

AAUW advances gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

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**Branch Program January 25<sup>th</sup> 7PM**

“Changed Choices” A Service That Builds New Lives Beyond Prison Walls and Legislation That Impacts This Transition

The CEO and Executive Director, Diane Hunt, will moderate a panel of co-workers and a client. We will learn about the support given to women who have faced incarceration and how it helps to restore self-sufficient, healthy lives. Also, branch members will review recent legislation and its potential influence on this transition process and the lives of all women in our community. There will be time for a Q & A to wrap up the program.

Diane Schneider

See page 3 for more information on NC state prisons



**Coffee Break with the Branch January 30<sup>th</sup> 10AM**

A review of our January monthly program, an addendum to that program, and then creating some impactful “Action Items” as a follow-up task.

Mark your new 2021 calendars and plan to be with us via phone only-NO Zoom/video for this get-together.

Please let me know if you’ll be able to call in by 9pm on Friday, January 29<sup>th</sup> via my email address: [dmschneider216@icloud.com](mailto:dmschneider216@icloud.com). I’ll send you the phone number you’ll need to connect to the call at that time.



**AAUW Of NC State Program January 21st 7PM**

“Race: Myth or Equity Imperative” with Paul James President and Chief People Strategist of Lighthouse Strategy Consulting, Inc. This session will explore race and diversity in the context of our series theme: “You Have the Power”. Paul James, will offer ways to change (or impact) thinking and actions in today’s intercultural world. This may translate into positively affecting our own lives and the lives of people in our communities, and beyond. [REGISTRATION LINK](#) or paste in your browser at:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/meeting/register/tZlpce-qj8pH9LD6GeDyN64R7SlpGwgX9c>



- JANUARY**  
**11<sup>th</sup> Book Buddies**  
**21<sup>st</sup> NC AAUW**  
**25<sup>th</sup> Branch Program**

- FEBRUARY**  
**8<sup>th</sup> Board Meeting**  
**?? Branch Program**  
**25<sup>th</sup> NC AAUW Program**

- MARCH**  
**8<sup>TH</sup> Book Buddies**

Presidents Notes



While many of us have renewed hope for this year, it too will bring on new challenges. Those challenges will give us an opportunity to grow and achieve new personal goals and perhaps commit to making a difference in our community. In Spring 2021, AAUW Charlotte members will be voting for members to serve

on the Branch Board for a 2-year term. Leading up to this important election, we need to confirm a Nominating Committee Chair.

Please let one/both of us know if you're willing and able to lead this committee in order to secure our candidates. The open positions for 2021-2023 are President/Co-President and Finance Officer/Treasurer.

**We hope you'll consider volunteering to fill the essential position of Nominating Committee Chair.**

Beverly Larson/ Diane Schneider

Thank you Charlotte Members/Congrats Fellows and Grantees!

Many thanks to the six members who donated \$400 in December to AAUW's Greatest Needs Funds. Your generosity, and those of thousands of others nationally, are providing more than 200 awards and \$3.5 million in funding for fellows and grantees in the 2020-21 award year. These exceptional recipients, will pursue academic work and lead innovative community projects to empower women and girls. Diane is selecting one of these recipients (who attends Duke University) to be our February speaker

We're Invited to join the Mt Vernon, Virginia Branch AAUW Program on January 21 4PM.

Paycheck Fairness What is it? What are the laws? How does it affect women?

Veronique Pluviose Staff Director Education and Labor Committee 20 YEARS OF HOUSE EXPERIENCE PREVIOUS JOB Minority Staff Director, House Education and Labor Committee Bloomberg Government

Speaker Véronique Pluviose is the staff director for the U.S. House Committee on Education and Labor, Democratic Staff. She is a civil rights lawyer and also has expertise in the areas of homeland security, international emergency response and recovery, census policies, intergovernmental relations, and other initiatives. She has worked on issues arising from the House Committee on the Homeland Security, as well as the House Committee on Judiciary during the impeachment of President William Jefferson Clinton. Prior to her Capitol Hill experience, she worked at the U.S. Commission on Civil Rights and the NAACP Legal Defense and Educational Fund, Inc. She is a graduate of the City College of New York and received her juris doctor from the University of Virginia School of Law.

Registration Required

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https://librarycalendar.fairfaxcounty.gov/event/7375214

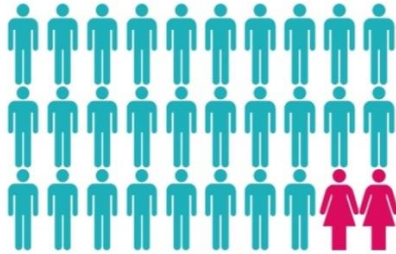
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## Struggling with the COVID-19 pandemic in state's prison system

### Sex of Inmates in NC Prisons

Of the state's  
30,566 inmates:

- 28,258 are male
- 2,308 are female



Source: A. S. Q. Custom Offender Reports, North Carolina Department of Public Safety, Office of Research and Planning. Accessed Dec. 15, 2020 for populations as of Oct. 31, 2020.

COVID-19 has sickened at least 6,000 people behind bars in NC, including 25 who died. More than 1,500 staff has gotten the disease, and 300 are currently ill and out of work, while four have died. The prisons' slow response, lack of transparency and history of outbreaks has led the courts to cite them for noncompliance with orders.

The Carolina Public Press is highlighting some of the problems in our state prisons and what we can do about them .

<https://carolinapublicpress.org/what-ails-nc-prisons/>

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## PUBLIC POLICY – YOU HAVE THE POWER

The U.S. Senate is in session following the inauguration as follows: January 25-29, February 1-5 and 8-12

Senator Richard Burr

(202) 224-3154 <https://www.burr.senate.gov/>

Senator Thom Tillis

(202) 224-6342 <https://www.tillis.senate.gov/>

Find your NC legislators at: [NC Legislator Search](#)

January 26<sup>th</sup> 1:00 PM [Joint Legislative Oversight Committee on Unemployment Insurance](#)

Sessions are live streamed

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### Additional Opportunities

**January 23<sup>rd</sup> 10:30-noon I'm Smart, Too**, Join the AAUW ODC Branch to view this short documentary, as the voices of educational experts, students, and parents sound an alarm about the tremendous damage we do when we squander students' potential and the promise of our public education system.

**Register here to join the meeting via Zoom:**

<https://tinyurl.com/AAUWODCJan2021>

**PBS Sundays 9PM *All Creatures Great and Small***

Loosely based on the book by James Herriot

The trials and misadventures of the staff of a country veterinary office in Yorkshire from the 1930s to the 1950s. Also on Amazon Prime

**BOOK BUDDIES**

January 11, 7PM

**The Giver of Stars** by Jojo Moyes -

The Giver of Stars is a historical fiction story about the Packhorse Librarians of Kentucky, a group of 5 women who travel through a large region of the mountainous state delivering books to rural residents, through a program inspired by Eleanor Roosevelt. Rita Law will lead the discussion.

**Monday, March 8, 7PM**

**The Vanishing Half** (Brit Bennett)

Follows the lives of twin girls (both light-skinned Black girls) who run away from home at 16. One marries a Black man and has a child, while the other lives her life passing as white. The novel tracks their lives across generations both separate and intertwined. An HBO series.

**Kathy Johnson will review**

**Call or email Beverly (980-498-7570)**

**[bevdances@verizon.net](mailto:bevdances@verizon.net) To receive a Zoom email or phone call invite**

**“SOLE MATES” Walking Group**

The Branch Walking Group has been postponed for the months of January and February, 2021. We will resume planning dates for this group in March, 2021. Please look for further information to appear in March

If you have questions or suggestions, please contact one or both of us –in an email or phone call- and we’ll get back to you.

We sincerely wish all the wonderful ladies in our branch the best of good health and happiness in the New Year! We look forward to walking together in March!

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**AAUW 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, or socioeconomic status.