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CONFESSIONS OF A WOMAN OF DISTINCTION

Cleopatra Campbell

My first confession is that although I have been a member of AAUW for over fifty years, I knew nothing about the AAUW National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL, pronounced Nic Whistle). I had no memory of the Women of Distinction program, or that, in fact, NCCWSL had been in existence for thirty-four years. The Women of Distinction program has been in existence for thirty-two years, and AAUW Maryland had been the platinum sponsor for seven years.



My introduction to NCCWSL was in a telephone call telling me that I was the Maryland Woman of Distinction for 2017. Later I learned that the purpose of the conference is to bring women college student leaders together to hear about opportunities to develop leadership skills. Approximately 1000 women students attended the 2017 conference, coming from all parts of the United States. The students stayed in dormitories on the University of Maryland campus. For many of the students, their costs of attendance were paid by donations from individual AAUW branches across the country.

On June 1, 2017, at the student union of the University of Maryland, I was the Maryland woman honored as a woman of distinction, introduced humorously by Margery Sullivan. AAUW had nominated four other women of distinction. As the

platinum sponsor, AAUW Maryland names its own woman of distinction. Women previously named as Maryland Women of Distinction include: Jenny Forehand, Janet Crampton, Barbara Fetterhoff, and Dr. Mary Grace Roman. Generous donations from AAUW Maryland members provide the platinum sponsorship cost of \$20,000.

Along with the national nominees, I gave a short speech. My message was “invest in yourself.” After the program, over 100 students lined up to meet me and to have their pictures taken. Their message to me was “thank you for what you have done for women.”



Cleopatra Campbell with Students at NCCWSL

I was surprised because I thought young women today did not recognize what their predecessors had done to help women and girls. These young women obviously understood that AAUW members for 136 years have worked for equal pay, equal rights, and equal opportunities.

Thank you for choosing me to be your representative.

Contribute to the Maryland Women of Distinction Fund

Bea Dane, VP for AAUW Funds

It is not too early to think about donating to the 2018 Maryland Women of Distinction Fund. Donations are tax deductible. A generous member has already gotten us started with a \$5000 donation. Members can send a check directly to AAUW National, noting fund number 4355 – Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund; or contribute on-line by going to <http://aauw-md.aauw.net/donate-wod/> and using a credit card. Under Individual Contributions, click on the dropdown list under Other Special Funds and Giving Circles and choose the Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund. Members may also give me a check at the October 21st State meeting, and I can submit it to the National organization.

Nominate the 2018 AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction

Bea Dane, VP for AAUW Funds

At the July Board meeting, AAUW members approved going forward with selecting a 2018 AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction Honoree and being a Platinum Sponsor for the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) Women of Distinction Ceremony. The Conference is held in late May/early June at the University of Maryland, College Park.

The criteria for nomination include the following: (1) the honoree will inspire the young women attending the conference; (2) the honoree will inspire others to contribute to the fund in her name. While not a requirement, AAUW membership and activities are considered. **Nominations are due by Oct 1, 2017.** A brief biography and description of how the nominee meets the criteria should be sent to Bea Dane at bea_dane@comcast.net. A committee will review the nominations and recommend the honoree at the October 21st Board meeting for approval.

What Legacy Will You Leave?

Neola Waller, National Legacy Circle Team Member

Wouldn't you like to leave a legacy to AAUW that will take the next generation to a level of AAUW we can only imagine? Let me tell you how to do that.

Making a planned gift to AAUW is a simple way to support the AAUW mission, honor one's passion for our organization, and leave a lasting impact. Giving to the AAUW Legacy Circle through one's estate results in a stream of future income that will sustain and advance our mission. It ensures that AAUW will survive and thrive in the process. Gifts to the AAUW Legacy Circle allow you flexibility in providing for your family and supporting AAUW. Bequests do not affect your cash flow during your lifetime because you name AAUW as a beneficiary in your will, life insurance, IRA, or other similar document. Every gift can be tailored to suit your specific wishes.

A person leaves a legacy out of the desire to be remembered for contributions to the world. Sometimes that contribution is so unique that the world is changed forever. For most of us, a more modest legacy will be remembered by those whose lives we touched. Such a legacy may not change the world, but it can leave lasting footprints. **Leave a legacy and join the AAUW Legacy Circle today!**

For more information and giving options, please call AAUW's planned giving office at 877.357.5587, or contact Neola Waller, at 757.217.2356.

From the President – Changing the Climate for Women and Girls in Maryland

Eileen Menton, President

As summer ends, I am excited to see the commitment of AAUW Maryland members working to change the climate for women and girls in Maryland. In June, we honored Cleopatra Campbell as Maryland's Woman of Distinction at the National Conference for Collegiate Women Student Leaders and joined members from throughout the United States for the National Lobby Day and Convention in Washington, DC. At the July Board meeting, we agreed to build on last year's strategic plan successes with continued emphasis on growing our membership, increasing our visibility in public policy and promoting communications and branch member participation in state activities.

At the July Board meeting, we voted to support two bills sponsored by branches - a bill to extend child support for post-secondary education (Howard County) and the Maryland Patients' Bill of Rights (Kensington-Rockville). We also agreed to work in coalition with the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) to support \$15 Minimum Wage and Fair Scheduling Coalition.

I encourage all members to attend the October 21 state meeting in Gaithersburg. During the morning

session, we will develop our skills to effectively advocate for these and other issues of concern to Maryland women during the upcoming State General Assembly meeting.

We welcome two fresh faces to the state's leadership team. Caitlin Brauer has been appointed College/University Representative. Caitlin, who now is a member of the Baltimore Branch, was the head basketball coach at Frederick Community College and a member of the Frederick Branch. Toni Ann DeGuzman, who has just completed her 8-month Website Production internship at AAUW National has agreed to be our webmaster and Facebook administrator. During her internship, she worked in Site Resources which deals with over 500 branch websites including the Maryland State and many branch sites. Toni is an undergraduate student at Capitol Technology University (third year) in Laurel, studying Web Development.

On a personal note, I am honored to have been appointed to the AAUW National Board of Directors for a two-year term. I look forward to working with other board members and with Kim Churches and her staff as we continue to grow AAUW.

4 STEPS TO NEGOTIATING YOUR SALARY

 <p>1. KNOW YOUR VALUE.</p>	 <p>2. KNOW YOUR TARGET SALARY AND BENEFITS.</p>
 <p>3. KNOW YOUR STRATEGY.</p>	 <p>4. PRACTICE, PRACTICE, PRACTICE!</p>

Find out how to bring an AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation workshop to your community.
www.aauw.org



Public Policy - AAUW Leading the Way for Gender Equity in Maryland

Erin Prangley, Vice President for Public Policy

It has been an eventful summer for AAUW MD advocacy. Members have stormed Capitol Hill and Annapolis in force to promote public policy that advances economic and educational equity for women, girls, and families.

On June 15, AAUW MD members were invited to participate in the AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Day during AAUW's National Convention. Seventeen members from several branches statewide were part of the AAUW MD delegation. The Maryland congressional delegation--two senators and eight representatives-- received visits from their AAUW constituents. Members advocated for enforcement of civil rights in education and college affordability and were presented with AAUW's new report [Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans](#). Several AAUW MD members also volunteered with Lobby Corps that day to make sure our members made it to their meetings. Kudos to all who helped make the lobby day a great success.

Individual advocacy for federal legislation does not have to wait for another national convention. I hope all AAUW MD members will consider being a part of the AAUW MD's proud tradition of joining the [Lobby Corps](#) which is held every Thursday when Congress is in session. MD volunteers have been a part of Lobby Corp since its inception in 1972. Lobby Corps is critical to our mission because it gives our national membership a voice and a face on Capitol Hill making AAUW a familiar and respected name among members of Congress and their staffs. For more information and to sign up for Lobby Corps click [here](https://www.aauwaction.org/lobby-corps/). (<https://www.aauwaction.org/lobby-corps/>)

During the Summer Leadership Conference in July, the AAUW MD Board voted to support state legislation for 2018 that addresses critical needs for women and families. AAUW MD will actively support

a bill to extend child support for post-secondary education sponsored by AAUW Howard County, and the Maryland Patients' Bill of Rights sponsored by AAUW Kensington-Rockville. AAUW MD will work closely with Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) to promote these bills and other important legislation during their annual legislative conference and advocacy days in Annapolis.

In August, I joined Howard County branch members in meeting with MD Delegate Kathleen M. Dumais (District 15), Vice Chair of the Judiciary Committee, for a helpful conversation about what it will take to make AAUW MD priorities law. We are grateful for her candid advice and offer to help us meet our objectives.

AAUW MD members are also working closely with MD Attorney General Brian Frosh and his staff on public policy priorities. During a meeting in August, AAUW members met with the Attorney General to discuss enforcing gender equality in colleges and universities, protecting consumers in the healthcare system, and finding ways to make higher education more accessible for all Marylanders. Attorney General Frosh agreed to work with AAUW MD on all of these issues.



Bev Fallick, Erin Prangle AG Brian Frosh, Eileen Menton, Caitlin Brauer, and Anna Palmisano

We will begin holding statewide public policy calls for branch leadership to strategize and implement

plans to move our public policy program forward. Members can also expect to see e-advocacy from our Action Network on state issues as well as invitations to policy events including the MLAW conference in the fall and receptions and lobby days in Annapolis into the new year. All AAUW MD members should sign up for [AAUW's Action Network](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/). To receive these and other important public policy announcements by clicking [here](http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/). (<http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>)

Treasurer's Report

Christine Schmitz, Treasurer

On behalf of all of AAUW Maryland, thank you to Dr. Judy Flood for doing such a wonderful job the last four years.

Ella Iams and Bea Dane audited the AAUW Maryland books, and the records were found to be in good order. Thanks to both of them for their quick assistance in this regard.

With the new fiscal year, I am happy to assume the role of Treasurer from Dr. Judy Flood.

As Treasurer, I receive data related to membership renewal because of its impact on the state budget,

Finally, I hope all members will join me for our October 21 AAUW Maryland meeting to hear more about AAUW Maryland public policy priorities and to learn about opportunities to become more involved. It will take a lot of work from all of our branches statewide to accomplish our state legislative goals. But I know we are up to the challenge and will continue to lead the way to promote policies that advance true gender equality in our great state

which assumes that our membership will grow. Dues were due on July 1. As of the end of August, about one-third of our members had not renewed.

If you have not yet renewed please do so as soon as possible, either on-line or by sending a check to your branch Treasurer.

I can be contacted through my cell phone 410-375-1820 or at my personal email of dialacpa@aol.com if you have questions in this regard or any other Treasurer related matter.

Outlook Is Going Digital!

Starting with the summer 2017 issue, AAUW Outlook will be going digital. You'll still get the same insight about the issues that affect women and girls the most, and with more content. Make sure AAUW has your preferred email address on file, and look out for this issue in your inbox!

In It for Life? Make It Official

Through lifetime membership in AAUW you can empower generations to come! Join us or upgrade your existing membership today and receive a letter of recognition, a certificate, and a lapel pin that you can wear proudly, knowing that you've put your values into action. Lifetime membership in AAUW is a one-time, fully tax-deductible gift of \$980. Become a life member today!

AAUW Convention 2017

My first AAUW Convention

Heather Reichardt, AAUW Maryland Co-Secretary and Gaithersburg Branch President

This year I attended my first AAUW National Convention. I did not know exactly what to expect, so I arrived with an open mind and many hopes. The Renaissance hotel in downtown DC was full of women. I typically attend business conferences where women are in the minority. This was a great change of pace for me.

After getting my badge, I was immediately distracted by the fun items that AAUW and other vendors had for sale. Of course, I picked up a whole packet of stickers to share with my branch. I also chose some nice little inspirational posters to put up in my home office. However, my best acquisition was an AAUW-embossed backpack. It has already been with me from Ocean City to England and Scotland and Ireland. I'm glad that the vendors give back to AAUW and other worthy causes. I felt very good about my purchases.

The program on Day 1, Wednesday, was an inspirational briefing to get everyone up to speed for the full court press Lobby Day happening on Thursday. We heard from Anne Hedgepath, acting VP for Government Affairs, about how important citizen lobbying is to the legislative process. We also heard from some fantastic women political leaders who gave us great advice on how to persevere in order to obtain our goals, whether legislative or otherwise. Congresswoman Brenda Lawrence's (D-Michigan) remarks particularly stuck with me. She is fighting every day for all of AAUW's causes and more. With respect to education issues for poor and minority students. She said that private prisons are being built faster than public schools. And there is not enough effort to train young people, women and men, for high tech jobs. This is right up AAUW's alley!

Because of the Lobby Day pre-session, the actual day was a huge success. Various subsets of the Maryland contingent were able to visit both

Senators' offices as well as the offices of all eight of Maryland's Representatives. At each visit we were greeted enthusiastically and received excellent, up-to-date information on the issues on which the Senators and Representatives were engaged. Personally, I was glad we met with a young, female legislative assistant in Congressman Delaney's office. She seemed very interested in the student debt issue and how it impacts women workers long after they are finished with their education.



Members of the Maryland Delegation on Lobby Day

On Friday and Saturday I attended the breakout on social media and one on mission-based programming. I learned a lot from the social media session, especially that our branch needs to step our "SM" outreach! We've already updated our Facebook site. Other branches are really active in the SM sphere. Facebook is a great way to get the word out to non-members about AAUW's great programs and mission. The programming session was also incredibly informative. I took away several handouts that make it very easy to pair topics with venues and plan out public engagements in a relatively easy way. Of course, the real key is enticing members and non-members to attend.

I learned that programs need to give folks a chance to make an impact.

One of the best things was being able to hang out with many fellow Maryland members that I don't see very often. We mostly sat together at the plenary sessions and absorbed the information

together. The final session, including the transition to the new Board of Directors and a speech from the new CEO, Kim Churches, was very inspiring as well as honest in discussing the challenges that lie ahead for the national organization. I think we all accept that challenge and hope that by the time of the next convention, significant progress will have been made.

AAUW CEO Chats with Sonia Sotomayor at the National Convention Banquet

Dorothy Fraquelli, Past President, AAUW Maryland



Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor and AAUW CEO, Kim Churches

Associate Justice Sonia Sotomayor was honored on June 16 at the AAUW Convention. Rather than a traditional speech, there was a discussion was a series of questions, most of which Justice Sotomayor answered while walking among the AAUW members at the Convention Banquet. The following summary is based on my notes.

Kim Churches: Tell us about your book

Justice Sotomayor: People tend to like absolutes; clear answers. We don't need judges and lawyers if the law is clear, which it is not. And neither is life. The book idea was prompted by the question of how a happy childhood informed my life, but I didn't have a traditional happy childhood. Becoming an Associate Justice catapulted me into a new universe, removed me from a job and life I enjoyed, and made me world famous. I became scared that I would lose the essence of Sonia. The book started as

a way to hold onto myself. I needed to include the good and the bad. The book was my journey to figure out what made Sonia.

KC: Your Mother was widowed at 36 with two children. Do you consider yourself a feminist?

JS: What working woman can't (and working means both inside and outside the house)? You're struggling to achieve equality for all those around you. A woman is taught to work for everyone around her, not for herself.

KC: Has the definition of feminism changed?

JS: I bet it has for you. Women are 50% of your schools, which is a different experience than mine. At Yale, women were less than 20%. It was not your world. You have Title IX. Sports are empowering for women; Title IX was transformational. I watch my niece; they split the check on dates. Pay equality, "That doesn't happen to me," my niece says. But pay differences are still a reality. Things that happened to me will still happen to you. I've been called honey when on the bench. The false sense of comfort is misleading. We do not have full equality. It's too easy to let the superficial convince you we are equal.

KC: How does the Supreme Court of the United States decide cases?

JS: I'll take the 1995 Baseball Strike case as an example. As a justice, you want to bring clarity to unclear issues. Reasonable people have looked at the issue and come to different answers. Social issue cases are the ones people are most interested in. All the justices are good writers – they have to be. In many cases there are arguments on both sides.

KC: Social Rights – the Supreme Court is the back stop. How is this true for women?

JS: The Court has never been a leader on women's rights. The leaders have been you. The right to vote was not settled by a court case. It was a political battle. Until 1970, every case the Court decided held against women. In the 1970s, some women's issues were being upheld by the Court. They were argued by Ruth Bader Ginsberg (RBG), then a pioneer with the ACLU Women's Rights Group. It was strategic brilliance – get the Court's attention by bringing cases where *men* are being treated less well. At that time, women in the military got the child care benefit, but not the men. Women taking care of their parents received a tax benefit, but not men. So it became harder for the Court to rule against women because these cases expanded rights to equal benefits. In the Virginia Military Institute case, RBG established that discrimination on the basis of gender deserved heightened scrutiny. Since that case, the Court has been better. But lobbying and political action are still the leaders in getting the law changed. You cannot get equality via the courts. You have a lot of work to do.



AAUW MD President Eileen Menton listens to Justice Sotomayor

KC: Women in High School and College are concerned [about all kinds of equity]. What advice do you give your niece that we can take home as well?

JS: Education is the only path to equality. It opens your mind to possibilities. You can't dream about something you don't know about. You need basic education to open your mind to dream big: awareness of the confidence gap, [career] possibilities, and the price you pay. You are living life. Your child will need to learn to handle competing values, how to balance different parts of life, and how to compromise. It sounds simple, until someone talks to you about it.

KC: You are involved with the iCivics organization (icivics.org).

JS: Civics has been gone from schools for 35 years. How do we teach our children to be good citizens? Go to icivics.org and play one of their games. You won't get 100%. The best way to teach is via games. It has worked. Seventy million students across the country have participated. The Ford Foundation is underwriting the rewriting of the games so ESL students can play the games. They also have teaching tools for high school teachers. (Side note: Retired Justice Sandra Day O'Connor founded iCivics. She got Justice Sotomayor involved.) I truly believe we don't have a choice to be bystanders. Laws don't just happen. People have to lobby for them. The somebody else is us. Civics is critical. We need it to maintain our republic form of government.

KC: AAUW is non-partisan. ... Tell us about your relationship with Justice Antonin Scalia.

JS: Nino and I were talking one day. He said: "You're a bulldog. ...I like you so much ... tough and in your face." I'm passionate and so was he. It would spill over and make people uncomfortable. We both deeply cared about our system of government, our country, our constitution. We wanted different things, but we both wanted to do the right thing. [Often] we don't listen to people, [to know] what they fear, why they head down a road we don't like. People are no longer meeting in the middle. The answers to our divisions are not easy. We have no choice. We must find solutions that can work for both sides. We must find a way back. For every parent, we need to find a better way.

Summer Leadership Conference

Markonette Richardson, Co-Vice President for Programs

Our exciting summer conference entitled “Actions to Bold Effective Leadership” held on July 25, was hosted by the Frederick Branch. The conference was held at the South End Baptist Church in Frederick with approximately 38 attendees. Conference attendees were welcomed by Jude Olivey, Frederick Branch Secretary and Frederick County Executive Jan Gardner.

Eileen Mention, State President, provided an update on the State Strategic Plan—where we are currently towards the goals we set last summer, and the goals for this year. Details were provided in the electronic communications to all branch leaders.

Six breakout sessions were led by various board members on “What is my role now that I have this job?” Attendees shared recommendations and best practices on how to perform in their roles as fundraisers, membership chair, program chair, public policy chair, treasurer, and president.

Lastly Kimberly Churches, AAUW CEO, held an interactive Town Hall with attendees asking members what challenges we face at the Branch or State level. She provided a brief view of her background and explained how the commitment of AAUW’s members drew her to the organization. Kim asked questions such as: Where are our core strengths and Where are we going next?

She provided some insight on her thoughts for AAUW’s national leadership focus, emphasizing the need to decide who we are and who we are not. We

need to ensure we have Focus, Relevance, and Impact and scale our initiatives. Kim described her leadership style and philosophy for the organization. She described the current organizational structure at National as being flat and explained plans for better collaboration. She emphasized that she plans to be a transparent CEO. She expressed a desired to change the ‘all things to all people’ mission mentality to allow for improved focus on how we deliver. She is working on a new strategic plan to involve more members. The intent is to have a national plan with plans that flow down to the branch level, and that is a living breathing document to allow us to remain flexible as an organization. She stressed that she is very accessible and open to comments by email, text, and even carrier pigeon. Below is a picture of Kim Churches with members of the Kensington-Rockville Branch:



Anita Rosen, Erin Prangle, Margery Sullivan, Kimberly Churches, Kate Campbell-Stevenson, Dian Bellanger, Terry Fuller, Janet Wert Crampton

Branch Happenings

AAUW Frederick Honors Cleopatra Campbell



On May 7, the Frederick Branch honored the 2017 AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction with dinner at the Red Horse Inn. Stories were shared about our personal experiences with Cleopatra. Several mentioned what a great, positive impact she had on their lives, and how she continues to do so. Some words used to describe her include: generous, passionate, humble, and adventurous.

Denise Sparks, co-chair of the planning committee for the 6th Annual AAUW Afternoon Tea, presented a donation of \$3,300 to Janice Brown, director of Adult Services, Frederick Community College.

Pictured at left are Cleopatra Campbell, Mary Anne Williams, Jude Olivey, and Teri Bisceglia.

Howard County Persists in Efforts to Promote Legislative Priorities

AAUW Howard County continued to work through the summer to advance state legislative priorities which are important to AAUW's mission to empower women and girls. On July 23, they met with Delegate Kathleen Dumais who represents the 15th District of the House of Delegates in the State of Maryland, encompassing the western and northern portions of Montgomery County.

Pictured below Joan Clinch, Marcia Posner, Del. Dumais, Bev Fallik, and Beth Hayden. Not pictured: Erin Prangle



Gaithersburg Prepares for its Book Sale

Gaithersburg AAUW recycles! Books collected at the Montgomery County Transfer Station are sorted for its annual book sale, March 22-24, 2018. The women were told to wear hard hats, protective goggles, reflective jackets, and hard-toed shoes to work at the transfer station. No one said it couldn't be done with style.

So stylish in protective clothing are the book collectors, Edie Allison, Elizabeth Schwartz, and Bobbi Brooks, all pictured below.



AAUW Baltimore to host State Convention April 14, 2018

AAUW MD's 2018 State Convention will be hosted by the Baltimore Branch on Saturday, April 14, 2018. All members are encouraged to mark your calendars and plan to attend! AAUW MD Program Chairs are planning an interesting and informative program you won't want to miss.

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Fall Advocacy Training and Board Meeting - October 21

Asbury Methodist Village - Parkview Building
301 Odendhal Avenue (Main entrance)
Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877

AAUW Gaithersburg welcomes all AAUW members to attend the Fall Training and Board Meeting on October 21st. The meeting will be held at the Parkview Building, Asbury Methodist Village, 301 Odendhal Avenue (GPS), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877.

The \$26 registration fee covers the use of the facility and its equipment as well as a continental breakfast and lunch catered by Asbury. Everyone is invited to the special Celebration of Gaithersburg Branch's 45th Anniversary! So save room for dessert! ☺ Such a deal!

Overnight visitors may stay at the Holiday Inn at the intersection of Rt. 355 and Montgomery Village Avenue (Exit 11 off I-270 and immediately on the left after crossing Rt. 355). We have secured a special rate of \$95. Either call the Holiday Inn (1-301-948-8900) and ask for the AAUW Gaithersburg block/code AUW, or book online AAUW-Gaithersburg Room Block (note AUW code). The hotel has recently been renovated and there are many nearby dining establishments.

Program Overview

8:30am – 9:00am	Registration & Continental Breakfast
9:00am– 9:30 am	Welcome
9:30 am – 11:45am	Moving from Passion to Effective Advocacy Erin Prangley AAUW MD VP for Public Policy What it takes to turn an idea into a law How to advocate How to build your public policy program How to support each other through statewide advocacy
11:45am – 1:00pm	Lunch (included in registration) ***Celebration of Gaithersburg's 45 th Anniversary!***
1:00pm– 3:30pm	State Board Meeting – State Officers and Branch Presidents (Separate agenda to be provided) All members are encouraged to attend!

Moving from Passion to Effective Advocacy - AAUW Maryland Public Policy Training

In the words of Margaret Mead, an AAUW member, “Never doubt that a small group of thoughtful, committed citizens can change the world; indeed, it's the only thing that ever has.”

As AAUW MD members you are part of a proud network of thoughtful, committed citizens. Join us on October 21 to learn the tools of the advocacy trade and lend your voice to be the change we need to make economic and educational equity a reality for Maryland women!

AAUW public policy priorities are merely words on a page without member volunteers willing to put those words into action. For over 75 years, AAUW MD members have stepped up as individuals and come together in their branch public policy programs to educate voters and promote legislation to advance educational and economic equity for women, girls and families.

Whether you are fired up about fair pay, paid sick leave, Title IX enforcement, voter registration and education, or other issues, we'll give you the training you need to join with other AAUW MD members in continuing our great tradition of advocacy.

Our training will focus on:

- How to advocate –
Whether you love to write letters to the editor, enjoy trips to Annapolis to meet your elected officials for lobby days, or simply want to make your voice heard in as little as 2 minutes a week (really!), AAUW has a place for you! We'll share on-line resources and “how-to” guides as well as important dates to remember for public policy conferences, Annapolis lobby days and more.
- How to build a public policy program –
From holding voter registration drives and candidate forums to sponsoring legislation in Annapolis, you will be amazed by the success of the public policy programs in many of our branches. Learn from these members how to bring these exciting opportunities to your branch.
- How to support each other through statewide advocacy –
We are strongest when we speak with one AAUW voice. Learn about the obstacles and opportunities we are facing as we begin another legislative year in Annapolis, and what AAUW Maryland needs to do to make a positive impact this year!

Whether you are a beginner or seasoned advocate, you will learn something new at this training and leave inspired by AAUW members who share your passion to act on the critical civil rights issues of our time.

Location: Asbury Methodist Village, Parkview Building, 301 Odendhal Avenue (Main entrance), Gaithersburg, Maryland 20877. Those planning to arrive on Friday, October 20, should consider the traffic on I-270 which can be heavy on Friday afternoons heading north from DC.

Directions: Take I-270 to Exit 11, Montgomery Village Ave., Go East, cross Rt. 355, pass Lakeforest Mall, turn right on Lost Knife, Continue straight, cross Odendhal Avenue and you will arrive at the Asbury Methodist Village gatehouse . Once at the Asbury Methodist Village gatehouse tell the person that you are going to the Guild Memorial Chapel entrance of the Parkview Building. Just past the gatehouse you will come to a stop sign where you turn right. After that turn, follow the circular drive and pass five more stop signs. At the 5th stop sign you will see signs indicating "AAUW Parking." Park there and enter at the sign indicating "Chapel Entrance." (See map). There will be more signs and people inside directing you to the Parkview Club Room where the meeting is being held.



REGISTRATION FORM

**October 21st AAUW Maryland State Meeting
Parkview Building in Asbury Methodist Village
301 Odendhal Avenue
Gaithersburg, Maryland**

The **\$26** registration includes the use of the facility and its equipment, all materials, a continental breakfast and informal lunch.

Please send the completed registration form and check payable to **AAUW Maryland**

Check must be received by October 6th, 2017

Send to:

**Carol Plummer
19101 Roman Way
Montgomery Village, MD 20886**

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NOTE: Late registration \$30 must be received by October 12th.



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Calendar

AAUW MD Advocacy Training and Board Meeting

October 21, 2017, 8:30-3:30
Parkview Building, Asbury Methodist Village
301 Odendhal Avenue
Gaithersburg, MD 20877

Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Fall Conference

November 14, 2107 9:30 to 1:00
International Culture Center
19650 Club House Road, Suite 205
Gaithersburg, MD

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December 1, 2017
Send to: Bernadette Low (Bernadette.low@gmail.com)

Winter Board Meeting (Conference Call)

January 2018 (date TBD)

AAUW Maryland State Convention

April 14, 2018
Hosted by Baltimore Branch - Location TBD

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