**AAUW Kensington-Rockville Branch**

**Ingleside at King Farm - Derwood Room**

**1615 A Piccard Drive or 701 King Farm Boulevard, Rockville**

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**Saturday, March 16, 2024, 10:30 a.m.**

**Diagnostic Ultrasound: The World Inside Us**

How far we have come in body imaging since Wilhelm Röntgen used X-rays to photograph his wife’s hand in 1895 and realized their medical use! His “X” meant unknown (type of radiation).

Dr. Faye Laing, our speaker for March, almost by chance got in on the ground floor to learn, use, and teach the then-new (1973) technology of diagnostic ultrasound as a young radiologist and professor. Beginning with an “unwieldy dinosaur-like machine” that no one else could or wanted to use, she created black & white images needing to be hung out to dry. Thus began her career of 40+ years concentrated on advancing this amazing, non-invasive diagnostic tool. In plain English she will explain the process and value of ultrasound. She will show ultrasound examples of normal findings and compare them to images with abnormalities. Her teaching is clear, her enthusiasm infectious.

Dr. Laing earned her medical degree at Columbia. Following her radiology residency at the University of California, San Francisco, she joined their faculty and directed the diagnostic ultrasound section at San Francisco General Hospital. She subsequently held analogous positions at Harvard and Brigham and Women’s Hospital and, finally, at Georgetown University Hospital. She has lectured on six continents; Antarctica’s penguins didn’t seem interested, she says.

Do join us for a memorable morning. Bring a friend. If you like, stay for lunch with us in the Courtyard Café.

**Presidents’ Message:**

The 2024 AAUW National College Conference of Women of Student Leaders or NCCWSL will be held on May 30-June 1, 2024, at the University of Maryland, College Park, MD.

This amazing event attracts young women from all over the United States with close to 500 colleges sending participants. Who are these students? What is so compelling about this event known as “nick whistle”?

Most of the students who attend are rising juniors or seniors and about 50% are women of color. This cohort is near that point of the university experience when students must begin to think, ‘what’s next’ for themselves and for the larger world. Taking part in NCCWSL offers them that opportunity. Students may attend lectures/workshops featuring published authors, founders of financial institutions, legislators etc., all women, all successful and role models for the students. Speakers from many industries and areas of endeavor are represented during the event. Here, these young leaders can pursue goals they have dreamt of, and they may network for their future careers in the wider world as they go forward. About 50 different panels and workshops are offered, each with a skilled presenter(s).

For more than 30 years, AAUW has organized this annual gathering offering a dynamic meeting place for leadership opportunities, networking, and inspiration. AAUW Maryland has been a Platinum Sponsor of the event and has had the opportunity to have a Maryland Woman of Distinction present at the event. Dian Belanger is this year’s Woman of Distinction, MD. AAUW must raise funds to honor Dian.

Maritsa George,

With Dian Belanger, K/R Co-President

To donate and support this unique event and honor Dian Belanger, *Woman* *of Distinction* for Maryland, please follow the directions below:

**To donate by check: Make out your check to AAUW.**

**Write 4355-Maryland Woman of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund**

**Mail to: AAUW**

**1310 L Street, NW Washington, DC 20023**

**To donate online: It’s easy!!**

**Go to aauw.org. Push the RED DONATE Tab on the upper right. Scroll down to Maryland Women of Distinction. Push the button.**

**Kensington-Rockville Nominating Committee**

**Thank you, Anita Rosen, Maritsa George, and Ella Iams . . .**

. . . for stepping up to serve as KR’s Nominating Committee to seek and nominate branch officers for 2024-25.

So. Please contact Anita, Maritsa, or Ella to volunteer to accept and fulfill the position of your choice! Or say yes to the committee’s call to serve. Leadership offers a wonderful opportunity to learn, to grow, to know better the interesting, talented, accomplished women and men among us.

Any current officer will be happy to share the specific requirements, and perks, of her job with potential nominees.

**Save the Date…. April 20 MD State Convention at Ingleside. and Volunteer**

The Kensington-Rockville Branch (that’s us) is hosting the AAUW Maryland State Convention April 20. Mark your calendars to attend. And to volunteer to help Barbara and Terry (Convention co-chairs) make this one of the best. The venue is Ingleside at King Farm where we’ve held several recent meetings. Overnight guests can stay at the Comfort Inn nearby, thanks to Marista George’s efforts. Carol Fivozinsky is planning for a pre-convention Friday evening dinner. Joyce Graf and Ella Iams are managing the reservations. But we still need help. Please volunteer by contacting the person named.

Goodie bag items and assembly: Anita Rosen [anitarosen123@gmail.com](mailto:anitarosen123@gmail.com)

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

Registration desk on April 20 (must be at Ingleside by 8:15am: Bobbi Mintz [bobbeandherb@comcast.net](mailto:bobbeandherb@comcast.net)

Greeters, welcomers, direction givers on April 20 (must be at Ingleside by 8:15am): Yvonne Simms [ylsimms@gmail.com](mailto:ylsimms@gmail.com) or Renee Carlson [reneepcarlson@comcast.net](mailto:reneepcarlson@comcast.net)

Contact Convention co-chairs Barbara Gressman ([bagressman45@gmail.com](mailto:bagressman45@gmail.com)) or Terry Sayler ([saylerterry2@gmail.com](mailto:saylerterry2@gmail.com)) for any other information.

**NEW KENSINGTON-ROCKVILLE BRANCH MEMBERS**

**Yvonne Simms: “**I joined the branch in 2023 and reside at Ingleside. I am a Fellow of the Society of Women Engineers. In 2014 I retired from Boeing after thirty-five years, having worked primarily on human spaceflight programs. I have a Bachelor of Science degree in Civil Engineering from Michigan Technological University and a Master of Aeronautical Science degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. During my career, I designed hardware that first launched on the Space Shuttle Challenger STS-41G mission, which also included the first spacewalk by a female astronaut, Kathryn Sullivan. It was the second flight for Sally Ride. During my career, as a design, systems, and mission operations engineer, I worked on the NASA Space Shuttle, International Space Station, and Space Launch System programs.”

**Carol FIvozinsky: “**I grew up in Baltimore and attended Hood College where I graduated with a degree in Chemistry.  After working in the lab at NCI (NIH) for several years, I moved into the budget field, working for science-based Federal offices.  Most of my career was at NIH, as Budget Officer of the National Eye Institute.  After Federal retirement, I worked several years as a contractor in financial management along with volunteering for non-profit organizations.  I enjoy fitness, cooking, and providing IT-related support in my retirement community.   I was an AAUW member shortly after graduating from Hood College and upon moving to Ingleside at King Farm with Dian Belanger as a neighbor, reinstated my AAUW membership.”

**Beatriz Ostria Calvo** joined the branch in 2022. **“**I grew up in Argentina, went to a French school and then to a British boarding school. I studied French Literature and grammar at the Alliance Francaise where I obtained the Diploma of Hauts Etudes Francais. I then studied translation and interpretation English, French and Spanish with a Professor from Geneva privately and through the Alliance Francaise. I married, moved to Bolivia where I worked at the French Embassy and at Shell Oil Co.  In 1984 the World Bank hired me to work in the West Africa Region assisting two economists and editing French projects. I studied Economics first at Montgomery College and then at UMUC but did not complete a master’s degree. With my studies I was promoted to Budget Officer and Analysis of costs. After 25 years at the WB, I retired and went back to work 5 more years as a consultant. I volunteered for NIH as interpreter as well as for the Catholic Church.”

**Lynda Slesinger: “**I was raised in Philadelphia, attending Pennsylvania State University (Literature).  This was followed by 5 years of European travel, with one year at the University of Strasbourg, then an M.A. from the Sorbonne, Paris (US Accredited). On return, I married with two children, while working in International Insurance. This was followed by 3 yrs. of Licensed Training in Acupuncture & Herbology, with a 25-yr Private Practice in Connecticut.  I retain my interest & involvement in Holistic Health & Meditation.”

**Judi Broida** joined the branch in 2022 andlives in Leisure World. She has a doctorate in Organizational leadership from the University of Maryland and two master’s degrees in counseling from G.W. University and Business from Johns Hopkins University.

**AAUW Gaithersburg branch needs your help for the April 2024 used book sale.**

The Gaithersburg branch used book sale is resuming after a covid-enforced pause. All income from the sale supports scholarships for eligible female students at Montgomery College and the Universities at Shady Grove.

The size of the sale, about 30,000 books will be on sale, requires many workers. AAUW members, their family, friends, and students participating in Student Service Learning, SSL, hours are needed.

Participation of other Montgomery County AAUW branch members are needed for sorting books, supervising students, acting as cashiers during the sale, and helping to publicize the event.

If you are interested in helping contact Liz Hessel at [liz@meral.com](mailto:liz@meral.com) or 301-840-1258.

Dates when volunteers are needed:

* Book sorting and setup at Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, Thursday, April 4 through Wednesday, April 9.
* Sale opens for Asbury residents and associates: Wednesday, April 10, 2024.
* Public sale: Thursday through Saturday, April 11-13, 2024.

**Discussion Groups:**

**Literature Group-Live!**

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

Ella Iams [ellaiams@gmail.com](mailto:ellaiams@gmail.com)

The AAUW Kensington Rockville Literature Group will meet on Tuesday, March 19 at the home of Ruth Spivack, 10115 Frederick Avenue, Kensington.

The book to be discussed is *Minding Frankie* by Maeve Binchy.

The meeting time is 1:00-3:00 pm. Drinks and light refreshments provided.  **PLEASE RSVP** to Ruth, [raspivack@gmail.com](mailto:raspivack@gmail.com).

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**Le Groupe Français**

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**Le Groupe Français**will meet on Monday, March 11 at 7 p.m. via ZOOM.  The Zoom link will be sent out prior to the meeting. We will begin reading Flaubert's short story:  "Le Couer Simple."

.RSVP to Ruth so you can be included in the Zoom.

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**Great Decisions-Live!**

Anita Rosen anitarosen123@gmail.com

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

What: We will be discussing **Chapter 3: Risky Science Across Borders**

**Time:  Friday, March 8, 11am. -12:30pm.**

**Place: Derwood Room at Ingleside King Farm**.  Coffee and drinks available for purchase.

Cafe available before or after for lunch or BYOL.

**Chapter 3 Video Master class will be shown on Zoom, Thursday March 7 at 7:00 pm.**

A URL will be sent to participants and those who are interested in viewing the 27-minute video.

For further information, contact Anita or Bobbe.

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**Calendar of Upcoming Events:**

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**March 14, 2024 Invitation to the AAUW-Maryland Diversity, Equity, and Inclusion (DEI) Virtual Town Hall 7:00 – 8:00 pm**

email: [diversitychairaauwmd@gmail.com](mailto:diversitychairaauwmd@gmail.com).  Please contact Carolyn no later than Saturday, March 9 if you wish to receive Zoom information for the town hall.

3 April-15 May 2024     Vote on AAUW Open Membership Bylaws proposal.

24 April 2024            AAUW Maryland Convention, Ingleside at King Farm, Rockville, 9a-4p.

30 May-1 June 2024     National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

31 May 2024                 NCCWSL's Women of Distinction Awards event, University of Maryland, Adele Stamp Student Union, early evening

late September 2024     Atlantic States AAUW Regional Conference, Fredericksburg, VA. Stay tuned!

**Deadline for the next Newsletter is March 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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