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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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October 20, 2021, Branch Meeting (VIRTUAL) Getting Ready for the Election!

6:30 socialize (virtual)

7:00 Meeting

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906573456?pwd=NSsrMUUpnNHVnMGgvVzhhWUowMnEwZz09>
This should take you straight to our meeting, but sometimes (this is a mystery), Zoom will ask for this information:

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This November, Virginians will elect the entire state delegation. These people will determine issues that will affect each of us on a very personal basis. How much money will be allocated to our schools? Will we wear masks? What infrastructure will be financed? And, on and on. With these issues in mind, it behooves us to pay attention to the candidates for the State House.

We have invited ALL the candidates for all of the Virginia Beach districts to talk to us at our October 20 meeting. Not all have responded to our request, but six have. **As a branch, we do not endorse any candidate.** Please come to our meeting—and invite your neighbors, too. Each of the candidates has been given a 5 – 8 minute time limit to speak (uninterrupted). Due to time restraints, we will not be able to ask questions (I have received some questions in advance so they will be supplied those questions to inform their remarks).

Who's who? The ones marked in blue have accepted our invitation to speak.

| District | Democratic Candidate | Republican Candidate |
|----------|----------------------------------|-----------------------------------|
| 81 | Jeff Feld | Barry Knight |
| 82 | Scott Flax | Anne Ferrell Tata |
| 83 | Nancy Guy | Tim Anderson |
| 84 | Kimberly Melnyek | Glenn Davis |
| 85 | Alex Askew | Karen Grenhalgn |

What district are you in? Go to <https://whosmy.viriniageneralassembly.gov/>

Voter Registration:

VB Branch has been registering voters at local colleges for several years. This year, we are conducting drives at both Virginia Wesleyan University and Tidewater Community (VB campus). Totals of these drives are on-going so the final numbers of registrants will be reported next month.



Providing women and girls waves of support in Virginia Beach

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

We should all be honored to be a member of the first AAUW branch to achieve Five-Star status in Virginia, and we are beginning the work to gain this recognition for 2021-2022. Tammie was kind enough to make a chart showing the work to be done to earn each star, and it is included in this newsletter for your easy reference. The criteria for Five-Star status is put out by the national office to keep branches focused on the advancement of gender equity for women and girls. Our activities, programs, and fundraising are planned with the priorities of the national office in mind.

Since our upcoming programs will be held over Zoom, now would be a good time to invite friends, family, and neighbors to attend. Sally Daniel works very hard to get talented and knowledgeable speakers each month, and it is embarrassing to have only a handful of people show up on Zoom. Please let us know if you are having difficulty using Zoom, because we have very patient teachers willing to walk you through the steps of logging on.

Until we meet via Zoom on October 20, 2021, stay safe and healthy.

Jeanette

Voter information

Virginia Beach residents can vote on weekdays, from 8a.m. to 5 p.m. at the voter registration building at 2449 Princess Anne Road at the Municipal Center. The location will also be open Sunday, Oct. 17, from 1 p.m. to 5 p.m. and two Saturdays, Oct. 23 and Oct. 30, from 9 a.m. to 5 p.m.



**Celebration of the Ratification of the
19th Amendment**

Credit: [Library of Congress Prints & Photographs Division](#)

Original Author: Harris & Ewing, photographer

Created: August 18, 1920

Members Matter

Questions? Call your Co-VP's of Membership:

Kathleen Stasulis: Stasulisss@hotmail.com/757.486.5485

Or

Sally Pattison-Cisna pattisonsj@gmail.com/757.340.2829



Hello, AAUW Virginia Beach, you have done it again! We are fifty members strong! Since June 2021, forty-four members renewed leaving six unrenewed members. We're hoping they will renew soon. Thanks, to our Zip Queens who devotedly call our entire branch before each branch meeting.

Nonetheless, we, meaning all of us, should keep inviting more folks to join. Please, bring your friends, your organizations to our branch and other events. We are still asking for newsletters you are subscribed to so we can ask to announce branch meetings and, perhaps, submit an article about AAUW VB in their pages. Also, we are planning an Open House inviting MAL/Members at Large (have only joined national) in Virginia Beach and Chesapeake and previous members since 2016. Keep tuned for more details!

Welcome, to AAUW VB, our new member, Sandra Brandt: brandt@theelectivegroup.com/757-467-0472. Sandra, we look forward to meeting you in person...or in Zoom! Any questions? Call Kathleen or Sally P with the information below.

Two other updates: Please, correct Andrea Bender's email to amb21417@email.vcs.edu

Also, "Katrinia" Garrou's first name *should be spelled Katrina*.

Wish our sisters with October birthdays a special greeting on the celebration of their personal new year!

HAPPY BIRTHDAY!

Kathleen Stasulis: October 2

Carole Szetela: October 14

Anne Dowd: October 29



AAUW Five- Star Criteria 2021-2022

| Area | Requirements | Completed |
|---|--|--|
| ADVANCEMENT *ONLY 3 REQUIRED FOR A STAR IN THIS AREA | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Raise \$30 per member in FY22* towards the Greatest Needs Fund Increase contributions to the Greatest Needs Fund by 25% from the last fiscal year. Retain at least 90% of your branch membership. Increase Legacy Circle Membership in your branch by 10% over previous fiscal year. Make a branch affiliate contribution to the Greatest Needs Fund in honor of AAUW's 140th Anniversary *July 1, 2021 through June 30, 2022 | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Retained 91.6% of your branch membership. Made a branch affiliate contribution to the Greatest Needs Fund in honor of AAUW's 140th Anniversary |
| PUBLIC POLICY & RESEARCH | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint a branch public policy chair that collaborates with the state public policy chair. Conduct an annual meeting with a member of Congress, Governor, or a member of their staff around a strategic plan focus. Branches in the same state can work in coalition to achieve this goal. Host at least one event where there is an opportunity to sign up for the Action Network. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint a branch public policy chair that collaborates with the state public policy chair. (Barbara Woodlee) |
| GOVERNANCE & SUSTAINABILITY | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Branch board institutes a succession plan to ensure new ideas and perspectives are included in future leadership. Branch board develops and uses a strategic plan that aligns with AAUW national strategic plan. Appoint a Diversity Officer* to lead diversity and inclusion planning on behalf of the branch with the support of the board. <p>*Diversity Officer does not need to be a board member and does not require a change in bylaws.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Appoint a Diversity Officer* to lead diversity and inclusion planning on behalf of the branch with the support of the board. (Maria Kronenburg) |
| PROGRAMS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> Host at least 4 mission-based programs that align with the AAUW national strategic plan. <p>*At least 2 of your programs must have a diversity, equity, and inclusion focus and at least 1 must be in collaboration with 1 or more branches in your state.</p> | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> At least 2 of your programs must have a diversity, equity, and inclusion focus and at least 1 must be in collaboration with 1 or more branches in your state. (Fall SE District Meeting and State DEI program in January.) State Election Candidate Forum |
| COMMUNICATIONS & EXTERNAL RELATIONS | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing website and social media accounts use current AAUW branding and have 3-5 postings with a DEI focus in FY22. | <ul style="list-style-type: none"> All existing website and social media accounts use current AAUW branding Have 3-5 postings with a DEI focus in FY22 |

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GET OUT THE VOTE!

Update on Virginia Voting Rights

Meghan McNamera,
Lead Organizer with
Virginia Organizing
and

Terry White, Board Member of
Virginia Organizing

RSVP on Sign Up Genius

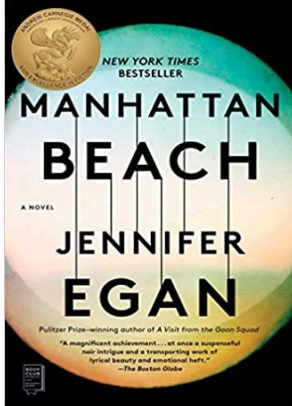
<https://www.signupgenius.com/go/70A0A44AEAB2DA2FF2-southeast3>

SE District Virtual Meeting

October 23, 2021
11am to 1pm

Hampton
Newport News
Norfolk
Portsmouth
Suffolk
Virginia Beach

Bookaroos (meets the first Tuesday of each month @8:00 am)

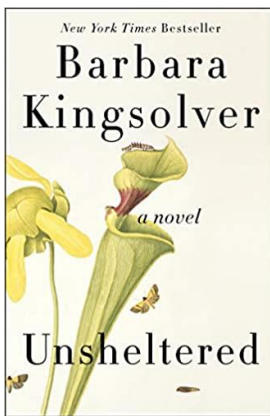


Join us **October 5th** for discussion and breakfast at Pop's, 2808 Sabre St, Virginia Beach, VA 23452

Manhattan Beach is a New York Times best seller & Notable Book Award winner. While this is her first foray into historical fiction, Jennifer Egan is a Pulitzer Prize winner and Winner of the Andrew Carnegie Medal for Excellence in Fiction.

Anna Kerrigan's father has disappeared, and the country is at war. Anne works at the Brooklyn Naval Yard, where women are allowed to hold jobs that once belonged to men, now soldiers abroad. She becomes the first female diver, the most dangerous and exclusive of occupations, to repair the ships that will help America win the war. One evening at a nightclub, she meets Dexter Styles and begins to understand the complexity of her father's life, the reasons he might have vanished.

Manhattan Beach takes us into a world populated by gangsters, sailors, divers, bankers, and union men in a dazzling, propulsive exploration of a transformative moments in the lives and identities of women and men, of America and the world.

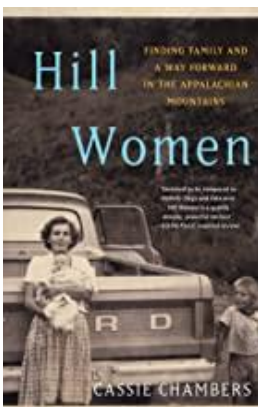


Join us **November 2nd** for discussion and breakfast at The Sandfiddler, 9561 Shore Dr, Norfolk, VA 23518

Barbara Kingsolver has received numerous literary awards—including the National Humanities Medal, the Dayton Literary Peace Prize, and the Orange Prize. In *Unsheltered*, *How could two hardworking people do everything right in life, a woman asks, and end up destitute?* Willa Knox and her husband followed all the rules as responsible parents and professionals and have nothing to show for it but debts and an inherited brick house that is falling apart.

Unsheltered is the compulsively readable story of two families, in two centuries, who live at the corner of Sixth and Plum in Vineland, New Jersey, navigating what seems to be the end of the world as they know it. With history as their tantalizing canvas, these characters paint a startlingly relevant portrait of life in precarious times when the foundations of the past have failed to prepare us for the future.

Adelante



Adelante Book Club will meet in **November** at Carole Szetela's home at 7pm to discuss *Hill Women: Finding Family and a Way Forward in the Appalachian Mountains* by Cassie Chambers. Please contact us for the exact date mid-October: pattisonsj@gmail.com.

Nestled in the Appalachian Mountains, Owsley County is one of the poorest counties in both Kentucky and the country. Buildings are crumbling and fields sit vacant, as tobacco farming and coal mining decline. But strong women are finding creative ways to subsist in their hollers in the hills.

Cassie Chambers grew up in these hollers and, through the women who raised her, she traces her own path out of and back into the Kentucky mountains. After rising from poverty to earn two Ivy League degrees, an Appalachian lawyer pays tribute to the strong "hill women" who raised and inspired her, and whose values have the potential to rejuvenate a struggling region.

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AAUW Virginia Beach

July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

| 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 |
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| | Kathleen Stauslis | stasuliss@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 | | | |
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| AAUW Funds Chair One Year | | | |
| LTVB | Carole Szetela | karolka@verizon.net | H: 757-631-1805 C: 757-681-4191 |
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| College/University Chair One Year | TBD | - | |
| Community Outreach Coordinator(s) One Year | | | |
| Pennies for Prescriptions | | | |
| REACH | Sally Pattison-Cisna | pattisonsj@gmail.com | H: 757.340.2829 |
| VBCPS Food Beach Bags for At Risk Children | TBD | - | |
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| Historian | Linda Todd | readertodd@cox.net | 757-467-1119 |
| Hospitality Chairs One Year | | - | |
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| 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.