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# You're Invited to an

# **A-MAY-Zing Banquet**

Wednesday, May 18, 2022 6:30 pm

Where: The **"Outside Room"** at **Baker's Crust** Landstown Commons Shopping Center, 3388 Princess Anne Rd Ste 311 Virginia Beach, VA 23456 Who: All Virginia Beach AAUW Members Cost: \$28.00

For the first time in two years, we think that we can safely meet together for a dinner of celebration as we

- Install our new officers,
- Meet our scholarship winner
- Be with friends!

Bakers Crust will provide us with a buffet featuring: Asiago Chicken-----Herb Salmon-----Vegetarian Penn Ala Vodka with Pomodoro sauce----- House Salad-----Chocolate Mousse Cups----- Iced Tea ("adult beverages" available from the bar) If you have dietary restrictions, please let Sally Daniel know (495-4349) and we'll try to accommodate your needs!)

<u>RSVP by May 8 (Mother's Day)</u> Send your check to Tammie Mullins, 1010 Barnacle Court, VB 23451 Or Cash App\$AAUWofVB

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## **PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE**

Dispatch from London:

As I write this, I am preparing for my return to the U.S. While I have been out of town, I know Sally Daniel and Tammie have done an excellent job handling branch matters. Voting in the new board members was on the agenda for the April meeting, so I hope you had an opportunity to familiarize yourself with the changes for the upcoming year.

I would like to take this opportunity to thank everyone for the support I have received while serving as president. I am so grateful to have such a wonderful group of women working together to make Virginia Beach a 5-Star AAUW branch again this year.

I'm looking forward to seeing everyone at our end-of-year banquet as we celebrate another successful year.

Jeanette

## Congratulations to Our 2022 AAUW Linda Todd Scholarship Winner!

Congratulations to Nannette Huff, the 2022 AAUW Linda Todd Scholarship winner, who was awarded \$1,000 from the AAUW Virginia Beach Branch. Nannette currently attends Bryant and Stratton College pursuing a bachelor's in Human and Social Services. When her daughters entered high school, she also returned to school. She serves her community in many ways at the Rehoboth Baptist Church and the Excellence Girls Club, Inc.

Please join us at our AAUW Spring Banquet to salute our amazing scholarship winner on May 18, 2022, at 6:30 p.m. at Baker's Crust, Landstown Commons Shopping Center. Andrea Bender and Katrina Garrou, our 2021 scholarship winners from the last year, may also join us so that we may congratulate them all in person.



Special thanks to our AAUW members Kim Greene, Sally Pattison-Cisna, and Linda Todd for serving on the Scholarship Selection Team.

Linda Love, Scholarship Chair

## **Members** Matter

Are you ready to get back to normal? Are you ready to participate in person again? Well, your AAUW Virginia Beach Branch is slowly opening and enjoying the warm weather. Movie Sisters has enjoyed a couple



afternoons in a local theater and plans another day in May. The big event will be the Spring Banquet on Wednesday, May 18th. Get your RSVP in today and look forward to fun evening with great food and wonderful friends. All the details are included in today newsletter.

Renewing membership has been frustrating this year. National's new website is beautiful in many ways but is not working on many fronts including paying for membership online. So, when you send in your banquet RSVP to our fabulous finance guru, include your \$96.00 dues check.

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. Remember a portion of your dues qualifies as a tax deduction. For 2022 that amount is \$64. 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!

Do you have friends who would enjoy our branch and support AAUW missions? Invite them to join! 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 reasons to spark women of diverse interests.

Co-Vice Presidents of AAUW VB Membership Kathleen Stasulis: stasulisss@hotmail.com/757-486-5485 or Sally Pattison-Cisna: pattisonsj@gmail.com/757.340.2829

# **Celebrations**

## **Happy Summer Birthdays to:**

Theresa Nock	June 16	Sally Daniel	August 11
Kim Anderson	June 18	Paulette Braithwaite	August 13
Lee Ellen Knight	June 18	Marissa Rice	August 21
Linda Todd	July 2	Barbara Paige	August 22
Arlene Ney	July 10	Mary Rau	August 26
Alice Forest	July 14	Leslie Tourigny	August 30
Lorrie Ames	July 15	Lynn Zoll	August 30
Tammie Mullins-Rice	July 22		

#### **FIVE STAR Branch**

Congratulations! Virginia Beach is now a 5-star branch, the first in the country! Virginia Beach branch has earned a star for each of these Focus Areas of the Five Star National Recognition Program: Programs, Advancement, Communications and External Relations, Public Policy and Research, Governance and Sustainability. In addition, our branch will be recognized in Membership Matters and on the AAUW National Website. Also, the branch will receive a Five Star Certificate of Achievement and will be featured in a Five Star success story in Membership Matters. Finally, our branch will receive a Five Star Leadership Briefing.

#### **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. Dues can be mailed to: Tammie Rice, 1010 Barnacle Court, Virginia Beach, VA 23451. Payable to AAUW Virginia Beach.

#### **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 Donated 107 books to REACH to give to at risk children, You gave sixty books telling stories with diverse characters

## THANKS!!!

REACH's Mission is Literacy. REACH, Inc. promotes literacy for children throughout Coastal Virginia through access and ownership of books.

When I delivered our last books, I mentioned our mission to provide books for brown, black and indigenous characters and asked if those books could possibly be given to black, brown, or indigenous children. They immediately said, "Yes". Nice. Thanks, so, so much to each of you who spent your money, time, and energy providing these stories for Coastal Virginia children in very risky situations.

### 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)			
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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	Historian:	Neola Waller and Linda Todd
Bylaws Chair:	Neola Waller	Scholarship Chair:	Linda Love
Public Policy:	Sandra Brandt	Sandscript Editor:	Lori Ames
College/U Relations: Christine Medlin		Publicity:	Marissa Rice
Diversity Officer:	Maria Kronenburg	Hospitality:	Fran Adam

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







Movie Sisters watched eight movies this year! Four were even in person. The other four were Zoomed into our member's homes, thanks to the technology know-how of Marissa Rice and her mother Tammie! Attendance ranged from four to eight movie sisters. We had unusual and insightful discussions after our shows plus Starbucks tasties. We supported women directors, book authors, screenplay writers, directors, and producers created a huge array of stories. We hope you will enjoy a movie with us!

# 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.

# 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 Virginia locations: https://www.autobell.com/find-your-carwash

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- 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

### **Annual Banquet Is Back!**

AAUW of Virginia Beach has survived the last years of COVID. Although we have had to make accommodations such as meeting on Zoom, we continued with monthly meetings featuring interesting guest speakers throughout the pandemic. So, it is time to celebrate (even if we know that the pandemic might not be REALLY over).

On Wednesday, May 18, we will enjoy each other's company as we eat dinner at the Baker's Crust in Landstown Shopping Center. It did take a while to find a place that could accommodate our group in a semi-outdoor setting. We will be in their patio area, a room which can be opened or closed with garage doors depending on the weather. We will encourage you to wear a mask as you socialize to protect those of us who may be of increased risk of COVID. That way, we can all come and enjoy the evening with our AAUW sisters. Not only will we indulge in Baker's Crust's wonderful food, but we will be able to indulge in adult beverages from their bar, brought to us by attentive servers. We will learn about this year's scholarship winner. And, we will say "thank you" to the Board members who have kept us together this year as well as inducting the new members of the Board.

Please see the front page of this newsletter for details about reservations...we hope to see all of us together!

## We Couldn't Be Prouder of Member Barbara Woodlee

This article taken from the April 24 posting from The Sun-Journal

FAIRFIELD, Maine — Kennebec Valley Community College has named one of its academic buildings in honor of Barbara W. Woodlee, who served as the school's president from 1984 to 2012.

A dedication ceremony for Woodlee Hall is scheduled for Monday, with remarks from Woodlee and others from KVCC and the Maine Community College System.

Woodlee said Friday she was "shocked" when KVCC officials gave her the news a few weeks ago.

"It was stunning and totally unexpected," Woodlee said. "And it's just such an extraordinary honor and, really, for me, a humbling experience."

Karen Normandin, the interim president of KVCC, said when she began having conversations about naming the building, Woodlee's name kept coming up. And when Normandin went to the community college system's board of trustees, it fully supported the decision to honor Woodlee.

"We thought that it was just a really a great way for us to recognize the contribution that she's made to this college specifically, and to the community college system in general," Normandin said.

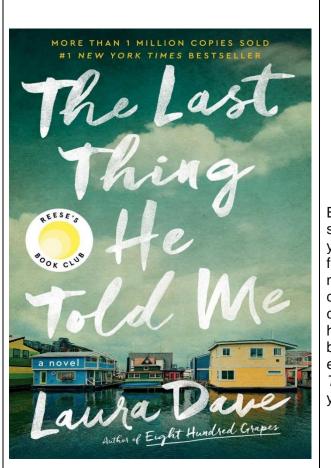
The building is at the college's Harold Alfond Campus in Fairfield, and was completed in 2015. It features classrooms, lecture halls and science labs, according to Normandin.

The building did not have a formal name until now, and was often called the science building or science and agriculture building.

During her tenure as KVCC president, Woodlee oversaw significant change and growth at the college. When she began as president, the college was known as the Kennebec Valley Vocational Technical Institute. It then became Kennebec Valley Technical College, and finally Kennebec Valley Community College.

As president, Woodlee guided many projects and was involved in 2012 in the Harold Alfond Foundation's donation of 700 acres to the Maine Community College System. The land would become KVCC's Harold Alfond Campus.

Woodlee was inducted in 2015 <u>into the Maine Women's Hall of Fame</u> and received a distinguished community service award from the Mid-Maine Chamber of Commerce in 1997, a distinguished alumni award from the University of Maine at Farmington and an achievement citation from the American Association of University Women.



Breakfast Bookaroos meets June 6th at 9:00 am for breakfast and discussion at Bay Local 2917 Shore Drive, Virginia Beach, VA 23451 Before Owen Michaels disappears, he smuggles a note to his beloved wife of one year: "Protect her". Despite her confusion and fear, Hannah Hall knows exactly to whom the note refers—Owen's sixteen-year-old daughter. Bailey lost her mother tragically as a child. and wants absolutely nothing to do with her new stepmother, Hannah. With its breakneck pacing, dizzying plot twists, and evocative family drama, The Last Thing He Told Me is a riveting mystery, certain to shock you with its final, heartbreaking turn.

Questions? Sally Pattison-Cisna pattisonsj@gmail.com/757.340.2829

The **"Evening " book group** has met consistently during this pandemic – two years on ZOOM, thanks to Jacque Dessino and in person this year. However, **we are no longer the "Evening" book group**. We've tested different times and have settled on 11:30 for lunch at homes or restaurants. This is a very flexible group which has consistently stuck together all during this time!

For the month of May, we will meet at **Gus and George's at 11:30** with a different format. Each member will read a book of her choice to report on. Additionally, the list of suggested books will be handed out for members to consider to be voted on at the June meeting. Sadly, we have lost two members this year, but will be welcoming a new member. So, if this fits your schedule, please join us.

Fran Adams



## AAUW Virginia Beach July 1, 2021 - June 30, 2022

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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	Sally Pattison-Cisna	pattisonsj@gmail.com	H: 757.340.2829 C: 757.378.8527
Two Years, elected in odd years	Kathleen Stauslis	<u>stasulisss@hotmail.com</u>	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	<u>karolka@verizon.net</u>	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			
REACH	Sally Pattison-Cisna	<u>pattisonsj@gmail.com</u>	H: 757.340.2829
VBCPS Food Beach Bags for At Risk Children	TBD		We 757 626 1220
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
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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			
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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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