



# Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

**American Association Of University Women**

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## Kensington-Rockville AAUW Branch Meeting

**Saturday, Jan. 14, 2017 12:15 pm**

**Luncheon followed by the Program**

**Ingleside Residence**  
701 King Farm Blvd.  
Rockville, MD 20850

**ELDER ABUSE**  
Speaker: Speaker: Tovah Kasdin

Director, EldersSAFE Centers

What is Elder Abuse? (Financial, Emotional, Physical)  
How prevalent is it in Montgomery County?  
What procedures are available to report abuse?  
What are the legal parameters?

Luncheon Menu: Lentil Soup, Salad Bar: Steak, Chicken, Tuna, Assorted Vegetables, Rolls, Assorted Cookies, Tea, Coffee, Water, Lemonade  
Cost: **\$25** (Includes tip) Send a check to: Margaret Schweitzer,  
701 King Farm Blvd. #204  
Rockville, MD 20850

Deadline: Tuesday, Jan. 10, 2017

## Message from the President

### President's Notes

#### Time to be Seen and Heard



Thank you, Jeri Rhodes, for once again hosting Kensington-Rockville's festive holiday gathering. Thank you, all, for contributing the delicious treats we enjoyed together. How special it turned out to be to get to know one another better by sharing stories of personal superlative significance. Who knew that two of us share a fascination with all the tiny critters all around us? Or that two and a half of us (I'm the half; graduate work but no degree) are alums of the University of Southern California? Or that so many of us have experienced life-changing moments from being empowered as a teenage traveler, to sharing company with pathbreaker Rosa Parks, to observing cultures blending successfully in the closeness of family?

Now to January. A big page in our national history is turning, if not in the book most Americans were reading! It's more important than ever for us to "speak truth to power," in the words of AAUW public policy champion, Lisa Maatz, to insist that "women's rights are human rights and human rights are women's rights," in the words of Hillary Clinton, to help create the history we need, want, and deserve.

We can start by joining other activists at the national March for Women's Rights, on Saturday, 21 January 2017. AAUW members and friends will rendezvous at 10 a.m. downtown on Independence Avenue at 3<sup>rd</sup> Street, at the foot of the Capitol. Brian and I plan to be there unless the weather is just too threatening for us seniors. We'd love lots of company, not only to keep us warm as we huddle like incubating Emperor penguins but to magnify our presence. AAUW may be planning complementary events at headquarters at that time as well. Stay tuned.

And don't miss the Women's Legislative Briefing on Sunday, 29 January 2017, 11:30-6:00, at the Universities at Shady Grove. This nonpartisan, women-oriented annual event draws Maryland elected political leaders, in positions from local to national, for a day of speeches, panels, workshops, and schmoozing on the issues we care most about. As we face enormous change and uncertainty, this year's WLB should be especially enlightening. Do join us.

We can, we MUST, make an AAUW difference.

Dian Belanger

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## Message from the Membership Vice Presidents: Jean Thompson and Virginia Collins

### New Member: Ruth Manchester

When I joined AAUW in Silver Spring as that was the only way one could be a docent at the National Gallery of Art. On becoming chairperson of the docents, I eliminated the docent rule that excluded anyone without a college degree--and men! Now, of course, AAUW welcomes those with AAs as well as men. I attended a diploma school of nursing in Rochester, MN and graduated in 1964. I worked a short time, took a four-month trip to Europe, and then went to the University of Minnesota to obtain by BSN. I met my husband Paul at U MN. He was studying for his PhD in economics. We married in 1969 and a year later, moved to the DC area where we have lived ever since. We have two children, Sarah, a math teach at Takoma Middle School, and a son Dan, who works for Lockheed Martin.

In 1986, I received an MA in Art History from the University of Maryland. I combine my love of both my professions in speaking about images of nursing in art. I am currently employed as a Parish Nurse at Saint Luke Lutheran Church in Silver Spring. Since 1986, I have taught a course in the art department at Montgomery College, Rockville. In recent times, my course has been the History of Architecture. Of course, this "requires" lots of travel--which my husband and I love to do. We have traveled to Iceland and took a Baltic Sea cruise. This September, I spoke at the American Association for the History of Nursing Conference in Chicago on Capt. Dorothy Wahlstrom, a nurse who was one of the first into Dachau after liberation and who cared for the internees there.

I have been active as both a Silver Spring Branch member and past president and on the Maryland AAUW Board as Public Policy VP for four years

## Interest Groups:

### **GREAT DECISIONS**

Marianne Jacobs

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Great Decisions will meet Jan.20, 2017 at 1pm details to be determined.

### **The Afternoon Literature Group**

Judy Burr [AUWKenRock@gmail.com](mailto:AUWKenRock@gmail.com)

The book for January is **All the Light We Cannot See** by Anthony Doerr.

### **Le Groupe Français**

Ruth Spivack

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The next French Club meeting is scheduled for Monday, Monday 1/16/2017 Home of Angela Mickalide 1:30-3:30 p.m

We will complete "Point de Lendmaine" and plan next reading selection.

### **Lunch Bunch**

Parma Holt [AAUWKenRock@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWKenRock@gmail.com)

The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Wednesday, January 11, at the Mosaic Café in Rockville. This French restaurant, accented with Mediterranean and Middle Eastern cuisine, is a favorite of many branch members. It is located at 186 Halpine Road, adjacent to Congressional Plaza. Please notify Parma at [AAUWKenRock@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWKenRock@gmail.com) by Tuesday, January 10, if you plan to join us.

## Save the Date:

Lobby Core Training January 11, 2017

Women's Legislative Briefing – January 29, 2017

Universities at Shady Grove in Rockville <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/cfw/wlb.html>.

AAUW Maryland will be a sponsor at the highest level and will have an AAUW table for an exhibit. Lyn Peters of the Kensington-Rockville Branch is the co-sponsoring representative for AAUW Maryland.

## Coming Events

**Jun 14-17, 2017**    **AAUW National Convention**  
Washington, DC  
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*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.*

**Deadline for the January Newsletter is January 20.**

**Editor's note: the link to the Women's Legislative Briefing is fabulous.**

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