

## Invitation to AAUW Maryland 2020 State Convention

The members of AAUW Anne Arundel County branch would like to invite you to historic Annapolis for the 2020 Annual State Convention. 2020 is the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment. We will celebrate the legacy of votes for women and look at the implications with a focus on how we can get more women to vote. In 2016, 63.6% of women voted. That's 73.7 million women. With a concerted effort, we can increase the percentage of women voters as they see how issues affect them at every level. In the days ahead, it may well be the votes of women, individually and collectively, that makes or breaks the outcomes of future elections.

Our festivities will begin with a **tour of the historic Maryland State House on Friday at 4:30 p.m.**, led by Maryland Senator Edward Riley. Our State House is the oldest state capitol in continuous legislative use and the only state capitol to have served as the nation's capital. Senator Riley led a very interesting tour for our branch members there last February.



After the tour, we hope you will join us in the dock area for dinner at 6 p.m. at Latitude 38. Late-comers can dine at the Federal House at 7 p.m. **Make sure to register early so that we reserve seats for you at dinner.** Dinner is at the expense of each individual diner.

You may want to come early on Friday, before the State House Tour, or stay an additional day in Annapolis.

**March 20-22, 2020, is the city's weekend for celebrating Maryland Day** (March 25) which commemorates the day settlers disembarked from two small sailing ships, the Ark and the Dove, onto Maryland soil. From Friday through Sunday, **thirty historic sites in the area will be open for free or \$1 admission.** This

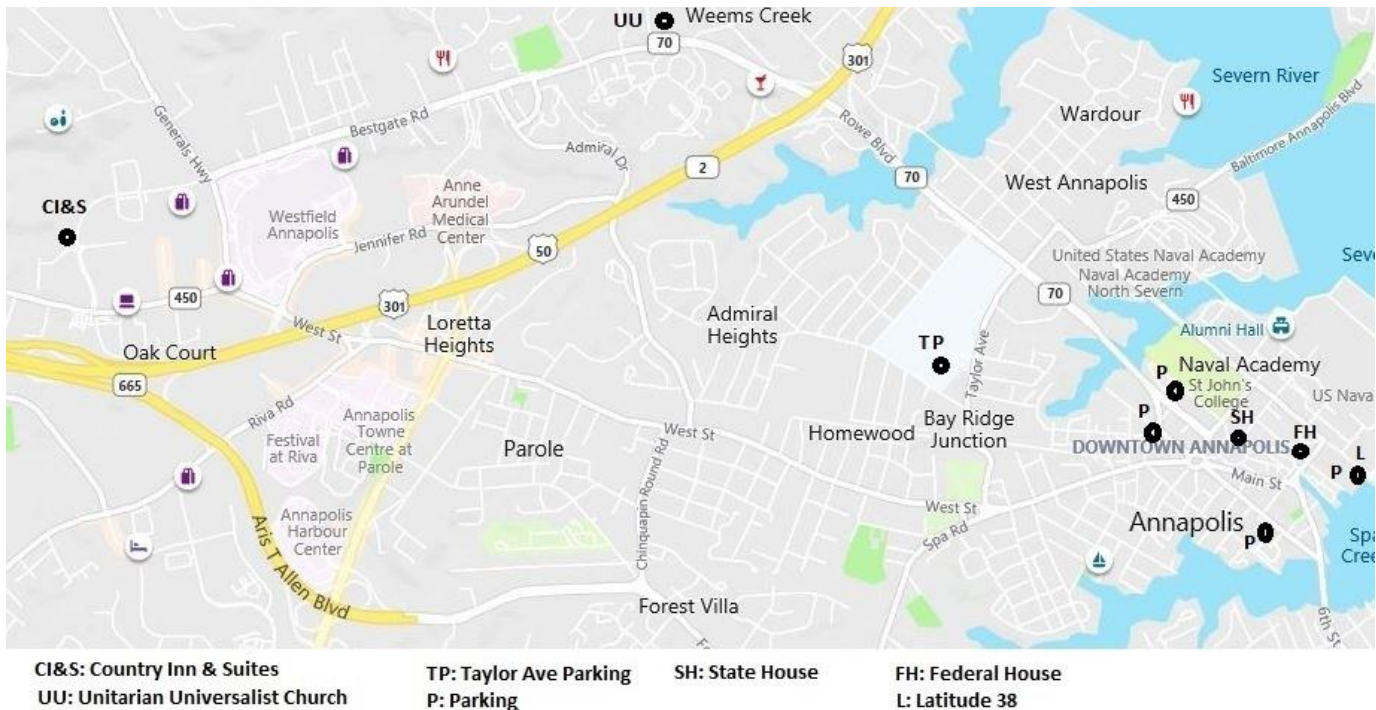
includes the historic homes of three signers of the Declaration of Independence (the William Paca House, the Charles Carroll House, and the Chase-Lloyd House), the Hammond-Harwood House, the Banneker Museum and other sites in the downtown area that will be just opening their doors for the warmer seasons.



If you have time, you will not want to miss a walking **tour of the Naval Academy:** the Visitor Center is adjacent to the dock area and tours are led continuously (Friday, 10 a.m.-2:30 p.m.; Sunday, 12:30 - 2:30 p.m.; government-issued ID required). If you spend an extra day in the capital, you may wish to stay at one of the Historic Inns of Annapolis or book an extra day at Country Inn and Suites by Radisson and take advantage of their free downtown shuttle.

Annapolis night life includes many excellent restaurants, pubs, music venues and shops in the downtown area, on West St. and in nearby Eastport. See <https://www.visitannapolis.org/> for ideas.

**Parking** downtown can be expensive in the historic area, but there are two parking locations that are quite reasonable. Parking at the State Garage, located at the corner of St. John's Street and Calvert Street, is free after 6 p.m. on Friday through the entire weekend. Reasonable daytime parking is available in the lot behind the Navy Marine Corps Stadium on Taylor Avenue, with a convenient shuttle operating about every 20 minutes. The free Annapolis Circulator trolley shuttles visitors between the other downtown garages and the historic areas. Key locations are shown on the map, below.



The convention itself (to be held Saturday from 8:30 a.m. to 4:30 p.m. at the Unitarian Universalist Church ) will feature the theme of ***Winning the Vote! Using the Vote!*** After our keynote speaker, breakout sessions and lunch, our Maryland co-President, actress Kate Campbell Stevenson, will entertain, educate, and motivate us with her presentation *Amending America – How Women Won the Vote*.

We will also be hosting a **Silent Auction** with items donated by each of the branches as well as local merchants. The auction **will benefit the Women of Distinction Ceremony at the 2020 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders** held annually at the University of Maryland in College Park (May 27-30, 2020). The Conference attracts more than 1,000 female students from throughout the United States.

**As the platinum sponsor of the Ceremony on Friday evening, AAUW Maryland names its own Woman of Distinction. This year we will award the honor to Dr. Yvette Myrick, from the Baltimore Branch. In past years we have honored Judy Carbone, Kate Campbell Stevenson, Barbara Fetterhoff, Janet Crampton, Jenny Forehand, Dr. Mary Grace Roman, Cleopatra Campbell, and Judy Carbone thanks to generous donations from AAUW Maryland members who contribute \$20,000 each year to sponsor the ceremony.**

Our local committee is very excited and busy getting ready for this opportunity to share a weekend with you in our beautiful capital city!

## Make Plans Now for the 2020 AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

**Date and time:** Saturday, March 21, 2020, 8:30 am – 4:30 pm. All members and the public are welcome!

**Location:** Unitarian Universalist Church, Annapolis

333 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Breakfast, lunch, the day's program, the business meeting and induction of officers will all be held at this location. Ample free parking.

**Hotel:** Country Inn and Suites by Radisson

2600 Housley Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401

Rate of \$114 per room for Queen Double or King. Call (410)571-6700 or go online to

[www.countryinns.com/annapolismd](http://www.countryinns.com/annapolismd) to reserve a room; use the code AAUW.

Only fifteen rooms are blocked, so reserve early.

**Hotel Amenities:** Ample free parking. Free shuttle for guests to Annapolis locations within 4 miles after 4 pm. Complimentary Wi-Fi, refrigerator, fitness room, indoor pool and spa tub, buffet breakfast.

**Friday Afternoon Tour: Maryland State House**

100 State Circle

Annapolis, MD 21401

4:30 pm.

The tour will be led by Maryland Senator Ed Reilly who will meet us in the State House Lobby. Enter the State House from the rear (North St.) entrance. IDs and bags will be checked. Hotel guests can use the shuttle at 4 p.m. Others should consider using the shuttle to the State House from the parking area behind the Navy Marine Corps Stadium at 550 Taylor Ave.

**Friday Night Dinner**

**Latitude 38**

and

**Federal House**

12 Dock St.

22 Market Space

Annapolis, MD 21401

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6:00 pm

7:00 pm

Tables will be reserved, and we will order individually from the restaurant menu. Latitude 38 will cover 2 hours of garage or street parking, if you present your parking stub when given your bill. Dinner is at the expense of each individual diner.

**AAUW State Convention**  
**Saturday, March 21, 2020**  
**Annapolis, Maryland**

**Winning the Vote! Using the Vote!**



**Our annual convention will celebrate and review the 100<sup>th</sup> anniversary of women's right to vote in the US and will explore ways to encourage more women to use that vote.** The seed for the first Woman's Rights Convention in the United States in Seneca Falls, New York was planted in 1840, when Elizabeth Cady Stanton met Lucretia Mott at the World Anti-Slavery Convention in London. The conference refused to seat Mott and other women delegates from the U.S. because of their sex. In 1851, Stanton met temperance worker Susan B. Anthony, and shortly the two would be joined in the long struggle to secure the vote for women in the U.S.

Finally, on August 18, 1920, the 19th Amendment to the Constitution was ratified. And on November 2 of that year, more than 8 million women across the United States voted in elections for the first time.

We will celebrate this legacy and look at implications of votes for women and focus on how we can get more women to vote in elections at every level. In 2016, 63.3% of women voted. That's 73.7 million women. With a concerted effort, we can increase the percentage of women voters as they see how issues at every level affect them.

So, the next time you hear political pundits discussing "the women's vote," bear in mind they're referring to a powerful constituency that numbers in the millions. As more and more female candidates forge their way onto local and national platforms, women's voices and gender-inclusive agendas are increasingly coming to the fore. In the days ahead, it may well be the votes of women, individually and collectively, that make or break the outcomes of future elections. We can help make that happen!

- 8:30 Registration & Continental Breakfast
- 9:00 Welcome – Susan Wierman and Kate Stevenson, Maryland Co-Presidents;  
Michele Hauf and Barbara Marder, Annapolis Co-Presidents
- 9:15 **Perspectives from Connie Morella**
- Ambassador Connie Morella served 8 terms in Congress as the US Representative from Maryland's 8<sup>th</sup> district. She remains active in national and international activities, and reminds us of the importance of women's voices in our national elected Congress. Attendees will have the chance to ask questions of Ambassador Morella.
- 10:00 **The Women's Vote: How Can We Make Our Voices Heard?**
- 10:30 Break
- 10:45 **AAUW: Our History, Our Mission**
- Kendra Davis, SVP, Advancement and Partnerships, AAUW
- 11:05 **Small Group Discussions**
- All small groups will deal with the overall issue of encouraging more women to vote.
- 12:00 **Small Group Report Out**
- 12:15 **Preliminary Business Meeting: Election of Officers**
- 12:30 Lunch and Networking
- 1:15 **Amending America: How Women Won the Vote**
- Kate Campbell Stevenson, Women Back to the Future
- 2:15 Break
- 2:30 **Notes on the Legislative Session**
- Erin Prangle
- 2:45 **State AAUW Business Meeting**
- 4:30 Adjourn



## Presenters

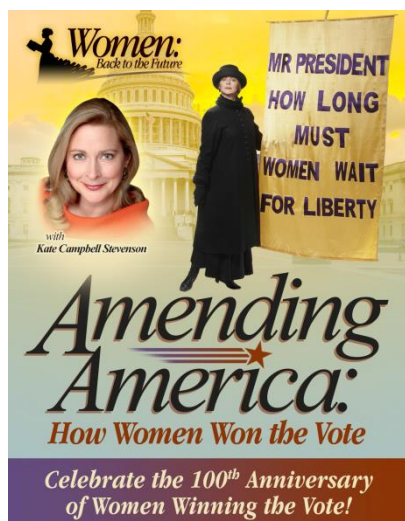
### Connie Morella



Connie Morella represented Maryland's 8th congressional district in the United States House of Representatives from 1987 to 2003. She served as Permanent Representative from the U.S. to the Organization for Economic Co-operation and Development (OECD) from 2003 to 2007.

She is on American University's faculty as an Ambassador in Residence for the Women & Politics Institute. She was appointed to the American Battle Monuments Commission (ABMC) by President Barack Obama in 2010. She was recently honored by having the Bethesda Library renamed the Connie Morella library.

### Kate Campbell Stevenson



Kate Campbell Stevenson combines over 35 years of professional experience in music, theatre and education to create Women: Back to Future leadership programs. She has starred in over 30 Broadway musicals produced in regional theaters across the United States, including Camelot, Carousel, My Fair Lady, The King and I, Show Boat, Music Man and I Do! I Do!, as well as performing in radio and TV commercials. In her series of one-woman shows Kate brings to life women leaders from history with “can do” attitudes along with contemporary women leaders in Science Technology, Engineering and Math. Kate captivates audiences from state and federal agency conferences to The National Theatre and The Office of the President in Washington, D.C.; from military bases and national convention halls to renowned college and civic auditoriums; from the poorest rural schools in South Carolina to the fanciest prep schools in LA.

### Kendra Davis



Kendra Davis is the senior vice president for advancement and partnerships at AAUW. She joined AAUW in February 2018 after serving as the vice president for external relations at Refugees International. Under her leadership the organization garnered its largest individual gift and experienced its most successful year of revenue generation in its 38-year history.

Kendra holds a BA in Slavic languages and literatures from Princeton University and an MA in Russian and East European studies from the University of Michigan.

## Register Today for the AAUW Maryland State Convention

Click **here** (<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2020-aauw-maryland-annual-convention-annapolis-march-21-2020-tickets-84473048161>) to register online at Eventbrite, \$59 by March 14.

Otherwise, complete the registration form below and send it with a check for \$55 (students, \$25), made out to **AAUW Maryland** no later **than March 9, 2020**, to: Janet Guthrie, 1020 Timber Creek Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403. Late registration is \$60 per person. For logistical information related to housing options, meeting venue, meals or anything else, please contact local arrangements chairs Laney Forge at [laneyforge03@yahoo.com](mailto:laneyforge03@yahoo.com) or Roxann King at [roxann.king1@gmail.com](mailto:roxann.king1@gmail.com).

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Name: \_\_\_\_\_ Branch Affiliation (If applicable): \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Phone: \_\_\_\_\_ Email: \_\_\_\_\_  
(Email is required in order for us to coordinate dinner reservations.)

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

State Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ (specify role)

Branch Officer: \_\_\_\_\_ (specify role)

☐ Check if you plan to attend the Tour of the State House at 4:30 p.m. on Friday.

☐ Check if you plan to attend dinner at Latitude 38 at 6 p.m. on Friday.

☐ Check if you plan to attend dinner at Federal House at 7 p.m. on Friday.

☐ Check box if you wish to opt-out of sharing your contact information in the list of conference attendees.

**Cost:**

☐ \$59 online using **Eventbrite**, or

☐ \$55 by March 9

☐ \$60 after March 9

☐ Student \$25

**Total Enclosed** \$ \_\_\_\_\_

Check made payable to *AAUW Maryland*. Mail to: *Janet Guthrie, 1020 Timber Creek Drive, Annapolis, MD 21403*