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Greeting from the Presidents

Dear AAUW members,

On this glorious day, with the sun shining brightly, the birds singing, temperature in the 50s and snow on the ground, our focus is on the

upcoming Maryland State AAUW Convention. All AAUW members are welcome and highly encouraged to attend the Convention. This year's theme, "**Honoring our Past, Protecting our Future,**" has something of interest for all

members. Complete details can be found in *The Marylander*.

As we celebrate Women's History Month in March, we need to be mindful and encouraged by the extraordinary women who have fought, protested, and galvanized women throughout the years for equality for women.

Our Public Policy Chairs, Anita Rosen and Kay Wendowski, continue to keep us informed on issues and events in Annapolis. In particular, SB 904, related to Human Trafficking, would modify existing law to make the crime of human trafficking in a case in which the victim of the crime (that is the person being trafficked) is an adult, a felony, rather than a misdemeanor.

AAUW will release a new Research Report, "Solving the Equation: The Variables for Women's Success in Engineering and Computing" on March 27, 2105. The report contains the latest data on girls' achievement in subjects related to engineering and computing, statistics on the number of women working in these fields, and what can be done to raise the number of women employed in engineering and computing. The advanced notice includes the following statement:

"...getting more women into STEM fields isn't only the right thing to do; it's the smart thing to do. The solutions to problems of this century —

from providing universal access to health care to eradicating poverty to curing cancer — will require the skills of engineers and computer scientists and the perspectives and approaches that come from diverse minds. When women are not represented in these fields, we're leaving half our workforce out of innovation opportunities."

Equal Pay Day is fast approaching. In 2105, it is April 14th. AAUW has analyzed the change in the pay gap from the 1960s to now. Extrapolating the full data set suggests pay equity will be obtained in 2058. But the trend over the last decade suggests equal pay will not be achieved until 2139. Check out the AAUW website for information on how you can make pay equity happen during our lifetime.

Before closing, we remind you of two upcoming events. The AAUW Convention is June 18 – 21, 2015, in San Diego, CA. Come and be a part of this magnificent event and meet your fellow AAUW women for networking and sharing of ideas on making this year the best year ever for AAUW. The AAUW Maryland Summer Training is scheduled for July, 2015, in Easton, MD.

Looking forward to seeing you at the Maryland State AAUW Convention,

Dorothy Fraquelli and Sandra (SassC) Smith,

Public Policy Notes

WOMEN'S LEGISLATIVE BRIEFING-- Notes from Gaithersburg Branch

Louise Chatlynne

The Women's Legislative Briefing was held Sunday, January 25, at the Universities of Shady

Grove. Attending from the Gaithersburg Branch were: Virginia Berges, Louise Chatlynne, Liz Hessel, Jean Kosow, Ja'Bette Lozopone, Heather Reichardt, Maria Roberts, and Amra McLannen.

Heather Reichardt serves on the Montgomery County Commission for Women, and she and the other members of the commission did a fantastic job of organizing this exciting, well-organized and well-attended event.

Among the sponsors for the meeting were AAUW of Maryland, Montgomery County Interbranch, AAUW Kensington-Rockville and AAUW Silver Spring; all worked together on the AAUW table. The Interbranch representatives helped work the registration table.

The program began with a rundown of legislation of interest to women from County Executive Ike Leggett, Senators Ben Cardin, Representatives Chris Van Hollen, John Sarbanes, and Donna Edwards. Then followed the keynote talk by Ann F. Lewis, former White House staffer and campaign manager for Barbara Mikulski and Hillary Clinton. Lewis is

currently chair of the Finance Committee of the Center for U.S. Global Leadership.

After the keynote talk there were two breakout sessions dealing with topics such as how to pitch your legislators, long-term care, immigrant women, health and safety for women and empowerment for women. There was also a separate track for teenage girls.

One point that was made clear by most speakers was that it is easy for individuals and groups to make their voices heard in Annapolis. The message is that legislators in the Maryland House and Senate want to hear from their constituents. Speakers made it clear that legislators pay attention to letters, phone calls, and e-mails. The state representatives who spoke at this meeting kept saying, "Contact me, please."

Pictured below are **Maryland Women attending Women's Legislative Agenda Briefing**: Joyce Graff, Kensington-Rockville; Anita Rosen, Kensington-Rockville; Liz Hessel Gaithersburg; Jean Kosow, Gaithersburg; Janet Crampton, Kensington Rockville; Louise Chatlynne, Gaithersburg.



SUMMARY OF LEGISLATIVE PROPOSALS TO MLAW FOR 2015

Anita Rosen

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women's fall conference was held on Saturday, November 15, 2014. Lead groups presented proposed legislation items of interest for consideration. Below are brief summaries the proposals.

1. **Protective Order- Relief of Victims of Dating and Sexual Violence.** Proposal by MCASA/Legislative sponsors, Senator Chris Shank and Delegate Kathleen Dumais. Protective Orders are civil orders to protect individuals against future violence and harassment. This bill would move sexual assault out of the Peace Order statute to the Protective Order statute. The bill will provide victims/survivors of dating and sexual violence with heightened protection, address the majority of dating violence cases, and create a better systemic response.
2. **Akins Law- a bill to permit termination of the parental rights of a rapist when a child is conceived as a result of rape.** Proposal by the Maryland Coalition against Sexual Assault (MCASA)/ Sponsors, Senator Jamie Raskin & Delegate Kathleen Dumais. Background: In August 2012, Congressman Todd Akin suggested that women did not become pregnant as a result of "legitimate rape" and that pregnancy from rape is a rare occurrence. In fact a published study found that 5% of rape victims of reproductive

age became pregnant as a result of rape. Though in the last session of the legislature this bill had a majority of the House and Senate members as co-sponsors, the bill failed to make it out of the House Judiciary Committee.

3. Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act. Proposal by Working Matters/ Lead sponsor, Senator Catherine Pugh. This legislation would allow workers to earn a limited number of annual paid sick and safe days from their employer. Forty-one percent of American workers are unable to earn paid sick leave. In Maryland, 700,000 of our neighbors, are forced to make impossible choices: go to work sick, send an ill child to school or day care, or stay home and sacrifice much-needed income. This is particularly a big problem for restaurant and food workers. Working women need paid sick days. This legislation was first proposed in 2013; in addition to sick time, it allows "safe time" to allow women who have been victims of domestic abuse or sexual assault to use their accrued paid sick leave to care for their health, seek legal protections or new housing. *MLAW participants and others are encouraged to contact their Delegates and Senators to cosponsor this legislation.*

4. State Personnel- Limits on Use of Leave for Birth, Adoption, foster Placement or Care of Child. Lead sponsor, Women's Law Center/ Delegate Ariana Kelly, contact. This bill would allow state employees to receive the full benefits of the Family and Medical Leave Act (FMLA) as afforded to all other employees who are not both employed by the State. Currently, State employees are entitled to 12 weeks of leave at the birth or adoption of a child or to care for a sick family member. Currently, if both spouses are working for the state, their leave is a combined limit of only 12 weeks and they are penalized for both being State employees. This legislation would remove the aggregate limit.

5. Domestic Violence-Protective Order-Additional Relief. Lead sponsor, Maryland Network for Domestic Violence. This bill expands the relief available in a final protective order by authorizing a judge to order any other relief the judge deems appropriate under the circumstances to protect a person eligible for relief. Maryland's Family Law contains very specific forms of relief available to a petitioner. There is very little flexibility. This simple legislation would allow the judge to consider such things as ordering a respondent to maintain petitioner and children on respondent's health insurance, to provide the petitioner and petitioner's children with a passport, or order respondent to stay a certain distance away from the petitioner's residence.

6. Midwife License Bill Sponsor, Association of Independent Midwives of Maryland. Midwives are illegal in Maryland and most women in Maryland who want home births have no access to a legal provider. This bill seeks to create a process to license and regulate Certified Professional Midwives (CPMs).

Public Policy Update- Spring, 2015

Anita Rosen, VP Public Policy

As I write this, we are in the midst of the Maryland legislative session. Since the start of the year, AAUW Maryland members have had a terrific turnout at the excellent Women's Legislative Briefing (WLB) in January and at our exhibit table there. The table was a busy hub between excellent sessions with national, state, and local elected officials and excellent workshop sessions on a diversity of topics. We

also made quite a good showing at the informative Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) day in Annapolis. Since the legislative session began in January, we have been able to send several alerts for calls to legislators and numerous legislative updates of bills that matter to AAUW.

This year has proven to be an exciting one for proposed cutting edge legislation such as Wage Fairness for Women, Human Trafficking and important domestic violence bills. While we don't know the final outcome at this writing, I do know that AAUW and women's issues are making themselves heard in Annapolis, and our members have been an important factor.

Thanks too, to AAUW for helping us do legislative tracking in Maryland that can be sent quickly to all Branch Public Policy chairs. Eileen Menton, our Webmaster, posts them on the AAUW Maryland Website. This is great and very timely.

I hope that many of you will be able to attend the Spring Convention in Rockville on April 25th because the exciting program will include a State legislative update, and number of very important local (e.g. Court Watch, Community Colleges, and women) and state (Human Trafficking) public policy issues that affect you and many women in Maryland.

Remember, this year, Tuesday **April 14th is Equal Pay Day!** This date symbolizes how far into 2014 women must work to earn what men earned in 2013. Let your county council, state legislators, federal legislators, work place, social groups, and all the folks that you come in contact with know that a three and a half month difference in pay is unfair, and hurts women for a life time-- in quality of life, benefits, retirement, and Social Security.

Meet Maryland Fellows

AAUW Maryland Fellowships are funding the studies for a doctor, a lawyer, and an astrophysicist this year.



International Fellow Ofure Omokhodion, pictured above is a young gynecologist attending Johns Hopkins University where she is pursuing a MPH in Reproductive Health. She is passionate about promoting sex education among female secondary school students to

reduce the incidence of child rape, unsafe abortions, and unwanted pregnancy in Nigeria, her home country. Her fellowship is funded by Maryland State Division I and Mary L. Shelley /Eileen Shelley Menton fellowships. Ofure, along with her baby daughter Abigail and mother-in-law was Eileen's guest at the Valentine's Day Luncheon sponsored by the Baltimore Branch in February.

International Fellow Fawah Akwo is from Cameroon. She is pursuing a J.D. in Law at Georgetown University. Fawah is a public interest law scholar at Georgetown Law; she focuses on women's human rights, technology law, and international development. She was previously a senior software engineer at Oracle America, where she developed customer relationship management web applications. Fawah is a social entrepreneur and an ardent advocate for women's education and leadership, especially in STEM fields. She is this

year's recipient of AAUW Maryland's Dian Belanger fellowship.

Another AAUW 2014 American Fellow is Kathryn Tolfree. She is a PhD. candidate in Astrophysics at Johns Hopkins University. In her research, she delves into understanding the growth and development of spiral galaxies. She

is currently investigating the physical parameters important to a dynamical process known as radial migration and the evolution of spiral galaxies. She is this year's recipient of AAUW Maryland's Jean Colburn and Janet Wert Crampton fellowships.

Branch Happenings

Gaithersburg's Famous Book Sale Scheduled for Spring 2015

It won't be long before Moyer's moving vans pull up to Asbury to drop off over 1,000 boxes of books for the Gaithersburg Branch of AAUW's annual book sale. Lots of activity is taking place now to collect and sort books for the sale.

The branch will offer 30,000 books sorted into over 65 categories. The sale has a reputation for

being well organized. Buyers appreciate having the books divided into categories.

One of the categories is children's books, with lots of books children love. There are also huge collections of history, religion, cook books, foreign language books (over 15 languages), and also many CDs and DVDs of music and books.

The funds raised by the book sale support college scholarships for female students both at the graduate and undergraduate level, National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) held in College Park, and the AAUW Legal Advocacy fund. The sale will take place the weekend of April 23 to May 3.

HAGERSTOWN BRANCH BOOK SALE AND ITS PURPOSE

Sheri Specht, Hagerstown Branch Co- President

The Hagerstown Branch is preparing for its 53rd annual Used Book Sale. Most of the proceeds of the sale go to scholarships for young women of Washington County who are pursuing an undergraduate degree.

It will be held on April 23-25 at ARC building at 10000 Florida Ave, Hagerstown, MD, from 10 AM - 8 PM on the 23rd and 24th, and 9 AM - 3 PM on Saturday, the 25th. (The last day is 1/2 price day from 9-noon and bag sale after that.) There is also a preview party on the night of 4/22, where for \$10 a shopper can get in early and buy books ahead of everyone else.

The book sale has been a great success and will continue on as long as there are workers willing workers to take on this responsibility. This year four members who have been sorting, pricing, and boxing the books for years as a team decided to be responsible for the whole sale. The branch sends a big thank you to Marilyn Young, Nina Wells, Sharon Chirgott and Denise Fry. The book sale is a year- round process and more expensive than it used to be. The branch no longer uses the library and has to pay rent every month at a site where books are sorted and then sold.

While the profits are somewhat below what they once were, the branch has still annually awards fifteen or more girls \$1000 to \$1500 scholarships.

Recipients are so grateful. Here is letter demonstrating the value of these scholarships. Letters like this encourage us all to keep up our efforts.

To all of the wonderful ladies of the AAUW Hagerstown Branch,

I greatly appreciate the letter to reapply for the scholarship. However, this may only be my third year as an undergraduate student but it is indeed my last. Through all of the hard work and perseverance, I am graduating with my Bachelors of Arts degree in Psychology with a minor in Spanish Language this May! I will be attending graduate school this fall for my Masters of Science degree in Forensic Psychology and have applied for an Internship with the Federal Bureau of Investigation for this summer. I will sincerely miss the annual picnics and getting to meet all of the new and returning members of the AAUW. I loved hearing about everyone's accomplishments and hopes and dreams for their future. I always felt welcome and knew I had amazing women to support me and cheer me on. I have been very lucky to be a part of this scholarship opportunity and could not have accomplished all that I have without your support. Thank you again and God Bless!

Erix Artz

Boonsboro, Maryland"

SILVER SPRING BRANCH Happenings

Ingeborg Sober

On January 11, Silver Spring Branch hosted a combined meeting with the League of Women Voters and Saint Luke Lutheran Church Women to hear Branch Member Del. Sheila Hixson (State District 20). She discussed the pending legislative season in Annapolis and responded to a wide ranging set of questions from the audience. To say we were "engaged" is an understatement. We have heard that as a result of this meeting, participants are taking action on key bills of interest, some of which

are also part of the Maryland Women's Legislative Agenda to which we subscribe.

While winter weather has caused all sorts of meetings and activities to be cancelled or postponed, Silver Spring Branch members braved the snow and slick roads on February 17 to join in an International focus lunch at the Mandalay Restaurant (Burmese) in downtown Silver Spring.

Gaithersburg Branch Hosts STEM Achievers

Mary Wykes

The Gaithersburg Branch January meeting enjoyed an opportunity to hear from three young women Ph.D's representing different STEM fields. They were introduced by moderator Carolyn Fisher, Ph.D., Gaithersburg Branch first STEM chair person. They discussed some of the challenges and successes in their careers.



Pictured here are women participating in Gaithersburg Branch celebration of Stem achievement.

Left to right: Amanda Pertzborn, Ph.D, NIST (National Institute of Standards and Technology); Connie Jung, Ph.D, Public Health Service; Julie Anbarchian, Ph.D, FDA; Carolyn Fisher, Ph.D., panel moderator.

Baltimore Branch News

Susan Weirman



Baltimore's annual Valentine Luncheon on February 7th was a festive and informative occasion. Karline Tierney arranged for Mollie Lam to speak about the AAUW Legal Assistance Fund. Mollie is a Senior Manager of the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund. The **Legal Advocacy Fund** (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Jackie Gray provided a photo of Mollie and Karline.

On April 16 the Baltimore Branch will welcome special guest speaker Elisabeth Dahl, author of the children's book *Genie Wishes*. Elisabeth is the daughter of long-time member Anne Dahl. She will discuss the road to publication. Elisabeth represented Maryland at the National Book Festival in Washington, DC in 2014. She is a wonderful speaker, and her book has received very good reviews. Come join us at 7 pm on April 16 at Grace United Methodist Church on Charles Street at Northern Parkway in Baltimore.

AAUW Harford County Makes Gift of Documentary Film to HCPS

Terri Wainwright

The Harford County Branch of the American Association of University Women is pleased to announce its gift to Harford County Public Schools of eleven copies of the documentary film ***Girl Rising***, produced by the 10 X 10 Corporation. The documentary was made in 2013 and was released in its preliminary form as a fund raiser for a variety of nonprofit organizations which support the international effort to provide educational opportunities for women.

The film depicts nine vignettes of young girls and women from around the globe for whom the inability to obtain an education is a serious problem, one which eventually results in a high mortality rate for both women and their children, poor health, poverty, and the continuing cycle of economic, political, and artistic powerlessness of women. Each girl was paired with a professional writer from her own country, and each of the 9-10-minute narratives tells a unique story of how the opportunity for education can change the life of a young woman for the better. In each case, education is not a given for these girls. In some cases it is an expensive luxury, and in others it is actually forbidden for women. From the 11-year old bride in the mountains of Afghanistan to the Nepalese child sold as a 6-year-old into indentured service; from the daughter of a miner in the mountains of Peru to the Haitian child living in a resettlement camp after the earthquake that takes away her home and school; from the fatherless teenager in Ethiopia to the family in Mumbai living on the streets so that their daughters may have access to a better life through education--the stories depict the value of education to those who must overcome monumental hurdles to obtain such an opportunity. Each of the nine stories is connected with statistics and data which support the fact that better-educated girls and women have improved health, longevity, economic productivity. Ultimately, they improve a nation's culture, as well as its GNP.

The film was re-released last year in a classroom- and teacher-friendly version which was shared with the HCPS Curriculum Office for their viewing and approval in the spring and late fall of 2014. In January of this year the representatives of that office shared their approval and excitement to add this valuable and timely resource to support existing curriculum in Social Studies, English, and/or Health classes at the secondary level. Members of the Education Committee are currently obtaining copies to present in a more formal setting in the near future.

We are excited to support our mission of educating women by spreading these narratives among our own children, partly to open their eyes to conditions in the rest of the world, but also, to allow them to compare their own inalienable right to an education to the lives of children for whom education is neither a right nor a privilege. As March 8 is International Women's Day, we are happy to celebrate this right for the equal education of women and, perhaps, conduct important discussions with our own children about the fact that American women once had to fight for this right themselves not so long ago.

Career Development Grants

Susan Weirman

Did you know AAUW Offers Career Development Grants?

As a member of one of 17 national teams, Susan Wierman just finished preliminary reviews of about 25 applications for AAUW national 2015-16 Career Development Grants. Each team is assigned to review a subset of the hundreds of applications, and then meetings are held to select the best overall applicants.

These grants help women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or re-enter the workforce. Unlike the American or International Fellowships, these grants are not for students pursuing PhDs.

Three of the recipients of Career Development grants for the current school year are studying for masters degrees at the University of Maryland in College Park. Here's some information about the current Maryland-based recipients.



Shanee' Frazier

Pursuing M.S., Chemistry, at the University of Maryland, College Park

Award Year: 2014-15

Pursuing a master's degree in the chemical sciences has always been one of Shanee' Frazier's goals, and now it is a reality. Though she has never left the educational field, she is currently working to return to teaching so she can touch as many lives as possible. Frazier has also started a program and business management company with a group of friends called The Blazing Project.



Yu Son Hwang

Pursuing MA., Communications at the University of Maryland, College Park

Award Year: 2014-15

Yu Son Hwang is a full-time translator and interpreter. She has volunteered to help Korean youth and women and is currently pursuing graduate study in interpreting.



Kristin Williams

Pursuing M.S., Computer sciences at University of Maryland, College Park

Award Year: 2014-15

As part of the University of Maryland's Inclusive Design Lab, Kristin Williams is researching assistive technology for people with aphasia to support communication needs. Before pursuing a master's degree in human-computer interaction, Williams helped digitize an archive on political abuse of psychiatry and worked with NGOs and journalists in Central Asia. She previously earned a bachelor's degree in philosophy and plans to pursue a doctorate.

The next round of applications for the Career Development Grants will be due in fall 2015.

Convention News

Montgomery County A Cool Place to Meet

Joyce Graff

The county seat of Maryland, Rockville is 12 Washington, D.C., and 35 Baltimore. Rockville was but its history is traced back days. Early settlers were tobacco the main crop. A Georgetown to transport of the Baltimore and Ohio 1873 to further develop from rural farmland into a

Rockville became a suburban professionals who sought the nation's capital. Hotels, Victorian homes were built. much like a small quiet town

World War II the population rose to more than 40,000 by 1970.. The 2010 census tabulated the Rockville's population at 61,209, making it the third largest incorporated city in Maryland, behind Baltimore and Frederick.

The Kensington Rockville Branch cordially invites members of AAUW Maryland branches to a meet and greet open house at Hilton Garden Inn & Homewood Suites Rockville-Gaithersburg, 14975 Shady Grove Road, Rockville, MD 20850. The Hospitality Suite will be open from 5 until 10 p.m., with light refreshments and information on local restaurants..

Montgomery County, miles northwest of miles southwest of established as a city in 1860, to pre-Revolutionary War hunters and farmers, with road led from Frederick to large tobacco kegs. A branch Railroad came to the city in Rockville, which transformed town center over the years.

resort for Washington, D.C. respite from their business in boarding houses, and fine The city actually remained until the 1950's, when after

AGENDA

2015 AAUW Maryland State Convention

Honoring our Past, Protecting our Future

Saturday, April 25, 2015

Montgomery College Rockville Campus

Theatre Arts Building, First Floor

51 Mannakee Street

Rockville, MD 20850

- 8:00 **Registration & Light Breakfast**
- 8:45 **Welcome**
- Anita Rosen & Joyce Graf, Co-Presidents, Kensington-Rockville Branch
 - Dorothy Fraquelli & Sandra Smith, AAUW Maryland Co-Presidents
 - Carol Rognrud, Executive Director, Montgomery College Foundation
- 9:00 **Protecting our Future: Addressing Violence against Women & Girls**
- Facilitator: Carol Rognrud
- Panelists:
- Laurie Duker, Executive Director, Court Watch Montgomery**
 - Ryan Wechsler, Deputy Chief, Family Violence Division, Montgomery County Branch, State’s Attorney’s Office**
 - Dr. Mindy Thiel, Head of Clinical Services, Safe Start**
 - Amber Guthrie, Maryland Network against Domestic Violence**
- 10:15 **Breakout Groups: Sharing and Inspiring**
- Convened by Markonette Richardson. Discussion topics led by:
- Membership – Barbara Fetterhoff
 - Public Policy – Anita Rosen
 - Program – TBD
- 10:45 Break
- 11:00 Reports from Breakout Groups (6 minutes each)
- 11:20 **Honoring our Past: The AAUW Archiving Project**
- Keynote speaker: Suzanne Gould, AAUW Archivist**
- 12:00 **Convene Business Meeting**
- Call to Order – Dorothy Fraquelli & Sandra Smith
 - Roll Call of the Branches
 - Adopt Convention Rules
 - Election of Officers: (Secretary, Treasurer, Public Policy, Membership)
- 12:30 **Lunch & Speaker: Sally Anne Goodson – National AAUW Update**

1:30 **Continue Business Meeting**

Reports from Treasurer, other Officers, and Committee Chairs

Calendar of events for the coming year

Other Business

3:00 **Adjourn**

[An Introduction to the Keynote Speaker:](#)

Suzanne Gould

Suzanne Gould is AAUW's archivist and records manager. She has earned graduate degrees in women's history and library science and has been working in the archives field for twenty years. Suzanne preserves AAUW's records and enjoys sharing stories about the many fascinating women and events in AAUW's history

Logistics and Registration Form for the AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

Theme: Honoring the Past, Protecting Our Future

The AAUW Maryland Annual Convention will be held from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The Kensington-Rockville Branch will host the one-day event which will feature outstanding speakers on the history of AAUW as well as preventing intimate partner violence , the business meeting, breakfast and luncheon and induction of officers. All members and the public are welcome!

- **Location:** Montgomery College Rockville Campus
 - Theatre Arts Building, First Floor
 - 51 Mannakee Street
 - Rockville, MD 20850

Venue Amenities: Free parking
 Handicapped accessible entrance and bathrooms
 Catered breakfast and lunch

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn & Homewood Suites Rockville-Gaithersburg
 14975 Shady Grove Road
 Rockville, MD 20850
 Rate of \$89 per night king; \$99 per night double double plus tax
 Call 877-782-9444 to make your reservation and specify code AAU
Cut-off date for the room block is April 1, 2015

Hotel Amenities: Complimentary shuttle service is provided within a 3-mile radius of the hotel, including Montgomery College and the Shady Grove Metro
 Complimentary ample free parking onsite
 Complimentary wireless Internet access throughout entire property
 Onsite Restaurant & Bar and Room Service
 Walking distance to Falls Grove Shopping Center with Mama Lucia, Moby Dicks, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Chipotle, Krispy Kreme, etc.

Hospitality Suite #101 on Friday night courtesy of Joyce Graf and Anita Rosen

Registration

The cost is \$50.00 per person, including breakfast, lunch and all program materials. Please send your completed registration form and a check made out to **AAUW Maryland** no later **than April 1, 2015**, to: Ella Iams, 5516 Oakmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20817-3528. Onsite registration is \$55 per person, but advanced registration will help us better prepare for the event. For logistical information related to housing, meeting venue, meals or anything else, please contact local arrangements chair Angela Mickalide, Ph.D., MCHES at amickalide@gmail.com or 240-793-5342.

Name_____

Branch Affiliation_____

Address_____

Phone_____

For voting purposes, please let us know if you hold a leadership role in AAUW:

State Officer_____ (specify role)

Branch Officer_____ (specify role)

Reports from Officers

AAUW-MD

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Treasurer's Report

The PNC Bank Account Balances on 2/01/2015 were:

Non-Profit Checking	\$15,531.17
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Business Premium Money Market	\$20,043.92
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1. All outstanding invoices and AAUW-MD Expense Forms have been processed and paid.
2. A full analysis of the current budget will be available after the close of the fiscal year.
3. Upon completion of this analysis, a proposed 2015-2016 budget will be created for review, comment, revision, and approval.
4. Our 2014-2015 budgeted expenses are on target in all categories, no overages.
5. Our 2014-2015 dues income is lower than projected
 - a. There is an 8% decrease in the overall number of AAUW-MD members.
 - b. We had 731 active members last year; there are now 674 members.
6. State dues have been collected, submitted, and deposited into the AAUW-MD checking account from all 16 branches.
 - a. Many thanks to the hard-working treasurers who work so diligently to maintain the branch financial records.
 - b. Your feedback about the dues submission process is greatly appreciated.
7. Eight branch finance officers have submitted national/state dues electronically this year.
8. All incoming branch treasurers should shadow their outgoing counterparts this spring and become familiar with the Member Payment Program (MPP), the online submission process.
9. Incoming treasurers, please go to the AAUW site, navigate to Member Resources, and download the Branch and State Finance Tool Kit.

Respectfully submitted,

Judith D. Flood, Ed.D.

AAUW Maryland

Spring Newsletter

Communications Report

The AAUW Maryland newsletter, *The Marylander* has continued its ongoing publication this year since new officers were installed in the summer of 2014. It is e-mailed to the branch members with e-mail accounts and mailed to those without e-mail access.

The Marylander is published as follows: March 21, June 21, September 21, and December 21, corresponding to Spring, Summer, Fall, and Winter. Articles for each newsletter are due to Communications Editor the first of each of the seasonal publication months: March 1, June 1, September 1, and December 1.

The Marylander keeps branch members of AAUW abreast of relevant national AAUW events and legislation as well as state, local, and branch information relevant to women. *The Marylander* also describes branch events and activities, all of which can be of interest to others and may provide models or ideas for other branch officers and members.

Any members with e-mail accounts who desire *The Marylander* AAUW newsletter and are not receiving it should provide e-mail address so they can be added to the list. Please e-mail additions or corrections to bernadette.low@gmail.com.

Help keep membership informed and updated about relevant AAUW events and activities by submitting articles of interest to all Maryland AAUW women. Through the newsletter we all can appreciate and value the work AAUW women do to support and advocate for women everywhere.

Respectfully submitted

Bernadette Low

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We are very close to meeting our funding goal as the Platinum Sponsor of the “Women of Distinction” NCCWSL event. This year we will honor retired Maryland Senator, Jennie M. Forehand. The contribution deadline of March 31st is just around the corner and as of this writing we only need \$3,787 to achieve our goal. Gifts should be made to the Jennie M. Forehand Honorary Fund (Fund #4355) located through www.aauw.org.

Most importantly, we are helping to provide the necessary support to make this event a reality for hundreds of young college women leaders. Without your support, they would not have the opportunity to experience this very empowering event. For more details on the event which takes place Thursday May 28th, go to www.aauw.org. We will be able to secure a limited amount of tickets so please let me know if you wish to attend.

Additionally, thanks for your support to all the AAUW Funds in 2014. Maryland AAUW members contributed a total of \$69,622.01 during 2014 surpassing our 2013 total of \$56,725.55. What a fantastic outpouring of support from all of you.

Respectfully Submitted,

Christine Schmitz

Nominations for New Officers

Secretary, Treasurer, Public Policy

Officer Nominations

2015-17 Officer Nominations Are:

Public Policy Co-Vice Presidents: Anita Rosen and Louise Chatlynnne
Secretary co-chairs: Mary Anne Williams and Jean Hirsch
Finance/Treasurer: Dr. Judy Flood
Membership Vice President: TBA

Officers whose terms continue until 2016:

Co-Presidents: Dorothy Fraquelli and Sandra Smith
Program Co-Vice Presidents: Markonette Richardson and Susan Wierman
Communications Vice President: Bernadette Low
Funds Vice President: Christine Schmitz

Special thanks to the nominating committee: Bea Dane (Howard County), Roxanne King (Anne Arundel), Tracy Lantz (Kensington-Rockville), Augustine Pounds (College Park), Pat Stocker (Bethesda-Chevy Chase), and Mary Wykes (Gaithersburg)

Anita Rosen



Anita Rosen is retired and now works as a professional volunteer and consultant. She serves the American Society on Aging (ASA) as: Representative to the Leadership Council of Aging Organizations (LCAO), the premier advocacy coalition of 71 national non-profit organizations serving older Americans; serves on the National Coalition on Mental Health and Aging; and is a member of the ASA Policy Response Team and Policy Committee; and on the ASA Mental Health and Aging Network Leadership Council. She is an Editorial Reviewer for the *Journal of Gerontological Social Work* and *Families in Society* and is Adjunct Faculty in Social Work for George Mason University. In some of her spare time she is co-President of the Kensington Rockville AAUW Branch, serves on the AAUW Montgomery County Interbranch Coouncil, and is the current co-Vice President of Public Policy for AAUW MD.



About 10 years ago when contemplating retirement, Louise Chatlynne, thought it would be a good idea to join AAUW, so she sent her membership into national. Shortly thereafter she was contacted by the Gaithersburg branch to attend a meeting and she has been active ever since that time. She became corresponding secretary of the branch and in that capacity initiated emailing the newsletter and other branch information to all members with email. She became the IB rep, because of her interest of promoting interest in science in middle school girls and was also a mentor in the Goals for Girls with the Gaithersburg Branch. As IB rep she has helped with the Sonya Kovalesky Program at Montgomery College for interesting middle school girls in STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) and promotes Women's Legislative (WLB). Via the WLB she has become active with Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) and disseminates their emails concerning advocating for legislation before the Maryland legislature dealing with women's issues.

Dr. Judith Flood



Judith D. Flood has served as the public policy chair, treasurer, and secretary of the Anne Arundel County branch and enjoyed serving as Treasurer of AAUW-MD during the last four years. She looks forward to another two years in that role, and finds it a privilege to know and work with women of such knowledge, talent, and good will! She completed her undergraduate work at Ohio Wesleyan University and her Ed.D. in educational leadership at Nova Southeastern University. She held positions as the Chief of Instructional Technology for the Prince George's Co. Public Schools and the first Executive Director of the MD Society for Educational Technology. Judy is married, has two sons, three stepdaughters, six grandchildren, and one great granddaughter. She loves gardening and her black Scottish terrier, and is an avid USNA football fan.



Mary Anne has been involved with AAUW since the early 1980's and has found it a great benefit to her. Through AAUW, she has learned so many skills and met so many wonderful people. Through the years, she has served in every office in her local branch (except treasurer), and has served on the state level as program co-vice president and co-president. She looks forward to learning new skills as well as honing familiar skills if selected for this office.

