

# **Kensington-Rockville Newsletter**

## **American Association of University Women**

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### AAUW Maryland Fall Meeting Hosted by Kensington-Rockville Branch Saturday October 20, 2018

The Metropolitan- 7620 Old Georgetown Rd, Bethesda, MD 20814

9:30 – 10:00 Check-in, Continental Breakfast, late registration

10:00 – 10:30 Welcome, logistics, introductions

10:30 – 12:00 *How to Encourage an Informed Electorate* – Effective Ways to Responsibly Share Information

Speaker (TBD) Maryland LWV

Interactive discussion to produce a list of action items for 2018-2020 elections Each branch is encouraged to share some of the ways you are helping to inform your branch members and community on AAUW issues that advance equity for women and girls

12:00 - 12:45 Catered Lunch

12:45 - 3:30 Board Meeting

Please mail \$20 registration check made out to AAUW-MD to: Anita Rosen, 3800 Glen Eagles Dr., Silver Spring, MD 20906-1671. In note please include: Your name, Branch, phone number and any dietary restrictions.

#### **Directions:**

**The Metropolitan** is located at the intersection of Old Georgetown Road and Woodmont Avenue in Bethesda. From the Beltway, take Old Georgetown Rd. toward Bethesda. Pass the intersection with Wilson Lane, then turn right onto Woodmont Avenue. The **county parking garage** (recommended) will be on your left. It is free on Saturday. Street parking is also available but is not free. You may enter The Metropolitan from the Woodmont side, which is closest to the parking lot, or from Old Georgetown Road. The building is secure, so you will need to be buzzed in. The Board meeting will be held in the Community Room on the penthouse level (PH). You will need to be buzzed in to the elevator as well. The person at the front desk will direct you. As you exit the elevator on the top (penthouse) level, take a left to get to the community room. Any questions call Kate Stevenson cell 301-442-0757 to help understand. It's convenient and easy with elevators from Garage to Street level-then very short walk to Metropolitan door then elevator to Community room. **Look for the signs**.

## **AAUW of Maryland Legislative ACTION Calls**

Starting Monday, October 1 from 7 - 8 pm

Call in number: (515) 739-1469

Access code: 740270

Beginning on Monday, October 1 and continuing each first Monday of the month through June 2019, AAUW of Maryland will be holding conference calls to plan and advance our 2019 state legislative agenda. During the calls we will be looking for volunteers to represent AAUW-MD at coalition meetings; draft written testimony, social media content, letters to the editor, and op-eds; testify before legislative committees; and send messages to their members of the Maryland General Assembly.

Some of the issues we will be working on this year include pay equity, pregnancy discrimination, human trafficking, patients' rights, child support for higher education, and student access to emergency contraception. We hope you'll join us to learn more about how you can advocate for women and girls in the Maryland General Assembly.

# Mark your calendars for the following call dates (all calls are 7-8 pm Eastern):

October 1
November 5
[No call in December]
January 7
February 4
March 4
April 1
May 6
June 3

If you have any questions about the calls or want to know ways you can volunteer to help with AAUW-MD's public policy agenda, contact Erin Prangley, AAUW-MD Vice President, Policy, at erin.prangley@gmail.com

### 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, <a href="mailto:dobelanger@comcast.net">dobelanger@comcast.net</a>.

### 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.

# Kensington-Rockville Branch's leadership team:

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Erin Prangley Pat Ameling, Anita Rosen Sylvia Crowder, Maritsa George Joyce Graf, Ella lams

### **Interest Groups**

### **GREAT DECISIONS**

Marianne Jacobs AAUWKenRock@gmail.com

The next meeting of the Great Decsions Discussion Group is Oct. 19<sup>th.</sup> Contact Mariane for details.

### Le Groupe Français

Ruth Spivack

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

# The Afternoon Literature Group

The Literature group will meet at 1 p.m. Tuesday, Oct. 16 at the home of Nancy Silver. The group will be discussion "Commonwealth" by Ann Patchett This book chronicles the lives

of two families in modern turmoil on both coasts of the U.S. Discussion leader will be Ella

lams.

### **Lunch Bunch**

Parma Holt

<u>AAUWKenRock@gmail.com</u> **TBA** 

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

## **Upcoming Events**

**November 17, International Women's Issues**, Kensington Park Library 10:30-12:30

**December 9, Holiday Party and Social Program**, Dian & Brian Belanger's 2-4 pm

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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.

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