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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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September Branch Meeting September 16, 2020

7:00 p.m. (meeting)
Join us VIRTUALLY

Our topic will be "Good Things About the Pandemic." Our speaker will be ... US! Are you saying that this will be a short meeting? I think that we've all done some things during our "lock down" that we are happy to have done. I think that we've learned things...about ourselves and others that we are glad to have learned. And, I think that we can all learn ways of coping from other smart, capable women.

So, zoom on in at 7pm on 9/17 with your stories of how you've coped... what you've learned...and what you've done to survive this pandemic. You are bound to learn something. And, hopefully, our stories will encourage laughter (a great coping skill!)

Topic: AAUW Va. Beach Branch

Time: Sep 16, 2020 06:30 PM Eastern Time (US and Canada)

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88483477328?pwd=Q0xGSmNUc m1QbHp3cVJmRDZ0NmpEUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 8347 7328

Passcode: 152730

****Find out more about how to join the zoom meeting on page 4 of the newsletter

CLICK THIS LINK TO JOIN



Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Welcome back to what promises to be a unique year for AAUW and the Virginia Beach Branch. Until the COVID-19 virus is no longer a danger to our members, we will be holding our meetings virtually over Zoom. The branch has purchased an account with Zoom, and we can use it to hold branch, board, and book group meetings. The person in charge of hosting the meeting will send a link to click on in order to enter the meeting. The process is very simple, so don't hesitate to give it a try or ask for assistance needed.



Hooray! Hooray! As you may already know, our branch was the first in the state of Virginia to achieve five-star status! I am very proud of our branch and everyone who helped make this honor possible. In recognition of our achievement, the national office has arranged for our branch to have a virtual meeting with Kim Churches on September 8, 2020, at 3:30 p.m. An email was sent out with the link to register for the meeting, so please RSVP if you plan to attend.

On August 17, 2020, the national office sent an email to members regarding a potential increase in national dues and seeking any comments we may have on the options for implementation.

- A. An increase to take effect on July 1, 2021, of an amount between \$3 and \$10.
- B. An increase to take effect on July 1, 2021, of each of the next three fiscal years of between \$3 and \$10 each year.

Please consider these options. Any comments you may have regarding this issue can be emailed to me, shared during our branch meeting, or forwarded to the link provided in the email.

I look forward to seeing you all at our first branch meeting over Zoom.

Jeanette

Two-Minute Activist

Send emails and texts to your legislators to fight for equal pay, family leave, stopping sexual harassment, equality in education and more. Sign up to get regular alerts to be able to take timely action.

Click here to [sign](#) up today!



MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

Welcome back to a new year of making waves to support women and girls as members of AAUW Virginia Beach. Here's what we are planning for membership recruitment and retainment.

Thanks to all who have renewed their membership! Our branch renewed membership is now up to 43 which reflects a 90% renewal. Congratulations! If you have not yet renewed, you can go online at AAUW.org 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. Make your check out to AAUW Virginia Beach.

Once we are back meeting in person, we will continue the Bring A Friend recruitment program. 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 firsthand. 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 the Holiday Gift Basket raffle or the May Banquet door prizes.

Zip Sisters also returns for 2020-21. Our Zip Queens contact members living close to them to remind their Zip Sisters of the upcoming meeting. She will call to remind you of the meeting - whether it is in person or a Zoom event. If you need help, she will be able to suggest someone to call. Would you like to be a Zip Queen? Just let us know.

Remember: 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.

See you soon as we Zoom into a new year!

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CELEBRATIONS: HAPPY BIRTHDAY TO

Daisy Smith
June Lam

September 3
September 11



VOTING 2020

How do you encourage voter turn-out in the midst of a pandemic? Not being able to coordinate our usual voter registration drives necessitated some change in strategy. The Virginia Beach Branch decided that posting yard signs in members front lawns might remind people to vote. And, while we were at it, we tied voting in with the 100th anniversary of women's suffrage. We still have some signs left if you have a naked front yard. Call Sally D. at 495-4349 to get a free sign!



ZOOM INSTRUCTIONS FOR PARTICIPANTS

Before a videoconference:

1. You will need a tablet, smartphone, or computer that has a microphone and headphones. You will have the opportunity to check your audio immediately upon joining a meeting.
2. You will receive a link to the conference call. The notification will include a link to "Join via computer" It will also include the 10-digit (usually) Meeting ID.

To join the videoconference:

1. At the start time of your meeting, click on the link in your invitation to join via computer. You may be instructed to download the Zoom application.
2. You have an opportunity to test your audio at this point by clicking on "Test Computer Audio." Once you are satisfied that your audio works, click on "Join audio by computer."

You may also join a meeting without clicking on the invitation link by going to join.zoom.us on any browser and entering the Meeting ID provided.

VOTING OPTIONS AND DATES

The November 3, 2020, election may be one of the most critically important in our lifetimes. Given the COVID-19 Pandemic, many people may choose another voting option than that of voting at the polls on November 3, 2020. Critical dates for these options are listed below.

Check to see that your registration is current at <https://iwillvote.com> Last day to register to vote is October 13, 2020.

The period to request an Application for an Absentee Ballot by Mail has begun and will close on October 23, 2020, at 5:00 pm. Request your Absentee by Mail Ballot at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/>

The last day to request an Absentee Ballot IN-PERSON is October 31st at 5:00 pm.

Absentee ballots will be mailed to voters requesting them starting on September 18, 2020. Fill it out and send it back as quickly as you are comfortable in doing so. Absentee ballots must be postmarked by November 3, 2020.

Early Vote (Absentee in Person) begins September 19, 2020. Check with your local registrar to find early voting locations. You may contact <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot-in-person-voting/>.

The only Saturdays in October you can vote early are October 24th and October 31st. (Some localities may have more dates. Voters should check with their local registrars for those dates.)

Voting at the polls will begin at 6:00 am and conclude at 7:00 pm on November 3, 2020. You can find your local location by checking <https://iwillvote.com>

Emergency Absentee Voting is available at any time prior to 2:00 pm on the day preceding the election if you were unable to meet the Vote by Mail application date for any of the following reasons:

- your hospitalization or illness;
- the hospitalization, illness, or death of a spouse, child, or parent; or
- other emergency found to justify receipt of an emergency absentee ballot.

If you requested an absentee ballot but decide to vote in person, take your ballot AND the envelope with you to your registrar's office in order to be able to vote in person.

People who vote absentee in person or at their polling place on election day must present an ID. No longer must it be a photo ID, but they must have one of the IDs listed on ELECT website.

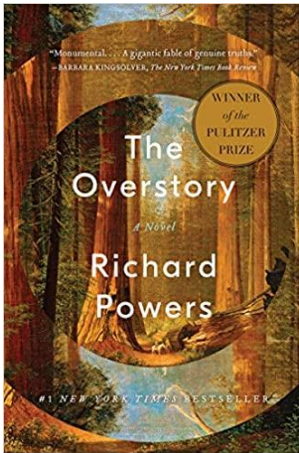
More information is available at <https://www.elections.virginia.gov/casting-a-ballot/absentee-voting/>

BOOK CLUBS

Breakfast Book Club October Read:

October 1st, likely on Zoom, at 8 am.

Please, let our leader, Connie Davis, know if you would like to participate by emailing her at conniedavis@cox.net



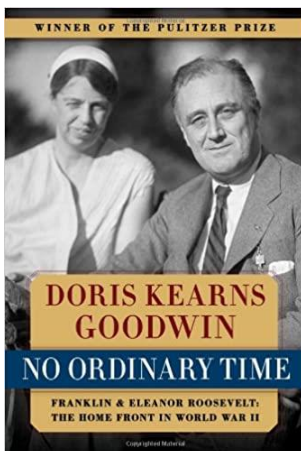
The Overstory A Novel by Richard Powers

The Overstory, winner of the 2019 Pulitzer Prize in Fiction, is a sweeping, impassioned work of activism and resistance that is also a stunning evocation of—and paean to—the natural world.

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize in Fiction
Winner of the William Dean Howells Medal
Shortlisted for the Man Booker Prize
Over One Year on the *New York Times* Bestseller List

Adelante Book Club September Read:

September 17th Please call Sally P for time and location: 757.340.2829.



No Ordinary Time: Franklin and Eleanor Roosevelt: The Home Front in World War II by Doris Kearns Goodwin, 1995. *No Ordinary Time* is a monumental work, a brilliantly conceived chronicle of one of the most vibrant and revolutionary periods in the history of the United States.”

Winner of the Pulitzer Prize for History

Evening Book Club September Meeting:

Evening Book Group will meet Tuesday, September 8, 2020, at 7:00 with ZOOM. Each participant is invited to briefly review a book she read this summer. A schedule of books and dates will be forth coming. Some of the books chosen for this year are:

Becoming by Michelle Obama
A Room with a View by E. M. Forester
The Forgotten Road by Richard Evans,
The Day the World Came to Town by Jim DeFede

All are welcome to join us.

Upcoming Events

September 16, 2020

7:00 Branch Meeting Virtual

September 23, 2020

6:30 Board Meeting

October 21, 2020

7:00 Branch Meeting Virtual

October 28, 2020

6:30 Board Meeting

November 18, 2020

7:00 Branch Meeting Virtual

November 25, 2020

6:30 Board Meeting

December 16, 2020

7:00 Branch Meeting Virtual

December 23, 2020

6:30 Board Meeting

January 20, 2021

7:00 Branch Meeting

January 27, 2021

6:30 Board Meeting

February 17, 2021

7:00 Branch Meeting

February 24, 2021

6:30 Board Meeting

March 17, 2021

7:00 Branch Meeting

March 24, 2021

6:30 Board Meeting

April 21, 2021

7:00 Branch Meeting

April 28, 2021

6:30 Board Meeting

May 19, 2021

7:00 Branch Meeting

May 26, 2021

6:30 Board Meeting



Fall Planning Meeting



AAUW Virginia Beach

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

POSITIONS ELECTED	OFFICERS	EMAIL	PHONE NUMBER
PRESIDENT One Year	Jeanette Olson	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 Vice Presidents Two Years, elected in odd years	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj@gmail.com	H: 757.340.2829 C: 757.378.8527
	Kathleen Stauslis	stauslisss@hotmail.com	H: 757-486-5485 C: 757-576-5485
FINANCE OFFICER Two Years, elected in odd years	Tammie Rice	tammieaauw@gmail.com	757-630-7097
RECORDING SECRETARIES Two Years, elected in even years			
Branch Secretary			
Board Secretary			
POSITIONS APPOINTED: 2019-2020			
AAUW Funds Chair One Year			
LTVB			
AutoBell Coupons	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj@gmail.com	757.340.2829
Bylaws Chair One Year	Neola Waller	wallerwn1@gmail.com	757-217-2356
College/University Chair One Year	TBD	-	
Community Outreach Coordinator(s) One Year			
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	Lynn Zoll	lzollpsy@gmail.com	W: 757.636.1229
	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj@gmail.com	H: 757.340.2829
Historian	Linda Todd	readertodd@cox.net	757-467-1119
Hospitality Chairs One Year		-	
Branch Hospitality	Fran Adams	Bikalot@Verizon.net	757-467-2775
Holiday Luncheon	TBD:	-	
May Luncheon	TBD	-	
Linda Todd Scholarship Chair One Year	Linda Love	loveshacklj@hotmail.com	757.575.4555
Newsletter Editor One year	Patricia Smith	fislarsmith@hotmail.com	(H)757-646-3946
Public Policy Co-Chairs One year	Barbara Woodlee	barbarawoodlee@gmail.com	207.649.9711
Publicity/Communications Chairs One Year		-	
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Facebook			

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