

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

**FEBRUARY 2017**

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

January has just zoomed by, with so much happening in the world and with AAUW. We had a very successful Legislative Lunch with the League of Women Voters on January 7<sup>th</sup>. Almost all the Howard County state senators and legislators were there and we learned of their priorities for the upcoming session in Annapolis.

Several of our members attended the Women's March on January 21<sup>st</sup> in DC. Two of them sent in reports and they can be found later in this newsletter.

Don't miss out on our February luncheon meeting – send in your RSVP's and money by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>! Reservation form is included in the newsletter.

Jennifer Ingram has regretfully resigned as co-VP, Advocacy due to personal reasons. I thank Jennifer for her efforts on the Board, and know she will still be active with the Diversity Committee and other Branch activities.

As tax season is upon us, I thought it would be appropriate to give you information on the tax-deductibility of donations to AAUW. Our Branch is a 501(c)(4), so donations are not tax deductible as charitable contributions. Donations to AAUW National however, ARE tax-deductible. In addition, \$46 of your yearly dues to National are tax-deductible (per the AAUW website).

Speaking of contributions, please consider supporting the Cleopatra Campbell Fund (tax deductible) so that our State can be a Platinum Sponsor again at the Women of Distinction Ceremony at NCCWSL in June. The State chose Cleopatra Campbell of Frederick AAUW as the honoree this year. Cleopatra is an attorney and has been an AAUW member for 40 years. You can donate on-line at the AAUW.Org website and click Donate. Under Other Funds, there is a drop down for the Cleopatra Campbell Honorary Fund. Or you can mail a check directly to AAUW National noting that it is for the Fund. Any contribution amount will help the State get to our \$20K goal! I have again included info near the end of the newsletter on how to access the AAUW websites.

Our Branch is so busy, it is hard to keep up with everything! Hope this newsletter brings you up to date.

*Bea Dane, President*

### **SAVE THE DATES!!**

**Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>.** “Book Bash” Luncheon Meeting. Guest speaker – Roberta Rood  
**Thursday, March 16<sup>th</sup>** Branch Meeting – EC Sr Center. Soul Food history and tasting  
**Saturday, April 8<sup>th</sup>** Maryland State 75<sup>th</sup> Convention – Easton, MD  
**Thursday, April 13<sup>th</sup>** Branch Meeting and Voting for Officers – EC Sr Center – Panel Discussion  
**Saturday, April 29<sup>th</sup>** Fashion Show and Fundraiser, Howard Community College  
**Thursday – Saturday June 14-17** National Convention - Washington, DC  
**Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Salad Supper and Officer Installation – EC Sr Center

## Upcoming Events & Membership News

### Great Decisions

#### Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion

**program.** Two separate groups meet in a member's home: **Evening Group** on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; **Daytime Group** on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 - 3 PM. 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 published in the booklet.

#### EVENING GROUP

**February meeting** - Monday, Feb 20th, at 7:00 PM

Host: [Lorraine Tropf](#) Topic #2 – *Trade, Jobs and Politics*

#### DAYTIME GROUP

**February meeting** - Tuesday, Feb 28th, at 1:00 PM

Host: [Bea Dane](#) Topic #2, *Trade, Jobs and Politics*

#### Topics for 2017 are:

1. The Future of Europe: coping with crisis (discussed at January meetings)
2. Trade jobs and politics
3. Conflict in the South China Sea
4. Saudi Arabia in transition
5. US foreign policy and petroleum
6. Latin America's political pendulum
7. Prospects for Afghanistan
8. Nuclear security: the enduring challenge of nuclear weapons

**Evening Group Contact:** Diane Roca [dbroca@comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523

**Daytime Group Contact:** Kathy Schofield [rbrownhouse@msn.com](mailto:rbrownhouse@msn.com) or 443-

### Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting on Feb 7<sup>th</sup> at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill. *Carol Phelps, Chair*

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 23rd, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are required and all members are welcome! Bring a friend and introduce her to AAUW.

*Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch*

### 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](mailto:ktang54@verizon.net) or Laura Wilson at, [laurawilson3033@aol.com](mailto:laurawilson3033@aol.com).

### Membership

**Prospective and New Member Orientation Meeting: Friday, March 3<sup>rd</sup>, 1 – 2:30 PM, Vantage House Auditorium, 5400 Vantage Point Rd, Columbia, MD**

- o **RSVP to [aauhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:aauhowardcounty@gmail.com)**

- Provide this email address to a **friend or new acquaintance interested in becoming a member:**  
**[aauhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:aauhowardcounty@gmail.com)**
- 10 new members in Calendar Year 2016
- 23 non-renewing members for Membership Year 2016-2017 as reflected on the January 2017 roster published on AAUW.org
  - o If you have a friend who did not renew this year and know the reason, we would appreciate your emailing [aauhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:aauhowardcounty@gmail.com) providing only the reason; no need to mention your friend's name. This will help us understand if reasons exist that we can address with programs or other factors.
- **Please invite your friends and new acquaintances to attend branch meetings as guests.** You and the other members of AAUW Howard County are the most effective source of new membership.
- Request a Membership Participation Questionnaire: email **[aauhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:aauhowardcounty@gmail.com)**
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## Upcoming Programs

### Reader's Group

The Reader's Group meets every other month starting in January on the third Thursday at 11AM at the East Columbia Sr Center (attached to the East Col Library). Upcoming books to be discussed: March 16<sup>th</sup> – Wilde Lake by Laura Lippman; May 11<sup>th</sup> – planning session for the next year.

If you are interested in joining the Reader's Group, please contact Roberta Rood at [robertarood@earthlink.net](mailto:robertarood@earthlink.net) to be added to the e-mail list.

**February 2017:** On Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>, we will meet at Union Jack's Restaurant in Columbia for our annual "Book Bash". Roberta Rood will be our guest speaker, and I am sure we will all be greatly entertained as we always are! Please RSVP by Feb 8<sup>th</sup>! Flyer and reservation form are attached.

**March 2017:** On March 16<sup>th</sup>, we return to an evening Branch meeting back at the Ellicott City Sr Center. The Diversity Committee will be presenting a Soul Food tasting and history.

**April 2017:** On April 13<sup>th</sup>, we again will have an evening Branch meeting at the Ellicott City Sr Center. Current plans are to have the Hammond High DIAMONDS group present a panel discussion. Prior to the program, we will also vote for our officers for 2017-18.

**May 2017:** No Branch meeting

**June 2017:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> we will meet at EC Sr Center for our Salad Supper, meet our Scholarship winners, and install our new officers.

We do not have Branch meetings over the summer, but our new Program year starts in September with a Potluck at Historic Oakland Manor on September 7<sup>th</sup>.

**Do you have an idea for a branch meeting program** or a guest speaker you would like us to invite? Please contact our Program VP, Dana Lowe with your ideas.

## MEMBER PARTICIPATION IN THE JANUARY 21 WOMEN'S MARCH

Several of our members participated in the Women's March on January 21<sup>st</sup> in Washington, DC. Here are their stories!

From Barb Carter:

What an impressive event! I was joined by Shantha Chandra from Newcomers. We managed to find a parking space in the Greenbelt Metro lot after massive traffic on 95. AAUW's meeting location was in front of the Newseum. At 9:30 we all walked down Pennsylvania Ave. and 7<sup>th</sup> St. NW to the Hirshhorn Museum where we could go no further in the vast sea of people. Public Policy guru Lisa Maatz and President Patricia Ho gave us huge round AAUW pins that drew many questions about AAUW that we gladly answered. We stood for over 3 hours while the long list of speakers appeared on a large screen one could see if you were tall enough! The signs were interesting and the people were of all ages and backgrounds. Everyone was polite and garbage almost none existent. Everyone disbanded at the end of the speeches but the crowds were extensive for block and blocks. Shantha and I walked up 7<sup>th</sup> St. bypassing several metro stations due to the long lines. We finally stopped at a small pizza place for nourishment and time for the crowds to disperse a bit. We finally pushed ourselves onto a crowded metro car and found our way home. We left my place at 6:40 am and returned at 6:30 pm very tired but happy and satisfied to be part of such a momentous event. "The Women's March on Washington will send a bold message to our new government on their first day in office and to the world that women's rights are human rights." This part of the mission statement was certainly communicated. Now we have the job of fulfilling the mission. This web site gives a good summary: <http://www.cbsnews.com/news/what-democracy-looks-like-womens-march-on-washington/>



From Bev Fallik:

Went to the amazing March. After the Marc train failure (didn't stop because trains were already full), a friend dropped us at the Glenmont metro. Totally swamped but we already had smart cards so avoided long line. Got to Union Station in 20 minutes (other closer metros had closed). Nice touch: so many people they opened the gates so metro was free for all! Got there too late to find the AAUW group. Short version: walked toward 3rd and Independence. Absolutely wonderful people of all ages, colors and genders supporting each other. It was truly inspiring and hopeful, the only problem was interminable speakers for almost 4 hrs. Many people came to march but were packed tight. But we finally heard we were not marching yet because so many people already spanned the route! Finally rerouted and set free to walk the mall towards White House but we gave up at 4 pm at 7th and Constitution. We walked back to Union Station feeling better (despite feet) than I had in a long time. Now what???! I hope AAUW National helps keep this going!

## FUNDRAISING/PHILANTHROPY

The Fashion Show is coming along at a nice pace. The accessories sale this year will consist of gently used handbags and scarves. If you have a donation please bring to the Feb. branch meeting to Caroline Tunison and to the book bash to either Caroline or Kathy McCarthy.

The show this year is in honor of Gaynel Allen, as she was such a big part of our fashion shows and helping to raise money for the scholarship fund. Please come to the show on Saturday, April 29th at Howard Community College (details will follow). If you cannot make it, please buy your tickets anyway and give them to friends, or just as a donation. Tickets will get to you by mid-March. There will be no ticket sales at the door, as we will be serving a lite lunch and have to give the caterer a count several weeks before the event.

We appreciate your support, this is the largest fundraiser for the year and we will have some scholarship winners modeling this year!

Thanks in advance,  
Phyllis McGlothlin  
[pmcgloth@aol.com](mailto:pmcgloth@aol.com)

# AAUW Book Bash – Saturday, February 11<sup>th</sup>

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**Theme: CURRENT TRENDS IN CRIME FICTION**

**Presented by: Roberta Rood**

For more than a century, crime fiction has been evolving into new forms. Authors have become increasingly creative and resourceful in their depiction of criminals and victims, and the world they inhabit. Join us we look at where this fascinating field of fiction is headed: historical, domestic suspense, international settings, and more!

## **BOOK SWAP**

Bring in a book you have read and want to give away. Give a 30-second synopsis.

Draw numbers to determine the order that each person gets to choose a book.

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Looking for a fun winter outing? Then plan to attend AAUW's annual Book Bash. You will enjoy an excellent presentation and dine on a delicious lunch. Friends/prospective members are welcome!

**DATE:** Sat, Feb 11, 2017

**TIME:** 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Union Jack's Restaurant, 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD  
(across from the south entrance to the Columbia Mall)

**COST:** \$26 per person, which includes tax and gratuity, non-alcoholic drink & lunch-sized dessert.

Choose from following menu items:

### First Course

Mixed Green Salad with champagne vinaigrette

### Second Course

Petite Salmon with rice and asparagus (Gluten Free)

Petite Bangers and Mash

Reuben Sandwich with fries

Penne Pasta with Vegetables (Vegan)

Penne Pasta with Chicken and Vegetables

### Dessert

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Selection:

Second

Course \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail your check for \$26 payable to **Howard County AAUW** along with your lunch selection to:

Bea Dane  
4050 Hobbs Hill Rd  
Glenelg, MD 21737

## **Diversity Committee News**

### **Chairs: Marcia Posner and Jennifer Ingram**

The Diversity's Committee's movie pick is "Hidden Figures." It stars Kevin Costner, Jim Parsons, Octavia Spencer, Taraji P. Henson and Janelle Monae. If you haven't seen the movie you are missing a little known black history fact. This movie is set in the 1950s based on a book by the same name about African American women mathematicians who worked for NASA. It was a time when America was trying to win the space race. These women were known as "human computers" whose work helped launch John Glenn into space. This movie will leave you feeling inspired and proud of America. Several members met to see this movie on January 8<sup>th</sup> and then had lunch at Bertucci's. It was a great movie and the discussion afterwards was very interesting.

The Committee has also obtained a limited number of museum passes for the National Museum of African American History and Culture for Sunday, June 4<sup>th</sup> at 1PM. An email will be sent to all members with more details and carpooling options. Tickets will be available to members on a first come, first serve basis.

## **Advocacy/Public Policy News**

### **VP, Advocacy - Bev Fallik**

#### **Legislation: From Bev Fallik, Co-VP, Advocacy**

The legislative committee is making progress on getting a final bill to extend the age of majority for child support for post-secondary education. Delegate Hill and her new intern Cathy Weber met with the committee in December for several hours. We have since had several conversations with Terri and her staff. Terri has since revised the bill substantially to be more aligned with our priorities and we are excited to see it move forward. We heard from Ms. Hausner regarding the concerns from the Family and Juvenile committee of the MD Bar and will work the language to address them. We are also waiting to get comments from Delegate Flanagan and the Attorney General's office. Delegate Hill seems confident that any changes to the bill will be minor. Liz Bobo and Grace Kubofcek (sp?) voiced their support. We are awaiting any moment to hear if the LWV will add its support as well. We expect the bill to be finalized and receive a bill # by the end of January. Committee members will begin distributing our one page description of the bill at WLB (1/29) and at MLAW Lobby Day (1/31). AAUW -MD is having a Lobby Day with Working Families on 2/6 in Annapolis. If you are interested in attending, please contact Anita Rosen, our State Advocacy representative who is organizing it. We plan on scheduling appointments with Judiciary Committee members that day and during that week. AAUW-MD has requested and received a brief article on the bill for the state newsletter. We've also sent a boilerplate testimony letter that AAUW members can personalize and email or mail to the committee and/or their

delegates. Once the bill has a number, Anita Rosen will put it on the state website with a request across the state to join HoCo in supporting the bill. We still would like to expand our support base to other organizations so any help would be appreciated. None of this would happen without the dedication and commitment of our core committee!

## Education Committee News

### VP – Suzanne Soules

#### 2016-17 AAUW Howard County Education Programs

The AAUW Howard County Education Committee promotes the AAUW Educational Mission by coordinating and developing opportunities to help girls and women learn about careers. We encourage a special emphasis in Science, Technology, Engineering or Math (STEM) because these are fields where women are under-represented. We do this through the following programs:

**Scholarships** are funded by the Branch’s philanthropic efforts. AAUW HC awards three types of scholarships to women attending Howard Community College, regardless of their major: 1) one to help a minority or non-traditional woman student remain a student at HCC; 2) one to help a minority or non-traditional woman student matriculate to a four year school; 3) several to student leaders to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). At this conference our recipients attend skill-building workshops, hear motivating speakers, and meet other scholarship recipients from around the county.

**Girl Power Career Fair** for middle and high school girls held annually in the spring at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (APL) in Laurel. Its purpose is to interest girls in studies and careers in STEM fields. AAUW HC members staff a table featuring a different theme each year such as “Growing Food on Mars.” APL hosts this free event with funding from other organizations and support from the APL and Math Engineering Science Achievement organization.

**Howard County STEM Festival** for K-12 students held annually in June at Howard Community College. AAUW HC staffs a table each year supporting the event’s goal to stimulate and encourage student interest and parental awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Our table supports the objectives of the organizers to tap into ALL our inner STEM abilities and demonstrate how they are used in our everyday lives.

**Hammond HS DIAMONDS Scholars**, a student group that focuses on the personal development of minority girls, promotes academic achievement with the goal of earning acceptance to college, especially for a STEM-field major. AAUW HC has partnered with DIAMONDS for five years and is working with them to develop programs that support and expand their efforts.



## **WEBSITE ESSENTIALS**

### **Submitted by: Bea Dane**

You may not be aware of how much AAUW information is available to you. Did you know that you have access to National, State and local Howard County websites? I am including this info in each newsletter, as we continue to get new members and I want to make sure they all have this info.

Howard County: <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net> Password for the members only section is: h0c0MD (those are zeroes and it is case sensitive). You can find the latest newsletter, past newsletters, member directory, bylaws, and Board members. Other sections are available to the public and could use some updating! If you are interested in helping out to update the website, please let me know.

Maryland State: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net> No password needed. Check it out! There is a nice write up and pictures from our recent State Convention.

National: <https://www.aauw.org/login> You can access the website without logging in, but to access membership only info, it is best to log in. If you have never created an account, it is very easy. Just click on the First Time User? Create Account as shown below. There is so much information available, but a search feature makes it easy to find specific resources.

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## Membership Form

(Through 6/30/2018)

I would like to join/renew the AAUW Howard County Branch.

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

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

City: \_\_\_\_\_

State and Zip: \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Email address: \_\_\_\_\_

College/University: \_\_\_\_\_

Degree(s) earned: \_\_\_\_\_

Major(s): \_\_\_\_\_

Career/ Job/ Retired: \_\_\_\_\_

Interests: \_\_\_\_\_

\_\_\_\_\_

Referred By: \_\_\_\_\_

**Dues are \$72 for 2017-18**

(Branch - \$13; State - \$10; National - \$49).

\$46 is tax deductible.

**If you join at a designated public event, dues are \$47.50 if you have not been a member of AAUW for 2 years.**

Please send this form and check for dues (made out to AAUW – Howard County) to:

Carol Phelps, Treasurer

AAUW Howard County

6680 Star Path

Columbia, MD 21045

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