

**October Branch Meeting by Zoom**

**AAUW Kensington-Rockville-Bethesda Chevy Chase October Program Meeting**

**Saturday, Oct. 10, 2020. 10:00 am**

**Topic: Living in the Age of Coronavirus-especially for Older Adults**

**Speaker:** Dr. Marie A. Bernard, Deputy Director, of the National Institute on Aging of the National Institutes of Health

Dr. Marie A. Bernard, Deputy Director, of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) of the National Institutes of Health (NIH) will discuss risk factors for COVID, including age, racial and socioeconomic issues and current best practices. Her program will include discussion of national data, current NIH and other national research to prevent and treat COVID, and other invaluable information about the work of NIH. Dr. Bernard will answer questions, using Zoom chat.

Moderator: Anita Rosen.

At 9:45 Kensington Rockville Branch will have a short meeting to approve the Budget for 2020-21

(ZOOM will open at 9:30)

All members will receive the ZOOM URL by email priorto the meeting

**Marie A. Bernard, MD** serves as Deputy Director of the National Institute on Aging (NIA) at the National Institutes of Health. As NIA’s senior geriatrician, she serves as the principal advisor to the NIA director. For the Department of Health and Human Services she has co-chaired two Healthy People 2020/2030 objectives: 1) Older Adults and 2) Dementias, including Alzheimer’s disease. Within NIH she co-chairs the Inclusion Governance Committee that oversees inclusion in clinical research by sex/gender, race/ethnicity, and age – inclusive of pediatric and older adult subjects. She chairs the Women of Color Committee of the NIH Working Group on Women in Biomedical Careers. She also serves on the Diversity Working Group and was a founding member of the NIH Equity Committee. She has been recognized for her leadership by receipt of the Clark Tibbitts Award from the Academy for Gerontology in Higher Education (2013), the Donald P. Kent Award from the Gerontological Society of America (2014), and NIH Director’s awards in 2018, 2019. In 2020, she was the recipient of the NIH Director’s Award in Equity, Diversity and Inclusion.

Message from the President:

**VOTING**

Thomas Jefferson

“We do not have government by the majority. We have government by the majority who participate.”

Susan B. Anthony

“Someone struggled for your right to vote. Use it.”

Larry J. Sabato (University of Virginia professor and analyst)

“Every election is determined by the people who show up.”

The above quotes - timeless and true - seem to be disconnected from the 2020 election. The current election will take place in the middle of the coronavirus pandemic, will reflect the divisiveness within our society and possibly involve voting security issues arising from large numbers of absentee voting and the possibility of U.S. Postal Service delays.

My mind strays from these worthy historical truisms to a stream of unrelated, uninspiring and rather frightening words that periodically run through my head– delay, fraud, ballots, bedlam, uncounted absentee votes, undecided, toss-up state and even Electoral College. Maybe the “hanging chad” fiasco of 2000 was not all that bad.

As we approach November 3, many good thoughts also come to mind. The year 2020 marks the 100th anniversary of the passage of the 19th Amendment, guaranteeing and protecting women's constitutional right to vote. In 2016, 63% of women who were eligible to vote said they cast ballots in the presidential election, compared with 59% of men. That 4 percentage point gender gap is similar to the 4-point gaps in 2012 and 2008 as well as the 3-point gaps in 2004, 2000 and 1996. Maybe that small percentile differential will make a difference in 2020.

Also, several of my former immigration clients are now eligible to vote. Recent voting statistics show that about [one-in-ten people eligible to vote](https://www.pewresearch.org/hispanic/2020/02/26/naturalized-citizens-make-up-record-one-in-ten-u-s-eligible-voters-in-2020/) in this year’s U.S. presidential election are immigrants. And most (61%) of these 23 million naturalized citizens live in just five states: California, New York, Florida, Texas and New Jersey. In 2019, 834,000 new citizens were naturalized — the highest number in 11 years, and these new Americans will be eligible to register to vote this November. Among Hispanic immigrants eligible to vote, 53% are Democrats or lean that way, while 39% are Republicans or lean that way, according to December 2019 Pew Research Center data.

I also reminisce about my first-time voting in the 1964 Presidential race in which Lyndon B. Johnson prevailed over Barry Goldwater. Previously, on May 1964, Lyndon Johnson delivered his vision of a great society in a commencement address delivered to the University of Michigan in Ann Arbor where I was living at the time of my vote.

Hopefully, you all have good memories about your first vote for the U.S. president. Certainly you will all vote in the upcoming elections and hopefully, my mental list of scary words remains merely a vocabulary list.

Ruth Spivack

**Proposed 2020-21 Budget**

Kensington Rockville Branch AAUW Proposed budget 2020-2021

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| 2019-20 | | | 2020-21 | | |
| Budget | Actual | | Proposed | | Notes: |
| Income | | | | | |
| Dues 2019-20 | 720.00 | | 224.00 | | - |
| Dues 2020-21 | | 480.00 | | 240.00 | |
| Dues 2021-22 | | | 480.00 | | |
| Donations | 100.00 | | 75.00 | | 100.00 |
| In kind contributions | | 93.50 | | Printing and mailing newsletters | |
| Refunds | 95.00 | | 1.00 | | 95.00 |
| Reserve from Checking | | | 722.00 | | |
| Total Income | 1,637.00 | | 780.00 | | 1,008.50 |
| Expenses | | | | | |
| Legislative Briefing | 80.00 | | 80.00 | | 80.00 |
| Maryland Legislative Agenda | 100.00 | | 75.00 | | 100.00 |
| President | | 25.00 | | 25.00 | |
| Membership | | 25.00 | | 25.00 | |
| Program | | 250.00 | | 250.00 | |
| Yearbook printing | 60.00 | | 51.95 | | 60.00 |
| Yearbook mailing | 27.00 | | 11.00 | | 27.00 |
| Newsletter Printing/Mailing | | 70.00 | | 93.50 | |
| National convention | | 500.00 | | $1000 reserve established per note below | |
| Natl Conf of Women Student Leaders | 500.00 | | 500.00 | | Carry forward from 2020 |
| Total Expenses | 1,637.00 | | 717.95 | | 660.50 |
| Net Income (Loss) | - | | 62.05 | | 348.00 |
| $1000 of check book balance is restricted for delegate expenses for next Association convention | | | | | |
| cash on hand 7/1/2020 | | | 6,306.27 | | |

**What is Great Decisions? And, Why You Should Join our group for 2021?**

The mission of the Foreign Policy Association today, as it has been for over 100 years, is to serve as a catalyst for developing awareness, understanding, and informed opinion on U.S. foreign policy and global issues.

**FPA’s Great Decisions** program has flourished over the past 60 years into a multi-dimensional global studies program, adapted to multiple formats. Prior to Covid, we met monthly in person, but since COVID, we meet on ZOOM, generally in the afternoon on the third Friday of the Month for a lively discussion.

Published annually by FPA, the **Great Decisions briefing book** highlights eight of the most thought-provoking foreign policy challenges facing Americans today. The Great Decisions briefing book serves as the focal text for our discussion by providing background information, expert analysis, and suggested discussion questions for each foreign policy issue. The Great Decisions television series on PBS is broadcast to 75% of U.S. households and is available on DVD.

This a list of the preliminary topics for the upcoming **2021 edition of Great Decisions Book**. The topics will each have a corresponding episode of GDTV that will broadcast on PBS and be available on DVD or streaming with Vimeo.

**Preliminary Topic Listing for 2021**

Topic 1: The role of international organizations in a Global Pandemic

Topic 2: Global supply chains and national security

Topic 3: China and Africa

Topic 4: Korean Peninsula

Topic 5: Persian Gulf Security

Topic 6: Brexit and the European Union

Topic 7: The fight over the melting Arctic

Topic 8: The End of Globalization?

The 2021 book will cost about $30. Want more information? Contact Marianne Jacobs at [mariannejacobs@verizon.net](mailto:mariannejacobs@verizon.net) or Anita Rosen [anitarosen123@gmail.com](mailto:anitarosen123@gmail.com)

**Upcoming Meetings:**

**September 26 Saturday 3:00 p.m.**

**AAUW Maryland** will host a virtual screening of the movie ***Rigged: the Voter Suppression Playbook***, on Zoom.  AT 4:15, a panel discussion will follow the 70-minute movie. All AAUW members in Maryland are invited to attend. Here is the link for registering: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/118548506775>

**October 5, 2020 Monday 7:00-8:30 pm**

Virtual Candidates Forum for the Montgomery Board of Education See attached flyer for details.

**November 7, 2020, 10:00 am Branch Meeting**

**Moving Forward with Black Lives Matter**How is Montgomery County addressing these issues? A panel of speakers will look at ways the MCPS, police, and other agencies and groups in our county address Black Lives Matter. Moderator, **Jacqueline Gray**, AAUW State Diversity Chair.

**December 12, 2020 Branch Holiday Get together** Meet fellows, scholarship recipients, and have a celebratory toast to Women

**Deadline for the November Newsletter is October 20.**

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**Interest Groups**

***Literature Group***

Margaret Schweitzer [margaretsfchweitzer@gmail.com](mailto:margaretsfchweitzer@gmail.com)

The next literature group meeting Tuesday, Oct 20 at 1 p.m. via ZOOM.   The reading is "My Name is Lucy Barton," by Elizabeth Strout. Jean Thompson will be leading the discussion.

Contact Margaret for the URL.

Contact Anita for details.

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**Le Groupe Français**

Ruth Spivack [raspivack@gmail.com](mailto:raspivack@gmail.com)

The next meeting is Tuesday, Oct. 27 at 5:30 p.m. via ZOOM.  We are beginning a new reading.

Contact Ruth for the URL.

***GREAT DECISIONS***

Anita Rosen

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The Next Great Decisions Group is October 16, 2020, 2:00 p.m. Chapter 7: The Philippines and the US.

Contact Anita Rosen for the URL.

**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.**

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