

SANDSCRIPT



MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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Upcoming
Dates

March Branch Meeting (VIRTUAL)

March 17, 2021

6:30 chat

7:00 p.m. (meeting)

CLICK THIS LINK TO
JOIN

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86099516295?pwd=RTFnZHRPQmFZWlpwYWVgvaRaQUJUUT09>

by phone:

+1 301 715 8592 US

Meeting ID: 860 9951 6295

Passcode: 210738

Join us!

Where We've Been and Where We Could Go

Speakers: Us (with an attempt to moderate by Sally Daniel)

Even those of us in the AAUW sometimes forget why an organization is around to support women in college. We forget that a time--not so long ago--we were the distinct minority in college (now women compose over 50% of college students). We also forget that, even if college educated, women were excluded from certain professions. Although some of us have been conscious of gender discrimination in our lives--all of us have actually experienced such discrimination. Let's look back to see what we used to face (bring stories of your own personal experiences). And, let's look at what still needs to be done to eliminate biases against women that still exist.



Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

In honor of Women's History Month, I have found a piece written by Theodore Roosevelt that I hope you enjoy. As members of AAUW, we are all "in the arena."

Jeanette Olson

The Woman in the Arena

It is not the critic who counts; not the woman who points out how the strong woman stumbles, or where the doer of deeds could have done them better. The credit belongs to the woman who is actually in the arena, whose face is marred by dust and sweat and blood; who strives valiantly; who errs, who comes short again and again, because there is no effort without error and shortcoming; but who does actually strive to do the deeds; who knows great enthusiasms, the great devotions; who spends herself in a worthy cause; who at the best knows in the end the triumph of high achievement, and who at the worst, if she fails, at least fails while daring greatly, so that her place shall never be with those cold and timid souls who neither know victory nor defeat.

Theodore Roosevelt

Adapted from the speech "Citizenship In A Republic"

It is That Taxing Time of Year

The Association publishes the following in AAUW National Dues, Fees, and Tax Deductibility online. "AAUW national membership dues are \$59. Of that amount, \$56 is tax deductible [emphasis added] as a charitable contribution, and \$3 is not deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Lobby Corps and get-out-the- vote activities. AAUW National Life Membership is \$1,180 and is fully tax deductible. Note: Our Branch/state portions of dues are **not** tax deductible. Remember, the tax deduction relates specifically to the member's personal federal tax return for the dues allocated by AAUW to support the programs of our charitable 501(c) (3) organization. The IRS does not require receipts for tax-deductible dues or contributions of \$250 or less." Refer any questions to your tax advisor.

Tammie Mullins-Rice, Treasurer

And Some More on Tax Deductions

In addition to being able to deduct a portion of AAUW national membership dues on personal federal tax returns, all contributions to AAUW Funds or to any of the specific funds that are included within AAUW Funds (Legal Advocacy Fund, Educational Opportunities, Public Policy, Eleanor Roosevelt, and Leadership Programs) are fully tax deductible as a charitable gift on your personal federal tax return. Remember to refer any questions to your tax advisor.

MEMBERS MATTER

Greetings, AAUW Virginia Beach sisters! Kathleen and I hope you and yours are healthy and happy. We decided to **change our monthly *SandScript* column title from Membership Matters to Members Matter**. We want to shift the perception of our most important dynamic from ideas of numbers & structure to the incredibly unique gathering of truly special and uniquely different women who matter because of your particular selves, and our bond to contribute to our AAUW missions. Thus, *Members Matter*...

March is a mile marker in our AAUW Year. It is **time to renew your membership** for our July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022 year. Also, **as of March 16th**, national dues will increase to \$62. Adding state dues/\$15 and branch dues/\$14 our total for this year's membership to **\$91.00**.

There are **two ways to renew** your membership this year:

CHECK: Make your check to AAUW Virginia Beach for \$91. Mail it to our Finance Officer, Tammie Mullins Rice, 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451. In the memo line, please, write FY22 Membership Renewal.

ONLINE: log into the AAUW National Membership Database:

https://ww3.aauw.org/login/?redirect_to=/aauw_redirect/wp_redirect_msd.php. Check the menu for your personal page and pay with your credit card to purchase your new year's membership.

To clarify, dues paid through March 15th are at the \$59 rate but only renew membership through June 30, 2020. March 16th has always marked the point at which dues paid covers the full next AAUW year, July 1, 2021-June 30, 2022.

Celebrate with our March Birthday's as they welcome in their own, personal new year!

Happy Birthday to:



Ann Rowan: March 1

Jeanette Olsen: March 3

Lynn Feigenbaum: March 4

Patty Smith: March 13

Wishing you excellent health, lots of laughter, and learning things! Kathleen & Sally P.


Co-VP's of Membership: Kathleen: stasuliss@hotmail.com / 757.486.5485 & Sally: pattisonsj@gmail.com / 757.340.2829

LINDA TODD SCHOLARSHIP

Our 2021 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Virginia Beach Branch - **Linda Todd Scholarship** application is now live at <https://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/scholarship/>. Please share this scholarship information with contacts in Hampton Roads who may forward to eligible candidates.

The Linda Todd Scholarship

For Women Returning to College




The Linda Todd Scholarship honors a member of the Virginia Beach Branch of AAUW. She provided 18 years of outstanding service to the branch's scholarship program.

The Virginia Beach Branch of AAUW will award scholarships up to

\$1,000

and has awarded
57 scholarships,
totaling nearly
\$31,000
in previous years.

Now
accepting
applications



APPLY ONLINE <https://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net>

Applications accepted through **April 15, 2021**

SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Must be a woman who

- Is currently enrolled in an undergraduate program in Hampton Roads
- Has completed a minimum of 15 credit hours at an accredited two- or four-year institution
- Is at least 23 years old
- Is a resident of Virginia Beach
- Has returned to school after a lapse in time
- Has a minimum GPA of 3.0

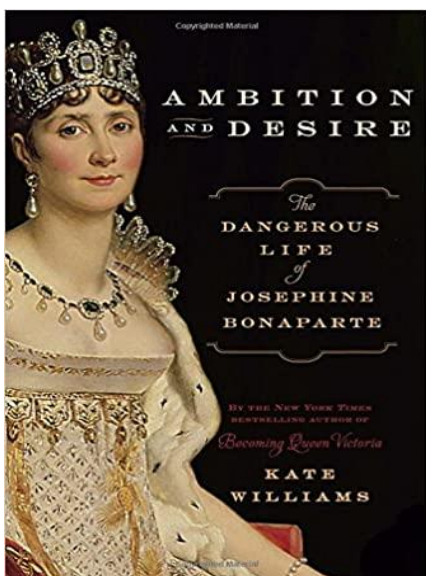
Scholarship Name	2021 American Association of University Women (AAUW) Virginia Beach Branch – Linda Todd Scholarship
Award Amount	\$1,000
Eligibility	This scholarship is offered to advance the education of women. Applicants should meet the following criteria: <ul style="list-style-type: none"> • Resident of Virginia Beach • At least 23 years old • Currently enrolled in an undergraduate program in Hampton Roads • Completed a minimum of 15 credit hours at an accredited 2- or 4-year institution • Returned to school after a lapse in time • Minimum GPA of 3.0
Deadline	April 15, 2021
Application	https://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/scholarship/
Contact	Linda Love at aauwofvb@cox.net (Please mention <i>Scholarship</i> in subject line.)



The American Association of University Women (AAUW) advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881.

ADELANTE BOOK CLUB

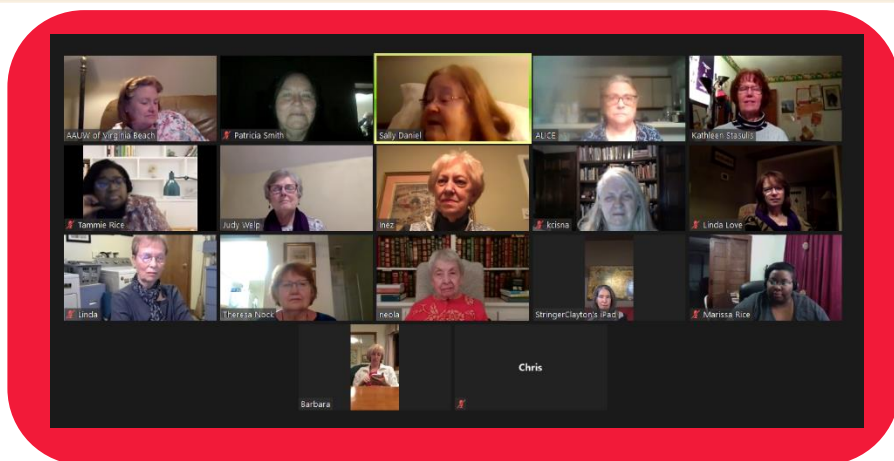
Adelante Book Club will meet on **March 29, 2021 at 7pm** on Zoom to discuss our reading of...



Ambition and Desire the Dangerous Life of Josephine Bonaparte

The extraordinary rags-to-riches story of the woman who conquered Napoleon's heart—and with it, an empire. Their love was legendary, their ambition flagrant and unashamed. Napoleon Bonaparte and his wife, Josephine, came to power during one of the most turbulent periods in the history of France. The story of the Corsican soldier's incredible rise has been well documented. Now, in this spellbinding, luminous account, Kate Williams draws back the curtain on the woman who beguiled him: her humble origins, her exorbitant appetites, and the tragic turn of events that led to her undoing.

Join us by emailing Sally P



February's Branch Meeting

Upcoming Events

March 13-15, 2021

Virtual State Conference

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



Remember the Days!
Hang in there! We will
return!
Movie Sisters
Reel-time!

I don't know about you but I really miss our movies together...but mostly seeing you as we enjoy the "silver screen" (wonder where that came from?) and your insightful comments...and other chat!...while we enjoy our coffee and share our treats.

Here is a little context for our movie pursuits. First, here are some Movie Sister qualifying shows you can stream from Netflix or Prime. Films qualify when women are significant in producing them. These all have women writers and most women directors. I will send an email with the synopsis and women contributors, but here are the titles and trailer links. Grab your favorite cuppa and enjoy!

- *The Dig*/Netflix: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi713015577?playlistId=tt3661210&ref=vp_rv_ap_0
- *Finding Ohana*/Netflix: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi3171467545?playlistId=tt10332588&ref=tt_ov_vi
- *Radioactive*/Prime: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi1577631257?playlistId=tt6017756&ref=tt_ov_vi
- *The Fits*/Prime: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2560078873?playlistId=tt4238858&ref=tt_ov_vi
- *What the Constitution Means to Me*/Prime: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi3062022425?playlistId=tt13096334&ref=tt_ov_vi
- *Selah and the Spades*/Prime: https://www.imdb.com/video/vi2387655705?playlistId=tt8759834&ref=tt_ov_vi

On the local movie front we have some developments According to the *Virginian Pilot*, Regal Cinema Stadium 18 at Town Center has signed a new lease with Armada Hoffer. The article "described the new lease as "very advantageous" for Regal, with rent payments starting again in the spring as the second largest movie theater chain in the country anticipates reopening." Read the details for yourself. <https://armadahoffer.com/recent-news/regal-movie-theater-in-virginia-beach-town-center-gets-new-lease-to-reopen/>

Some local theaters are open with COVID compliance. Those open for business are AMC Theaters, Beach Cinema Alehouse, and Regal Strawbridge Marketplace. We have been following AAUW national's policy to avoid public places. We'll be checking with them as our governor announced new guidelines for movie theaters February 24, "...movie theaters... may operate with occupancy limited to the lesser of 30% of the occupancy load on the certificate of occupancy or 250 attendees..." <https://www.virginia.gov/coronavirus/forwardvirginia/faq/#858970>

In the meantime, let's meet in a Zoom Watch Party of *Radioactive*. As soon as I figure the logistics out, I will email the date and time as I used to do! Then you can bring your snack and drink...and very special perspective on how women creators can influence moviemaking.

Now let us all get vaccinated so Movie Sisters can return to the theatre safely while complying with AAUW guidelines...and all be healthy!

Your Movie Sister Mama,

Sally P: pattisonsj@gmail.com

AAUW Virginia Beach

July 1, 2020 - June 30, 2021

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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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