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KENSINGTON-ROCKVILLE AAUW BRANCH MEETING

Saturday September 15, 2018

Program 11 am-12:15 pm, followed by optional luncheon

Ingleside at King Farm
701 King Farm Blvd., Rockville Maryland

The Voices of Maryland Women (Listening Tour and Survey Report) presented by Maryland Commission for Women Chair **Yun Jung Yang** and **Judith Vaughan-Prather**, Executive Director, Maryland Commission for Women (MCW). The MCW is a 25-member board providing advice on women's issues to the Maryland Department of Human Resources, the Governor and the Maryland General Assembly.

*Bring guests and prospective members to learn about the groundbreaking three-year MCW statewide study and report, unveiled August 18, 2018. Delve into the five identified top issues for Maryland women of **all ages**. This presentation will give us insight into the needs and interests of Maryland women, and the implications for our state and county. Our speakers also will help us look for ways that AAUW and you can act on these issues. **Reservation form is at the end of the newsletter.***

The Speakers:



Yun Jung Yang was appointed to the Maryland Commission for Women in October 2015 and was elected chair in June 2018. She is the Managing Partner of Law Offices of Yun Jung Yang, LLC, a Silver Spring-based boutique firm specializing in immigration law. For the past three years, she has co- chaired and chaired the Maryland Commission for Women's Voices of Maryland Women Listening Tour project and served on the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame Committee, the Women of Tomorrow Committee and the Education and Outreach Committee.



Judith Vaughan-Prather was appointed Executive Director of the Maryland Commission for Women (MCW) in July 2014. She served as Executive Director of the Montgomery County Commission for Women (CFW) for very nearly 35 years. Under her leadership, the Montgomery County CFW conducted successful projects on Single Mothers and Poverty, Educational Equity, Immigrant Women, Sexual Harassment, Pay Equity, Family Equity in the Courts, the Status of Women in Montgomery County, Work and Family Issues, Women and Girls in Technology, and Relationship Violence, among others.

Optional Luncheon will include soup, a lovely buffet with salads meats and cheeses, dessert, and beverage.

For Luncheon reservations send a check for \$20 by 9/11 made out to Margaret Schweitzer, to 701 King Farm Blvd., Apt. 204, Rockville, MD 20850

Message from Our Branch President:

Welcome back AAUW Kensington-Rockville.

I hope you all had a restful summer and are energized to come back to AAUW Kensington-Rockville as we begin our 2018-2019 program year! During the past few weeks, we've heard from branch members who celebrated special birthdays, traveled on exciting adventures and continued to live life to the fullest -- and we would expect nothing less from our dynamic group.

We are excited to get down to business at our first meeting of the Kensington Rockville AAUW branch which will be held at Ingleside at King Farm. In addition to a short, but important, branch business meeting. We will be inviting other branches to join us, so please feel free to spread the word with your family and friends. The more the merrier!

The Membership VP's are hosting a branch meet and greet on September 22, at Maritsa's home, to begin our new year with fellowship. (see below)

We look forward to getting back together and sharing our journey to empower women and girls in our community.

Erin Prangle

See attached Branch Meeting Schedule and the School Board flyer

Kensington-Rockville Branch's new leadership team:

President	Erin Prangle
Program Co-Vice Presidents	Pat Ameling, Anita Rosen
Membership Co- Vice Presidents	Sylvia Crowder, Maritsa George
Co-Treasurers	Joyce Graf, Ella Iams

Message from Membership VPs: Sylvia Crowder and Maritsa George

Autumn begins on 22 September so let's get together!

It's a gathering, a Fall get together...**Saturday, 22 September from 2 pm to 4 pm** your Membership Committee, Sylvia Crowder and Maritsa George, invite you to a coffee/tea party at Maritsa's house in Rockville.

Several prospective members have been invited. It's a perfect time for you to bring a friend who's interested in AAUW.

Here's the format: Please invite a friend to come with you. We want to meet her and just spend a couple of hours over coffee or tea talking about our Branch and getting to know one another.

No friend in mind? Not to worry, come along anyway...let's get together.

RSVP maritsageo@verizon.net

Message from the Treasurers:

Ella Iams and Joyce Graf are branch treasurers for 2018-2019, have clearly defined duties. All payments to the branch, including dues and donations are to be mailed to Joyce Graf for deposit. She will be taking care of depositing dues money, identifying non-dues income, coordinating payments of national and state dues, and making sure national and branch membership records are consistent.

Please send all requests for reimbursement to Ella Iams. She is responsible for the check book! Ella will be writing checks and keeping clear accounting records of all money received and paid out by the branch.

Dues: Some members have not paid their 2018-2019

DUES 2018-19

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BRANCH DUES FORM

Use this form to join the AAUW Kensington Rockville Branch or to renew your membership. Please complete the form below and mail it with a check made out to **Kensington-Rockville AAUW**. Association dues are \$59; AAUW MD dues are \$10; branch dues are \$16: totaling \$85. Life members of AAUW pay \$26 in state & branch dues. Note: AAUW national membership dues are \$59, of which \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities.

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? _____

Amount Enclosed: _____ Are you an AAUW Life Member? _____

For new members:

College/University: _____

College/University City: _____ State _____

Degree: _____ Year _____

Major: _____

Other Degree(s), including college or university: _____

**Send the form and your dues check made payable to Kensington Rockville AAUW to
JOYCE GRAF, 1368 Canterbury Way, Rockville, MD 20854 Email: joyce20854@regraf.com**

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund

An important role of AAUW's legal advocacy work is demonstrating the real-life impact of pay discrimination on people. One such person is Zoe Spencer, Ph.D., a professor of sociology at Virginia State University who is suing the university alleging wage discrimination and retaliation under the [Equal Pay Act of 1963](#) (EPA) and [Title VII of the Civil Rights Act of 1964](#) (Title VII).

Spencer's Discovery Leads to an Equal Pay Fight

As the Gender Equity Task Force chair at Virginia State University (VSU), Spencer was charged with identifying deficits in gender equity, but when she did she met with resistance. Her advocacy for systemic reform unearthed a personal pay equity issue, which prompted litigation claiming wage discrimination and retaliation.

In 2014, two male administrators at VSU were appointed to faculty positions as associate professors. Spencer alleges that their salaries were vastly higher than those of female professors at all ranks and \$35,000–\$49,500 higher than her salary. She requested a salary adjustment based on Title VII and the EPA, but her request was denied. Spencer alleges that she subsequently faced retaliation, including delays in processing her pay.

AAUW provides financial support for this case through our Legal Advocacy Fund because in the [absence of new, comprehensive federal equal pay legislation](#), litigation is the primary remedy for women like Spencer. We will continue to help fund her case as it travels through the judicial process.

Did You Know . . .

. . . that **Congress in 1907 revoked the citizenship of any US woman who married a foreigner?** The Expatriation Act of that year did deign to add that if her husband later became a naturalized citizen, she could petition to regain her birthright status—through the naturalization process! (The Naturalization Act of 1855 gave a foreign-born woman US citizenship if she married an American man, since her “allegiance would shift to the nation of her husband.” The converse did not apply.)

Loss of citizenship could mean loss of a job, ineligibility for public assistance, or deportation. Worse, during World War I, American-born wives of German or Italian men were declared enemy aliens!

When women finally got the right to vote in 1920, they intensified their push for equal and non-derivative citizenship rights, lobbying Congress as a sizable new constituency. During a time of heated anti-immigrant feeling, some pointed out the political illogic of allowing an uneducated immigrant woman who married an American man to vote, while an educated US-born woman married to a foreigner could not.

At last, in 1922, the Cable Act, or Married Women’s Independent Nationality Act, stated that a woman could keep her citizenship if she married a man who *could* become a citizen, even if he did not. However, if already expatriated, she had to undergo a burdensome process to regain her national identity. If her husband was legally ineligible for citizenship (meaning Asian at the time), she could still be denied hers—at least until he died. If she lived abroad for two years, she forfeited her birthright and could wind up stateless.

It wasn’t until 1931 that amendments to the Cable Act legally recognized male and female citizenship as equal and independent in the United States of America.

Dian Belanger

Sources:

Brown, Tanya Ballard, “That Time American Women Lost Their Citizenship Because They Married Foreigners,” NPR, 17 March 2017, cited on History News Network, 24 March 2017.

“Expatriation Act (1907),” www.WorldHistory.Biz

“The 1922 Cable Act: Citizenship and Identity for American Women,” National Women’s Party at the Belmont-Paul Women’s Equality National Monument, www.natinalwomensparty.org.

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.

GREAT DECISIONS

Marianne Jacobs
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Friday Sept. 14, 2018, we will be discussing *Chapter #6, "US Global Engagement and the Military"* at 1:00 pm at the home of Anita Rosen.

Le Groupe Français

Ruth Spivack
AAUWKenRock@gmail.com

Le Groupe Francaise meets monthly to read and discuss French literature and culture. Please contact Ruth for more information.

Interest Groups

The Afternoon Literature Group

Judy Burr AAUWKenRock@gmail.com

The Literature group will meet on **Tues. Sept. 25** at the home of Margaret Schweitzer. Nancy Silver will lead the discussion o **A Gentleman in Moscow by Amor Towles**
Everyone is invited. (Please note the changed date)

Lunch Bunch

Parma Holt AAUWKenRock@gmail.com
TBA

Deadline for the October Newsletter is September 20. Thank you to all who have submitted material for this Newsletter.

Upcoming Events

September 21, 2018 2-4pm

Janet Crampton Geology Lab Naming Reception. AAUW members are invited to attend this special event in honor of Kensington Rockville Branch member Janet Crampton. The reception will be held on, at Montgomery College Rockville Campus, Science Center, Room 407, 51 Mannakee Street, Rockville, MD. Please RSVP by September 18 to Francene.walker@montgomerycollege.edu or (240)567-7491.

October 20, 2018 – Maryland State Fall Conference, Kensington-Rockville Hosts. Montgomery College 8:30 – 4:00 (details to follow)

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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

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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 and their families.

BOX LUNCH ORDER FORM for Saturday, September 16, 2017 K-R Branch Meeting

Mail this form with your check for \$11 to Jane Gentleman, 3217 Geiger Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895, to be received by Monday, September 11.

Current Montgomery College students will receive a free box lunch (courtesy of the College) if this form is received by the stated deadline. No check required.

A box lunch includes a sandwich, chips, cookies, fresh whole fruit, and a drink.

3 sandwich choices: Turkey breast & swiss cheese; Tuna salad; or Grilled veggie wrap

4 drink choices: Pepsi; Diet Pepsi; Ginger Ale; Bottle of water

Your name:

Are you a current Montgomery College student?

Your email

address: _____

Your affiliation with AAUW and/or other

organization(s): _____

Your choice of

sandwich: _____

Your choice of

drink: _____

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