

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE—Bea Dane

Our April 29th Fashion Show was a great success! Thank you to chairs, **Phyllis McGlothlin** and **Kathy McCarthy**, and their committee for coordinating this event. The fashions from Lord and Taylor were spectacular, colorful, and a wonderful tribute to our deceased member Gaynel Allen. Several thousand dollars were raised for our scholarship fund.

I hope to see many of you at our **June 22nd Salad Supper**; we will be inducting the new officers and meeting our scholarship winners. Meet in the Great Room, Ellicott City Sr Center, with lots of room. **Please arrive between 6:30 and 7PM and see the flier in this newsletter to know what to bring.**

As our 2016-17 AAUW year comes to an end, **THANK YOU!** all members for making our Howard County Branch a success. As I step down after three years as President, I know that our membership will continue to be as enthusiastic as it has been in promoting AAUW's goals through advocacy, education, and philanthropy. I will continue on the Board as 1st VP, as Kathy Schofield takes over as President.

As I look back on our past year, I am impressed with the Board and Chairs who took on leadership positions and worked so hard with their committees. **Public Policy VP Bev Fallik** worked tirelessly to have her bill on Post Secondary Education Child Support approved. Although it did not make it through the legislature, she and her committee will not give up! Bev has a **Co-VP, Joan Clinch**, for the 2017-18 year and more members have joined her committee.

The **Diversity Committee**, chaired by **Shigeyo Ibrahim, Marcia Posner** and **Jennifer Ingram** held a very successful event last September, celebrating the Middle East Cultures, and then celebrated the African-American culture for the rest of our year, hosting events such as the movie "Hidden Figures" and a Soul Food discussion and tasting at the March branch meeting. They organized a trip to the African American Museum in DC for early June.

Education VP Suzanne Soules and her committee put together an excellent display on "Farming of the Future" for GIRL POWER and worked with Career Links at HCC to find the best candidates for our scholarships.

Your getting involved in a committee that interests you helps our Branch accomplish great things! Many members contribute to our success; I thank you all. We have no Branch meetings during July and August, however, you can still join your AAUW friends at Dining Out, Lunch Bunch, Reader's Group.

I wish you all a great summer!

SAVE THE DATES

June 6 (Tues) Adventures in Dining - Speak Easy (Balt)

June 7 (Wed) Bridge Group - contact ktang54@verizon.net

June 14-17 AAUW National Convention, Washington, DC

June 19 (Mon) Great Decisions Evening - 7PM

June 22 (Thurs) - Salad Supper - Ellicott City Senior Center

June 27 (Tues) - Great Decisions Daytime - 1PM

July 20 (Thurs) - Diversity Book Disc/Lunch - 11AM Rudy's

July 27 (Thurs) Reader's Group - 11AM East Col Sr Center

Sept 7 (Thurs) - Pot Luck Supper - Historic Oakland Manor

MEMBERSHIP

Please renew your membership!

\$72 check made payable to AAUW Howard County. Send to Carol Phelps, Treasurer, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045. It may seem early, however, several members have already renewed! Renewal form is included in this newsletter or you may renew online at <https://ww2.aauw.org/national-renew/>

Bring a friend to the June 22nd Salad Supper. If she joins now, her new membership expires at the end of June next year, 2018!

Other great Opportunities to Bring a Friend: Adventures in Dining; Lunch Bunch; Great Decisions foreign policy discussion groups; Reader's Group; Pot Luck Supper in September.

aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com is the email to give to a friend or new acquaintance interested in obtaining more information about membership in AAUW Howard County.

WEBSITE ESSENTIALS

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

Password for members-only section: **h0c0MD** (zeros and case sensitive) - for the member directory, latest newsletter, by-laws and list of officers & interest group leaders.

Maryland State: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net>

No password Check it out! Nice write-up and pics from 2017 State Convention in Easton

National: <https://www.aauw.org/login>

Access to main site is available without a password; access to membership only info requires log-in with a password for an account that you create yourself.

Just click on First Time User? Create an account. A lot of information is available on the site, so it's best to use the Search button to quickly find what you are looking for.

FASHION SHOW COMMITTEE

Thanks to all who joined us for the 2017 annual Fashion Show at Howard Community College. We had over 125 attendees and 21 models. Many of the models were close friends of Gaynel Allen and also three of her children. We dedicated the show and theme "Color My World" to Gaynel, who passed away this year and was a big supporter of AAUW Howard County and always pitched in to help at the fashion shows.

The venue and lunch were both great, thanks to HCC for giving us the space this year for the show. Also, thanks to the fashion show committee, who all helped with the planning and set up on the day of the show. The AAUW scholarship fund was given the net proceeds from the show, which will help women begin or continue their college education.

Again, thanks for your support in coming to the show, or if you were unable to attend, buying the tickets.

Hope you had a good time!

Submitted by Phyllis McGlothlin

POT LUCK SALAD SUPPER Thurs June 22, 2017

Set up starts at 6:30PM

Ellicott City Senior Center (building at the back)

Remember to invite a friend! Prospective members are welcome.

RSVP to redcat1977@verizon.net by June 18th - tell **Caroline Tunison** (301-346-1750) how many guests and the type of dish you will bring.

Important notes! All dishes should serve 8—10 members. Please bring your own serving utensils.

Please choose the type of dish you will bring according to the following: **Last name begins with**

1. **A thru J**—entrée salad (i.e., chicken, tuna, etc.)
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INSTALLATION OF NEW OFFICERS

At the Salad Supper on June 22, 2017:

Co-VPs Advocacy/Public Policy: **Bev Fallik, Joan Clinch**

VP Communication: **Diane Roca**

VP Finance: **Carol Phelps**

VP Social: **Debbie Munley**

Co-VPs Secretary: **Donna Levinson, Mary Ann Crosby, Jeanie Parr**

Kathy Schofield will finish **Bea Dane's** remaining term as president for one year through June 30, 2018. **Bea** will stay on the board as 1st VP. **Suzanne Soules** continues as VP Education and **Dana Lowe** as VP Program.

POSITIONS AVAILABLE

VP Membership - 1 year

VP Philanthropy - 2 years

Mentoring is provided for both positions.

Looking for a member to help keep our website up to date!

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

June Meeting - June 19 at 7PM

Host: TBD: Topic #5 – US Foreign Policy and Petroleum

DAYTIME GROUP

June Meeting - Tuesday, June 27, at 1:00 PM

Host: Scotty Loje: Topic #6 – Latin America's Political Pendulum

Remaining Topics for Fall 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: Kathy Schofield

rbrownhouse@msn.com or 443-691-0131

PLEASE NOTE: Lorraine Tropf (lmerdon@verizon.net) has agreed to assume the leadership of Great Decisions Daytime effective with the September meeting. With her leadership **the meeting date will change to the 1st Thursday of the month.**

NEW BRANCH MEETING PLACE FOR 2017-2018

First Evangelical Lutheran Church 3604 Chatham Road Ellicott City (just east of the Ellicott City Senior Center off Frederick Road) has agreed to let us meet in their Fellowship Center for our 2017 - 2018 branch meetings on the 2nd Tuesday of the month. This move was required by a change in the Senior Center's rental policy. The fee for use of the space remains the same.

The Fellowship Center was the location for the 2017 LWV Legislative Luncheon; is able to comfortably accommodate a large number of our members and includes use of a kitchen for the June Salad Supper and screen/projector, if required. Locations for 2017:

September	Oakland Manor, Pot Luck Supper
October	1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
November	1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
December	Holiday Party—TBD
January	LWV Legislative Luncheon—TBD
February	Book Bash—Union Jacks
March	1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
April	1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
May	no branch meeting
June	1st Evangelical Lutheran Church

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

The committee met on May 22 with AAUW MD State Policy VPS Anita Rosen and Erin Prangley as guests. Joan Clinch spoke to a staff member who works at the House Judiciary Committee, who stated that calls are logged but not shared with the committee. Emails to the committee and calls are not included in the packet distributed to the members. Bev explained that it is frustrating not to know who and how many called/emailed support and communicated the need for more structured information sharing and support throughout the state from our branches for this to work. Anita recommended calls and emails go to individual committee members, NOT just to the committee or the Chair and said that committees pay more attention to letters from organizations while delegates care more about letters from individual constituents from their districts.

Erin explained AAUW National's system - a place to click which links a member to her delegate's office recording those who submitted tracking how much support we received. AAUW MD can use this system for AAUW HC's bill this year. She recommended obtaining signed petitions from branches submitted to their delegates as a powerful tool.

The committee identified the need to speak with AAUW members at branch meetings to find out who and what the obstacles were to the bill. Erin suggested working with branch members to request them to contact their delegates to invite them to present at branch meetings. At that time, they could bring up the bill and register their disappointment about their negative vote. These ideas (petitions, branch events with delegates) will be raised at the Summer Leadership meeting as well.

Given that National is prioritizing the effect of student debt on women, there appears to be synergy on this topic. The committee agreed to begin working with the Women's Law Center despite its relative past inaction, and also with MLAW- perhaps presenting at this year's conference. The committee is delighted that AAUW MD's Policy VPs hope to be able to take a more active role this year and help garner statewide support.

Submitted by Bev Fallik

**You Are Invited! Bring A Friend!
Prospective Members Welcome!**



**POT SALAD SUPPER—JUNE 22
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EDUCATION COMMITTEE

May 31st starts the four-day National Conference for College Women Student Leaders, held each year at the University of Maryland, College Park. With over 50 workshops and lectures, networking events, and sightseeing activities, attendees from all over the country will:

- Develop and strengthen their leadership and professional aptitude through voice, skill set, and mind-set
- Know how, why, and when to take action
- Gain a better understanding of issues and policies affecting women and of AAUW's role in empowering women
- Own their personal identities and learn new ways to increase and support diverse voices

We are sending three Howard Community College students to NCCWSL this year: Marie Salvadord Kotue, Olamide Onifade, and Maricruz Perez.

Our sincere thanks goes to Maureen Marshall at Career Links, who worked with her committee to identify and qualify candidates for all our scholarships.

Other scholarships recipients from HCC: Marie Savadord Kotue, transfer student who is continuing her education with the objective of obtaining her nursing degree, and Christine Ballou and Deborah Leib who are current HCC students.

AAUW-Gaynel Allen Scholarship candidates are being vetted through the Educational Foundation at HCC. We await their recommendations for the fortunate woman who will benefit from this award.

Scholarship recipients are invited to share their experience and goals with us at our June 22 Salad Supper branch meeting.

Submitted by Suzanne Soules

DIVERSITY COMMITTEE

The committee is looking forward to the trip to the African American Museum in Washington, on June 4, 2017. Information was e-mailed to everyone who signed up to attend.

The committee met to discuss which ethnic groups to feature in our journey to expand our branch's knowledge of the diverse populations that live in the United States. The Far East countries of China, Korea, and Japan were selected. Given the success of "tasting" of Soul Foods, we plan to repeat the "tasting" theme for the March 2018 branch meeting featuring the foods of these ethnic groups.

PLEASE NOTE: July 20th, Rudy's, 11:30 - 1:00

Lunch and discussion of *The Underground Railroad* by Colson Whitehead. **Limited to 20 participants!!** RSVP to Marcia at marciaposner@aol.com.

Submitted by Marcia Posner

2016 National Book Award Judges' Citation

The Underground Railroad confirms Colson Whitehead's reputation as one of our most daring and inventive writers. A suspenseful tale of escape and pursuit, it combines elements of fantasy and the counter-factual with an unflinching, painfully truthful depiction of American slavery. Whitehead revisits the grotesque barbarities of our nation's history in the interest of our common stake in freedom and dignity. He has given us an electrifying narrative of the past, profoundly resonant with the present.

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Lots of good homemade food; chance to catch up with members you may not have seen for awhile; installation of officers and thank you to outgoing officers. Sunset at 8:38 PM!

Invite a Friend! Prospective Members Welcome!

FASHION SHOW ALBUM





**AAUW Howard County Membership RENEWAL Form
(Through 6/30/2018)**

I would like to renew my membership in the **AAUW Howard County Branch for 2017-18**

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

College/University: _____

Degree(s) earned: _____

Major(s): _____

Career/ Job/ Retired: _____

Interests: _____

Dues are \$72 for 2017-2018 Branch - \$13; State - \$10; National - \$49 (\$46 is tax deductible)

Please note: your membership expires on June 30, 2017. **Please renew before October 30, 2017**, so that your name will continue to appear on the national, Maryland and Howard County membership lists.

Please send this form and check made payable to AAUW Howard County to:

**Carol Phelps, Treasurer
AAUW Howard County
6680 Star Path
Columbia, MD 21045**

<u>2016-2017 AAUW HOWARD COUNTY BRANCH OFFICERS</u>		
President	Bea Dane	410 299 8403
1st VP	Position Open	
Financial Officer	Carol Phelps	410 381 7076
VP Programs	Dana Lowe	443 851 0741
VP Philanthropy	Position Open	
Co VPs Social	Caroline Tunison Gail Burke	301 497 8688 410 507 3477
Co VPs Secretary	Connie Palmeri Jean Parr Donna Levinson	410 489 5654 410 381 6351 301 490 0294
VP Education	Suzanne Soules	410 872 8603
VP Membership	Kathy Schofield	443 691 0131
VP Advocacy/Public Policy	Bev Fallik	301 596 6208
VP Communications	Position Open	
Co-chairs Diversity	Marcia Posner Jennifer Ingram	
Co-chairs Fashion Show	Phyllis McGlothlin Kathy McCarthy	301 490 7328 410 465 4831
Website Manager	Position Open	
Adventures in Dining	Carol Phelps	410 381 7076
AAUW Readers	Doris Raytkwitch Lorraine Tropf	301 776 1392 301 617 2785
Great Decisions Evening	Diane Roca	410 964 3523
Great Decisions Daytime	Kathy Schofield	443 691 0131
Handcrafters & Movies	Ann Tarantino	410 740 1285
Lunch Bunch	Gail Rust	443 864 4189
Bridge	Karen Tang Laura Wilson	410 531 0619 219 688 8261