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Branch Meeting
Saturday, February 20, 10:00 a.m., Fox Hill
8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda

Pat O'Neill
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Montgomery County Education: Past, Present, Future



Pat O'Neill, a member of Bethesda-Chevy Chase AAUW, was first elected to the Board of Education in 1998. She is currently serving her fifth four-year term on the Board. She has served as both president and vice president five times. Pat currently serves as chair of the Board's Policy Management Committee. She is vice chairperson of the Montgomery County Public Schools Educational Foundation. She also participated in the 2009 Harvard Public Education Leadership Project.

Pat is past president of the Maryland Association of Boards of Education (MABE) and past co-chair of the Washington Area Boards of Education. She has served on numerous advisory committees for education-related issues, including the Maryland Blue Ribbon Panel on Teen Pregnancy and the Maryland Comparable HSA Task Force. In 2006, she was named by then-Governor Robert Ehrlich to represent MABE on the Task Force on School

Safety. Prior to joining the Board, Pat was a longtime PTA activist in the Walt Whitman Cluster who served in various volunteer and leadership roles.

In 2015, Pat was named one of the [100 Most Powerful Women](#) by the Washingtonian. She is a graduate of Walter Johnson High School and has a degree in social science from Southern Methodist University. She is married and has two daughters who are graduates of MCPS.

ALL MEETINGS ARE OPEN TO MEMBERS AND VISITORS. NO RESERVATIONS ARE NEEDED AND THERE IS NO CHARGE FOR REGULAR MEETINGS EXCEPT FOR THE DECEMBER ANY MAY LUNCHEONS, FOR WHICH RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED AND FOR WHICH A FEE IS CHARGED.

RESPONSES FROM SENATOR CARDIN AND BARBARA MIKULSKI

From Senator Benjamin Cardin on October 23, 2015: "Throughout my career, I have consistently advocated for programs that alleviate poverty and food insecurity in the United States, including the Supplemental Nutrition Assistance Program ("SNAP"). SNAP is the primary federal program designed to provide low income individuals and families with an adequate nutritious diet and has been highly successful in not only reducing the national poverty level but also in improving the health of low income Americans....As the leading industrialized nation in the world, the United States must act responsibly in order to efficiently combat the problem of domestic and global food insecurity, and I want to assure you that I am committed to protecting these vital programs."

From Senator Barbara Mikulski on October 14, 2015: "I strongly share your concerns and opposition to Medicare cuts. I want Medicare to remain strong for seniors – now and in the future. We need rational reforms to modernize and improve the program, while preserving choice and quality of care. We do not need irrational reforms that turn Medicare into a private voucher program where seniors are left to fend for themselves in the individual insurance market."

AAUW BOOK CLUB

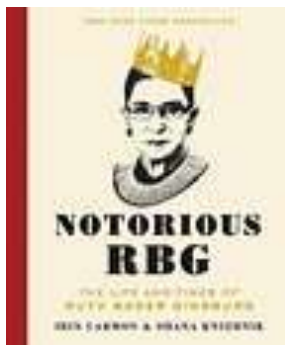
Notorious RGB: The Life and Times of Ruth Bader Ginsburg By Irin Carmon and Shana Knizhnik

Meeting: Thursday, February 4, 2016

Time: 12:30 p.m.

Location: Jane Josephs' Home, 9109 Friars Road, Bethesda, MD 20817
(301) 530-7286

All are welcome – membership in AAUW is not required nor is previous attendance at book club meetings. RSVP: Pat Stocker (PatStocker@aol.com) or Fran Cressman (fscress2014@yahoo.com)



Supreme Court Justice Ruth Bader Ginsburg never asked for fame—she has only tried to make the world a little better and a little freer.

But nearly a half-century into her career, something funny happened to the octogenarian: she won the internet.

Across America, people who weren't even born when Ginsburg first made her name as a feminist pioneer are

tattooing themselves with her face, setting her famously searing dissents to music, and making viral videos in tribute.

Notorious RGB, inspired by the Tumblr that amused the Justice herself and brought to you by its founder and an award-winning feminist journalist, is more than just a love letter. It draws on intimate access to Ginsburg's family members, close friends, colleagues, and clerks, as well an interview with the Justice herself. An original hybrid of reported narrative, annotated dissents, rare archival photos and documents, and illustrations, the book tells a never-before-told story of an unusual and transformative woman who transcends generational divides. As the country struggles with the unfinished business of gender equality and civil rights, Ginsburg stands as a testament to how far we can come with a little chutzpah.

2016 AAUW Maryland State Convention Preview

Theme: “Inspiring Access to Success”

The AAUW Maryland Annual Convention will be held from 8:45 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The Howard County Branch will host the one-day event which will feature outstanding speakers on inspiring access to success, the business meeting, breakfast and lunch and induction of officers. All AAUW members and the public are welcome! **Attendees must register by April 1, 2016.**

Location:

Howard Community College Campus

Duncan Hall, Kittleman Room, Room 100
11901 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044

Hotel (if needed)

Columbia Courtyard

Note: Registration form included in The Marylander.

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30, for the 2016 AAUW Maryland State Convention at the Howard Community College in Columbia. This year’s theme is “Inspiring Access to Success.”

Organizers are asking that each branch bring a poster or other display to inspire discussion about a successful project or other idea to share with other branches.

The planning team is excited to let members know that Catherine Hill will be sharing information about AAUW’s report “Solving the Equation,” AAUW’s guide to corporate best practices and recommendations for promoting gender diversity in the engineering and computing fields. Catherine Hill is the vice president for research at AAUW. Before coming to AAUW, Hill was a study director at the Institute for Women’s Policy Research and an assistant professor in planning and public policy at the University of Virginia. She has a bachelor and master’s degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in policy development from Rutgers University.

The convention will follow closely on the heels of the 2016 session of the MD General Assembly, and the ever-popular Anita Rosen has agreed to plan and coordinate a public policy session entitled “2016 Public Policy in Maryland: What worked? What’s next?” The planning team is also looking forward to hearing from AAUW Board member Anthony Hill, the first male elected to the AAUW Board. Anthony Hill serves as a liaison to the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. He earned a bachelor’s degree from George Washington University and holds master’s and doctoral degrees in social work from Howard University. Anthony is a licensed clinical social worker and associate professor in the Department of Social Work at Delaware State University.

The meeting will begin at 8:45 on Saturday, April 30, and end by mid-afternoon. Members are encouraged to consider staying overnight on the 29th to extend the available time for networking with other AAUW Maryland leaders. Members should plan to wear something red, in keeping with the suggestion to wear red on Equal Pay Day April 12, 2016, to call attention to the disparity between salaries paid to men and women.

MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| February 4
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| February 6
Saturday | Board Meeting , 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, in the parlor, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. All members are welcome. |
| February 20
Saturday | Branch Meeting , 10:00 am, at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda. Speaker: Pat O'Neill, on "Montgomery County Education: Past Present, Future." |
| March 14
Monday | Gourmet Group , 7:00 pm, at the home of Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, 301- 530-2442. The menu will be a celebration of early spring. |

Condolences to Renita Johnson. Her brother died unexpectedly in late December. Members of the family have asked that gifts be sent to the United Negro College Fund (uncf.org). His name is Michael Tyrone Johnson, Sr. The following website gives information on how to donate by mail or phone:
http://give.uncf.org/site/PageServer?pagename=Donate_Mail_phone

We were very sorry to learn that Karen Braun's husband was diagnosed with acute lymphoblastic leukemia and is undergoing aggressive chemotherapy. Karen, you and Howie are very much in our thoughts.

Gladys C. Lipton has her artwork displayed at the National Institutes of Health (Hatfield Clinical Center, Building 10) until March. For more information go to her website at www.gladys-c-lipton.org/art.