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President's Letter

Erin Prangley, President, AAUW Maryland

For the first time in two years, it is finally starting to feel like

summertime! Last summer was so strange. We were hunkered down in our homes during a pandemic. Some counties even kept us from walking and exercising outdoors, and kids couldn't even go to the playgrounds. I think only dogs enjoyed the summer last year—they unexpectedly got more attention and took more walks because walking dogs was an exception to some county “stay home” orders.

Now I'm celebrating that the public pools are open, the parks are packed, and the sounds of kids playing in the street fill the air in my neighborhood! Shedding our winter clothes now also includes getting rid of the masks for those of us fully vaccinated. It's been such a joy to see my neighbors' faces again and see their smiles when they say “hello”!

This summer, we have so much to look forward to - including reconnecting with our AAUW Maryland friends. We've “unmasked” our new state officers for 2021-2022. I'm very excited to work with such capable people as we start our new fiscal year. Save the date for our summer conference on July 11. It is really shaping up to be an exciting in-person event focused on climate change. I can't wait to see all my AAUW friends in person again. Finally, our branches

are coming together in-person again for our book clubs, Great Decisions and more.

I wish all of you a wonderful summer full of friends and family get-togethers and joy! I hope to see you on July 11 for our summer conference.

--Erin

July 10 AAUW MD Summer Conference 9:30 am – 2:00 pm Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center

Our speaker will be Bob Deans of the Natural Resources Defense Council. Attend to learn, be inspired, discuss your thoughts on climate change—and reconnect!

Registration cost: \$20 if received by July 3. \$25 after July 3. Fee includes morning coffee and refreshments and lunch.

Please attend only if you have been vaccinated!

**Register now!
See page 11 for details.**

Updates & Announcements



Diversity & Inclusion Spotlight

NCCWSL 2021: A Virtual Winner



*Submitted by Jacqueline Gray,
Chair – Diversity & Inclusion, AAUW
Maryland and
Dian Belanger, AAUW MD Funds
Vice President*

Dian: Very little looked familiar. Yet, this year's National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (we say *Nick-whistle*), electronically attended by more than 700 students, must be called a success. AAUW Maryland played a major role as a platinum sponsor of the always inspiring Women of Distinction (WoD) event, which several of us witnessed on 26 May.

In her opening remarks, AAUW CEO Kim Churches singled out, from a number of corporate sponsors, our state's generosity with warm gratitude. The AAUW website also prominently displayed our sponsorship status, our state logo, and AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction, **Dr. A. Yvette Myrick**, our honoree in whose name we raised the necessary funds. Thank you once more for your liberal giving. You made it happen.

Jacki: I had the distinct pleasure of introducing my good friend, A Yvette Myrick, Ed.D., as AAUW Maryland's Woman of the Year. I tried to summarize a boatload of achievements accomplished by a bright, savvy woman holding down multiple roles as educator, administrator, advocate, mentor, organizer, sister, wife, daughter, and friend to many. Yvette was given eight minutes to engage the virtual audience of several hundred participants with memorable takeaways -- and she did not disappoint!

As a young girl growing up in the projects of Baltimore City, one of the major goals Yvette set for herself was to go to college. To drive home the importance of setting goals, Yvette urged the audience to use "GPS" throughout their journey in life. Yvette explained, "GPS" stands for Goals, Perseverance, and Support. "When setting goals, set long and short-term goals." She emphasized perseverance because "Life consists of barriers.... Do not give up.... Keep it moving!" Finally, she stressed the importance of maintaining a support network of strong relationships. She told the young women at NCCWSL, "I believe in you!"

Dian: Kim later called Dr. Myrick's remarks "truly inspiring." Her "authenticity and passion shone through." Yvette, "filled with much gratitude," called her experience "an amazing honor."



Next, instead of the usual individual speeches, Kim moderated a lively "fireside chat" (a new format for WoD) with three young but already distinguished women. All are writers, speakers, and advocates—each with her own mission and platform.

Jacki: **Morgan Jerkins** is the author of the 2018 New York Times best-selling book, *This Will Be My Undoing: Living at the Intersection of Black, Female, and Feminist in (White) America*. Ms. Jerkins shared stories from her early career.

Dian: With an ivy-league PhD, Jerkins got no job offers. A "corkscrew path" led her to independently produce first-person essays that eventually appeared nationally in such publications as *The New Yorker*, *Rolling Stone*, and *The Atlantic*. Her debut novel, *Caul Baby*, is forthcoming. She stressed the value of self-care, shutting out inevitable criticism, but advocating, too, "Always look for knowledge from people 'on the ground.'"

Jacki: **Noor Tagouri** is an award winning Libyan American journalist, motivational speaker, and producer. She produced a documentary on the

mistreatment of people with mental disabilities titled *The Trouble They've Seen: The Forest Haven Story*, and a podcast on sex trafficking in the U.S. titled *Sold in America: Inside Our Nation's Sex Trade*. Ms. Tagouri shared with the NCCWSL audience how difficult it was to obtain employment.

Dian: Noor had wanted to be a television journalist but couldn't get an on-camera job wearing a hijab. After suffering what she called "internal imposter syndrome," she turned to storytelling on her own. Her consulting and production company, At Your Service, tells stories, as documentaries and podcasts, "to make the important interesting."

Jacki: **Raquel Willis** is an African American writer, editor, and transgender rights activist. She served as a national organizer for the Transgender Law Center and was one of the featured speakers at the 2017 Women's March in Washington, D.C. Previously the executive editor of *Out* magazine, Ms. Willis is Director of Communications for the Ms. Foundation.

Dian: Raquel is dedicated to inspiring and elevating marginalized persons, especially women like herself. She uses stories to speak the truth, providing healing spaces to deal with oppression-based trauma, reminding us that "normal" has not worked for many, ever. As courageous persons in the past opened the door for her, Raquel seeks to do the same for others.

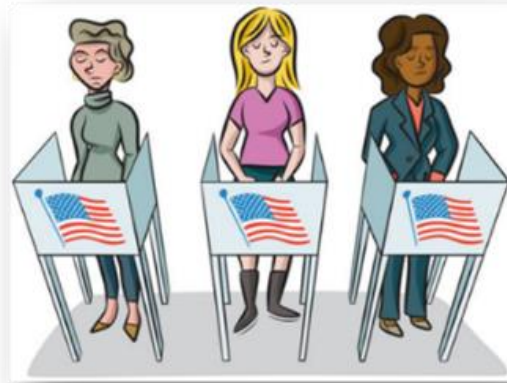
All the day's presenters were accomplished women of color; all have so much yet to give.

The bubbling-over Chat told me I wasn't the only viewer blown away by all they had to "teach" us, from both their trials and their triumphs. NCCWSL is a life-changing opportunity.

Jacki: All in all, it was a great honor to attend and participate in this year's virtual Women of Distinction Ceremony and to celebrate a quartet of dynamic women who are making a difference in the lives of many. Thanks again to all who supported Yvette's opportunity to be Maryland's Woman of Distinction.

DIVERSITY & INCLUSION RESOURCES AVAILABLE TO MARYLAND BRANCHES

To Maryland Branches in need of assistance launching Diversity, Equity and Inclusions events and activities, please feel free to reach out to Jacki. She is happy to assist. She can be reached at [jgray90210\[at\]aol.com](mailto:jgray90210[at]aol.com).



Highlights of the 2021

AAUW MD State Convention

"The Power of Women Voters"

AAUW members gathered via the internet on May 22 and 23 for our 79th state convention and annual meeting. Program Vice Presidents Pat Stocker and Tracy Lantz—with assistance from Jacki Gray—organized an excellent program. Members welcomed presentations by two outstanding Maryland women legislators, historical dramatizations, and a keynote address on the importance of black women in the fight to gain votes for women.

Erin Prangle, President, AAUW Maryland, welcomed members and visitors to the state convention and annual meeting. Pat Stocker introduced **Delegate Lily Qi**, member of the Maryland House of Delegates.

Delegate Qi explained she has filled a gap by serving as a voice for not only Chinese Americans but other immigrants—people who previously lived under repressive governments and see it as a high honor to be an American. She proposed legislation to allow independents to vote in primary elections and believes that Circuit Court judges should be nonpartisan.

In honor of our pandemic-delayed celebration of women's suffrage, **Kate Campbell Stevenson** shared her presentations, "Women Back to the Future" previously recorded at the National Archives, and "Amending America: How Women Won the Vote." Kate's performances were moving portrayals of women whose contributions to American history cannot be overstated.

Jacki Gray introduced **Dr. Ida Jones**, author and University Archivist at Morgan State University, who gave the keynote address, "A Complicated Story of Women's Suffrage in Black and White." Dr. Jones brought to light important women who persevered in the face of racial discrimination to help win the vote for all women. She emphasized the importance of the Voting Rights Act of 1965 and the need for vigilance in preserving voting rights for all.

Dr. Jones' presentation was followed by small-group discussions about diversity in AAUW branches, using Zoom breakout rooms.

Next, **Senator Susan Lee**, who is a member of the Kensington-Rockville Branch, recognized AAUW's support for important bills in the 2021 session of the General Assembly. Several of her bills passed, including requirements for background checks for gun ownership and measures to deter cyber-attacks. She plans to re-introduce her bill on "ghost guns." Senator Lee's father served in the Navy during World War II, and she is gravely concerned about recent harassment of Asian Americans. She emphasized the importance of AAUW leadership and advocacy.

President Erin Prangle led the Annual Meeting, which included election of officers for the 2021-2023 term, approval of bylaws revisions, and reports from officers and committee chairs. Members are encouraged to review the meeting materials on the AAUW website at <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/about/2021-aauw-maryland-convention-and-annual-meeting/>.



AAUW Maryland Bylaws Revisions Adopted

Submitted by Diane Roca, Bylaws Chair

Good news from the Bylaws Committee: The revised bylaws for AAUW Maryland were approved at the annual convention! The committee members are thrilled and thankful that the bylaws are now official. Several members were interested in the work and assisted by offering suggestions, pointing out inconsistencies and proposing new bylaws. Their help made the final document better than ever.

The bylaws are the first section of the AAUW Maryland Handbook. Now, the committee will revise the other sections of the handbook. This summer, the committee will work on the final section, State Meetings. When the handbook is finished in the fall, it will be distributed to officers in digital and printed form so they will have it as a helpful reference about their AAUW responsibilities.

Members of the Bylaws Committee include Janet Crampton (Kensington-Rockville), and Terri Massie-Burrell, Eileen Menton, and Christine Schmitz (members of the Baltimore Branch). Contact: Diane Roca, Bylaws Chair (Howard County) [dbroca \(at\) comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) 410-964-3523.



New AAUW MD Officers Elected at Annual Meeting

Five AAUW Maryland officers were elected for the 7/2021-6/2023 term at the May 22 annual meeting. For short bios of these wonderful women, please see the April 2021 Marylander.



Secretary:

Edie Allison

Gaithersburg Branch



Treasurer:

Carol Mueller

Online Branch



Membership Vice President:

Christine Schmitz

Baltimore Branch



Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy:

Roxann King

Anne Arundel Branch



and Debby Chessin

Anne Arundel Branch

Previously-elected officers whose terms continue through June 2022 include **Erin Prangley, President; Pat Stocker and Tracy Lantz, Co-VP's for Programs; Dian Belanger, AAUW Funds VP; and Eileen Menton and Susan Wierman, Co-VP's for Communications.**



2022 Nominating Committee Welcomes Your Ideas

If you are interested in becoming an officer in AAUW Maryland, or you would like to suggest others who might be, please reach out to members of the 2022 Nominating Committee. They are charged with identifying nominees for AAUW MD President, Program Vice President, Communications Vice President, and Vice President for Fundraising.

The 2022 Nominating Committee members elected at the June 2021 convention are:

- Kate Campbell Stevenson – Kensington-Rockville Branch
- Jacki Gray – Baltimore Branch
- Tracy Lantz – Anne Arundel Branch
- Pat Stocker - Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch

Members from any branch are eligible for nomination, so don't be shy!



Branch News

Anne Arundel Branch

Are we all finally seeing the light at the end of the pandemic-tunnel? We are pleased to report that, despite the restrictions this year, we kept our work going strong.

Since the Book Sale is our big fundraising event, we refocused our efforts to collect books from estate sales and community members and sell to the wholesale market with minimal contact with the public.

We made enough money doing this last year to be able to award scholarships this spring at our May 22 Celebration and Luncheon. At this time, we enjoyed a picnic lunch catered by a local restaurant in a park with a large pavilion. After a brief business meeting, during which time we inducted and introduced the new officers for next year, we introduced the

wonderful young women who were selected to receive scholarships. As always, they continued to amaze us with their maturity, intelligence, motivation, and interesting conversations-what a joy to finally get together, in person!

Thanks to the Program Committee, we continued holding Cocktail & Conversations (C&C) as social events to meet up with other members and other interested women either on Zoom or, after most of us were vaccinated, in an outdoor setting.

As we saw in the news this year, this was a big year for Maryland legislation related to inequities in health and education—spotlighted by the pandemic and legislation related to police reform. Our Public Policy chair kept us informed throughout the Fall and Spring sessions of the MD General Assembly and we continued to advocate and submit testimony for the relevant bills.

Best wishes to all AAUW members in Maryland!
Debby Chessin and Laney Forge, Co-Presidents

Garrett County Branch

AAUW-Garrett Branch is continuing its "awakening" after a year of being almost dormant. (Of course, we weren't totally dormant.)

In the 2020-2021 year, we gave out 11 scholarships, put on an in-person mini-production (using COVID safe guidelines) of our Women's History Monologues, re-planned our cancelled 2020 activities for 2021, participated in recording the "Beyond the Ballot" podcast series from Preservation Maryland, and maintained essential branch requirements. In May we reconvened for our Annual Membership Meeting and are proud to report that we are active and on the move again with several initiatives.

We continue to be the lead organization in managing and operating the End-of-the-Line Bookstore at the Victorian Train Station in Oakland, MD, which is our

main fund-raiser for the year. We opened the seasonal Bookstore on Memorial Day weekend after being closed since October 2019. AAUW-Garrett Branch is also back on track with some other fund-raising activities, including selling raffle tickets for an original artwork donated to us by local artist Annie Simcoe, who handcrafts paper using native fibers to use in her art (www.abphart.com). The image of her one-of-a-kind "Suffragist on a Bicycle" has also been used in producing notecards, which we are selling at the Bookstore and at public events.



Finally, the Branch is the lead sponsor of our Women's Equality Day Celebration 2021: On August 28 at Sang Run State Park we will recognize the centennial anniversary of the passage of the 19th amendment to the US Constitution.

The park is the site of the newly restored Sang Run Election House, the longest continuously used election house in Maryland (1872-1972). Sang Run was also a stop on the 1914 Garrett County Suffrage Hike during which the Just Government League members hiked 125 miles through Garrett County over two weeks, talking to the "farmer folk" about votes for women. At the WED celebration, we will finally be able to hold our full performance of the Women's Monologues, where nine women and one man will portray women's suffragists in Maryland, including three who were central to Garrett County suffrage history.

This summer, we also hope to reconvene our Cocktails & Convos events, bringing together members and friends who are interested in getting together and hopefully registering those who come to see what AAUW-Garrett Branch is all about!

Stay tuned as we continue to awaken and get back to business, in whatever form that business emerges.

For more information on the AAUW-Garrett Branch, please go to garrettcountry-md.aauw.net or visit us on Facebook (@aauwgbranch).

Best wishes from Judy Carbone, Branch President

Hagerstown Branch

Despite not being able to hold our Annual Book sale in 2020 and 2021, Hagerstown AAUW was able to award college scholarships to several young women both years. We are looking forward with hope to resuming our book sale in the spring of 2022.

Regards, Charlotte Trout, Branch President

Howard County Branch

I hope you are well and getting back to some semblance of normalcy. The Howard County Branch been involved in the following activities over the past few months.

- Sponsored 2 students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders.
- Donated \$350 to this year's Woman of Distinction, Dr. A. Yvette Myrick, honored at NCCWSL in May.
- Provided a pre-recorded presentation about the Black Hole in the Milky Way at Girl Power on March 14, hosted by the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, MD.
- Held a virtual Branch meeting in March where we heard from Dr. Carla Johnston, Doctor of Clinical Nutrition, about complementary health practices (to traditional medicine).
- At a virtual Branch meeting in April, led by our Diversity and Membership Committee, we began to take a fresh look at racism, equity and inclusion in our community after watching a video by Phil Vischer, [Holy Post - Race in America](#). Many members learned new information or gained awareness they did not have before.
- Continued the April discussion at our May Branch meeting looking for ideas and suggestions to

begin outreach efforts over the summer to join, collaborate, and take actions with other groups. Small groups will gather information to report back to the Branch during our fall meeting.

- Will hold our first in-person Board meeting June 15 to map out plans for our Branch's post-pandemic activities.

Regards, Beth Hayden, President

In Memoriam:

Kay Rogers (Gaithersburg Branch)



Members of Gaithersburg Branch were saddened by news of the May 22nd death of our member Katharine (Kay) Rogers. Kay retired as Professor Emerita of English from Brooklyn College and the Graduate Center, City University of New York, where she also helped establish the Women's Studies Program. She taught 18th and 19th Century English literature. Her first book, *The Troublesome Helpmate: A History of Misogyny in Literature* analyzed hostility to women in classical and contemporary literature. Subsequent works included *William Wycherly*, a study of the Restoration playwright; *Feminism in Eighteenth-Century England*; and *Frances Burney: The World of "Female Difficulties."* In retirement, Kay published *L. Frank Baum, Creator of Oz*, a tribute to his wide range of writings and the feminist influences on his life; it was listed among the New York Times Notable Books of 2002. Next Kay wrote several books about the evolving relationship between cats and dogs and their humans. Then, while volunteering at the National Zoo, Kay was assigned to the Invertebrate exhibits. An e-book, *Meet the Invertebrates*, resulted, covering species such as sponges, lobsters, octopi, and ants.

More detail about Kay and her works can be found on her web site: <http://kayrogers.ag-sites.net>. We miss Kay and express our sympathies to her husband Ken and their children.



AAUW National Update

Submitted by Eileen Menton, AAUW Board Member

While AAUW prepares to celebrate its 140th anniversary this fall, the AAUW staff is working on new initiatives while continuing to support on-going efforts. Coming this summer and early fall:

Preparing for the launch of Nimble, a new system to replace the MSD and 14 other systems used to track members, donations, etc., in September, including training for state officers and users.

Introducing the Social Change Ambassadors

Certificate Program - This June, AAUW will launch its Social Change Ambassadors Certificate Program, a virtual learning and networking experience helping early- to mid-level professionals to make workplace practices more inclusive and equitable. Encourage the young professionals in your life to take advantage of this seven-week series of career-development courses. For \$25, you can sponsor their journey. The program starts Jun 22. Share this link: <https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/equity-network/social-change-ambassador/>

Introducing STEMEd for Girls - AAUW is proud to introduce STEMEd for Girls, a free virtual summer program created exclusively for girls in grades 9-12—with a particular focus on girls of color—and for the parents, guardians, and caregivers who support their dreams and aspirations. Share the link (<https://www.aauw.org/resources/programs/stemed-for-girls/>) with your networks!

Looking back at the past year, here are some accomplishments you may not have heard about:

- AAUW supported 270 scholars and community program leaders with nearly \$5 million in funding for the 2021-22 award year, the largest amount awarded from **AAUW Funds** in a decade.

- Published **Factory Flaw: Why Women Leave Manufacturing Jobs and What Can Be Done to Retain Them**, a report funded by the Arconic Foundation.
- Updated the annual Simple Truth report and produced a special supplement **The Systemic Roots of the Gender Wage Gap: Why Women of Color Are Paid Even Less Than White Women**, which was funded by the Mooneen Lecce Giving Circle.
- Began a new research project on the economic effects of COVID-19 on women of color in the New York City metro area, in support of a broader research-policy-programs effort.
- Updated the **Deeper in Debt** report.
- Launched the **Latina Policy Initiative** to gain a better understanding of the economic and health impact of COVID-19 on Latinas, particularly those who are essential workers and in low wage occupations.
- Revamped the **Legal Advocacy Fund**, supporting five active cases and distributing over \$70,000 in 2020, and added an additional case in 2021.
- Sent 62,400 letters from **Two-Minute Activists** to elected officials calling for action on AAUW priorities such as comprehensive COVID-19 relief, the Voting Rights Advancement Act, the Paycheck Fairness Act, removing the deadline for the ratification of the Equal Rights Amendment, paid family leave, support for Title IX, and more.
- Worked with advocates in 34 states to help advance AAUW **public policy priorities**, including drafting amendments for a pay equity bill in Alabama, advocating for the successful passage of a pay data collection bill in California, and helping to enact a comprehensive paid sick days bill in Colorado.



Public Policy Update

*Submitted by Roxanne King, AAUW
MD Public Policy Co-Vice President*

After the spring **Marylander** was published, two of the bills we supported showed different results.

The bill eliminating marriage as a defense for sexual crimes passed both houses, but differences were not able to be resolved in committee: it was not sent to the Governor.

The Maryland Essential Workers Protection Act was passed by the General Assembly with many amendments.

Below is the status of the bills we supported which passed the General Assembly:

The bill which would consider a continuing course of child abuse/torture to be first degree child abuse was approved by the Governor.

Several bills became law when the Governor did not act on them within the allowed 30 days:

- The bill providing schools with menstruation supplies in bathrooms;
- The bill establishing a permanent Health Equity Resource Communities Program; and
- The Maryland Essential Workers Protection Act.

For more details on the 2021 bills that we supported as members of the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, see below, and go to the MLAW website and scroll down. MLAW has recently launched a podcast channel on YouTube. The recording of the 2021 Legislative Wrap-Up Happy Hour is available there with detailed analysis of all the bills that were supported. Saturday,

November 13 is the date of MLAW's fall conference at the Silver Spring Civic Center.

Nationally, AAUW is busy supporting the Paycheck Fairness Act, the Healthy Families Act, the For the

People Act, and the Equality Act. Sign up today for the Two-Minute Activist and make sure your voice is heard on these issues.

Oh, how we wish that our national lawmakers worked together as well as the members of our Maryland General Assembly.



Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women 2021 Final Report on Legislation Supported by MLAW

AAUW Maryland is a member of MLAW, a state-wide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families.

SUCCESSFUL VETO OVERRIDES (FROM 2020)

HB 4/SB 208 ▪ Public Safety – Rifles and Shotguns – Sales, Rentals, and Transfers

This legislation closes a loophole in Maryland law to require a background check on *all* gun sales (including unlicensed sellers online or at gun shows). This bill would keep rifles and shotguns out of the hands of people with dangerous histories, including domestic abusers, convicted felons, and subjects of red flag laws.

VETO OVERRIDEN

SB 684/HB 801 ▪ Correctional Services – Prerelease Unit for Women – Facilities and Services (Gender-Responsive Prerelease Act)

This legislation establishes a pre-release center for women with re-entry services such as family reunification, employment, housing, and addictions counseling. While there are many pre-release centers for incarcerated men, there are ZERO pre-release centers for women in Maryland.

VETO OVERRIDEN

BILLS THAT PASSED**SB 505/HB 277 ▪ Criminal Law – First Degree Child Abuse - Continuing Course of Conduct**

Establishes as first-degree child abuse three or more acts that constitute second-degree child abuse committed as a continuing course of conduct.

PASSED. Sent to Governor.

SB 427/HB 205 ▪ Public Schools – Provision of Menstrual Hygiene Products – Requirements

Will require each county board of education to ensure that each public middle and high school provide, at no charge to students, menstrual hygiene products via dispensers in the restrooms at the school. It will require a public middle or high school to install menstrual hygiene product dispensers in at least two women's restrooms by October 1, 2022, and in all women's restrooms by August 1, 2025. It will require the state to reimburse a county board for the costs of purchasing and installing menstrual hygiene product dispensers.

PASSED. Sent to Governor.

SB 172/HB 463 ▪ Maryland Health Equity Resource Act

Establishes a Pathways to Health Equity Program in the Community Health Resources Commission to provide the foundation and guidance for a permanent Health Equity Resource Community program. It requires the Program to provide grant funding to reduce health disparities, improve health outcomes, improve access to primary care, promote primary and secondary prevention services, and reduce health care costs. It requires the Commission to establish Health Equity Resource Communities to target State resources to certain areas for certain purposes.

PASSED. Sent to Governor.

SB 486/HB 581 ▪ Labor and Employment – Employment Standards During an Emergency (Maryland Essential Worker Protections Act)

Requires each essential employer to take certain actions related to occupational safety and health during an emergency. It provides that an essential worker has the right to refuse to perform a certain task as provided under certain provisions of law, and it requires essential employers to take certain steps to minimize the risk of transmission of an infectious disease. It also requires essential employers to report certain test results to the Maryland Department of Health and requires the Department to categorize and publish the results.

PASSED. Sent to Governor.

BILLS THAT DID NOT PASS**SB 57/HB 748 ▪ Family Law – Custody and Visitation**

Would codify the best interest of the child factor in child custody cases to ensure consideration of allegations of child abuse or domestic violence.

Passed both chambers with amendments but did not cross back over. Referred to Rules Committee.

SB 211/HB 375 ▪ Labor and Employment – Family and Medical Leave Insurance Program – Establishment (The Time to Care Act of 2021)

Establishes a family and medical leave insurance fund to provide partial wage replacement for employees to care for a new child, a family member's serious health condition, their own health condition, or a family member's military deployment.

No votes in committees.

SB 250/HB147 ▪ Criminal Law – Sexual Crimes – Repeal of Spousal Defense (Love is No Defense Act to Sexual Crimes)

Repeals allowing marriage as a defense to sex crimes.

Passed House. Amended in Judicial Proceedings Committee, which significantly weakened the bill. Conference Committee failed to produce an acceptable bill.

Registration Form

AAUW-MD Summer Conference – July 10, 2021

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center

4805 Edgemoor Lane, Bethesda 20814

The Bethesda-Chevy Chase branch will host AAUW Maryland from 9:30 am until about 2:30 pm on Saturday, July 10 for the Summer meeting of AAUW Maryland. We will open at 9:30 for registration and coffee. The program will begin at 10:00 am. A full hour for lunch will give people time to socialize. We anticipate the program will take 1.5 to 2 hours, including discussion, with the remainder of the time for state business.



Our speaker will be **Bob Deans of the Natural Resources Defense Council**. A former President of the White House Correspondents’ Association, Deans is an author of several books. He will explain NRDC’s position that “Fighting climate change by cutting carbon pollution and expanding clean energy is the best way to build a better world for our communities and future generations.” As Bob Deans has written, “Without local leadership, the best ideas from the White House and the U.N. will remain just that: ideas.” Attend to learn, be inspired, and have a chance to discuss your thoughts on this important issue.

Registration cost per participant: \$20 if received by July 3. \$25 after July 3. Fee includes morning coffee and refreshments and lunch. You are welcome to bring guests/prospective members.

Please attend only if you have been vaccinated! Depending on restrictions in place at the time, masks may be required, so please bring yours. Room setup will allow for distancing. **For directions and information about the venue, please see <https://www.montgomerycountymd.gov/bcc/>** The Center is located less than a block from the Bethesda Metro Station. Free parking available in attached parking garage.

Registration: By July 3, email the following information to Tracy Lantz at [tklantz \[at\] verizon.net](mailto:tklantz@verizon.net) and bring your check payable to AAUW Maryland to pay at the door. Or, to register by mail, copy and send this registration form and your check to Tracy Lantz, 22 South Prospect Ave., Catonsville, MD 21228-3531.

Name: _____

Telephone: _____ E-mail: _____

Branch (if member): _____ My current Branch Office _____

My Current State Office _____

____ Yes or ____ No: I give permission to share my contact information with other attendees.

____ Check for \$20 made payable to **AAUW Maryland** is enclosed. **[After July 3, pay \$25.]**

Please describe any special dietary needs: _____



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Our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision: Equity for all.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

2021 Calendar	Contents
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