



Hampton Branch



January 29, 2024

The Hampton Branch met at the Charles Taylor branch of the Hampton Public Libraries to discuss and approve the slate of program for 2023-2024. The passing of our long time member, Lona Ross, was shared. In keeping with branch policy, a donation was sent to the AAUW Greater Needs Fund in her honor.

Information on Senator Mark Warner's Women's Conference to be held at Old Dominion University on Saturday, September 24, 2023 was shared. Laura Greenfield, our branch Membership Vice President, who is also the State Membership Vice President, shared that Tiffany Sanchez, AAUW Vice President of Programs and Fellowships would be a presenter. The Virginia AAUW State Board recognized that the women's conference was a great opportunity to network, so, Laura on their behalf arranged to have a table to display information about AAUW. On the day of the event the sky was gray with intermittent wind and rain, none of which stopped or dampen the spirits of our delegation, which consisted of Laura Greenfield, Sarita Gregory, and Carolyn Stewart, Members from other branches within the district also attended. The Co-Vice President for Public Policy, Dennis Murden, and the Southeast District Representative, Tammie Mullins, were also present.

At the end of the conference, Sen. Warner's staff gave us enough conference bags to share with branch members who agreed to help with Reclaim Our Vote postcard mailings in October.



Laura Greenfield, Carolyn Stewart, and Sarita Gregory with Sen. Warner

Sally Daniel, Carolyn, Stewart and Laura Greenfield assisting visits at the AAUW table

The Southeast District Meeting was held at the Sentara Virginia Beach General Education Center. The topic was Implicit Bias in Maternal Health. The keynote speaker was Karen Haines, Health Equity Manager for the Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy. The Virginia Interfaith Center for Public Policy is one of the state AAUW partners who works with the state Public Policy Chairs and Lobby Core. The meeting was very informative. Each of the Hampton Branch members that attended signed up to receive their action alerts.

Implicit Bias in Maternal Health

Eliminating disparities that are resulting in Black women in Virginia dying three to four times more than their counterparts requires addressing cultural competency and implicit bias in health care settings.

We will discuss the following points:

- Key biases that negatively impact health care delivery.
- How implicit bias impact patient care?
- How widespread is the problem?

SOUTHEAST DISTRICT MEETING

JOIN US!

OCTOBER 21ST 2PM TO 4PM



Kathryn Haines,
Health Equity Manager
Virginia Interfaith
Center for Public
Policy

Location:
Sentara VB General
Hospital - Health
Education Center

Host:
Virginia Beach Branch

Double Good Popcorn and pecan sales were the fundraisers in November. The branch raised over \$1,100.00 in four days. Proceeds will be used to offset the cost of our STEM workshop for girls in the spring.

November and December are always busy months with family and friends and colds and flu. This year, several members fell into these categories. Several ideas for holiday activities were provided by Dr. Sarita McCoy Gregory, our Program VP. One activity in particular was to see *The Color Purple*. A group discussion on the film will be held later in the year.



- **January 30, 2024** AAUW Legislative Reception. Grace Episcopal Church, 6th and Grace Street, Richmond, Virginia, 5 p.m. – 7 p.m.
- **January 31, 2024** AAUW Legislative Day – Capital Hill, Richmond, Virginia, 8:30 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **February 24, 2024** AAUW District Meeting, WHRO, 5200 Hampton Blvd., Norfolk, Virginia. Sylvia Weinstein Craft & Lisa D. Spiller will be the guest speakers. 10:30 a. – 112:30 p.m.
- **March 6, 2024** Community Forum on Aging, Liberty Live Church, 1021 Big Bethel Road, Hampton, Virginia. A'Lelia Bundles, keynote speaker. Cost: \$5.00. To register, call 757-873-0541 8 a.m. – 2 p.m.
- **March 15, 2024** AAUW Diversity Program with Phoebus High School Girls: Keeping a Vigil on Diversity in Women's Issues". Veleka S. Gatling, Assistant VP for Diversity and Inclusive Excellence, Old Dominion University. Time TDB

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MISSION: *To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.*

DIVERSITY STATEMENT: *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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