**June Branch Meeting**

**Saturday June 10, 2023**

**10:30 am**

**Transitions... Branch Directions**

**Derwood Room at**

**Ingleside at King Farm**

See Map for parking// Masks required for transiting the building

This will be a joint Zoom and in person meeting. Important please join.

**Transitions… Branch Direction**

Every group and organization are affected by the changes around us and among us in the recent past – and present. The Kensington Rockville Branch has been an integral part of AAUW for 75+ years. Our members – past and current – have served at the branch, State and National levels of AAUW in many capacities. In addition, we have spent many hours with each other, working, listening, and learning, sharing, and adding to each other’s lives and friendships.

This history is precious and should not be dismissed. We continue to have active small groups in our Book Group, Great Decisions, and the French group. We also have had amazing speakers over mean years. However, the realities of putting our annual schedule together, the changes in our health and in those of our loved ones and the shrinking number of members who can step up to replace members who have served loyally and well, but who need to change roles is real.

The National organization has just completed a major redo of its bylaws, reflecting changes in time-honored processes and traditions. These changes were made to respond to the reality of the next several years, especially as they differ from our past.

I am not proposing a redo of the bylaws, but rather a re-envisioning of how we continue as a branch. We will be talking about leadership, about how and when we engage and how we support that which is important about this branch. I hope you will bring yourselves and your ideas to our meeting on Saturday, June 10th at 10:30 AM in the Derwood Room at Ingleside at Kings Farm

The meeting will be hybrid and those who cannot attend “in person” are welcome to join us via Zoom. I hope to see you there one way or another!

If you cannot attend and/or you have specific topics you would like to bring forward, please let me know by email at [jerirhodes@verizon.net](mailto:jerirhodes@verizon.net). Your input is important.

Jeri Rhodes, Branch President

**KENSINGTON-ROCKVILLE AAUW DUES – 2023-24**

Thank you very much for renewing/joining our branch. 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.

**Annual dues are $98 (**Association = $72; AAUW MD = $10; branch dues $16: Total = $98) Note: AAUW national membership dues are $72, of which $69 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.**

**Note: National Life Membership dues will also be raised, starting June 30, 2023. If you join before that date the dues are $1340 instead of $1440.**

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May we publish your email address in the yearbook? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

The newsletter is e-mailed monthly to all members. Please advise if you need a copy mailed to you.

**Amount Enclosed: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_** Are you an AAUW Life Member? \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

**For new members:**

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_\_

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**Send the form and your dues check made payable to Kensington Rockville AAUW to RUTH SPIVACK 10115 Frederick Avenue, Kensington, MD 20895**

**Email Ruth at** [**raspivack@gmail.com**](mailto:raspivack@gmail.com) **if you have questions.**

**Alternatively, you can renew online at https://www.aauw.org/resources/member/why-join/**

**Notice to all!!  Have you read a good book lately?**

Nominations are open the 2023-24 Literature Group Reading List.  Anyone in the branch may suggest one or several books for the list.  Any book that you have read and that’s readily available in the public library is ok:  new or classic, fiction, drama, politics, science, history, biography, poetry …  All submissions are due by Sunday, June 18.

Rules:

Participation in the Literature Group is not required;    
One to 4 submissions are requested not required; You should have read at least part of the book;  
All books should be available in the public library.  
Submissions are due by Sunday, June 18.  
Please send your choices to [joyce@regraf.com](mailto:joyce@regraf.com) .

**AAUW Archives Corps Needs YOU!**

Do you enjoy discovering hidden treasures? Are you curious about AAUW’s amazing past? Would you like to make a significant contribution with no ongoing advance preparing?

If so, please join other dedicated member volunteers from the DMV area who comprise the AAUW Archives Corps. We meet on the 4th Monday of alternate months at our national office at 1310 L Street NW, Washington, DC, 10:00a-2:00p. Training is provided so you can process and preserve historic records that, thankfully, have been saved and stored. Our important efforts make them usable and accessible to present and future researchers.

Yes, much of what we do is scut work: remove staples, provide chronological (or other logical) order, cull duplicates, transfer organized records to acid-free folders. But what a thrill it is to uncover something awesome, unusual, or long forgotten. My favorite find: A member/leader bequeathed to AAUW a Montana gold mine!

Questions? Ready to sign up?

Please contact Dian Belanger, [dobelanger@comcast.net](mailto:dobelanger@comcast.net)

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**Extra Help Needed to Cover the Branch email Account**

The branch has an email account, [AAUWKenRoc@gmail.com](mailto:AAUWKenRoc@gmail.com)

It comes in automatically to my cell phone, but I sometimes miss messages.

I need at least two other responsible people to monitor this account.  The only rule is to BLIND copy the others who are checking messages on your responses.  If you are willing to check this account periodically, I will call you with the password and help you to set it up. If you already have a Gmail account, you may already know how to do it.

Thanks, Joyce Graf

**Upcoming Events:**

Student National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) **May 31- June 2**, at University of Maryland College Park Campus.

At the Woman of Distinction Ceremony **June 2**, Friday night, Maryland as a platinum sponsor of the event will honor Maryland Secretary of State Susan Lee. if you are interested in attending contact Bea Dane

ERA Centennial Convention Seneca Falls, NY **July 21-22**

Summer AAUW-MD Conference **July 29** Harford County

**Interest Groups:**

**Literature Group**

Joyce Graf

[joyce@regraf.com](mailto:joyce@regraf.com)

The Literature Group will hold its annual luncheon on Tuesday, June 20 beginning at 12 noon. The purpose of the meeting is to have fun and to select the books for next year. Please submit 1 to 4 book titles to Joyce Graf ([joyce@regraf.com](mailto:joyce@regraf.com)) by Sunday June 18.

Meeting location has yet to be determined. You may bring your own lunch sandwich. The host will provide beverages, salad makings, and condiments. If you can’t make the in-person meeting, access by Zoom is provided. Contact Joyce Graf by phone or text message at 301 502 2551 or email using [joyce@regraf.com](mailto:joyce@regraf.com).

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Literature Group

No meeting in December

**Le Groupe Francaise**

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

**Le Groupe Française**

**Tuesday. June 13 at 6:45 via ZOOM**

Reading:  "Une femme" by Annie Ernaux.   A section of the material will be sent out shortly.

The URL will be sent out prior to the meeting**.**

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**Literature Group**

Joyce Graf

[joyce@regraf.com](mailto:joyce@regraf.com)

Literature Group will meet by ZOOM at 1:00 pm on Tuesday, January 24, 2023  
The book to be discussed is THE PIONEERS by David McCullough. The Pulitzer Prize–winning historian relates the story of settling of the Northwest Territory by pioneers who overcame incredible hardships to build a community based on ideals that would come to define the United States.

To attend, send a message to [joyce@regraf.com](mailto:joyce@regraf.com)

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**Great Decisions**

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

Bobbe Mintz [Bobbeandherb@comcast.net](mailto:Bobbeandherb@comcast.net)

We will take a hiatus from our Great Decisions book until September.  For the summer, we will be having two live discussion sessions about CHINA. They will be held on June 9th and July14th. from Noon to 2:00. Bring bag lunches. Refreshments and drinks will be served. The June session will be held at Anita Rosen’s home.  Some light reading or videos as background will be sent before the meetings. If you are interested in joining the group for either or both sessions this summer, contact Anita Rosen.

**Deadline for the next Newsletter can be, if necessary, June 20.**

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***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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