



Kensington-Rockville Newsletter

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Helping More Women Run for Office in Maryland

Diane Fink, the Executive Director of Emerge Maryland, will speak about urging women of all ages to run for office and honing their skills to win.

When: November 10, 2018

Where: Fox Hill Residences, 8300 Burdette Rd, Bethesda, MD 20817

Time: 10-11:30

Note: Change of Location, we are joining Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW for this meeting. Fox Hill is located at the intersection of Burdette and River Roads just inside the Beltway.



Founded in 2012, Emerge Maryland is changing the face of Maryland politics by identifying, training and encouraging women to run for office, get elected and to seek higher office. Emerge Maryland program's trainers are comprised of an elite team of campaign consultants, advisors and staff from all over the country, who have been involved in some of the most successful campaigns and initiatives seen in recent election cycles.

- 102 women trained and graduated since 2013
- 55% of our graduates are women of color
- 70% of our alumnae have already or are currently running for office
- 11 different counties and Baltimore City represented

Notes from the President:

Dear Kensington-Rockville members,

I want to extend my sincere thanks to all who made the AAUW MD State Fall Conference a huge success, especially Anita Rosen who stepped in to host the meeting in my absence. She and Pat Amling lead an all-star crew of branch members. I heard that Ruth Spivak made terrific centerpieces and that all of our members were exemplary in their host roles. Thank you, thank you, thank you!

I received a note from AAUW MD State Co-President Kate Campbell Stevenson that read in part: "Everyone [at the fall conference] seemed to really enjoy themselves, asked a lot of questions. Our speaker, Ralph Watkins from LWV-MD was excellent. Our student speakers (THREE) did a great job... I was so PROUD of our K-R Branch members who all pitched in to make it all happen which appeared effortless- but I KNOW better that great care was taken with all the preparations. It was a great team effort. Everyone seemed very appreciative of the relaxed setting, open space to network and visit during lunch. We had very good discussions. The younger attendees have written to me to say they were inspired and thankful to be included."

I am so blessed to be a part of this amazing sisterhood. Thank you for shining bright and hosting the state fall conference!

Yours in AAUW,
Erin

Update from the October Branch/State Meeting

The State meeting was very successful. We had about 38 people attend. The speakers were terrific and there was lively discussion. The meeting was an informal, relaxed setting; hence it was very interactive and did not have people just relating to their own branch members. And there was lots of food! Our thanks to Pat Stoker of Bethesda Chevy Chase Branch for providing the setting and so much help. Name tags and do-it-yourself AAUW Vote pins were provided by Tracy Lantz. Setup help provided by Sylvia Crowder, who also handled registration with help from Maritsa George. Ruth Spivak provided cute, seasonal centerpieces, and cleanup was done by your co-Program VPs Anita and Pat and Gaithersburg President, Heather Reichardt. The Board meeting was informative.

Branch Members Contribute to Success of Candidate's Issue Forum for Board of Education for Montgomery County Public Schools

Kensington-Rockville AAUW believes quality public education is the cornerstone



of our democracy. It is the best way to ensure economic security and equity for our students. For that reason, AAUW Maryland sponsored a voter education issue forum on September 26 at the Montgomery County Public School Headquarters in Rockville. KR branch members Anita Rosin, Erin Prangley and Joyce Graf represented our branch

with the organizing committee. Branch members Maritsa George, Pat Ameling, and Linna Liberchuk also attended the issue forum and helped with the AAUW Maryland hospitality table. During the event, all of the candidates for the Board of Education answered pointed questions on the topics of measurements for academic achievement, ensuring inclusion and equity in schools, maintaining safe learning climates, a proposal to provide condoms in schools, building in-school supports for students with intellectual and developmental disabilities, and



more. The event was moderated by Tracie Potts from NBC4 who did a remarkable job keeping the candidates on topic and on time. For more information about the Board of Education candidates, you can go to the LWV Issue Guide at www.vote411.org - just put in your information and you'll get a personalized issue guide on all the local and state candidates on the ballot in November!

Montgomery College Honors Generous Janet

Janet Crampton, in her ongoing support of Montgomery College, has promised a legacy gift to the geology department so worthy that the school has named its geology laboratory for her! Some of us in AAUW joined church and Ingleside friends, former neighbors, and even her financial advisers (who love her as we do) along with MC department staff and students in the new, state-of-the-art laboratory for a Naming Reception on Friday afternoon, 21 September.



Provost Dr. Margaret Latimer and Janet Crampton

Dr. Margaret Latimer, Provost, formally presented the Janet Wert Crampton Geology Lab with an appreciative, fitting, and lovely introduction of Janet, who, in turn, expressed her gratitude and pleasure. But Janet soon turned to a matter of greater concern to her: the college catalog must be rewritten. It must give more prominence and more references to geology, which is basic to all science, including all the

environmental sciences so critically important today! Staff quickly assured those present that they were working on it. Go, Janet!

Janet is a decades-long AAUW member and leader of the Rockville, then Kensington-Rockville Branch. She has served as president of both the branch and AAUW Maryland. And so much more.

Dian Belanger

Membership Co-Vice Presidents: Maritsa George and Sylvia Crowder

A Successful Autumn Gathering

Spirited chatter, warm laughter, and well-informed conversations about AAUW and gender equity filled the air at the home of Maritsa George on Saturday, September 22 at the autumn Meet and Greet planned and hosted by Maritsa George and Sylvia Crowder. Nearly 20 K-R Branch members and 5 prospective members attended. Flowers adorned elegantly set tables, which featured delicious things to eat and drink.

Moving and lively comments were encouraged by Branch President, Erin Prangley, who asked all in attendance to describe how they had come to AAUW and what AAUW membership has meant or could mean to them.

It was fascinating to hear the varied comments, which ranged from those who were following in the tried and true footsteps of their mothers to those who were seeking the solace and intentionality of women who were committed to their own betterment. Some guests expressed an interest in AAUW because of their retirement status; another noted a need for funding to complete her education through the AAUW fellowship program. Some of the guests focused on the important role that the AAUW K-R Branch has played in improving women's issues in areas such as Title IX, childcare and health. All the many comments, especially from K-R members, demonstrated how fulfilling AAUW membership has been in their lives.

The autumn Meet and Greet was a decided success and hopefully will bring some new members to the AAUW K-R Branch! Our thanks to all who were able to attend!

State Policy Update

How can you help shape AAUW MD's Policy Agenda? Join our state policy calls which are on the first Monday of each month at 7pm. Simply call (515) 739-1469 and enter the access code: 740270.

You'll be in great company. During October's call, AAUW members from around the state participated including Erin Prangle, Joan Spring, Katherine Rendazo, Bev Falik, and Anna Palmisano. Branches in Montgomery, Howard, Frederick and Anne Arundel Counties were represented. The next call is November 5 at 7pm.

And don't forget to register for the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) Conference. The conference is Saturday, November 17th from 9:30 am to 4:30 pm at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore. The conference theme is "Thinking Globally, Acting Locally — What Rights are at Stake at the Federal Level and What Maryland Can Do to Protect Them." Please come to support fellow AAUW members as they present on legislation we all care about. AAUW Maryland will again be a gold sponsor for the fall conference. Registration is open at <https://mlawconference2018.eventbrite.com>

Erin Prangle

Applications for Election to the AAUW Board of Directors Are Now Open

Do you share a passion for AAUW's mission of advancing gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy? Apply to be considered for election to the AAUW Board of Directors! Applications close Friday, November 30, 2018 and elections will be held in Spring 2019.

Applications open on Wednesday, September 5, 2018, at 12 p.m. noon ET and will close at 6 p.m. ET on Friday, November 30, 2018. See AAUW website.

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.

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,

Kensington-Rockville Branch's leadership team:

President

Erin Prangley

Program Co-Vice Presidents

Pat Ameling, Anita Rosen

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Sylvia Crowder, Maritsa George

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Joyce Graf, Ella Iams

Interest Groups

GREAT DECISIONS

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The next meeting is Friday, November 16, ^{Chapter} # 8, "Global Health: Progress and Challenges" at the home of Margaret Schweitzer.

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 group will meet at the home of Jean Thompson on Tuesday, Nov. 20 at 1 pm to **discuss "The Last Days of Night" by Graham Moore**. Margaret Schweitzer will lead the discussion. The book tells the story of the fight between Thomas Edison and George Westinghouse over patents for the light bulb and alternating current told in a fictional mode. If you plan to attend email Jean.

All are welcome.

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

Upcoming Events

November 17, Maryland Legislative Agenda Conference. Saturday, November 17, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore, 9:30 am to 4:30 pm Kensington-Rockville AAUW is a co-sponsor

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

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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.

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