins-Rice and Neola Waller.

The Legacy Circle honors those donors who have expressed their commitment to the mission of AAUW by making a planned gift, such as a charitable gift annuity or through a bequest. It is because of Barbara's generous support and the support of others like her that the important work of AAUW will continue to empower women and girls for generations to come.

Neola Waller

Legacy Circle Team Member, Liaison to Maryland, North Carolina, South Carolina, Virginia, West Virginia, and Washington DC

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#### 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

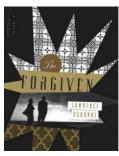
#### **BREAKFAST BOOK GROUP**

#### ADELANTE BOOK GROUP

#### October 3

The Forgiven

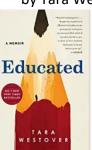
by Lawrence Osborne.





#### September 30

Educated, a Memoir by Tara Westover.

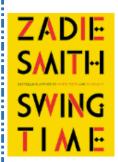


Carole Szetela

#### **EVENING BOOK CLUB**

#### September 10

Swing Time
By Zadie Smith



Hostess-Karen 7:00 pm

Reviewer -Linda

#### October 8

This Time Together Laughter and Reflection By Carol Burnett



Hostess-Jane 7:00 pm

Reviewer - Fran

#### **November 12**

Small Great Things
By Jodi Picoult



Hostess-Susan

4:30 pm

Reviewer - Theresa

# SUMMER PLANNING MEETING



# AAUW Virginia Beach Nominated Slate: July 1, 2019-June 30, 2020

POSITIONS ELECTED	OFFICERS	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PRESIDENT One Year	Jeanette Olsen	olsonej@verizon.net	757.427.5900
PRESIDENT ELECT One Year then to Presidency	TBD	-	
PROGRAM VICE PRESIDENT Two Years, elected in even years	Sally Daniel	swdaniel01@gmail.com	757.495.4349
MEMBERSHIP VP's Two Years, elected in odd years			
Co-Mmbrshp VP:	Kathleen Stauslis	stasulisss@hotmail.com	H: 757-486-5485 C: 757-576-5485
Co-Mmbrshp VP:	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj@gmail.com	H: 757.340.2829 C: 757.378.8527
FINANCE OFFICER Two Years, elected in odd years	Tammie Rice	tammieaauw@cox.net	757-630-7097
RECORDING SECRETARIES Two Years, elected in even years			
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Board Secretary	Louise Wild	mslouisew27@yahoo.com	H:757-422-1948
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AAUW Funds Chair 1yr	Neola Waller	wallerwn@wcbeach.com	757-217-2356
AutoBell Coupons	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj@gmail.com	757.340.2829
Bylaws Chair 1yr	Neola Waller	wallerwn@wcbeach.com	757-217-2356
College/University Chair 1yr	TBD	-	
Community Outreach Coordinators 1 yr			
Pennies for Prescriptions	Toni Lohman	tlohman@verizon.net	H: 757-463-9135
REACH	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj?@gmail.com	H: 757.340.2829
VBCPS Food Beach Bags for At Risk Children	TBD	-	
VBCPS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS	TBD	-	
Historian	Linda Todd	readertodd@cox.net	757-467-1119
Hospitality Chairs 1yr		-	
Branch Hospitality	Fran Adams	bikalot@cox.net	757-467-2775
Holiday Luncheon	TBD: Only set-up	-	
May Luncheon	TBD: Only set-up	-	
Linda Todd Scholarship Chair 1 yr	Linda Love	loveshacklj@hotmail.com	757.575.4555
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Publicity/Communications Chairs 1yr		-	
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# **AAUW Virginia Beach Calendar**

### September 2019- May 2020

Meeting Location from September-November 2019, on third Wednesdays at the Sentara Health Education Center

Sentara VB Hospital Campus at 1060 First Colonial Road, Virginia Beach, VA 23454. Enter the parking lot closest to the Emergency Room. The building is separate from the hospital to the right of the ER entrance.

#### September 18 Branch at 6:30

Missy Cotter Smasal, Democrat running for 2019 VA State Senate District 8

#### October 16 Branch at 6:30

**Nikki McCray-Penson** ODU Women's Basketball Coach, TN Vols player, Women's National Basketball Association

#### October 26 South District Meeting at 10:30 am

CNU Professor's experience seeking Pay Equity

#### November 20 Branch at 6:30

Program TBA

#### **December 7 Holiday Luncheon**

at The Butcher's Son at 1556 Laskin Road in the Hilltop East Shopping Center

#### Saturday, January Date TBD

Program TBA

#### Sunday, January 17, Superior Donuts

Little Theater of Virginia Beach, 550 Barberton Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 2345

#### Saturday, February Date TBD

Program TBA African American History

#### March 18, Branch at 6:30

Program TBA / Women's History Month

#### April 15, Branch at 6:30

Program TBA

#### **April 17-20, Virginia State Conference**

Focus: The 19th Amendment Holiday Inn and Suites in Alexandria, Old Town You can reserve your room now!

#### May 20, Time TBD

**Spring Banquet** 

Location TBA

Diversity Statement: In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.