



Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

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Dian Belanger's Presentation of Maryland AAUW history in pictures at the 75th Anniversary Celebration dinner at the Yacht Club in St. Michaels

Kensington-Rockville AAUW Branch Meeting

Potluck Luncheon Noon

Saturday, May 13 at the home of Anita Rosen

RSVP Anita: 301-460-2079 or email-anitarosen123@gmail.com

There will also be a brief Annual Branch meeting. Bring the attached bylaws and slate of officers.

Members are asked to bring a favorite dish to share with 6-8 others.

Message from the President

President's Notes

President's Notes Two Celebrations, Another Coming Up

I was honored to represent Kensington-Rockville Branch, a donor organization, at the Montgomery College Foundation's Scholarship Recognition Luncheon on March 30th. Janet Crampton is our link with the college for scholarships, but she was to be away. I was delighted to substitute for her.

Carol Rognrud, executive director of the Foundation (and KR member), and her team put together an elegant banquet for several-hundred donors, student recipients, and Foundation Trustees. It featured fine food and beautiful flowers, live music and inspiring speeches, and the presence of many important area leaders. But the thrill for me was being seated between two students who are current recipients of KR-funded scholarships. These lovely women covered me with gratitude, exuding aspiration and determination.

AAUW Maryland's annual convention, also our monthly branch meeting, in Easton, April 7-8, was another celebration—the 75th anniversary of our state's affiliation with AAUW. The Diamond Jubilee included a gala dinner honoring past presidents of AAUW Maryland (nee Maryland State Division), of whom sixteen attended—from as far away as North Carolina and Colorado. Since I am one, the evening meant reunion with special friends and nostalgia over long-dormant memories. Throughout we admired state and branch achievements over time as told via PowerPoint showing visual highlights submitted by members.

Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW's national board chair (formerly president), honored us with her enthusiastic presence, congratulations, and news of what's ahead for AAUW. In her keynote address, Major General Linda Singh, told her riveting personal story of rising from abandonment and abuse to becoming the first African-American and first woman Adjutant General of Maryland (head of all state military; think national guards and emergency management). She reports to the governor, who must be as spellbound as we were. Branch members Kate Campbell-Stevenson, Anita Rosen, and Angela Mickalide, as state board leaders, did much to ensure the success of the weekend.

So now . . . , don't miss KR's year-end potluck luncheon and annual meeting, May 13th, at Anita's. Always a fun time of sharing favorite foods and friendship, we will hear from special guests. Our Montgomery College scholars will share their compelling stories and dreams, and AAUW Maryland president Eileen Menton will join us to share her thoughts and install our new officers. See you there!

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Branch Scholars at Montgomery College 2016-2017

Advancing AAUW's Mission—Our branch changes lives through education!

AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch Scholarship at Montgomery College helped three students this past school year. For the fall semester, our scholars were Raissa Smith and Michele Muise. This spring semester we aided Eunita Simmons.

Raissa Smith, juggling family duties, is in Montgomery College's nursing program, hopes to earn her Nursing Associate degree and continue in pediatric nursing. Michele Muise had a successful career in management until downsizing left her jobless. She headed back to school at Montgomery College and is in her second year studying communications. Eunita Simmons, a 30-year Hodgkin's disease survivor who returned to school, earns her Montgomery College Associate degree this semester and next semester heads to University of Maryland University College to continue her communications studies.

At Montgomery College Foundation's annual Scholarship Recognition Luncheon in March, branch president Dian Belanger met Smith and Simmons. "Grateful and endearing," Dian described them, and "highly impressed by AAUW." We branch members hope our winners can squeeze the branch May lunch into their busy schedules, so we all can meet them.

Your gifts to AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch Scholarship, TS 1007, are welcomed by Montgomery College Foundation, on line by credit card or by mail with check or credit card. Checks are payable to Montgomery College Foundation, with AAUW Kensington-Rockville Scholarship TS 1007 in the memo line. The foundation has recently moved to new offices at 9221 Corporate Blvd., Rockville MD 20850. Bring checks to our May lunch, we will mail them for you. (Ignore the old address still on the foundation's web site.)

The need for scholarships has never been greater, said Carol Rognrud in a recent college newsletter. Rognrud is Montgomery College Foundation Executive Direction and a Kensington-Rockville Branch member. Scholarship applications at the college have increased more than 70 percent since 2015.

We can help a few of those applicants. As Muise wrote in her thank-you letter, "I believe that education changes lives and improves the standard of living in communities." Change a life—give to our Montgomery College scholarship.

Janet Wert Crampton, janet.crampton@wap.org

Kensington-Rockville AAUW Membership Renewal

Association dues are \$49; AAUW MD dues are 10; branch dues are \$16: **totaling \$75**. Life members of AAUW pay \$26 (state & branch). Student dues are \$20.

There are three ways to renew:

1. The AAUW website. If you would like to renew on line the link is: http://www.aauw.org/join/
2. On-line invoice: Towards the end of May, each member will receive an e-mail with an on-line invoice. It's a quick and easy way to renew.
3. Mail: Submit your check and membership form found in the May newsletter to the branch treasurer. See below

2017-18 MEMBERSHIP APPLICATION: AAUW KENSINGTON ROCKVILLE BRANCH

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 \$26 (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.

Send the form and your dues check made payable to Kensington Rockville AAUW to

Ruth Spivack 10115 Frederick Ave. Kensington, MD 20895-3404 Ruth Spivack
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For new members: The above and this

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
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Who can join AAUW?

- AAUW membership consists of individual and college/university members.
- If you hold an 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-l.

AAUW Funds

Ella Iams AAUWKenRock@gmail.com

Spring has arrived and students have received college acceptance letters. It is time to consider donating 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.

Interest Groups:

GREAT DECISIONS

Marianne Jacobs

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May 19 at the home of Anita Rosen

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Lunch Bunch

Parma Holt AAUWKenRock@gmail.com

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Cristina's Italian Restaurant in Wheaton on Friday, April 28, 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 Grandview Avenue. Please notify Parma at AAUWKenRock@gmail.com

by Thursday, April 27, if you plan to join us.

Le Groupe Français

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TBA contact Ruth for details

The Afternoon Literature Group Judy Burr

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TBA

Save the Date:

Jun 14-17, 2017 AAUW National Convention

Washington, DC

Contact Dian if you are planning to attend.

Deadline for the June and Summer Newsletter is May 20.

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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.*

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 measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

