



Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

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Kensington-Rockville April Meeting

Saturday April 14, 2018

2018 AAUW Maryland State Convention

Moving Forward with Focus, Relevance, Impact

Arts Lounge, Center for the Arts, Catonsville
Campus,

Community College of Baltimore County

800 S Rolling Rd Baltimore, MD 21228

Saturday, April 14, 2018 Registration begins at 8:00am meeting at 9:00am

Full registration is \$50. Early registration is \$45 if received by March 31, 2018

Please send **check payable to AAUW Maryland** with the completed registration form to: **Dorothy Fraquelli, 8103 Kirkwall Court, Towson, MD 21286**

Details in

AAUW Spring 2018 Marylander: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/files/2018/03/2018-spring-Marylander-final.pdf>.

Nominating Committee is looking for potential leaders to serve

At our March Luncheon Dian Belanger, (dobelanger@comcast.net) Joyce Graf, (joyce@regraf.com) and Sylvia Crowder, (Sylvia12@msn.com) graciously agreed and were elected to serve as our 2018 nominating committee. They request/plea to our membership to forward names of potential branch leaders. If you are interested in serving on the branch board please contact them. We specifically need to fill Membership Vice-Presidents, Treasurer/Finance Officer, an additional Program V-P. Thank you for your thoughtful consideration.

AAUW Funds Chair

Ella Iams

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The March Branch meeting of Kensington/Rockville AAUW at Ingleside at King Farm was wonderful. We heard three AAUW Fellowship recipients speak about what they are studying, what they plan to do when they finish their degrees and how they heard about the Fellowships. They were inspiring and a bright light to the future of young women of the world. I encourage you to make a donation to AAUW Funds (#4336 Fellowships and Grants) to enable AAUW to continue making these awards.

MEET ANOTHER AAUW FELLOW

Kathryne Daniels

Internationally recognized theoretical astrophysicist Kate Daniel received her AAUW American Dissertation Fellowship in 2014, as



the eighth Janet Wert Crampton American Fellow. Professor Daniel holds a joint appointment at Bryn Mawr College and Johns Hopkins University. Her primary research explores how spiral galaxies evolve over cosmic time. She was our guest at AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch's Holiday Gathering in December 2014, while she was finishing her Ph.D. at Johns Hopkins in Baltimore.

Empowered by receiving the AAUW Fellowship, Daniel continues to pay it forward as an avid proponent for equity and inclusion for women in the hard sciences. Her advocacy stems from her personal experience as a woman of mixed racial heritage, who was also a second generation college student, the first person in her lineage to earn a Ph.D., and the first female graduate student in her institution to have children. Having faced many of the challenges frequently encountered by a person with any one of these non-traditional backgrounds, she aims to encourage and support the next generation of scientists from historically underrepresented groups.

At Bryn Mawr College, a women's college near Philadelphia, she focuses on mentoring, recruiting and supporting women in physics at a critical stage in their career development. She also gives frequent public lectures on issues surrounding retention of girls in STEM and is involved in local and national committees and projects that inform the academic community—from kindergarten through professional—on strategies that combat issues of inclusivity and equity.

Kathryne Daniel
Photo courtesy Bryn Mawr College

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Did You Know . . .

. . . that during World War II, the US Marine Corps not only (reluctantly) formed a Women's Reserve unit to free more male Marines for combat duty but also recruited an all-woman band?

I didn't, until founder and curator of the National Capital Radio and Television Museum, aka Brian Belanger, provided two period microphones for a US Marine Band concert on Sunday, 11 March, and said, "Let's go."



Fittingly for Women's History Month, the performance turned out to be a tribute to the Marine Corps Women's Reserve Band, honoring its 75th anniversary. Major Michelle Rakers, the first female assistant director of the Marine band and, in fact, the corps' first female commissioned officer, proudly conducted this stellar ensemble. Historian Jill Sullivan, author of *Bands of Sisters: US Women's Military Bands during World War II*, provided commentary throughout against a backdrop of contemporary photos of these "talented and adventurous women who served our country in a most unique and unprecedented manner."

Traveling by bus to parade and promote war bonds.



To entertain the troops, the woman-led WR band, active 1943-1945, played complex and demanding classical works, marches (including the composed-for-them "March of the Women Marines"), and popular songs. They formed a Dixieland sextet, to entertain the wounded in hospitals, and a dance band for evening fun. To "sell" war bonds, they toured the country, marching in dozens of parades, while playing—in straight rows, in step, in high heels! Then, the war ended. The women were *disbanded* and dismissed.

On the march, in white heels



For more than two decades the US Marine Band broadcasted a radio series called the “Dream Hour.” The Women’s Reserve band, just once, in November 1944, was invited to present this popular program on air, which we heard reenacted in full—including a (male) announcer reading his script in the tones of the time via the historic microphones.

If you missed this memorable afternoon, you have another chance. The Marine band is again recreating the “**Dream Hour**”—**Sunday, 8 April, 2 pm, Clarice Smith Performing Arts Center, University of Maryland.** It’s free. Just show up. You’ll be glad you did.

On left, Charlotte Plummer, Director, US Marine Corps Women’s Reserve Band.

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BECOME A TWO-MINUTE ACTIVIST

Action Network is the cornerstone of AAUW’s e-advocacy efforts. By signing up, you will join **AAUW Action Network** and receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your elected officials. With our online Two-Minute Activist tool, it takes just minutes to make your voice heard!

To sign up, go to www.aauw.org. Scroll down on right side of screen to “TAKE ACTION.” Click on and then scroll down to “Become a Two-Minute Activist” and register.

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 Prangley, erin.prangley@gmail.com.

Interest Groups

GREAT DECISIONS

Marianne Jacobs

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Friday, April 20 at 1pm at the home of Maritisa George. We will discuss chapter # 4, "Media and Foreign Policy"

The Afternoon Literature Group

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April 17, 2018 The Woman Upstairs by Claire Messud

Le Groupe Française

Ruth Spivack

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Le Groupe Francaise

will meet on Monday, April 16 at 7 p.m.

Place- TBD

We will begin reading "Le Menuet" by Guy de Maupassant

Lunch Bunch

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No lunch in April

Deadline for the May Newsletter is April 20.

Upcoming Events

April 14: AAUW Maryland State Convention Hosted by Baltimore Branch

May 12: K-R Branch's Annual Meeting. Pot-luck. Anita Rosen's home, Silver Spring, MD

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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