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## **MAY GENERAL MEETING**

**TUESDAY, MAY 11, 2021**

**7 P.M.**

**FEATURING THE**

**EVENING BOOK GROUP**

**ZOOM MEETING**

The Tuesday, May 11, meeting will feature our annual book review by our members, and the last meeting of the year. Our volunteers for the highly anticipated book reviews are Lois Gail Davis, "Born A Crime," by Trevor Noah; Bertha Escoffery, "The Truths We Hold—An American Journey," by Kamala Harris; Carol Levitin, "The Color of Water," by James McBride; and Jacqueline Warren. We plan to have our regular business meeting directly after the discussion of the books.

## **JOINT MEETING WITH PORTSMOUTH BRANCH**

Last month's meeting with the Portsmouth Branch was very exciting and informative about the new African American History course that is being piloted across Virginia this year. Marcie Kidd, Evelyn and Wilma Robinson attended the Zoom meeting with our sister Portsmouth Branch. Both Portsmouth and Suffolk have a high school participating in the pilot program. The guest speaker was Ms. Christonya Brown, the liaison between the Virginia Department of Education and the piloting teachers. Ms. Brown showed great enthusiasm, tremendous knowledge of her subject, and she lives in Norfolk! Ms. Brown discussed how the course was developed by a special committee of teachers, how it is structured, and how teachers and students are reacting to what is being taught. It was a perfect opportunity to learn how Virginia is attempting to change the curriculum to ensure that students get the real story of the African American experience from 1619 to the present. Participants were encouraged to ask questions and appreciated the opportunity to find out about this tremendous effort to bring all of this valuable information together for future students.

## **ZOOM LINK**

Your Zoom link for the meeting will be sent to you next Monday, so you can join us Tuesday, May 11, at 7 p.m. on Zoom!!

## **DUES ARE DUE!**

Marcie has sent a personal link for you to use to pay your dues in the most painless way! It won't take but a minute to click on the link from AAUW, put your credit card number in and click!

## AAUW VOTING

**Today** is the last day to vote in the AAUW of Virginia Election. The individualized voting ballots were sent out in April, and cannot be transferred to anyone else. Paper ballot requests deadline for National was April 16. If you have not voted, look through your emails for one from Shannon Wolfe on 4/7/2021 for the national ballot. This is the one that includes a vote for or against membership requirement of college degree. You will be able to vote in the national election until May 19 at 6:30 p.m. AAUW of Virginia's ballot came right before the national ballot. Our votes are so important that statistics are kept to see how many in each branch vote, so find that email and VOTE! We want to show that we are responsible and care!

## INFORMATION

If you would like more information about the notice from Virginia Beach AAUW about the Big Free Bookstore or the webinar with AAUW about Public Policy, let me know, and I'll send it to you the notice again! Wilma

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