



Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

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Kensington-Rockville AAUW Branch Meeting

All hands-on deck!

Bring your ideas and a bag lunch on Wednesday, June 21, 2017

This is the Planning meeting for Branch goals and programs, 2017-2018

All Branch members are invited to attend a two-hour exchange of ideas.

At: 12:00 noon

Where: Maritsa George's house

Incoming and outgoing Branch leaders look forward to hearing ideas and goals from the Membership for the coming year.

RSVP: maritsageo@Verizon.net

Message from the President

President's Notes

Thank You!

Thank you, Kensington-Rockville, for having me back after a long (and, in truth, grateful) hiatus from branch leadership. (As you might know, I wasn't absent, another AAUW engagement.) Thank you for all you have contributed and accomplished to send me off again on such a high! I feel great about where we are and where we're headed. Thank you, all of you on the leadership team, for making so much good happen.

We enjoyed programs that stimulated, enriched, and motivated us to action for a better world. We learned how Supreme Court decisions, immigration issues, and elder abuse impact women. We experienced women's struggle for suffrage by "becoming" those brave women. We gained insights about astronomy, ecology, and climate change. We appreciated Shakespeare's genius at the Folger Library and tapped our own inner-poets. We admired and were inspired by the stories of AAUW fellows and grantees in Maryland and branch-sponsored Montgomery College students. We worked with the Montgomery County to combat the scourge of human trafficking, cooperated with Montgomery College to promote mutual goals, and joined forces with AAUW Maryland to lobby in Annapolis for fairness and justice for women, families, and hospital patients. We marched for Women in Washington. And more.

We are a larger, more vibrant and energetic branch with new faces among us, thanks to warm notes of introduction and invitation from our membership leaders, our informative and effective branch website, and your warm, inclusive welcomes—sometimes in your homes.

Kensington-Rockville has been recognized as a Branch Navigator in AAUW's recent *Charting the Course* million-dollar gift campaign, not only thanks to the magnanimity of our star philanthropist but also all of you who were spurred to give more, much more, in her honor.

Enthusiastic interest groups and helpful publications such as the annual directory, updated bylaws, and a newsletter that gets better and better all help us thrive.

Thank you, members all, for recognizing the historic importance, shared purpose, and personal value of AAUW and making us stronger together.

I am delighted now to welcome, support, and work with our fine new and continuing officers and leaders.

Onward!

Dian Belanger dobelanger@comcast.net

Changing Lives—AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch Scholars Speak

Our branch Montgomery College Scholars show AAUW's mission in action, vividly illustrating the four approaches to equity in their short talks at our branch annual meeting and potluck lunch May 13.

Raissa Smith and Michelle Muise explained how our branch scholarship at the college changed their lives. The women, our MC Scholars for the fall semester 2016, spoke of their successes and failures, hardships and highlights, and of their resolve to keep advancing by a return to college for new education.



Raissa will start her second year of nursing classes as a leading student. Michelle soon will receive her AA degree in communications, to continue at University of Maryland College Park. She plans “immediately” to join AAUW and already has ideas for a branch program.



Our spring-semester 2017 scholar, Eunita Simmons, was spending Mother's Day weekend with her mother in South Carolina, but sent her deep thanks and appreciation for our scholarship help in her communications program.

That our Scholars are in school at all is a result of AAUW's long history of advocacy for admitting women to college. AAUW education efforts affirm the ability and right of women to be in school. AAUW branch philanthropy helps keep our Scholars in school, AAUW national giving supports all aspects of our mission. And AAUW research sets the foundation for engaging in advocacy, advancing educational opportunities, and increasing our philanthropy.

Montgomery College Foundation welcomes our gifts to AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch Scholarship, TS 1007, 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. Note the foundation's address change to new offices at 9221 Corporate Blvd., 3d Floor, Rockville MD 20850.

Janet Wert Crampton, janet.crampton@wap.org

Welcome to the 2016-2017 New Branch Members

Jeannette Parshall
Penny Dolinger
Mary Ann Zimmerman
Sara Long
Mary Ann Wren
Margaret (Sallee) Garner
Ruth Manchester
Terese (Tracy)Dhyani
Sylvia Crowder

Ann McNutty
Linna Liberchuk
Rebecca McLean
Catherine Hill
Anna Palmisano
Erin Prangley
Andrea Steelman
Sheila Hixson
Margaret Latimer

Congratulations 2017-18 Kensington-Rockville AAUW Branch Officers

Co-Presidents: Erin Prangley and Kate Campbell- Stevenson

Program Co-Vice Presidents: Jane Gentleman, Sylvia Crowder, Ginny Collins,
Monique Briend-Walker

Treasurer: Ruth Spivack

Secretary: Joyce Graf

Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Ella Iams and Gale Greenberg

Newsletter: Margery Sullivan

Don't Miss: AAUW Lobby Day on Capitol Hill

AAUW National Convention
Washington, DC, 14-15 June 2017

Thanks to the persistence of AAUW Maryland president, Eileen Menton, AAUW has granted special permission for up to 50 Maryland members to participate in Lobby Day on Capitol Hill without registering for the national convention in Washington in June.

This is a fantastic opportunity to be part of something big, and oh so urgent. A huge contingent of convention-goers, and you, will “storm” the Hill to persuade Members of Congress to vote our way on an issue (not yet announced) of particular importance to AAUW, that is, to us, as women—presumably a specific bill under active consideration at the time. Being a volunteer advocate, representing so many women across the country and in our state, is empowering and powerful, especially when we're about a thousand-strong on a single day.

You will go forth informed, prepared, trained, and guided by experienced AAUW lobbyists—on the bill and the broader issue's background and progress, on how to speak effectively from provided talking points, how to conduct yourself as an AAUW representative, how to record and report back what you learn, how to navigate among the congressional office buildings. AAUW has a well-earned reputation for informed, reasoned, nonpartisan persuasion, and AAUW staff and Lobby Corps of area members do a great job of organizing and assisting.

If you say Yes, the following are mandatory:

- Let Eileen (and me) know, asap, of your commitment to be there: ementon@gmail.com, dobelanger@comcast.net.
- Attend training, Wednesday, 14 June, 1:30-4 pm, at the Renaissance Hotel, 999 9th Street NW, DC. Gallery Place Metro is closest.
- Attend briefing, Thursday, 15 June, 8-9 am, Renaissance Hotel.
- Lobby our two Senators in the morning and one Representative in the afternoon, Thursday, 15 June, according to prearranged appointments.

Lobby Day goes from 9 am to 3 pm. Buses will run to accommodate the timing of the earliest and latest appointments.

Whether you participate in Lobby Day or not, could you provide bed and breakfast to a sister Marylander or more who live beyond reasonable commuting distance? Please notify Eileen.

Dian Belanger

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
raspivack@gmail.com

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 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-l.

Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 20. Thank you to all who have submitted material for the Newsletter. The more the pictures ... better the newsletter.

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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.

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