



Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

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KENSINGTON-ROCKVILLE AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Women's Health Challenges and Emerging Issues

In recognition of National Health Education Week (October 17-21) and Domestic Violence Awareness Month

Saturday, October 14, 2017, 11:00 am
Montgomery College – Rockville Campus
51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD 20850
Campus Center (CC), Room 158, Faculty/Staff Lounge

Following the presentations and discussion, we will have a brief branch business meeting and lunch.



Leda Gurley, Supervisory Epidemiologist, Health Promotion Statistics Branch (HPSB), National Center for Health Statistics, will speak on the initiative *Healthy People 2020: Addressing Women's and Girls' Health in the National Health Objectives*.



Lorna Forde, President and a Commissioner of the Montgomery County Commission for Women, will speak about the impact of domestic violence and sexual assault on women's health.

Lunches: You must pre-order your lunch using the [online form](#) by clicking [here](#) or going to <http://bit.ly/2jPa8iu> Payment of \$12 for the lunch can be made at the meeting with cash or check written out to “AAUW Kensington-Rockville.” FREE LUNCH for current Montgomery College Students. **The deadline for ordering lunch is Wednesday, October 11.**

MC Student Food Pantry Donations: The Montgomery College Women’s and Gender Studies Program will be accepting donations for the [MC Student Food Pantry](#) at our meeting. Please bring a donation of individually packaged snacking food items that students can eat on campus (e.g. granola bars, crackers, cookies, shelf stable cheese or peanut butter individual packages, etc.).

Parking: Free parking in North Garage (NG).

Campus map: http://media.montgomerycollege.edu/communications/maps/Rockville_Campus.pdf

Message from the Membership Vice Presidents: Ella Iams and Gail Greenberg

Lauren Rodgers

Lauren lives in Silver Spring. She graduated from Princeton with an AB in chemistry and has an MD from Yale University School of Medicine. She is interested in community outreach and educational programs that will help us fulfill our mission.

AAUW MD Fall Advocacy Training and Board Meeting

AAUW Gaithersburg welcomes all AAUW members to attend the Fall Training and Board Meeting on October 21 from 9:00 am - 3:30 pm. The meeting will be held at the Parkview Building, Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odendhal Avenue (GPS), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. The \$26 registration fee covers the use of the facility and its equipment as well as a continental breakfast and lunch catered by Asbury.

What: Fall Advocacy Training and Board Meeting

Where: Asbury Methodist Village, Parkview Building, 301 Odendhal Avenue (Main entrance), Gaithersburg, Maryland, 20877

When: October 21, 9:00am-3:30pm

Registration fee: \$26 Can register that morning

Program Overview

8:30am–9:00am: Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00am–9:30 am: Welcome

9:30 am–11:45am: Moving from Passion to Effective Advocacy, Erin Prangley AAUW MD VP for Public Policy

11:45am–1:00pm: Lunch Celebration of Gaithersburg's 45th Anniversary!

1:00pm–3:30pm: State Board Meeting

For more information contact Erin Prangley.

Kensington-Rockville Branch's new leadership team:

Kate Campbell-Stevenson and Erin Prangley, Co-Presidents

Sylvia Crowder, Virginia Collins, and Monique Briand-Walker, Program Team

Ella Iams and Gail Greenberg, Membership Co-Vice Presidents

Ruth Spivack, Treasurer

Joyce Graf, Secretary

Margery Sullivan, Newsletter Editor

Passing of long time Branch member: Sara S. Leech

Sara S. Leech died in Fortuna, California, on August 25, 2017. She was born Sarah Marie Scofield on June 13, 1921, in Palo Alto, Cal., the elder daughter of Gladys Mattingly Scofield and William Launcelot Scofield. She and her younger sister Elizabeth Ray Scofield Enrico grew up in Palo Alto, Pacific Grove, and Long Beach, staunch Californians. She was educated in Long Beach public schools (when she was not at the beach) and studied art and international studies at UCLA. (A.B., 1943) During the second World War she worked at Douglas Aircraft as a senior template maker (draftsman). Adventurous, she traveled through Mexico and South America, on her way to and from a year teaching at the American School in Guayaquil, Ecuador. Returning to America she moved to San Francisco, where she worked downtown — and was walked to work by Paul Harter Leech, Jr. (1922-2002) They soon married and raised four boys in the San Francisco Bay area, mostly in Belmont.

Paul worked for General Electric, McGraw-Hill, and Bechtel, commuting to San Francisco. In 1971 they moved to Montgomery County, Maryland, for the remainder of Paul's career, as he served in the U.S. Nuclear Regulatory Commission. Sara volunteered with "Internal Light" working with elderly blind people, through the Jewish Council on Aging. She was an enthusiastic member of the American Association of University Women, an association she continued when they retired to Oakmont, an active adult community in Santa Rosa, California, where they were both active in Oakmont Walkers and other local community groups.

Those four boys are Paul William ("Bill") Leech (1953-2004), John Richard Leech (1955-), David Harvey Leech (1957-) and Phillip Michael Leech (1959-). Grandchildren, all Phil's kids, are Albert Ryan Leech, Angeline Marlene Leech, Brian Phillip Leech, and Bianca Raquel Marie Leech. Along with children and grandchildren, she is survived by cousins, nieces and nephews, and their children and grandchildren.

Join the AAUW Archives Corps!

Does the Past stir your juices? Are you curious about what AAUW has done to keep women loyal and committed for 136 years, and counting? Have you ever wondered who all those thousands of women were, and would become, that we have supported with AAUW fellowships and grants since 1888? Do you enjoy piecing together long-forgotten stories from fragile, faded papers?

Join the AAUW Archives Corps to work with other local members, under staff direction, to rediscover, process, and preserve for future use the documentary record of AAUW's extraordinary history. Archives volunteers commit to one partial day per month, usually the first Monday or Tuesday. Intrigued? Query Dian Belanger, dobelanger@comcast.net.

Join the AAUW Lobby Corps!

Does the Future push your buttons, especially the future for women and girls? Do you care about Title IX, sexual harassment, pay equity, voting and human rights? Does today's political atmosphere keep you up at night? Would you like to rationally promote and influence nonpartisan progress at the highest level?

Join the AAUW Lobby Corps on Capitol Hill to inform and urge legislative action for a more just world. Volunteer lobbyists, trained and briefed by AAUW public policy staff, commit to Thursday mornings when Congress is in session. Impassioned? Query Erin Prangle, erin.prangle@gmail.com.

Interest Groups

GREAT DECISIONS

Marianne Jacobs

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Friday, Oct. 20th at 1 PM at the home of Joyce Graf

November meeting will be Friday Nov. 17th at 1 PM at the home of Gail Greenberg

Le Groupe Française

Ruth Spivack

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Le Groupe Francaise will meet October 16 at 7 p.m.

Lunch Bunch

Parma Holt

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The Lunch Bunch will meet at noon on Tuesday, October 10, 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 by Monday, October 9, if you plan to join us.

The Afternoon Literature Group

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TBA

Deadline for the November Newsletter is October.

Upcoming Events

- October 21 AAUW Maryland Fall Conference Advocacy Training , Asbury
Village Gaithersburg
See details above
- November 11 Branch meeting at Montgomery College
- December 10 Annual Branch Holiday Party Pot-luck

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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