



Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

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A Patient's Bill of Rights for Maryland Get the facts

Saturday, November 12, 2016 at 11:30 am

Bethesda Public Library

Did you know that Maryland ranks *lowest* in the USA for the quality of services received by hospital patients? A recent survey by the Center for Medicare and Medicaid Services states this fact as well as points out that over 67 % of the respondents were age 55 or older.

Join Dr. Anna Palmisano, originator of the proposed 'Patient's Bill of Rights' for Marylanders, and Mike Lore, Chief of Staff for Senator Susan Lee, our AAUW Branch member and Co-sponsor of this bill, to learn about its key provisions and how our Branch can help with its passage into law in Annapolis.

The meeting will take place at the Bethesda Public Library beginning at 11:30 am. After the discussion and a Q&A period we will adjourn to a nearby restaurant for a Dutch-treat style lunch together. Information concerning the choice of the restaurant will be sent at a later date.

Bethesda Public Library is located at 7400 Arlington Road near Old Georgetown Road in Bethesda and has limited free public parking in front of the building. Carpooling is suggested.

There is a \$5.00 fee to use the library Meeting Room which will be collected at the meeting.

Message from the President

President's Notes

Tomorrow's Women Leaders Today

What a demonstration of Hope for Tomorrow we saw in our talented young speakers at the AAUW Maryland fall conference, a.k.a Kensington-Rockville Branch's October meeting!

Sophie Kim Goldmacher, a leader of the Younger Women's Task Force DC, affiliated with AAUW and collaborating with Mayor Muriel Bowser and the District government, described her group's AAUW \$tart \$mart workshops (free to participants), which empower women college graduates to successfully negotiate beginning salary and benefits. Work \$mart workshops instill in working women the skills and confidence to claim fair and equal pay. YWTF's ambitious goal is to reach 15,000 area women in five years. AAUW MD plans to take this on; we can, too.



Sophie Kim Goldmacher of the Younger Women's Task Force DC Chapter presenting the AAUW program Work Smart.

Next we heard about the impact of the June 2016 NCCWSL (National Conference for College Women Student Leaders) on two young Maryland women who were among the nearly 1,000 attendees from around the country. Their stories "excited," "moved," "humbled," "inspired" us.

It was good to see how "energized" they were, said Lyn, who was "moved by the tears and determination" of Darlene Benson from Ghana, "who missed her mother but was so determined to succeed." Maritsa agreed. "Determination. That's what I heard. I heard it in the voice of [that] young woman from West Africa who spoke with those gentle words that only come from the grinding patience which was expected of her as she learned to wait. Wait for your turn. Wait for your chance. Wait. She's finished waiting now." Maritsa continued, "And, I heard it from another young woman of color," Ariel Guillory [rhymes with Hillary, she coached], "but this time American born and raised in Louisiana. Determined to find her way to be valued as herself, determined to be heard and, without rancor, describing how she learned not to be seen as 'too smart.'" Margie caught the "honest graciousness" of these students upon learning that their NCCWSL scholarships had been directly funded by the Howard County Branch.



The students who attended the 2016 National Collegiate Women Students Leadership Conference. Darlene Banson (Montgomery College) Ariel Guillory, and Marcella-Gullory (Howard

Unexpectedly, there was more. The soft-spoken woman who accompanied Ariel was her mother, Marcella. She attended NCCWSL, too! How neat is that? With a degree in finance but eager to leave her desk to get out and help people, she is now a nursing student.

Concluded Angela, "The future of AAUW is bright if we can successfully retain the young women who shared their stories with us. We've made progress as a society but we still have miles to travel." Concluded Margie, "Both presentations make me so proud of being a member of AAUW." Me, too.

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Charting the Course:

We Did It!

Thanks to the amazing generosity of a dozen branch members, inspired by Janet Crampton's ever-over-the-top giving, Kensington-Rockville AAUW has become a **Charting the Course Branch Navigator** in AAUW's campaign to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds!

You may recall that I expressed a personal goal of raising an additional \$1,000 to add to Janet's qualifying donation of \$25,000. You multiplied that 8+ times! Our total contribution, as of 3 October, is **\$33,441.66**. The campaign is within sight of its million and remains open until 31 December, so there's still time if you're so moved.

Note: We've been asked to have our photograph taken with a giant "check" made out to AAUW, so please be there with a big smile, especially if you are one of the donors (I don't know who you are), at our next meeting, Saturday, 12 November, Bethesda Public Library.

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Dian Belanger

Montgomery County School Board Election Forum

AAUW members attended the Montgomery County, Maryland School Board Election Forum sponsored by the League of Women Voters of Montgomery County and co-

sponsored by AAUW, Montgomery County Interbranch on September 28, 2016. Dian Belanger, President of Kensington-Rockville Branch and Anita Rosen, Co-VP of State Public Policy were volunteers. The program forum will be televised by local access TV.



AAUW Funds

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AAUW Fund (# 9110) is the general fund of AAUW. The donations are *unrestricted* and will allow AAUW to use the gifts where AAUW needs to react to new challenges, and develop, disseminate and sustain programs such as camps, trainings and advocacy efforts. The funds will support existing programs and allow AAUW the flexibility to act quickly and responsibly as new challenges facing women and girls arise. If you want to contribute to this campaign or any other AAUW fund, go on-line or refer to your new Kensington-Rockville Directory on how to contribute.

The Educational Opportunities Fund (# 4336). During the 2015-16 academic year, AAUW is providing more than \$3.7 million in funding for more than 241 fellowships and grants.

Fund # 4355 supports the Women of Distinction ceremony of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. The Maryland Woman of Distinction for 2016-17 will be Cleopatra Campbell of the Frederick Branch.

Message from the Membership Vice Presidents: Jean Thompson and

Virginia Collins

We are pleased to welcome all of our newest branch members. Mary Ann Zimmerman, Sara Long, Ruth Manchester and Linna Liberchuk from the Silver Spring Branch. Margaret Latimer and Andrea Steelman, representatives from Montgomery College. Sylvia Crowder, Anna Palmisano and Rebecca McLean

We look forward to meeting you.

New Member: Mary Ann Zimmerman

Mary Ann retired in 2013. She has returned to her “roots” as an active participant in the Silver Spring community, where she has lived since 1993.

Prior to joining the Kensington-Rockville Branch, Mary Ann was an active board member of the Silver Spring Branch. She currently serves on the Silver Spring Citizens Advisory Board and the Board of Silver Spring Village, Inc.

Past affiliations have included the WMATA Riders Advisory Council, Silver Spring Town Center, Inc. (SSTCi), First Night Montgomery, Silver Spring Urban District Advisory Committee, and the Montgomery County Blue Ribbon Panel on Pedestrian and Traffic Safety. She is a graduate of Leadership Montgomery and the IMPACT Silver Spring community empowerment program.

Mary Ann is a civil engineering graduate from Purdue University (BS, MS), has worked for the City of Chicago, Cummins Inc., and as a management consultant in more than twenty-five countries primarily in sub-Saharan Africa and Eastern Europe. She retired from the US Department of State in 2013 where she worked as a contractor for the Bureau of Conflict and Stabilization Operations (CSO).

Interest Groups:

GREAT DECISIONS

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The next Great Decisions meeting is Nov. 18th at 1 pm at the home of Ella Iams. We have completed all of the foreign Policy chapters: therefore, we will discuss the election results. There will be no meeting in December.

The Afternoon Literature Group

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The Literature Group will meet November 15 at 1PM at the home of Ella Iams. We will discuss ***Close Your Eyes, Hold Hands*** by Chris Bohjalian. There is no meeting in December. The book for January is ***All the Light We Cannot See*** by Anthony Doerr.

Le Groupe Français

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Le Group Francais usually meets in the evening during the third week of the month. We are beginning to read "No Tomorrow" /"Point de Lendemain" by Vivant Denon. It is a bilingual book available locally Politics & Prose or through Amazon

Lunch Bunch

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Olney Ale House on Friday
Nov. 4. Contact Parma for details.

Save the Date: Details to follow

November 17, 2016 Thursday
AAUW Open House (to show off the building)
1310 L Street, NW, Suite 1000, Washington,

Sonya Kovalevsky Day
November 19, 2016 Saturday
See attached flyer

Coming Events

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| Tue, Nov 8 | Election Day: VOTE! |
| By Dec 31 | <i>Charting the Course</i> |
| Jun 14-17, 2017 | AAUW National Convention
Washington, DC
Pledge now to register for chance at
Free registration. |

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

AAUW has been empowering women as individuals and as a community since 1881. For more *than 135 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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AAUW Vision Statement: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measureable.

Deadline for the December Newsletter is November 20.