



# AAUW Howard County

## Branch Newsletter

April, 2012

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

### Calendar

#### Adventures in Dining

**April 3, 6:30 pm**  
*Hickory Ridge Grille*  
*Hickory Ridge Village Center*

#### April Branch Meeting

**April 10, 7 pm**  
"How Men & Women Differ  
About Money"  
*Ellicott City Senior Center*

#### Discovery Fair

**April 14**  
Columbia East Library

#### Great Decisions

**April 16, 7-9 pm**  
*Laura Violand's home*

#### Board Meeting

**April 18, 7 pm**  
*Miller Library*  
*Ellicott City*

#### Cheap Dates

**April 22, 2:30-4 pm**  
*Panera, Dobbins Center*

#### AAUW Lunch Bunch

**April 26, 11:30 am**  
*Nordstrom's Café*  
*Columbia Mall*

#### AAUW Fashion Show

**April 28, 1:30 to 3 pm**  
*Vantage House*  
*Columbia*

### President's Message

Welcome to spring! If it's April, that must mean it's time for the Fashion Show, our great fundraiser for the branch. Thanks to Loretta Gaffney and Kathy McCarthy for coordinating the event this year. And thanks to all who are helping this year, with the event being on the 28<sup>th</sup> at 1:30 pm. We couldn't do this without Suzannah Zachos, manager of Lord and Taylor, and Jennifer Jordan of Vantage House. Our goal is to raise \$3000 for this event to go toward our philanthropic funds, including the scholarships.

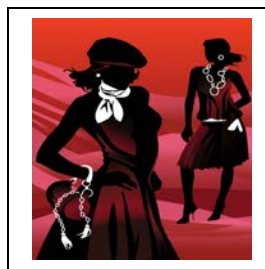
We are awarding three scholarships this year to Howard Community College students who are going on to a four-year college. These scholarships have been awarded. We don't know if we'll have enough money next year to award three scholarships – that depends on how many fashion show tickets you sell!

Also in April, we have elections at the branch meeting for the board of directors. The nominees were sent out earlier in March and we can accept nominations from the floor from those at the meeting who have discussed the nomination with the member being nominated. Thanks to all who have agreed to run for office. We are still looking for a co-VP for Advocacy and Philanthropy, as well as a Sunshine Chair and Lunch Bunch Chair. Let me know if you are interested.

Have a wonderful month and thanks for all of your support to the branch and to me personally.

*Jennifer Ingram*

### Business Fashionistas



Saturday, April 28 1:30 pm – 3:00 pm  
Vantage House

Sponsored by the AAUW Howard County Branch to benefit AAUW scholarship funds and the activities of the Howard County Branch.

## Calendar (continued)

### Adventures in Dining

**May 1**, 6:30 pm  
*Mamma Lucia's  
Elkridge*

### Cultural Event

**May 3**, noon  
Lunch/Learn/Walk/Shop  
*Savage Mill*

### AAUW Readers

**May 10**, 1 pm  
*Doris Raytkwich's home*

### May Branch Meeting

**May 12**, 10 am  
Del. Liz Bobo,  
**Legislative Update**  
*Sweet Simplicitea  
Sykesville*

### Cultural Event

**May 19**, 10 am  
Howard County  
House and Garden Pilgrimage

### Great Decisions

**May 21**, 7-9 pm  
*Location TBD*

### AAUW Lunch Bunch

**May 24**, 11:30 am  
*Nordstrom's Café  
Columbia Mall*

### Cultural Event

**June 3**  
Columbia House Tour

### June Branch Meeting

**June 28**  
Salad Supper

## April Branch Meeting

### *Certified Financial Planner/AAUW Member Discusses "How Men and Women Differ About Money"*

Gail Brown, CFP Financial Planner, will speak on **How Men & Women Differ about Money** at the branch meeting at 7 pm on **Tuesday, April 10** at the Ellicott City Senior Center. She will discuss the challenges of work and family obligations; personal values; gender differences in investing, and planning and managing retirement.

This meeting will be an open forum to ask questions about what financial issues keep you up at night. Gail will use her years of experience to tackle such questions as: Do I need long-term care? What should I do with my employer retirement plan?

You can bring your questions to the meeting or send them in advance of the meeting to Gail at [gail.brown@lfg.com](mailto:gail.brown@lfg.com).

Gail Brown is a private wealth advisor with Lincoln Financial Advisors. With a career that spans over twenty years, Gail is known as an advocate for women's financial independence. She combines in-depth knowledge with a common sense approach to assisting her clients.

A graduate of the University of Dayton in Dayton, OH, Gail received her BS in marketing. Gail is a registered representative of Lincoln Financial Advisors Corp.

Gail has served on the boards of the Business Women's Network of Howard County, Success in Style, and St. Francis of Assisi Church. She is currently active in all three as well as the Alzheimer's Association.

Gail is an active member of AAUW Howard County and is a nominee for Co-Vice President of Programs for the branch for the years 2012-2014. She lives with her husband, Ken, in Howard County and is the mother of three grown sons.

*Lorraine Tropp*

### Fashion Show - The "Fun" in Fundraising

Our Fashion Show is only a few weeks away! Most of you must have sold the \$20-tickets that you received in the mail. Please send in the payments to our Vice President of Finance, Carol McAuliffe at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045. If you have not received your tickets, please let Loretta Gaffney know as soon as possible. If the show has not sold out yet, she will be able to mail the tickets to you.

As all of you are already aware, the Fashion Show is our biggest fundraiser. Last year, the proceeds from the show (and our other events) enabled us to award three scholarships to Howard Community College students who wished to continue their studies at four-year colleges.

Cannot attend the Fashion Show? Please donate your dollars to our scholarship fund anyway, as so many of you do already each year.

The event, with our models clothed in stylish professional wear from Lord & Taylor and refreshments from Vantage House chefs, promises to be both fun and a feel-good one. See you there!

*Peggy Wong*

## ***From the Nominating Committee...***

***The Nominating Committee has presented the following slate of officers. Elections will take place at the April Branch Meeting.***

***Except as noted, officers will serve two years.***

***President – Lorraine Tropf***

***Co-First Vice Presidents –  
Cookie Cogen  
Sandra Smith***

***Communication co-VP –  
Candace DePass (1 year)***

***Advocacy co-VP –  
Faedeke Iluyomade (1 year)***

***Educations co-VPs –  
Cynthia Cupples  
Amy Robinson  
Thao Tran***

***Membership VP –  
Jennifer Ingram***

***Programs co-VPs –  
Gail Brown  
Trent Kittleman***

***Deadline for the May newsletter is April 23.***

***Please send items to  
Connie Adamson at  
[adamsons@verizon.net](mailto:adamsons@verizon.net)***

## **Coming in April ...**

### **Adventures in Dining**

Adventures in Dining will be meeting on **Tuesday, April 3** at the Hickory Ridge Grill at the front of the Hickory Ridge Village Center. Reservations will be made for 6:30. Please RSVP to me at [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net) if you plan to attend by March 30 as seating is limited.

Thank you and hope to see you soon!!

*Carol McAuliffe*

### **Great Decisions**

Great Decisions will meet **Monday, April 16** from 7 to 9 pm at the home of Laura Violand. This month's topic is "Cybersecurity: The New Frontier."

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](http://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](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523.

The May 21 topic is "Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq: Right Time, Right Pace?" There are no meetings in June, July or August

*Diane Roca*

### **Cheap Dates**

Our informal gathering of members and guests is on **Sunday, April 22** at 2:30 pm at Panera Dobbin Center. We call it AAUW Cheap Dates to show affiliation with AAUW and to let members know that this is not an expensive outing, as many of our members have expressed concern about costs. We have an interesting time discussing AAUW, world affairs, personal issues, etc.

No RSVP is needed, and friends and family are welcome. Come join in the fun and discussion.

*Jennifer Ingram*

### **Lunch Bunch**

Join AAUW members and perspective members for a drop-in lunch on **Thursday, April 26** at Nordstrom's Café at the Columbia Mall. You can count on some stimulating conversation at this monthly get-together.

## Membership Updates

Welcome to Druanne Ellingsworth, Leslie Barnet, Hilary Wilk and Barbara Russell, new members of our branch. If you know of others who would be interested in finding out more about AAUW, give me the email address and I will contact them. Each branch meeting is a Shape the Future event, with national dues being half-price. Total dues are now \$47.50 at these events, with \$22 being tax deductible. Lunch Bunch, Discovery Fair and the Fashion Show are also Shape the Future events. Invite your friends, co-workers and relatives. We would love to have men in the branch, but we would welcome anyone who supports the mission.

Speaking of recruiting, did you know that we can award free membership to any recent or upcoming college graduate? The minimum requirement is an associate's degree or the equivalent but I recommend if the student does not have a Bachelor's degree yet and is in college, have them join as a student affiliate. Maryland has 18 colleges and universities that are AAUW partners and so the student membership will be free. Otherwise, dues are \$17 (\$8.50 at a Shape the Future event).

Finally, it is time to renew membership and the easiest way to do it is online on the AAUW Member Center's Member Services Database. I sent out information in March on how to log in to that system. If you choose not to do that, send a check for \$72 to Carol McAuliffe to cover membership through 6/30/13. 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. Note: Membership for this year expires on June 30, 2012, although you will remain on the roster through November 30.

Jennifer Ingram

## Looking Ahead...

### Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will meet at Mamma Lucia's near the Costco and Trader Joe's in Elkridge on **Tuesday, May 1**, at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net) or call 410-381-7076 for reservations.

Carol McAuliffe

### 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. Doris will provide directions to her house at a time closer to the meeting. Questions? E-mail Doris ([dwhitespring@verizon.net](mailto:dwhitespring@verizon.net)) or Roberta ([robertarood@earthlink.net](mailto:robertarood@earthlink.net)).

Roberta Rood

### May Branch Meeting

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

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.

Lorraine Troup

### Cultural Events

Take note of the special cultural activities scheduled in May. First is a "Lunch/Learn/Walk/Shop" 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](mailto:jesalkeld@gmail.com) to make a reservation for lunch.

On **Saturday, May 19**, join the AAUW group for the Howard County House and Garden Pilgrimage. Tickets will be \$35 on the day of tour. For more information, click on [www.mhgp.org](http://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.

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

Jean Salkeld

## Education News

*We had a very successful Girl Power this year at the Applied Physics Laboratory. Thao Tran coordinated the dry ice experiment and it was very popular.*

*We also had many volunteers, including Sethanne Howard, Marcia Posner, Gail Brown, Deb McLaughlin, Connie Palmieri and others. This is a project that encourages middle and high school girls to pursue STEM studies and careers.*

*On April 14, we will be exhibiting at Discovery Fair for pre-school children at East Columbia library. The theme this year is Exploring Nature, and Anne Trent is coordinating it. Thank you, Anne! We have several volunteers who will be helping, and if you are interested, let Anne know.*

*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 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!*

*In case you didn't know it, HCC has become an AAUW partner, and we will be working on projects with them. All undergraduate students can have free AAUW membership as a result, so if you know students there, get them to go online and join.*

Jennifer Ingram

## Committee Chairs Prepare for Coming Year

Each year, the AAUW Howard County president reviews the chair positions and appoints someone to serve in that capacity. Many times, the ones who have been in that position decide to stay in the position. For example, Carol McAuliffe has agreed to be the Adventures in Dining chair and Loretta Gaffney and Deb McLaughlin have agreed to be the College/ University Relations co-chairs.

There will be some changes with the upcoming year. Peggy Wong will no longer be the Lunch Bunch chair, responsible for notifying members about the Lunch Bunch event each month. However, Peggy has taken on the Diversity chair position, which is a position we are developing. Diversity is part of the AAUW mission and should be incorporated into all branch activities and membership. Peggy will work with Membership, Programs, Communications, Education, and Advocacy in this role.

Diane Roca and Joan Johnson have agreed to be the Publicity co-chairs, a vital position for getting the word out about our branch activities. I have been doing this for the past three years but need someone else to take it over, so I'm glad Diane and Joan have agreed. If you know of good sources of publicity, let them know.

Another new position that I have been holding is website chair, and Schnell Garrett has agreed to take that on. We have a great website now and it is one of the key factors in spreading the word about AAUW. Schnell will do a great job.

We still need a Sunshine chair to send cards and messages to those who've had a major event in their life like the death of someone in the immediate family, congratulations on a new baby, congratulations on graduations, etc. Ann Hart has been doing this for years and has now resigned, so please let me know if you want that position. And likewise with the Lunch Bunch chair.

These positions are great ways to contribute to the branch and many do not require a great deal of time. Thanks to those who have volunteered.

Jennifer Ingram

## For your information...

"Stand Up Against Human Trafficking" is the title of a workshop at the Bain Center (5470 Ruth Keeton Way, Columbia) on **Saturday, April 21** from 2 to 4:30 pm.

Panelists include Jeanne Allert, chair, Maryland Coalition (against human trafficking); Delegate Elizabeth Bobo, Maryland General Assembly; Cpl. Kris Knutson, Howard County Police; and Denene Yates, founder of the Safe House of Hope.

The workshop is free, but an RSVP is requested to [jwoltze@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:jwoltze@howardcountymd.gov). The workshop is sponsored by the Howard County Commission for Women, the Howard County Department of Citizen Services, and the Howard County Advocacy Group Against Slavery and Trafficking.

## An Essay on Diversity

Some of my friends and acquaintances get glazed-eyed when diversity is the subject of a conversation. Perhaps some view diversity as giving unfair advantage to one group or another. Or, others may think of diversity as a divisive issue, comparable to taboo social conversation topics such as politics or religion.

To me, diversity simply means acknowledging that we are all different; each of us is an individual. I am unique, and so are you. I may like you or dislike you, but it would be because of individual traits that you have or do not have.

Many years ago, my friends and I were discussing the hopes that we had for our young children. *I expect my daughter and son to marry ethnic Koreans, I announced, and of noble birth*, I added. *You can't be serious*, my non-Korean friends exclaimed in chorus. *I am very serious*, I responded. And that was that.

Both my daughter and son married non-Koreans, as did I in my second marriage. While they are all noble people, none of our spouses was born into nobility.

I share this personal story to illustrate one former ethnocentric, socio-economic-conscious person's growth. My journey to maturity was sometimes arduous and even painful, because it meant shedding most of the things that I had learned and lived. What have I learned as I matured? That people all over the world are more similar than different. That respecting others as individuals meant respecting myself as an individual, separate and apart from my ancestors.

As we strive to help ourselves and other women achieve equality in this very diverse country of ours, let us not forget to practice what we are advocating: that we merit respect as individuals.

*Peggy Wong*  
*Chair, Diversity*

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*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*



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