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MAKING WAVES TO EMPOWER WOMEN AND GIRLS IN VIRGINIA BEACH

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April Branch Meeting

Wednesday, April 20, 2022

7:00 pm VIA ZOOM

CLICK the word
ZOOM to join

Casual conversation begins at 6:45 pm

This is our last real meeting of the year, and it is an **important** one!

- ✚ We will vote on the officers for next year.
- ✚ We will hear plans for our May banquet (IN PERSON...but safe as possible!!!!)
- ✚ We will hear about how to make inclusion and diversity a reality! (See details of our speaker below)

Welcome Dana Beckton, Chief Diversity Officer Sentara Healthcare



Ms. Beckton will be the featured speaker at our April meeting. As the first Chief Diversity Officer at Sentara, she is responsible for engaging across the organization to set the vision and to cultivate an inclusive work environment where diversity is embraced and developed, and all employees feel valued and have equal opportunities to succeed. Prior to assuming this role, Dana spent the last five years as the Director of Diversity and Inclusion at Christiana Care in Newark, DE. While at Christiana Care, she was responsible for developing and implementing a system-wide diversity and inclusion strategy. She led numerous Employee Resource Groups and worked with the community to host inclusive activities to help diverse students learn about careers in healthcare.

Ms. Beckton serves on the boards of the Virginia Community College System, the Hampton Roads Diversity an Inclusion Consortium and the Virginia Center for Inclusive Communities.

Ms. Beckton holds an undergraduate degree in Business Administration from Temple University and a graduate degree in Organizational Development and Leadership from St. Joseph's University.



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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

With sincere gratitude, I thank the nominating committee for reaching out to our members to ask for volunteers to work on the board next year. Some of our current board members will be returning, although some will be changing roles, and we will have some new volunteers. A list of the nominees is included in this newsletter, and I ask that you review the list in preparation for voting at our next branch meeting. Your attendance at the meeting will ensure that we have a quorum for voting. If you are interested in joining the board, please let us know. There are plenty of opportunities to participate, and your help is always appreciated.

Barbara Woodlee and Tammie Mullins-Rice attended the AAUW Virginia State Conference in Harrisonburg on March 26, 2022, and I want them to know how much we appreciate the time and effort they put into representing our branch at the state level. I'm excited to hear about the conference and what they learned. Also, Tammie has submitted all the necessary paperwork for our branch to receive five-star status this year. We are awaiting confirmation of the award.

My husband and I will be taking a long-awaited and much-needed vacation this month, so I will miss the April meeting. Sally Daniel has agreed to run the meeting, and I am thankful for the help.

After such a long separation due to the pandemic, I'm looking forward to seeing everyone in person at our end-of-year banquet in May.

Jeanette

Searching for Linda Todd Scholarship Applicants

Now is the time for members of the Virginia Beach AAUW Branch to share application information with potential applicants and organizations to award the \$1,000 Linda Todd Scholarship(s) to advance the education of women. Women who apply should meet the following criteria:

- 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

Qualified applicants may find application information and apply online at <https://virginiabeach-va.aauw.net/scholarship/>. Online or mailed applications are due on **April 15, 2022**.

Scholarship applicants may also contact Linda Love, Scholarship Chair, at aauwofvb@cox.net if they have questions about the application process (applicants should mention "scholarship" in the subject line of their email). Thank you for helping us find remarkable women who need our support.

Linda Love, Scholarship Chair

Members Matter



Spring is finally here! While you are enjoying spring's renewal of our daffodils, hyacinths, tulips, and crocus, remember to **renew your AAUW membership**, too! We cannot renew online until national fixes their website so...

Send your check for **\$96.00** to our fabulous finance guru,

Tammie Rice at 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA, 23451.

National dues have increased this year. The breakdown is national/\$67+state/ \$15+branch/\$14=\$96.00.

Make your check out to AAUW Virginia Beach and

write 2022-2023 membership in the note line. This is a great time to add a donation!

Invite your friends! With AAUW's *Shape the Future* program, new members receive a first-year membership for \$62.50 since their national dues are reduced by 50%.

AAUW Virginia Beach is special. We offer many missions and projects to spark women of diverse interests to empower women and girls in their way. We hope this year you choose a project to further your contributions for AAUW missions: <https://www.aauw.org/about/>. We would love some assistance in recruiting and retaining members. Let us know if you would help with an activity enhancing our membership efforts and rarely taking over an hour or two a month. Perhaps you would like to call new members for a short (half page) bio in *SandScript* or call existing members for their bios. Or you may like to take a new member to lunch for a personal introduction to AAUW VB. Let us know. Our contact information is below.

Co-Vice Presidents of AAUW VB Membership

Kathleen Stasulis: stasuliss@hotmail.com/757-486-5485

or Sally Pattison-Cisna: pattisonsj@gmail.com/757.340.2829

Celebrations

Happy Birthday to:

Herta Okonkwo April 16



Slate for Officers
Virginia Beach Branch
AAUW
2022-23

Co-Presidents: Barbara Woodlee
Sally Daniel

Finance Officer: Tammie Mullins-Rice

Program Officer: Carole Szetela

Membership*: Sally Pattison-Cisna
Kathleen Stasulis

Secretary: Toni Lohman (for Branch meetings)
Jeanette Olson (for Board meetings)

The Offices below are not ELECTED offices, but they are important to the ongoing work of our branch. We thank each of the members who have volunteered to serve as the “point person(s) for each area. We encourage all members to get involved in at least one of these areas to make our branch a vibrant one!!!! Contact the members below to volunteer to help!

AAUW Funds: Jeanette Olson

Bylaws Chair: Neola Waller

Public Policy: Sandra Brandt

College/U Relations: Christine Medlin

Diversity Officer: Maria Kronenburg

Historian: Neola Waller and Linda Todd

Scholarship Chair: Linda Love

Sandscript Editor: Lori Ames

Publicity: Marissa Rice

Hospitality: Fran Adams

* The membership co-chairs are continuing in their two-year term so do not need to be elected this year.

ZOOM MEETING LINK with ID and PASSCODE (Just in case) 😊

Zoom <https://us02web.zoom.us/j/88906573456?pwd=NSsrMUpnNHVnMGgvVzhhWUowMnEwZz09>

This should take you straight to our meeting, but sometimes (this is a mystery), Zoom will ask for this information:

Meeting ID: 889 0657 3456
Passcode: 859842

AUTOBELL GIFT CARDS 2021-2022

This year's AAUW Virginia Beach Autobell fundraising 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. Moreover, your Autobell purchase contributes to our branch earning Five Star Status.** Make yours or your family and friends' car shine with gift card(s). [Battle the Pollen Deluge coming soon! You are likely going to wash your car after our weeks of pollen, so support our branch and clean your car, too!](#) Autobell gift cards make "2021 By the Numbers Final." Infogram, <https://infogram.com/1p9gk7079vmlrpb72pd2wqnp27h3lrvlxz7>.

Each gift card costs **\$20.00. \$10.00 of this cost goes to support the AAUW National Greatest Needs Fund** . Use your gift card towards any type of car wash. Autobell gift cards do not expire.

Use at any Virginia locations:

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

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



Or...

- Chesapeake: 1547 Ring Road
- Chesapeake: 4010 Portsmouth Boulevard
- Chesapeake: 3245 Western Branch Blvd.
- Chesapeake: 411 N. Armistead Avenue
- Chesapeake: 608 Pavilion Drive
- Newport News: 13698 Warwick Blvd.
- Norfolk: 5840 E. Virginia Beach Blvd.
- Sterling: 45665 Shepard Drive
- Virginia Beach: 528 First Colonial Road,
- Virginia Beach: 1060 Independence Drive
- Virginia Beach: 3557 Holland Road
- Williamsburg: 336 2nd Street
- Yorktown: 100 Pine Street

AAUW-VA ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING

Part 2 of the conference, the **AAUW-VA Annual Business Meeting**, will be held **virtually via Zoom on Saturday, April 30th** – the starting time TBD. Information will be coming in an email.

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

59 scholarships,
totaling nearly

\$33,000

in previous years.

Now
accepting
applications



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

Applications accepted through **April 15, 2022**

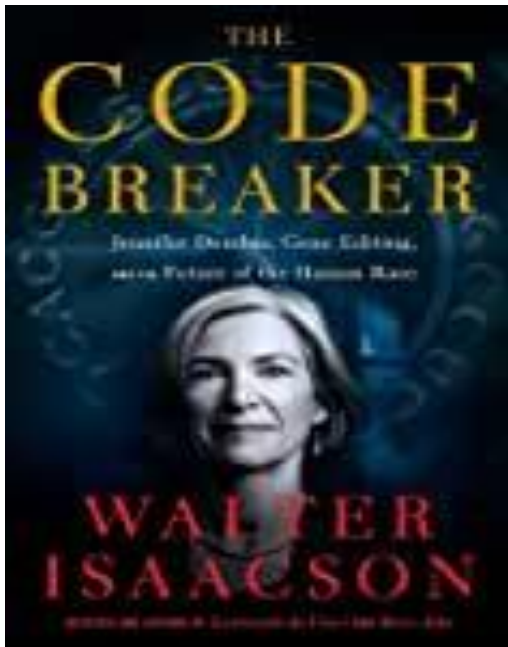
SCHOLARSHIP CRITERIA

Must be a woman who

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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

Meeting April 28th 6:30pm at Sally P's home
649 E. Coral Key, 23452

The Code Breaker: Jennifer Doudna, Gene Editing, and the Future of the Human Race

Walter Isaacson is known for his biographies of geniuses. Read his account of how Nobel Prize winner Jennifer Doudna and her colleagues launched a revolution that will allow us to cure diseases, fend off viruses, and have healthier babies.

Contact Sally P. with questions:
757.374.8527/pattisonsj@gmail.com



Breakfast Bookaroos

May 3rd at 9 am

Becoming by Michelle Obama

Breakfast at...

First Watch

2850 Virginia Beach Blvd
Virginia Beach, VA 23452

In her memoir, a work of deep reflection and mesmerizing storytelling, Michelle Obama invites readers into her world, chronicling the experiences that have shaped her—from her childhood on the South Side of Chicago to her years as an executive balancing the demands of motherhood and work, to her time spent at the world's most famous address.

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 \$62, of which \$59 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 \$1,240 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

FY23 National Dues Rate Changes

Beginning July 1, the AAUW national dues will be \$67, of which \$64 will be tax-deductible. Renewals for the next membership years includes state dues 15 and branch dues \$14 for a total to \$96.

Consider Lifetime Membership!

This is a great time for current members to upgrade to lifetime membership for \$1,240, a \$100 savings compared to the cost after June 30. Lifetime membership is fully tax-deductible and allows you to put your values into action for many years to come!

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	<i>TBD</i>	-	
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	<i>TBD</i>	-	
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	<i>TBD</i>	-	
VBCPS SCHOOL SUPPLIES FOR HOMELESS	Lynn Zoll	lzollpsy@gmail.com	W: 757.636.1229
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		-	
Outside Sources	Fran Adams	Bikalot@Verizon.net	757-467-2775
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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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