

OUR MISSION: *To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.*

SEPTEMBER 2017

Welcome back to another AAUW year! Your Board has been busy over the summer planning programs and fundraisers for 2017-18. Please see the list of Branch meeting dates elsewhere in this newsletter and save the dates.

I am very pleased to have new Board members this year – they give the Branch new ideas and fresh energy. New to the Board are Joan Clinch, Mary Ann Crosby, Debbie Munley, and Diane Roca. In addition to the VP's that we elected, Zeli Castella volunteered to take on the Membership VP position and Jennifer Ingram has volunteered to be our Webmaster. Thank you to all! Still open are Program VP, Philanthropy VP, and 1st VP. All VP's are also looking for help on their committees. There are so many ways to get involved – whether it is a one-time event, or on-going committee.

Our first Branch event will be the September 7th Pot Luck at Historic Oakland Manor. Details are in this newsletter. Our guest speaker will be Erin Prangley, our State VP of Public Policy. We will also have a business meeting, where we must approve the budget and learn of upcoming plans from our VP's. You will find the budget details on page 7 in this newsletter. The Board approved this budget at our August 1st meeting and I am happy to announce that we are able to continue to fund our scholarships and maintain operational expenses. A new fundraiser in which we will be involved is with Tino's Italian Bistro. On Monday, November 27th, 10% of their sales will be given to our branch for scholarships. So we definitely want to get as many of us and our family and friends to dine there or do take out, as it all counts!

Several of our branch members attended the State Leadership Conference in Frederick on July 29th. This was a great turnout at a State meeting! Our new National AAUW CEO, Kimberley Churches, was able to attend. She is so energetic and positive! We are very fortunate to have such a capable woman heading up our National AAUW. There were several workshops which our members attended. I gave the one on fundraising, as I am currently the State VP, AAUW Funds. In addition to giving out info on AAUW policies and details of the Maryland Women of Distinction Fund, I also asked the group to discuss fundraising ideas. I encourage all branch members to attend State meetings, as you will meet other AAUW members and get some great ideas from them.

In addition to our branch meetings, we will continue with our interest groups, such as Great Decisions, the Reader's Group, Lunch Bunch, Adventures in Dining, Diversity, and Bridge.

On a final note – please remember to renew your membership! Dues are \$72 for the year, which includes National, State and Branch dues. You can make your check out to AAUW Howard County, and mail to Carol Phelps at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

I hope to see you at our September Branch meeting. Until then, enjoy the rest of your summer!

Bea Dane, President

SAVE THE DATE

September 6 (Wed) - Bridge Group

September 7 (Thurs) – Pot Luck Supper, Historic Oakland Manor

September 7 (Thurs) - Great Decisions Daytime Group

September 12 (Tues) – Adventures in Dining - The Trolley Stop, Ellicott City

September 18 (Mon) – Great Decisions Evening Group

September 19 (Tues) – Board Meeting (email reports)

September 21 (Thurs) – Reader’s Group

September 28 (Thurs) – Lunch Bunch

October 10 (Tues) – Branch Meeting, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City

November 27 (Mon) – Tino’s Italian Bistro Fundraiser

INTEREST GROUPS

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program. Two separate groups meet monthly in a member's home: **Evening Group** on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; **Daytime Group** on the *first Thursday* of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. (*Note new meeting day for Daytime Group.*) Before the meeting, participants read material about the month’s topic in the Great Decisions Briefing Booklet, published by the Foreign Policy Association. The meeting begins with viewing a DVD presentation on the subject; discussion is based on questions in the booklet.

EVENING GROUP

September Meeting – Monday, September 18, 7:00 PM

Host: Peg O’Rourke: Topic #6 – *Latin America’s political pendulum*

DAYTIME GROUP [NOTE NEW MEETING DAY]

September Meeting - Thursday, September 7, 1:00 PM

Host: Lorraine Tropf: Topic #7 – *Prospects for Afghanistan*

Remaining Topics for 2017 are:

- Prospects for Afghanistan
- Nuclear security: the enduring challenge of nuclear weapons

Evening Group Contact: Diane

Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

Daytime Group Contact: Lorraine Tropf

lmerdon@verizon.net or 301-617-2785.

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at The Trolley Stop restaurant in Ellicott City at 6:30 p.m. on Tuesday, September 12, 2017. An email will be sent to the membership prior to the event in order to get RSVPs.

Carol Phelps, Chair carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursdays, August 31st and September 28th. We meet at Nordstrom’s Cafe at Columbia Mall at 11:30 AM. All members are welcome and no reservations are needed.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch ggrust@verizon.net

Bridge Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to be a part of the group, email

Karen Tang at ktang54@verizon.net or Laura Wilson at laurawilson3033@aol.com.

Reader’s Group

Welcome to Barbara Parker, the new Co-Chair. The group meets every other month, starting in January, on the third Thursday at 11:00 AM at the East Columbia Senior Center (attached to the East Columbia Library.) The next meeting is Thursday, September 21, at 11:00 AM. Lunch follows at 1:00 PM at Clyde’s. The book selection for September is Commonwealth by Ann Patchett. If you are interested in joining the Reader’s Group, please contact Doris Raytkwich or Barbara Parker to be added to the email list.

Doris Raytkwich dwhitespring@verizon.net or 301-776-1392

Barbara Parker bparker@virginia.edu or 410-796-9019

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

September Branch Meeting

Mark your calendar for Thursday, September 7.

To kick off the 2017/18 season, the first meeting will be a pot luck dinner. Erin Prangley, State VP of Public Policy will be our special guest speaker.

A short business meeting will follow dinner.

Come and enjoy a delicious dinner while you socialize with friends. It's a great opportunity for new members to learn about upcoming Branch activities.

A flyer announcing this event has been sent with this newsletter. Additional reminders will be forthcoming. Early RSVP's are welcomed and appreciated.

Date: September 7, 2017
Time: 6:00 PM
Location: Historic Oakland Manor
 5430 Vantage Point Road
 Columbia
 Maryland 21042



Debbie Munley
 VP, Social Committee

NEW OFFICERS INSTALLED



Pictured above are AAUW Howard County Branch officers who were installed at the June meeting. Left to right: Bev Fallik, Advocacy/Public Policy Co-VP; Joan Clinch, Advocacy/Public Policy Co-VP; Jeannie Parr, Co-Secretary; Mary Ann Crosby, Co-Secretary; Debbie Munley, Social VP; Carol Phelps, Finance VP.

Education Committee News

Suzanne Soules, VP

The Education Committee will continue our partnerships this coming year. We look forward to supporting DIAMONDS at Hammond High School, Career Links and the Education Foundation at Howard Community College. Our support comes in the form of awarding scholarships to women who are not traditional students, often women returning to school for career change or displaced homemakers, or single parents who need to continue their education in order to support their families better.

Our transfer scholarship winner for last year was Marie Kotue, a mother of 4, who is now attending Frostburg State University for Nursing.

Our two continuing students at HCC are Chris Ballou and Debbie Leib.

Three students attended the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the end of May and early June. They were Marie Kotue, Lami Onifade and Maricruz Perez.

The committee will meet in November to start planning for the very successful “Girl Power” Program held at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in March. The aim is to stimulate interest in STEM academic classes leading to careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics. We invite any of our members who have either work experience or teaching experience in the STEM fields to join our group. If we get some more members we might be able to also participate in the HCC STEM festival held in early June.

Suzanne Soules
VP Education

Diversity News

Marcia Posner, VP

The Diversity Committee held a book discussion at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill, where ten of us discussed Colson Whitehead's The Underground Railroad and had a delicious lunch. We talked about the book and, of course, just talked about how good it was to get together.

The committee is working on the history, culture and changing roles of women of China. We will be meeting in September and expect to come up with other ideas for us to enjoy and learn from until the April meeting when we will have a tasting of Chinese foods. Oh, the places we'll go and the things we will see. (Sounds like a good book title.) Watch for the things that surely will be.

We would love to have more members. If you have an interest in joining us, please e-mail me at marciaposner@aol.com.



Members met at the Diversity Committee's book discussion and lunch at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill.

State Leadership Conference



Branch members at the State Leadership Conference. Pictured from left are: Diane Roca, Barbara Carter, Kimberley Churches (National AAUW CEO), Marcia Posner, Bea Dane, Suzanne Soules, Beth Hayden and Joan Clinch.

Advocacy/Public Policy News

Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch, Co-VPs

We welcome our new member, Barb Carter, and look forward to Barb's participation as we move forward. We've proceeded with our short term strategy; to discuss their perspectives of the committee's concerns about our bill (to extend child support to age 23 for post secondary education) and possible strategies for bill options for the coming year. We have already met with House Judiciary Committee members Pamela Queen and Vice Chair Kathleen Dumais and have learned a lot from these meetings. We have additional meetings scheduled in early September with Delegate Atterbeary and Chairman Valerio. We are especially delighted that Erin (see below) was able to arrange for Bev to join AAUW MD State Officers and Anna Palmisano (Kensington) to meet with Attorney General Brian Frosh and several of his staff. This was extremely productive and the AG agreed to update the AG opinion memo reiterating their support for the constitutionality of our bill (a major concern of the House committee). We now also have a contact at the AG office with the Chief Counsel for Legislative Affairs. We will be contacting our bill sponsor, Terri Hill, to update her on the outcomes of our meetings and discuss strategies for 2018.

Joan, Marcia and Beth represented us well at the July 29th Leadership conference and strategized our approach with Maryland's new Public Policy VP Erin Prangle. Erin is brimming with new ideas for improving networking and improving our bill's priority in the MD Assembly. This includes the use of several internet based tools for connecting across the state and automatically sending communications to our delegates.

Our next meeting will be August 28th at 1:30 PM at Wegmans. At that time, we discuss whether to continue meeting monthly at 1:30 PM at Wegmans on the 4th Monday of every month or if member schedules require us to change to another regularly scheduled monthly meeting. All are welcome!

Submitted by Bev Fallik

AAUW Budget - 2017-18 - PROPOSED

	BUDGET
INCOME	
DUES (110@13)	1430
FASHION SHOW	4000
HOLIDAY PARTY(Net)	400
DIVERSITY EVENT (Net)	
OTHER EVENTS	
MISC	
RESERVE	268
TOTAL INCOME	6098
EXPENSES	
ROOM RENTAL	663
PROGRAM	150
NEWSLETTER	20
MEMBERSHIP	200
SOCIAL	200
MISC/WEBSITE	120
ADVOCACY	50
DIVERSITY	175
PRESIDENT	100
TREASURER	20
INSURANCE	185
CONVENTION (Nat'l)	-
SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	1883
HCC CURRENT STUDENTS (2@\$600)	1200
HCC TRANSFER STUDENT	2000
DONATION TO STATE FOR MARYLAND WOMAN OF DISTINCTION AWARD AT NCCWSL	250
DONATION TO NATIONAL FOR UNRESTRICTED FUNDS	250
NCCWSL (1@\$515)	515
SUBTOTAL EDUCATION/DONATION EXPENSES	4215
TOTAL EXPENSES	6098

Next convention is in 2020

Room rentals: \$288 Oakland Manor Sept; \$375 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church - Branch Meetings
 Program: gifts for guest speakers; cost of lunches for presenters at Book Bash
 Membership: copying; postage for membership brochures from AAUW; other events
 President: Covers cost of State conferences

AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2017-2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS

BRANCH MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Program</i>
Thurs, Sep 7	6 pm	Oakland Manor	New year; Potluck
Tues, Oct 10	7 pm	1 st Evan. Lutheran Church	Guest Speaker
Tues, Nov 14	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Guest Speaker
Sun, Dec 3	1 pm	Barbara Parker's home	Holiday Party
Sat, Jan ???	11 am	TBD	Legis Lunch w/LWV
Sat, Feb 10	11 am	Union Jack's	Book Bash Lunch
Tues, Mar 13	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Guest Speaker
Tues, Apr 10	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Diversity/Election of officers
MAY	n/a	n/a	No meeting
Tues, Jun 12	6:30 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Salad Supper/Install officers

BOARD MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tues, Aug 1	7 pm	Central Library meeting room, Columbia, MD
Tues, Sept 19	n/a	email reports
Tues, Oct 17	7 pm	Central Library meeting room, Columbia, MD
Tues, Nov 28	7 pm	TBD (moving to 4 th Tues due to Thanksgiving)
December	n/a	no Board meeting
Tues, Jan 16	n/a	email reports
Tues, Feb 20	1 pm	home of Suzanne Soules
Tues, Mar 20	7 pm	TBD
April	n/a	no Board meeting
Tues, May 15	7 pm	TBD – incoming and outgoing officers
Tues, Jun 19	7 pm	TBD – incoming and outgoing officers

2017-2018 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Bea Dane 410-299-8403

1st Vice President : position open

Financial Officer Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

Vice President, Programs: position open

Vice President, Philanthropy: position open

Vice President, Social: Debbie Munley 301-776-7388

Co Vice Presidents, Secretary:

Mary Ann Crosby 410-465-0507, Jean Parr 410-381-6351

Donna Levinson 301-490-0294

Vice President, Education: Suzanne Soules 410-872-8603

Co-Vice Presidents, Advocacy/Public Policy:

Bev Fallik 301-596-6208, Joan Clinch 443-995-8799

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*Vice President, Communications: Diane Roca
410-964-3523*

Diversity Chair: Marcia Posner 410-465-1905

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Website Manager: Jennifer Ingram 410-740-4276

Adventures in Dining: Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

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Barbara Parker 410-796-9019*

Great Decisions: Daytime - Lorraine Tropf 301-617-2785

Evening - Diane Roca 410-964-3523

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Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust 443-864-4189

Bridge: Karen Tang 410 531-0619,

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