



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

May, 2012

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Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

Calendar

Adventures in Dining

May 1, 6:30 pm

Mamma Lucia's, Elkridge

Cultural Event

May 3, noon

Lunch/Learn/Walk/Shop
Savage Mill

RSVP for May 12 meeting

May 7

AAUW Readers

May 10, 1 pm

Doris Raytkwich's home

May Branch Meeting

May 12, 10 am-noon

Del. Liz Bobo,

Legislative Update

Sweet Simplici-Tea, Sykesville

Board Meeting

May 16, 7 pm

Miller Library, Ellicott City

Cultural Event

May 19, 10 am

Howard County
House and Garden Pilgrimage

Voter Registration

May 19, 10 am-1 pm

*Howard County Central Library
Columbia*

Cheap Dates

May 20, 2:30-4 pm

Panera, Dobbin Center

Great Decisions

May 21, 7-9 pm

Home of Trent Kittleman

AAUW Lunch Bunch

May 31, 11:30 am

Nordstrom's Café, Columbia Mall

President's Message

When I think of all that AAUW Howard County has done and is planning to do, I am so proud of our membership. For education, we have raised enough money to award three female students at Howard Community College a \$1500 scholarship to a four-year college. We hope to raise as much--if not more--at the Fashion Show this year. We also raise money through the practice SAT exams and through Macy's Shop for a Cause. Thanks to all of you who helped with those events.

This year, we participated in Girl Power and Discovery Fair and practice SAT's. We also are working with Hammond High School to promote STEAM for minority girls. One of the things we've doing is host a practice SAT on April 21. This project is limitless and so worthwhile.

We're having a voter registration event on May 19, where members will help others register to vote. Penny Zervos is leading this effort, but we have other volunteers.

I am most appreciative of the current board's fulfillment of its responsibilities. For example, look at the excellent programs we've had thanks to Lorraine Trof and Dottie Mallerich and to the wonderful refreshments at each one, thanks to Kathy McCarthy and Gaynel Allen and the Social Committee.

Serving on the board can be time-consuming, so I want to thank all of the new officers and chairs who will be part of the board for the upcoming fiscal year. I wish all good luck and know that you members will support them.

I look forward to serving as membership vice president again and welcome any suggestions as to how to recruit and retain members. You can sign up to be on my committee at the Salad Bar Supper on June 28!

Jennifer Ingram

WE NEED YOU! SO---

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

Use the Membership Payment Program at www.aauw.org
or send a check to Carole McAuliffe

THANK YOU!

Cultural Event

June 3

Columbia House Tour

June Branch Meeting

June 28, 6:30-9 pm

Salad Supper

Ellicott City Senior Center

Membership Issues

It is time to renew your membership in AAUW Howard County. For most, the easiest way is to use the Membership Payment Program (MPP) on the Member Services Database on the AAUW website. Dues are \$72, with \$46 being tax deductible. Did you claim that for 2011?

If you are having problems with the online system, perhaps Carol McAuliffe or I can help. Or you can mail in your \$72 check made out to AAUW to Carol at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

By being a member, you are contributing to our mission. Hopefully, you are making lots of friends as I have, and enjoying the various events.

Membership expires June 30, 2012 for those of you who joined before mid-March and have not renewed.

If you want to be active but simply cannot afford the \$72, please let me know and we may be able to help you as we have some free memberships.

I'd like to welcome Leslie Barnett to the branch and many others like DruAnne Ellingsworth who have joined recently.

This next year, I will be membership vice president and will need your help and support. Every member is responsible for recruiting and retaining members. I will have a membership committee, which I hope you will join.

Jennifer Ingram

May Branch Meeting

AAUW's annual year-end event is a tea brunch at Sweet Simplici-Tea on **Saturday, May 12** from 10 am to noon. Our guest speaker is Delegate Liz Bobo, State of Maryland. Delegate Bobo will give an update on "The State of Legislative Affairs." Please **RSVP by May 7.**

The business meeting will include remarks by President Jennifer Ingram and installation of new officers.

Sweet Simplici-Tea is located at 7540 Main Street, Sykesville, MD.

See details on the invitation, attached as the last page in this newsletter.

Lorraine Troup

Coming in May...

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will meet **Tuesday, May 1** at Mamma Lucia's in Elkridge. The June adventure will be **June 5**, with the location to be announced by e-mail. Watch for the summer schedule coming soon!

Carol McAuliffe

Cultural Event – Savage Mill

The first cultural event for May is a "Lunch/Learn/Walk/Shop" outing at Savage Mill on **Thursday, May 3.** Here's the schedule:

12 pm - Meet at the Ram's Head Tavern for lunch

1:30 pm - Learn about volunteer opportunities as we visit Success in Style/Charity's Closet, a non-profit consignment shop which provides business clothing for job applicants referred by local agencies

2 pm - Shop/walk on your own

RSVP to Jean Salkeld at 410-992-4198 or jesalkeld@gmail.com to make a reservation for lunch.

Jean Salkeld

AAUW Readers

The selection for the next book discussion is *The Paris Wife* by Paula McLain. We'll meet on **Thursday, May 10**, at 1 pm at the home of Doris Raytkwich. Contact Doris for directions. Questions? E-mail Doris (dwhitespring@verizon.net) or Roberta (robertarood@earthlink.net).

Roberta Rood

Voter Registration

On Saturday, May 19, AAUW will sponsor a voter registration event at the Howard County Central Library from 10 am to 1 pm. Volunteers need to have a little training to participate. If you want to help, please contact Penny Zervos at pzervos@comcast.net.

Penny Zervos

Discovery Fair

Anne Trent coordinated Discovery Fair for our branch this year. The theme was "Exploring Nature." It was held on Saturday, April 14 for pre-school children at East Columbia Library.

Cynthia Cupples, Connie Palmieri, Marcia Posner, Anne, Lorraine Tروف, and I helped the children make sponge paint pictures of their concept of a plant, and it was a lot of fun for over 300 children. I had fun too!

Jennifer Ingram

Bylaws Revision

We will be sending to you and posting on the website the latest edition of the branch bylaws. We had to incorporate some mandatory changes based on DC law and the convention changes that were voted on at the convention last year.

This revision does not need approval, but we will send it out so you're aware of it. If you have other suggestions to revise the bylaws, please let Lorraine Tروف know and we can work on them for next year. Lorraine is our next president.

Thanks to Sethanne Howard and Diane Roca for working on these bylaws.

Jennifer Ingram

<http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net>

Coming in May (continued) ...

Cultural Event - Garden Tour

On **Saturday, May 19**, join the AAUW group for the Howard County House and Garden Pilgrimage. Tickets are \$35 on the day of tour. For more information, click on www.mhgp.org. Previous events have included six to eight locations.

We'll meet at 10 am at a point to be decided by Emma. This will be near the house closest to Columbia.

RSVP to Emma Pope by phone at 410-997-7688.

Cheap Dates

Our informal gathering of members and guests is on **Sunday, May 20** from 2:30-4 pm at Panera Dobbin Center. We have an interesting time discussing AAUW, world affairs, personal issues, etc.

No RSVP is needed. We'd love to have you come and bring family and friends.

Jennifer Ingram

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will meet **Monday, May 21**, from 7 to 9 pm at the home of Trent Kittleman. This month's topic is "Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq: Right Time, Right Pace?"

Great Decisions is a grassroots discussion program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association to promote citizens' knowledge of world affairs. FPA publishes a book with articles on eight topics for the year. Group members purchase the book at www.fpa.org and read the article before the meeting. At meetings, we start by watching a DVD with a PBS program on the topic. Our discussions are informative and fun. Come to every meeting or only for the topics that interest you. Contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523.

There are no meetings in June, July or August, but Great Decisions restarts in the fall with the following subjects:

September 17, 7-9 pm; Topic: "State of the Oceans: Waves of Change"

October 15, 7-9 pm; Topic: "Indonesia: Prospects for Prosperity"

November 12, 7-9 pm (Note one-time change to second Monday of the month); Topic: "Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify"

Diane Roca

Lunch Bunch

Join AAUW members and perspective members for a drop-in lunch on **Thursday, May 31** at Nordstrom's Café at the Columbia Mall. You can count on some stimulating conversation at this monthly get-together.

Peggy Wong

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held at the University of Maryland, College Park, on May 31 – June 2. AAUW is a co-sponsor, and we will have a recruiting table there. College students from all over the country come to this conference and it is very popular.

Howard County AAUW sends an HCC student to this event (one of our philanthropic projects), and this year it is Jennie Wang, who is president of the Student Government Association at Howard Community College.

Congratulations, Jennie!

Jennifer Ingram

You are invited to our fourth annual Howard County Office on Aging **WOMENFEST**, an interactive day designed to inspire women to live more balanced, healthy, and fulfilled lives.

Saturday, June 16, 2012



**Deadline for the June newsletter
is May 21.**

Please send items to
Connie Adamson at
adamsons@verizon.net

Looking Ahead...

AAUW Fundraiser – Jewelry Sale

Check out the chic, affordable, fashionable jewelry that will be for sale on **Saturday, June 2** from 2 – 4 pm at the home of member Laurie Nardinelli (10413 Shady Acres Lane in Scaggsville). It's a trunk show for Stella & Dot Jewelry.

Laurie will donate 20 percent of sale proceeds to AAUW. Come enjoy an afternoon break with food and drink and lots of jewelry to try on!

Please contact Jennifer Ingram at jenniferingram@comcast.net or 410-740-4276 if you plan to attend.

Jennifer Ingram

Cultural Event—House Tour

Save the date of **Sunday, June 3** for an AAUW group outing on the Columbia House Tour. More information to follow.

Jean Salkeld

June Branch Meeting

Don't miss the Salad Supper on **June 28**, the branch meeting where you have a chance to learn about committee plans for the coming year and to choose how you'd like to be involved in AAUW programming.

Advocacy Notes

Harriet Tubman Statue & Commemoration Legislation

Maryland HB 1429/SB 1069 passed. The Bill is a request to place a statue of Harriet Tubman, one of Maryland's all time great American heroes, in the U.S. Capitol and for Commemorative Days to be set.

Harriet Tubman's statue would be at no cost to the state of Maryland, as the funding will be provided by nonprofit groups and individual donors. Additional legislation requests declaration of state and national Harriet Tubman Days.

Maryland Health Benefits Exchange Act of 2012 (HB443/SB238)

Maryland lawmakers approved legislation establishing the Maryland Health Benefits Exchange Act of 2012. The legislation authorizes the exchange to contract with health insurance providers to place their plans on the exchange starting in 2014. Lawmakers set parameters for what providers can participate in the exchange.

The bill also outlines "navigator" programs for the small business and individual markets, outreach efforts that will ensure the exchange's customers understand how to utilize the exchange.

Penny Zervos



**AAUW Howard County Branch
Annual Year End Event
“Tea Brunch”
Saturday, May 12, 2012
10AM to 12:30
\$ 20 pp (inclusive)**

**Guest Speaker: Delegate Liz Bobo, State of Maryland
State of Legislative Affairs**

**Sweet Simplici-Tea
7540 Main Street
Sykesville, MD 21784
410-549-7676**

RSVP by May7 with a check for \$20pp

Payable to: AAUW Howard County

Send to: Dottie Mallerich

10045 Waterford Drive

Ellicott City, MD 21042

Name:

Phone number:

Number of people attending: