

**Member News**

Wangari Kamau, a member of the AAUW Kensington-Rockville branch has shared her experience in pursuing equal pay equal work.  She is vulnerable and open about the human toll the experience had on her.  She also finds solace in knowing that organizations like AAUW exist and continue to do incredible work in empowering women especially in the area she is passionate about, economic equity.  Wangari has also since become a certified salary negotiator through AAUW.  Her full story can be accessed on <https://somaglobalconsulting.com/about-us/f/organizational-culture-versus-diversity-inclusion>.

**In Memoriam**

We sadly note the death of branch member **Gloria Pendleton**, on May 28th, after a brief illness. As reported in the *Washington Post*, she was 92. A Washington, DC, native, she graduated, in turn, from Dunbar High School, the George Washington University, and Howard University School of Divinity. Though we did not see Gloria often, we record to honor her AAUW-esteemed achievements.

**Note from the Editor**:

So much has happened since our last newsletter. I hope this finds you sheltering in place, bored but happy and heathy. We are all struggling how to safely get out of captivity while remaining vigilant. Please reach out to members you have been thinking of. Newsletter editor Margery Sullivan

**AAUW Priorities**

**Removing bias from Education**

Startling inequalities persist in American education. Gender, economics, race and ethnicity should not limit our opportunities

**Fighting for Fair Pay and Economic Equity**

It’s time to close the pay gap and for the work world to embrace diversity, equity and inclusion so we can all thrive.

### [**Advancing Women in Leadership**](https://www.aauw.org/issues/leadership/)

Women make up more than half of college graduates and half of the labor force. But we’re still not represented at the upper levels. We need equal representation**.**

***GREAT DECISIONS***

Anita Rosen [anitarosen123@gmail.com](mailto:anitarosen123@gmail.com).

Great Decisions group will meet on July 17 at 1:00 pm by Zoom. The topic is *Human Trafficking*. All are welcome to join the discussion. Contact Anita for details.

**Deadline for the September Newsletter is August 20.**

**Newsletter Editor Circulation Editor**

Margery Sullivan Ruth Spivack

[msullivan@niaid.nih.gov](mailto:msullivan@niaid.nih.gov) [raspivack@gmail.com](mailto:raspivack@gmail.com)

**AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.**

***The Afternoon Literature Group***

Judy Burr [judyb429@verizon.net](mailto:judyb429@verizon.net)

October 17, 2017, the group will be discussing My Brilliant Friend by Elena Ferrante

**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.***

**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.**

**In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks and inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization based on age, disability, ethnicity, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, and socioeconomic status.**

**AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch**

**6540 Wiscasset Rd**

**Bethesda, MD 20816-2113**