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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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November Branch Meeting

November 18, 2020

6:30 chat

7:00 p.m. (meeting)

Join us **VIRTUALLY**



Liz White, the Executive Director of OneVirginia2021 Foundation, will be our speaker at our November 18 meeting. This foundation promotes nonpartisan redistricting reform in the Commonwealth of Virginia through research, analysis, and education.

The Foundation conducts research into the advantages and disadvantages of proven redistricting methods, generates nonpartisan analysis of the issues, and makes the results of both available to the public for educational purposes.

As we know, a gerrymandering amendment is (was) on the November 3 ballot this year. At the time of this newsletter, no results were known. AAUW has endorsed efforts to end gerrymandering. Come and learn what Virginia has done and what our next steps are.

Topic: Gerrymandering

Time: October 21, 2020

06:30 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88483477328?pwd=Q0xGSmNUcm1QbHp3cVJmRDZONmpEUT09>

Meeting ID: 884 8347 7328

Passcode: 152730

****Find out more about how to join the zoom meeting on page 3 of the newsletter

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AAUW Stands Against Racism

June 1, 2020

The following is a statement from AAUW CEO KIMBERLY CHURCHES

AAUW joins the country in mourning the losses of George Floyd, Ahmaud Arbery, Breonna Taylor and countless other people of color who have been unjustly killed across our nation. Our country needs healing. But healing will only come with justice. As an organization we condemn racism.

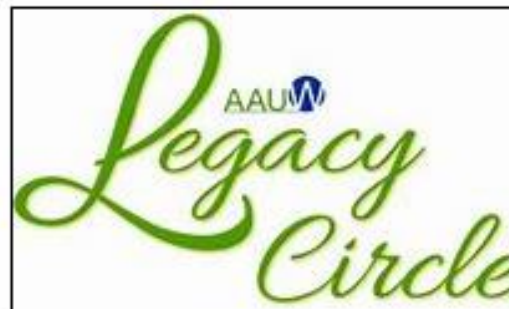
Systemic racism is firmly rooted in the U.S. and today's injustices mirror our shameful history — from police brutality to the disproportionate impact of COVID-19 on communities of color. There can be no justice or equality when Black and Brown communities are seen as less deserving of basic human and civil rights.

On behalf of our 170,000 members and supporters, we commit to fighting for justice, long-term and lasting change, and we stand in solidarity against racism. We also acknowledge that as an organization we have our own work to do.

And, as a member of the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights, we will work to advance the policies and systemic changes identified in the [New Era of Public Safety: A Guide to Fair, Safe, and Effective Community Policing](#) and [Vision for Justice](#) platform.

AAUW Legacy Circle

I invite you to join AAUW's Legacy Circle, especially if you have been an AAUW member for some time or have served as a branch officer. By making a planned gift to AAUW national, you become a member of the **AAUW Legacy Circle** and affirm your commitment to women and girls. Planned gifts expand AAUW's programs and public policy agenda by providing for future generations. There are a variety of vehicles for planned gifts, including your will, IRA, trust, charitable annuity, etc. To learn more, contact Heather Miller at millerh@aauw.org. Join your fellow branch members Tammie Mullins-Rice, Neola Waller and Barbara Woodlee in the Legacy Circle!



Kristin Moyer, Legacy Circle Liaison, kcmoyer65@gmail.com

MEMBERSHIP MATTERS

November 2020



Greetings, AAUW Virginia Beach! We hope you and yours are doing well. We Zoomed into our October branch meeting for an excellent introduction to mayoral candidates, Jody Wagner and Bobby Dyer. Nineteen members and three guests attended. The candidates answered many questions from our always inquiring members. Thanks, to Sally D for bringing us an excellent, informative, and very practical program.

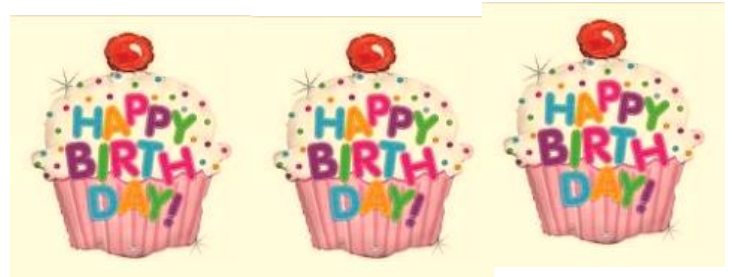
Our Practice Zoom Meeting the Monday before helped some members attend our branch meeting. Remember to invite others to our Zoom meeting by sharing page one of this *SandScript* with the link and passcode for our November branch meeting. Four Zoom Guides have volunteered to help anyone who requires Zoom skills. Please, let us know if you would appreciate their services!

Please, update your phone data for Ginny Werner. Her phone number now is 757-642-3973.

Happy Birthday to:

Ginny Werner November 8

Linda Love November 14



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.



Help integrate our AAUW missions

1. to educate
2. To advocate for diversity for indigenous, brown, and black children.

Thanks, to member Chris Medlin for suggesting this **new component of our donations to REACH during the holidays**. Chris proposed that AAUW VB continue our book donations to REACH/Reading Enriches All Children Hampton Roads: <https://www.reachreads.org/> with a bit more depth. Chris pointed out *that non-white children often express a desire to find a story with characters who look like them*. We can help with that. Let us provide these children books about indigenous, brown, or black children or books written by indigenous, brown or black authors. REACH not only reads to children but, also, gives each child a book. The books we donate will give an indigenous, brown, or black child a book with characters who look like them!

Please, follow the steps below to fulfill these children's wishes while, also, improving and continuing AAUW VB's missions to educate and advocate for diversity: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/aauws-diversity-statement/>.

- Use **the instructions in this SandScript** issue to **order** books with the **Amazon site for AAUW**. This way, AAUW National receives a percentage of our sales. Of course, books from other sources are welcome, too.
- Visit one of the websites below to choose a book...or more! Click/Control or copy into your browser. **Feel free to choose used books** with ratings at good or good as new which, we hope, may allow you to buy more books.
- Have your books **delivered to Sally Pattison-Cisna**, 649 E. Coral Key, Virginia Beach, VA, 23452. She will deliver them to REACH. **Questions?** Call her at 757.340.2829 or email her at pattisonsj@gmail.com.

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AmazonSmile Program Details

AmazonSmile is a simple way for you to support your favorite charitable organization every time you shop, at no cost to you. AmazonSmile is available at smile.amazon.com on your web browser and can be activated in the Amazon Shopping app for iOS and Android phones. When you shop Amazon.com, you'll find the exact same low prices, vast selection and convenient shopping experience as Amazon.com, with the added benefit that AmazonSmile will donate 0.5% of your eligible purchases to the charitable organization of your choice. You can choose from over one million organizations to support.

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AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN Washington DC is an eligible charity.

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Pennies for Prescriptions

As most of you know our Pennies for Prescription outreach program now supports the efforts of the Beach Free Clinic. Our small but steady donations help the less fortunate in our community to stay on their medications. Last year we donated \$338.83, so far this year zip. Since Covid—19 has us meeting via zoom, we have been unable to have our monthly meeting collections. So we are asking if you had change you were planning to donate—could you count it out and mail a check to our treasurer, Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, VB 23451. Make all checks payable to AAUW. By making a difference in the community, everyone wins! **Thanks in advance your help.**



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!



Adelante Book Club

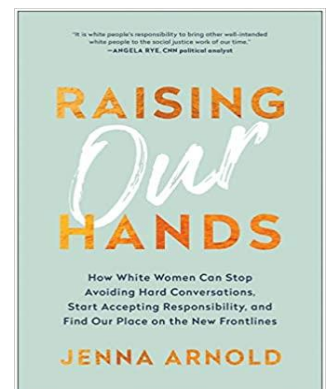
Zoom Meeting on November 19, 2020, 7-9 pm

White women are one of the most influential demographics in America—we are the largest voting bloc, with purchasing power that exceeds anybody else's, and when we unify to demand change, we are a force to be reckoned with.

Yet, so many of us sit idly on the sidelines, opting out of raising our hands to do, learn, and engage in ways that could make a difference. Why?

Let us know if you would like to join us!

Sally P: pattisonsj@gmail.com



AUTOBELL GIFT CARDS 2020-2021

This year's Autobell fund raising purpose is *AAUW National's Greatest Needs Fund*. When you buy Autobell gift cards you **provide unrestricted funding to help unleash unrestricted possibilities for women and girls.**

<https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/state-branch/how-to-support-aauw-through-fundraising/>

Spiff up your car or your family and friends' with gift card(s) for Auto Bell. Each gift card costs **\$20.00. \$10.00 of this cost goes to support AAUW VB.** Use your gift card towards any type of car wash. Autobell gift cards do not expire. Of course, these make useful holiday gifts!

Every Car Wash includes the following. Upgrades do more.

- Interior vacuum of carpets and seats
- Exterior wash including wheels
- Dash, door panel, and console wiped down
- Interior window cleaning
- Hand-dried



Use at any Hampton Roads or other locations:

<https://www.autobell.com/find-your-carwash>

- 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

Since branch meetings are not in person, there are two ways to purchase your cards.

1. **Complete the order form below** and mail with your check (\$20Xnumber of cards).
2. **Email Sally P/ pattisonsj@gmail.com.** Give her your name & address; how many cards you would like, and mail Tammie your payment. When Tammie receives your payment, Sally P. will mail you your gift cards(s).

Order form for Autobell Gift Cards

Name: _____

Phone Number: _____ Email: _____

Address: _____

Number of gift cards you are purchasing: _____ Total Paid: \$_____

Send your check to **Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451**. Please write the check to AAUW Virginia Beach and in the check's memo line write Autobell. We will mail your Autobell gift cards to you as soon as your payment is received.

Upcoming Events

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



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	Carole Szetela	karolka@verizon.net	H: 757-631-1805 C: 757-681-4191
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	Tammie Rice	tammieaauw@gmail.com	757-630-7097
May Luncheon	Tammie Rice	tammieaauw@gmail.com	757-630-7097
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			
Diversity and Inclusion Representative	Maria Kronenburg	makronstats@gmail.com	757-650-7112

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.*



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