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Kensington-Rockville Meeting

Saturday, May 21 at 12:30 pm

At the home of Carol Petzold

RSVP by calling Carol at 301-871-7413

Instead of assigning types of dishes to bring to this potluck luncheon, members are asked to bring any of your favorites for the group to share.

We are expecting a wonderful speaker and there will be a brief Branch Annual meeting and election of officers.

Election of Kensington Rockville 2016-2017 Officers

The following slate of officers for 2016-17 will be presented for election May 21 at the annual Branch meeting.

President: Dian Belanger

Program Vice Presidents: Maritsa George, Margaret Schweitzer, and Joyce Graf

Membership Vice Presidents: Jean Thompson and Virginia Collins

Treasurer/Finance Officer: Ruth Spivack

The Nominating Committee: Joyce Graf, chair, Jean Thompson, and Margaret Schweitzer.

Message from the President:

Notes from the President *Charting the Course*

Have you heard about AAUW's latest major gift campaign? Titled ***Charting the Course***, this ambitious, worthy endeavor, launched at the 2015 national convention, is to raise \$1 million by December 31, 2016—in unrestricted funds. See: <http://www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/>. By donors' not stipulating where the money must be used, AAUW will be able to respond to breaking challenges and opportunities for women and girls with greater ability, agility, and effectiveness. The goal is more than half-way met, but that leaves a long way yet to go.

One special incentive targets branches: If ten or more members make individual gifts totaling \$25,000 or more (just bear with me now . . .), the branch becomes a ***Charting the Course Navigator***, earning recognition as part of "the new wave of leadership" in AAUW's annual report and (with photo) on the AAUW website. The individual donors will be invited to a special reception at the 2017 national convention in Washington next June.

Now here's the unexpected and exciting part: In truth, I tossed this emailed appeal aside, as far beyond our branch means. (They'd also take a check from our treasury—ha!) Then I learned that Kensington-Rockville has already donated \$25,000—some angel's single gift! Thus, if at least nine of us each contribute as we can (there's no minimum but let's be generous), our branch will join a small but exceptional circle of AAUW philanthropists. The angel? Little surprise there. She didn't tell us, but Janet Crampton has once again shown her boundless generosity. Wouldn't it be a fitting gesture of our gratitude to her to make her gift count for more?

I have submitted my donation, and others have gladly committed. You can go online to donate directly to ***Charting the Course*** at <https://ww2.aauw.org/ctc-gift/?treatment=AAUW4402-1>. The software is so smart it'll automatically credit KR Branch.

Or, make your check payable to AAUW, with ***Charting the Course***, #4402 on the memo line, and send it to: AAUW Development Office, PO Box 98045, Washington, DC 20090.

Can you help? It feels so good to give. Thank you!

Dian Belanger
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"Excellence is the result of caring more than others think is wise, risking more than others think is safe, dreaming more than others think is practical, and expecting more than others think is possible."

—Anonymous, cited by Denise Decker, Capitol Hill Branch—accomplished friend, former AAUW fellow, longtime member-leader

AAUW on the Move Part 2:

When the AAUW Archives Corps met in April for the usual rediscovering and preserving more stories from our storied past, staff archivist Suzanne Gould treated us to what has become an annual thank-you lunch. She invited Mark Hopkins, chief strategy officer, to tell us more about AAUW's impending headquarters move. If you're curious, read on:

Why move, why now? After 27 years, AAUW's 1111 16th Street building needs extensive, expensive (\$ millions) repairs and necessary updates. A developer has bought up much of the neighborhood, demolishing left and right for new structures—suggesting that this might be a propitious time for AAUW to sell. Agreeing with our attached corner neighbor to sell as one deal brought us an otherwise unrealizable price (not yet disclosable).

Then what? The plan to buy somewhere else lost traction when financial experts showed that renting would be 30 percent less costly! So we've got a long-term lease of the top three floors of a building owned by the Cafritz Foundation, which will provide a large outdoor sign announcing our presence and much else.



What do we get? Our new digs will be fresh, ample, high-tech, and fitted out to our specifications, including space for board meetings, conferences of varying sizes (little ones are called huddle rooms), filming, and history exhibits. First-floor common space can accommodate large gatherings. Mark anticipates a Grand Opening reception and tour, to which locals will be invited. Let's go!

Dian Belanger

View of neighborhood demolition as seen from AAUW's 7th-floor Board Room.

AAUW Archives Corps:



AAUW Archives Corps, including KR members Dian Belanger (left), Jean Thompson (center, behind white box), Carolyn Waller (right standing, in blue). Absent, Ginny Collins

AAUW Funds Ella Iams

Spring has arrived and students have received college acceptance letters. It is time for members to consider making a donation to the Montgomery College Foundation so the college can award scholarship money to a woman returning to school. To contribute, make checks payable to the Montgomery College Foundation and add "AAUW Kensington Rockville Scholarship TS 1007" on the memo line. Mail checks to Montgomery College Foundation 40 West Gude Drive #220 Rockville, MD 20850. You can also donate on-line. The web address is in the Directory.

Message From the Treasurer: Ruth Spivack

Dear Kensington-Rockville Branch Member:

It's time to renew your AAUW membership. You can renew on-line or by mailing a check to Ruth Spivack, the Branch Treasurer. See attached form.

To facilitate on-line renewal on the AAUW website, I will be sending each member an-email with a direct link to easily renew your membership on line, as well as make a contribution. **JUST CLICK AND RENEW ONLINE WITH YOUR CREDIT CARD** It is not necessary to log in to the AAUW website with Member ID or password. After you complete the process, you will receive an e-mail confirmation. It doesn't get any easier than this.

Message From the Membership Vice Presidents: Jean Thompson and Virginia Collins

2016-17 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: AAUW KENSINGTON ROCKVILLE BRANCH

BRANCH DUES FORM

Use this form to join the AAUW Kensington Rockville Branch or to renew membership. Complete the form and mail it with a check payable to **Kensington-Rockville AAUW**. Association dues are \$49; AAUW MD dues are 10; branch dues are \$16: totaling \$75. Life members of AAUW pay \$24 (state & branch). Student dues are \$20.

Name: _____

Name of Spouse (optional, for yearbook): _____

Street Address: _____

Telephone number(s): _____

Email address: _____

May we publish your email address in the yearbook? _____

Are you willing to receive the newsletter via email (only)? _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Are you an AAUW Life Member? _____

I would like to help the Kensington Rockville Branch grow. My interests are checked below:

_____ **Public Policy** (legislative meetings, member information on public issues)

_____ **Communications** (newsletter, brochures, member to member information, website)

_____ **Membership** (outreach to new members)

_____ **Program** (community outreach and educational programs to fulfill our mission)

_____ **Educational Foundation** (planning and implementing the fundraising events for EF and LAF)

_____ **Historian** (providing historical perspective and association memory; creates/maintains scrapbooks)

_____ **Donations** -- I would like to contribute \$_____ to the AAUW Kensington Rockville Branch mission.

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For new members:

College/University: _____

College/University City: _____ State _____

Degree: _____ Year _____

Major: _____

Other Degree(s), including college or university and year earned: _____

Send the form and your dues check made payable to Kensington Rockville AAUW to
Ruth Spivack 10115 Frederick Ave. Kensington, MD 20895-3404

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Who can join AAUW?

- AAUW membership consists of individual and college/university members.
- If you hold as associate's or equivalent, bachelor's, or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university, you can join AAUW as an individual (member-at-large) or as a member of one of AAUW's 1,300 branches. Branch members also belong to the national organization.
- If you are an undergraduate in a two-or four-year regionally accredited educational institution, you can join as a student affiliate of a branch or a student-affiliate-at-!

**Deadline for the June and Summer Newsletter is
May 20.**

Interest Groups:

GREAT DECISIONS

Marianne Jacobs
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TBA

Le Groupe Francais

Ruth Spivack
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TBA

The Afternoon Literature Group

Judy Burr judyb429@verizon.net

Ella Iams will lead the discussion
of *A Constellation of Vital
Phenomena* by Anthony Marra
May 17 at the home of Ella Iams

Lunch Bunch

Parma Holt
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. The Lunch Bunch will meet at
noon on Wednesday, May 18, at
the Mosaic Café in Rockville. This
recently renovated restaurant, a
favorite of many branch members,
is located at 186 Halpine Road,
adjacent to Congressional
Plaza. Please notify Parma at
bobandparma@earthlink.com by
Thursday, May 17, if you plan to
join us.

*The **American Association of University Women (AAUW)**
advances equity for **women** and **girls** through advocacy, education,
philanthropy, and research.*

*AAUW Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and
visible leader in equity and education through research,
philanthropy, and measureable change in critical areas
impacting the lives of women and girls.*

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more than 130 years, we have worked together as a national grassroots organization to improve the lives of millions of women and their families.

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