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Kensington-Rockville AAUW Branch Meeting

The 75th AAUW Maryland Convention in Easton, Maryland

The kick off celebration begins Friday, April 7 at 5:30 pm.

Saturday, April 8 a full day of discussions and presentations

starting at 7:45 am and continuing until 4:30 pm.

Carpooling arrangements will be organized by Joyce Graf at: joyce@regraf.com

Further information is available at: AAUW Marylander

Registration for the Dinner and the Convention are attached.

Message from the President

President's Notes

Serendipity:

“the gift of finding valuable or agreeable things not sought for”

I was still stewing over an anticipated Inter-branch event going awry, leaving us with no branch program for March, when, at AAUW Lobby Day in Annapolis, in February, Angela Mickalide approached with an eye-popping proposal that she entertain the branch with lunch at her new waterfront home in Edgewater! A glance at her warm smile confirmed she really meant it. Angela further suggested that we might do something interesting in the “neighborhood,” like visit the Smithsonian Environmental Research Center on Chesapeake Bay.

Within a few days Program VPs Joyce Graf and Maritsa George had checked out SERC, arranged for a timely lecture on climate change and tours of the facility, and plotted driving times and routes. They urged and coordinated carpooling. Wow! Just like that, some two dozen eager KR members and friends were in for a day we'll long remember.

Dr. Bert Drake, retired SERC plant physiologist, edified and engaged us on what plant health teaches us about global warming—his preferred, more “truthful,” term. We were then led through the Charles McC. Mathias Laboratory (new in 2014), which is designed to encourage collaboration among researchers studying various aspects of the coastal environment. Moreover, the structure and grounds are super-“green”: its “built and natural systems cooperate—almost as if they have always been together.” (For more on this LEED Platinum marvel, see *Architecture DC*, Spring 2017, pp. 30-34, or <http://flipbook.hbp.com/spring2017/>. Thank you, Sallee Garner, for the tip.) At the nearby Reed Educational Center we learned how SERC annually gives 10,000 students hands-on learning experiences right where ecology vividly lives.

Finally, the best part of a memorable day: At Angela's we were invited to partake of her bountiful buffet, take time to catch up with one another, make new friends, and explore her beautiful four-level house with enough glass to view curving Beards Creek from almost every room. Thank you, Angela, for your priceless gift of many parts.

Serendipity. I love it!

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More from Dian:

Next month we travel again (seems we like it!), this time to charming Easton where we'll participate in our state's annual convention, April 7-8. This year is special for being **AAUW Maryland's Diamond Jubilee**. Do come and help us celebrate "**75 Years of Sparkling History.**"

The program promises to be exciting and informative, topped by the active presence of our enthusiastic national president, now called Board Chair, Patricia Fae Ho. A PowerPoint highlighting AAUW Maryland and branch achievements and milestones will run at both Friday evening's dinner and on Saturday. We've got much to be proud of. See more in the Spring *Marylander* and page 1 here.

Please let me know if you are planning to attend, as Kensington-Rockville is entitled to seven (7) voting delegates—one for every ten members, or major fraction thereof, beyond those listed below—and I want to make sure you are properly credentialed. Of course, any and all are welcome and I urge you to come.

The state bylaws and convention rules give the following KR members the vote by virtue of present or past leadership:

Current state officers:

Kate Campbell-Stevenson, co-Program Vice President

Angela Mickalide, Membership Vice President

Anita Rosen, Public Policy Vice President

Former state presidents:

Janet Crampton

Dian Belanger

Joyce Graf

Current branch president

Bring someone special and make a memorable weekend of it!

AAUW Funds

Ella Iams

Spring has arrived and students have received college acceptance letters. It is time 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, 9221 Corporate Boulevard MD 20850. This is a new address. You can also donate on-line. The web address is in the Directory.

Branch Yearbooks Available

It has come to our attention that many members did not receive a copy of the Branch Yearbook. They are being mailed to the members we can identify as not receiving one. If you have not yet received your copy, please send an email, text message, or call to Joyce Graf at joyce@regraf.com.

Interest Groups:

GREAT DECISIONS

Marianne Jacobs

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Great Decisions group will be on April 21st at the home of Monique Briend-Walker, 647 Azalea Dr., Woodley Gardens. Rockville at 1pm.

Lunch Bunch

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The Lunch Bunch will meet at Cristina's Italian Restaurant in Wheaton on Thursday, April 27, at noon. The restaurant is located at 2666 University Boulevard, and metered parking is available in the public lot 4 doors away on the corner of Georgia Avenue. Please notify Parma at AAUWKenRock@gmail.com by Thursday, April 6, if you plan to join

Le Groupe Français

Ruth Spivack

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will meet on April 20 at 7:30
Place: TBD
We will continue to read "La Nuit"

The Afternoon Literature Group Judy Burr

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TBA

Save the Date: Ruth Spivack

Jun 14-17, 2017 AAUW National Convention

Washington, DC

Deadline for the April Newsletter is April 20.

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