

**May Zoom Branch Meeting**

**Saturday, May 15, 2021 10:00 a.m.**

**Annual Meeting and Social Get Together**

A diverse meeting is planned, election of branch officers for K-R 2021-22 and their installation. A report from Roxann King, State Public Policy Co-VP about how Women’s Issues and MLAW faired during the 2021 session. She will update us and take questions.  We hope to have an update for the K-R branch’s Montgomery College Scholarship students on how they are doing and to hear from the Montgomery College Foundation. Then a series of breakout rooms for us to socialize the essence of the May meeting.

**A ZOOM URL invitation will be sent prior to the meeting.**

**Message from the President:**

It has been an incredible 15 months of quarantine, ZOOM, lots of reading and working on those often-delayed projects, vaccinations as well as a varied and interesting program year.

This past year, Anita Rosen, our Program VP in conjunction with Bethesda Chevy Chase branch, has presented 7 excellent and varied programs: the Maryland legislation agenda; moving forward with Black Lives Matters; women in the workplace; older adults living in the age of coronavirus; implications of the November elections; activism and youth: March for our Lives; the Sandy Spring Slave Museum and AAUW history. We have continued the traditional holiday party with presentations by our fellowship and scholarship recipients and good conversation via ZOOM breakout rooms; however, the delicious food provided by members was missing. Pat Ameling, the branch secretary took excellent notes of branch business conducted during our on-line meetings. Jeri Rhodes, branch treasurer collected dues and balanced our books. Maritsa George and Sylvia Crowder, co- membership vice presidents tracked down members slow in paying dues and honored a new Honorary Life Member, Dian Belanger.

Our interest groups- Literature group, Great Decisions and Le GroupeFrançais flourished on-line with new voices from the Bethesda Chevy Chase branch.

We commemorated Susan B. Anthony’s 200th birthday, the 100th Anniversary of women’s suffrage and the induction of Nancy Grace Roman into the Maryland Women’s Hall of Fame.

During the year, Kensington-Rockville branch lost several long-term members and dear friends: Dr. Denise Decker, Lura Dillow, Gloria Pendleton and Carolyn Waller. Also, we mourned the death of Ruth Bader Ginsburg in September 2020.

A special thanks to our membership who supported AAUW Greatest Need Fund (and other AAUW funds), the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Fund, the Maryland Women of Distinction Fund and scholarships through the Montgomery College Foundation and who wholeheartedly supported our programs and interest groups.

Starting July 1, we will move forward to a productive and healthy and, hopefully, in-person AAUW year. A special thanks to the nominating committee for the 2021-22 board: Maritsa George, Joyce Graf, and Ella Iams.

**Ruth Spivack**

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| **K-R Branch Business April 10,2021**Anita Rosen opened the meeting at 10:05 a.m.Notices were sent out on April 7 to vote on the National site. There are four candidates for positions on the Board, with no options. The other vote concerns the elimination or retention of the education requirement for membership in AAUW.Thanks to the Nominating Committee, consisting of Joyce Graf, Ella Iams and Maritsa George. They presented the slate of officers proposed for the year 2021-2022. President – Jeri Rhodes Program – Dian Belanger and Anna Palmisano Membership – Janet Crampton and Anita Rosen Secretary – Pat Ameling Treasurer – Ruth SpivackThe election will take place at the May 15 Zoom Annual meeting with a voice vote. At the meeting they will be installed in office; there will be a legislative update; and we will hear about the status of our Montgomery College scholarship support.Newsletter deadline is April 20.Submitted by Pat Ameling, Secretary |

**DUES ARE DUE DUES ARE DUE DUES ARE DUE**

 **Renew by JUNE 30, 2021 Life will be easier for the Treasurers**

Several members have already responded to the email from National and have paid their dues for next year. Thank you very much for renewing! Please let Jeri know if you have not received an email and would like to renew electronically. You may prefer to use the form below to join or renew your membership in Kensington-Rockville AAUW. Complete it and mail with a check made out to Kensington-Rockville AAUW at your earliest convenience.

**Annual dues are $88 (**Association = $62; AAUW MD = $10; branch dues $16: Total = $88) Note: AAUW national membership dues are $62, of which $59 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.

**Honorary Life members pay no dues**.

**Life members of AAUW pay $26 in state and branch dues.**

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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:**

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**Send the form and your dues check made payable to Kensington Rockville AAUW to JERI RHODES. 15115 Interlachen Drive #821, Silver Spring, MD 20906.**

**Email Jeri at** **jerirhodes@verizon.net** **if you have questions.**

**Virtual Tour of the National Portrait Gallery**

Dian Belanger invites us to attend her virtual tour of “Every Eye is upon Me”: First Ladies of the United States on Friday 7 May at 11 am. Contact Dian to receive the URL. **dobelanger@comcast.net**

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**A Time for Giving:**

**\*Greatest Needs Fund, #9110**. This general fund is for unrestricted gifts, which are used when and where they are most needed, thus providing flexibility to respond to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls.

To donate: Start with aauw.org

Then click Donate. Greatest Needs will be at the top of the list of donation choices. Use your credit card, or write a check, as above, designating your preferred fund(s). If you do not state a preference, your gift will go to Greatest Needs.

\***Montgomery College Foundation**. Gifts support scholarships for women returning to school, while supporting themselves and dependent(s).

To donate: Give online with credit card at <https://www.montgomerycollege.edu/alumni-friends-donors/foundation/donate.html/>. Or write check payable to Montgomery College Foundation, with “AAUW Kensington/Rockville Scholarship” in the memo line. Mail to Montgomery College Foundation, 9221 Corporate Blvd, 3rd Floor, Rockville, MD 20850.

**Literature Group**

Margaret Schweitzer margaretfschweitzer@gmail.com

The Literature Group will meet on Tuesday, May 18

at 1 pm. We will be discussing "Where the Crawdads Sing"

by Dello Owens. Ruth Spivak will be leading the discussion.

The URL will be sent prior to the discussion. Contact Margaret if you are not a member of the group. All are welcome

**Interest Groups:**

**GREAT DECISIONS**

Anita Rosen

anitarosen123@gmail.com

Bobbe Mintz

Bobbeandherb@comcast.net

The next Great Decisions Group ZOOM discussion is May 21, 2021 2:00 p.m. Chapter 5– China and Africa.

For questions and further information, contact Anita or Bobbe.

They will send URLs prior to the discussion and viewing opportunities for the video.

Contact Anita for details.

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**Le Groupe Français**

Ruth Spivack raspivack@gmail.com

Le Groupe Francais will meet on Zoom at the end of May.

Please contact Ruth for the specifics and the URL.

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**Upcoming Meetings:**

April 7 and close May 17, 2021, 5:00 p.m. ETVoting on Proposed elimination of AAUW’s educational requirement Members can vote either on-line or request a paper ballot. To be approved, 5% of AAUW membership must vote and the measure must be approved by two-thirds of the votes.

Friday 7 May at 11 am Virtual Tour of the National Portrait Gallery Contact Dian Belanger for URL **dobelanger@comcast.net**

May 22, and 23 2021 AAUW MD 2021Virtual State Convention.The Power of Women Voters. Registration is attached.

Saturday, May 22 from 10:00 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. and

Sunday, May 23, from 2:00 p.m.to 4:45 p.m.

Each day will include both program and business meetings. Elections are scheduled for May 22, and a vote on Bylaws amendments will be May 23. Your participation will be important on both days!

**Deadline for the June Newsletter is May 20.**

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***The Afternoon Literature Group***

Judy Burr 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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