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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

January Branch Meeting
Saturday, January 11, 2020
9:00 AM**

Join us as we welcome
Herta Okonkwo

The Season for Nonviolence is a yearly event celebrating the philosophies and lives of Mohandas Gandhi and Martin Luther King Jr. The event runs from January 30 to April 4. Herta will be explaining her promotion of the celebration in the Virginia Beach City Public Schools. Elementary and High Schools will be participating in various activities. Mayor Bobby Dyer will kick off the activities with a news conference on January 30.

****Join us as we share a Continental Breakfast. Please sign up for an item or two. [Sign-Up Genius](#)**

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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*Happy
New Year
2020*

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

A big thank you goes out to those of you who came to our annual holiday luncheon and to those of you who donated items for the basket raffle. The food was delicious, and the venue worked out well for our group, so a special thank you goes to Tammie Mullins-Rice for making all the arrangements. We were also fortunate to have a visit from Santa who strolled in to wish us all a Merry Christmas.

With the holidays behind us, it is time to start making plans for how you can help advance the mission of AAUW in the coming months. Here are a few suggestions:

- Buy a ticket to attend the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach performance of *Superior Donuts* on Sunday, January 26, 2020. The money raised from this event will go toward AAUW's Greatest Needs Fund.
- Plan to attend the 2020 Virginia State Conference in Alexandria, Virginia, on April 15-17, 2020. More information about the conference and how to book a room for your stay can be found on our website.
- Volunteer to help with activities planned for Equal Pay Day which is March 31, 2020.
- We are in the process of planning a STEM event at Tidewater Community College. Details are still being worked out, so you have time to offer suggestions for speakers or volunteer for the event.
- Of course, attending our monthly program is a way to stay involved with and educated on the issues that advance our mission. Please bring a friend or family member who may be interested in joining AAUW.

I would also suggest that you visit the national website and listen to the webinars that have been uploaded. Since AAUW will not be holding a national convention this year, these webinars provide members an opportunity to keep abreast of the issues on the national level. You will hear about the success of Work Smart and Start Smart and about the latest research report, limiting our Livelihoods, which addresses the cumulative effects of sexual harassment on the lives of women.

For those who may be interested, you can join VARatifyERA as they welcome back the 2020 General Assembly in Richmond on January 8, 2020. There will be a bus leaving out of Norfolk going to Richmond that day, and information about how to book a seat can be found on their website. On the evening of Tuesday, January 14, 2020, AAUW-VA's reception for women legislators will take place in Richmond, and State Lobby Day is scheduled for Wednesday, January 15, 2020. More information on these events can be found on the state website.

I'm looking forward to a successful and productive 2020.

Jeanette Olson

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 <https://geico.com/org/AAUW>, call 800.368.2734, or schedule an appointment with your local agent.



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS!

Happy New Year! January starts off with a delicious potluck breakfast at 9 AM on Saturday, January 11th at our usual VB Sentara meeting place. Our program starts at 9:30. The speaker will be our own Herta Okonkwo, talking about The Season of Non-Violence. This is a subject dear to her heart and will be most interesting. Do you have a friend who would enjoy the event? Please contact her now and bring her along.

Thanks to all for renewing your membership! We currently have 45 members, and we want to concentrate on getting new members. Keep up the good work and continue to invite your friends and acquaintances to our meetings. We have some great speakers lined up. Remember that any member who brings a guest to a meeting gets an additional raffle ticket at the May Banquet.

Our Zip Sisters program is going strong. You should receive a phone call from a member to remind you about the January meeting. Thanks to the members who volunteered to be Zip Queens who are doing the calling. If you are not getting called, please let Kathleen or Sally P know and we will get you on a list.

Would you be interested in spreading our message at a membership event? We have AAUW informational tables often and can always use a few more members to help us. Just contact Sally P or Kathleen for additional information.

Look for new faces at our meetings. If you see someone new at our meeting, please introduce yourself and start a conversation. Often that's all it takes to get a new member.

We hope you will join the bandwagon to help grow our membership. AAUW VB offers something for everyone: fun, friends, education, and most of all...



Making Waves to Empower Women and Girls in Virginia Beach

Membership VP's: Sally Pattison-Cisna and Kathleen Stasulis

CELEBRATIONS!!!!!!

Happy Birthday to:

June Lam	January 8
Inez Jones	January 8
Christine Medlin	January 8
Sally Pattison-Cisna	January 12
Fran Adams	January 17
Dottie Holtz	January 20
Jo-Ann Clegg	January 26



ARE YOU READY FOR JANUARY 26?

Days seem to be flying by, and January 26 will be here before we know it. Sunday, January 26, is the day of the annual theater party/Virginia Beach Branch fundraiser. Funds raised will support AAUW through the Greatest Needs Fund. This type of unrestricted funding gives us the most flexibility at the National level to respond to emerging threats to women's rights. The primary focus of public policy at the national level will be "Equal Pay for Equal Work" this year.

This year's play is a comedy, *Superior Donuts*, which focuses on conflict between different generations and cultures of two men looking ahead and reminiscing, offering different food choices and even updating the donut shop or keeping it as it is.



Tickets are still available at \$25 each. I won't be able to attend the January 11 branch meeting, but you may order yours on the 11th from Tammie Mullins-Rice and I will mail the tickets to you. Or you may order your tickets from me. Just make your checks payable to AAUW Virginia Beach.

Following the show, we branch members will host a reception for our guests and the cast. It's always fun to linger and talk about the show and to meet the actors. We are still in need of the following to make the reception as exceptional as it has been in the past. We need two bottles of red wine, two bottles of white wine, six finger-food appetizers and two desserts (cookies, brownies, fruit, for example). You will be able to sign up at the January 11 branch meeting or you may phone or email me to tell me of your intentions.

Early ticket sales have been phenomenal, and we hope those of you who haven't had an opportunity to get your tickets will join those of us who are planning on having an entertaining afternoon. The play will be at the Little Theatre of Virginia Beach on Sunday, January 26, at 2:30 pm. We hope to see you all there.

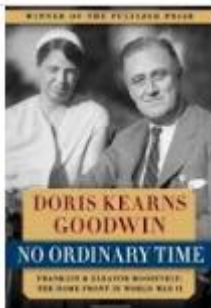
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EVENING BOOK CLUB

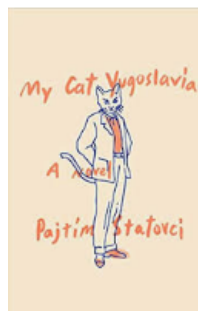
January

No Ordinary Time
by Doris Kearns Goodwin



March

My Cat Yugoslavia
by Pajtim Statovci



January 14

Killers of the Flower Moon
By David Grann



Hostess-Fran
4:30 pm

Reviewer - Jane

DECEMBER LUNCHEON



BOOK CLUB CELEBRATION



AAUW Virginia Beach Nominated Slate:

July 1, 2019 - June 30, 2020

POSITIONS ELECTED	OFFICERS	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
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May Luncheon	TBD	-	
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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

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Wednesday, January 15, VA AAUW State Lobby Day (tentative)

Sunday, January 26, Superior Donuts

Little Theater of Virginia Beach, 550 Barberton Dr, Virginia Beach, VA 23451

Wednesday, February 12, VA AAUW State Lobby Day (tentative)

Saturday, February 8, 9:00 am - Branch Meeting

Vivian Odon, Vice President for special Projects, Hampton Roads Community Foundation

Wednesday, March 18, 6:30 pm – Branch Meeting

Dassa Carvey shares experiences with a national organization of women

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.*



Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach