



AAUW Howard County Branch Newsletter



November, 2012

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

Calendar

AAUW Readers

November 1, 1 pm
Phyllis McGlothlin's home

Adventures in Dining

November 8, 6:30 pm
*Trolley Stop restaurant
Ellicott City*

Great Decisions

November 12, 7 pm
Frankie Schwenk's home

November Branch Meeting

November 13, 7 pm
*Ellicott City
Senior Citizen Center*

Board Meeting

November 20, 7 pm
*Miller Library
Ellicott City*

AAUW Lunch Bunch

November 29, 11:30 am
*Nordstrom's Café
Columbia Mall*

Adventures in Dining

December 4, 6:30 pm
Candlelight Inn, Catonsville

Branch Holiday Party

Includes Silent Auction
December 9, 2 to 5 pm
Gaynel Allen's home

President's Message

This month the nation goes to the polls to vote for a President and other key leaders. There are a number of social issues on the ballot in Maryland. Remember to vote so that your voice will be heard.

AAUW's "One Member, One Vote" is a way for your voice to be heard and to participate in AAUW National. You can read about the "One Member One Vote" process by going to aauw.org. After reading it, go to National's new video tutorial. It explains how to propose bylaws amendments, Public Policy Program revisions, resolutions and how to comment on other members' proposals. It is a short video with easy to follow directions. Click on: [new video tutorial](#).

HOCO members "out and about"

The last Saturday in September, a small but energetic group walked in Centennial Park for Alzheimer. We started the walk and were merrily on our way when we realized we were walking the trail in reverse when we saw the other walkers headed for us. We were so happy that we were not wearing our AAUW shirts!

On October 13, HOCO board members Sandra Smith, Cookie Cogan, Diane Roca and I attended the fall AAUW MD Board meeting in Bethesda. Pat Stocker, MD President, explained AAUW MD's support for the Civil Marriage Protection Act. Pat announced the date of the Maryland State Conference, which is April 13, 2013. Harford County will host it this year. While the agenda is in the planning stage, the ideas and discussions for the conference made it sound like a day that you will not want to miss. Save the date.

Connie Adamson, Barbara Carter, Jennifer Ingram, Barbara Schnackenberg, Penny Zervos and I attended the fall conference of the Maryland Agenda for Women (MLAW) on October 20 at the Women's Heritage Center in Baltimore. As we walked into the Center, we saw a mannequin dressed in period dress, a Gibson Girl. It was Barbara Carter's handiwork. Barb sewed the outfit from a period pattern. The director of the Center publicly thanked Barbara for allowing them to display it.

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Holiday Project for Grassroots

The Philanthropy Committee is working on the annual holiday project to benefit the guests at Grassroots. As you may know, Grassroots, located in Columbia, operates a 24-hour crisis intervention center and supportive counseling hotline. Will you join us in making a difference? We need your help!

For the holidays, Grassroots has requested that we support their organization this year by providing the following essential supplies:

- Full size hygiene products for men and women (shampoo, toothpaste, deodorant),
- Gently used bath towels,
- Gently used sheets in twin and double sizes.

This is an urgent request as the closet is nearly bare. The twin sheets are used for single beds, and the double size sets are used when two beds have to be pushed together for siblings to share a bed or to enable parents to share the same bed.

Trial and hotel size toiletries are not acceptable for reasons related to little children.

Please look in your closet to see what you are comfortable passing along. Or, when you are shopping for yourself, pick up something for Grassroots. Donations will be collected at our branch meeting on November 13, or you can send an email to make a pick-up request.

If you have any questions or comments, please feel free to contact me at 410-489-4964 or lorettagaffney@verizon.net.

Thank you so much for your support!

Loretta Gaffney
Philanthropy Vice President

November Branch Meeting

Dr. Leslie Apgar to Speak on Facial Aesthetics and Anti-Aging

Are you ready for a post-election breather to turn your attention inward for an evening? Do you want to look and feel your best? Then join our November meeting to hear Dr. Leslie Apgar speak on the topic of "Facial Aesthetics and Anti-Aging."

The meeting is **Tuesday, November 13**, at 7 pm at the Ellicott City Senior Citizens Center.

Dr. Leslie Apgar, a board certified physician, has practiced in the area for over 10 years. Her special interests are health and wellness promotion. Her practice at Pura Vida Spa specializes in advanced aesthetic and anti-aging.

Dr. Apgar brings her surgical and medical expertise to help us better understand how to maximize age prevention and skin rejuvenation.

Gail Brown
Co-Vice President, Programs

Accommodations to Attend Branch Events

Anyone who needs a ride or a special accommodation to attend a branch event, contact Diversity Chair, Peggy Wong at my_nest@verizon.net or (410) 997-7019.

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As we took our seats for the conference, we noticed a poster on the wall. It featured prominent women scientists from Maryland. There at the top of the poster was Astronomer, Sethanne Howard. I learned later that the graphic artist who designed the poster was new member Josie Thompson. It was a proud day for HOCO. We are fortunate to have Barb, Sethanne and Josie as part our membership.

Co 1st VP Sandra Smith represented us at The Women of Impact Awards Reception in the World Trade Center in Baltimore on October 18, along with Pat Stocker, MD President. Thanks Sandra!

On October 23, we welcomed twelve members to the Orientation Tea. Janet Hoch hosted the tea in her Clarksville home. Kathy McCarthy and Gay Allen, Social Committee VPs, prepared the festive table. Sethanne Howard, Sandra Smith (attending her first new member tea) and I talked about AAUW activities and committees. Thank you, Janet, Kathy, Gay, Sethanne, Sandra and Emma Pope for making the evening a memorable one for new members.

November is the month for giving thanks. It is celebrated with a day that brings family and friends together. This year was a difficult one for some of our members who lost family members or are dealing with illness. I hope that they and you will include your friends when giving thanks. It is your friends that stand beside you through the tough times. And lastly, take pride in the work that you do to support AAUW's Mission and the Branch's activities.

Happy Thanksgiving,
Lorraine Tropf
President AAUW Howard County

2013 Branch Meetings

January 12, 11:30 am

Union Jack's Restaurant
Book Bash and More
Rose Johnson, Eve Olsen,
Roberta Rood, Jean Salkeld,
Anne Trent

February 12, 7 pm

*"A History of Chocolate
from Cacao to Cocoa"*
Pat Reber

March 12, 7 pm

"Helping Make Tough Decisions"
Maureen Winer- Antique &
Fine Arts Appraisal
Michelle Cavey-Betah-
Hearts of Ireland

April 9, 7 pm

"Gender Strategies"
Trent Kittleman

May 18, 10 am

Legislative Review
Liz Bobo and Gail Bates

Mark Your Calendar

Women's Legislative Briefing

January 27, 2013
Rockville

AAUW Maryland Convention

April 13, 2013
hosted by Harford County

National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)

May 30 - June 1, 2013
University of MD, College Park

AAUW National Conference

"Leading Across Generations"
June 9-12, 2013
New Orleans

Adventures in Dining

*Adventures in Dining at the Trolley
Stop in Ellicott City is rescheduled
for **November 8** at 6:30 pm. Our
December Adventure is at the
Candlelight Inn on Frederick Road -
Tuesday, December 4. I will send
a reminder email.*

Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining

Coming in November...

AAUW Readers

The AAUW Readers are discussing *Midnight in Peking* on **Thursday, November 1**. Subtitled "How the Murder of a Young Englishwoman Haunted the Last Days of Old China," this historical true crime tale is a real page-turner. The author is Paul French, an Englishman by birth but for many years a resident of Shanghai.

Unfortunately, *Midnight In Peking* is still on reserve at the library and is therefore not available for checkout at this time. It is available as a Kindle download for \$12.99; the hardback is going for \$17.10 at Amazon.

Phyllis McGlothlin has once again offered her home as the meeting place for this discussion. If you're planning to attend this meeting, please let Phyllis know. Her e-mail is pmcgloth@aol.com. You can call her at 301-490-7328 for directions.

Roberta Rood
Chair, AAUW Readers

Great Decisions

Monday, November 12, 7 to 9 pm

Topic "Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify"
Home of Frankie Schwenk

Note change from regular meeting day. Meeting moved to second Monday of the month (instead of third Monday) due to Thanksgiving holiday.

Great Decisions is a grassroots discussion program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association to promote citizens' knowledge of world affairs. This is the last meeting of the year. All are welcome to come for the evening.

The group will resume meetings in January, 2013. The new year is a good time to join the group. Discussion topics for 2013:

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| --Future of the Euro | --Humanitarian Intervention |
| --Egypt | --Iran |
| --NATO | --China in Africa |
| --Myanmar and Southeast Asia | --Threat Assessment |

I am taking orders for the 2013 Briefing Book and will order the number of copies requested plus the accompanying DVD. A group order will save on postage costs. The cost per person will be approximately \$25. Contact me by November 16 if you would like me to order a copy for you. (Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523.)

Diane Roca
Chair, Great Decisions

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will next meet on **Thursday, November 29**, at Nordstrom's Cafe in the Columbia Mall at 11:30 am. Just pick up your lunch and join the AAUW table. We look forward to seeing many of you there. Everyone will enjoy some time dining out after cooking for the Thanksgiving holiday!

Gail Rust
Chair, Lunch Bunch

ADVOCACY CORNER

Vote411.org

Vote411.org is a website created by the League of Women Voters that provides election information. The following is some of the information provided:

- *Information on the candidates and the issues;*
- *Build your own ballot;*
- *Absentee voting;*
- *Check your registration status;*
- *Find your poll location; and*
- *Voting machine demo.*

You can access the Website at www.411.org.

*Penny Zervos
Advocacy Committee*

Advocacy for Women's Issues

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) received 11 legislative proposals for consideration at its fall conference October 20 in Baltimore. Six members of AAUW Howard County attended the conference.

Titles of the specific proposals were Earned Sick and Safe Time, Employee Abuse Register, Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking, Child Abuse—Failure to Report, Tobacco Tax, Akin's Law, Sex Crimes—Fondling During a Burglary, Relief for Victims of Dating and Sexual Violence, Service of Process for Protective Orders, Committing a Crime of Violence in the Presence of a Minor, and Health Occupations—Licensed Midwives.

MLAW members will rank the proposals, and the Board of Directors will affirm the top issues to receive support during the coming legislative session. To join MLAW or to review the proposals, visit www.mdlegagenda4women.org.

*Connie Adamson
Advocacy Committee*

AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND AIDS WOMEN FIGHTING DISCRIMINATION

Since 1881 the American Association of Women (AAUW) Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has helped students, faculty, staff, and administrators in higher education challenge discriminatory practices such as sexual harassment, denial of tenure or promotion, pay inequity, and inequality in women's athletics programs.

The AAUW LAF was conceived and implemented to aggregate member contributions to invest in activities that prevent and combat sex discrimination and promote gender equity through support of litigation and educational programs. Beginning January 1, 2009, LAF case support was expanded to address discrimination cases that protect women in all workplaces, as well as those that arise in the academic context. Specifically, LAF will seek to support plaintiffs with significant cases that have the potential to set precedent and protect others against discrimination in the future

LAF initiatives include community and campus outreach programs, a resource library and online advocacy tools, and various research reports.

Through the LAF Campus Outreach Program, AAUW branches and members can receive up to \$750 in funding to implement a gender equity-focused program or event at their local college or university. Requests are accepted on a rolling basis.

Topics for campus outreach may include: sexual harassment on campus, sexual assault on campus, equal pay and preparing for the workplace, Title IX in the context of athletics or women in nontraditional fields, and tenure issues for faculty.

LAF also provides support to workplace sex discrimination cases that have the potential to make a difference for all women. The LAF Resource Library provides access to legal information, case examples, statistics, answers to frequently asked questions, and outside resources on various sex discrimination topics.

AAUW LAF is a 501(c) (3) organization. Contributions to LAF are tax deductible for federal income tax purposes to the full extent allowed by the law.

On October 2, LAF had a Fall Conference Call to provide information on the latest LAF programs and updates. The following seven topics were discussed:

- Case support updates;
- AAUW's June activities to support legislation that will help the women workers of Wal-Mart and to mark the fortieth anniversary of Title IX;
- An amicus brief update: Fisher v. University of Texas;
- Case Support Travel grants;
- LAF Campus Outreach updates;
- Healthy Masculinity Summit; and
- "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard."

If you are interested in more details on the topics discussed on the Conference Call, you may either visit the AAUW website or I can forward a copy of the transcript. My email address is p.zervos@comcast.net.

*Penny Zervos
Advocacy Committee*

Education Committee Sets Practice ACT

AAUW Howard County, in conjunction with the Princeton Review, will sponsor an ACT practice test for high school students on **Saturday, January 12, 2013**, at the Vantage House Auditorium. The "Test Fest," from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm, is modeled after the successful Practice SAT sessions previously offered.

A "Scores Back" Strategy Session will follow on **February 2** from 2:30 to 4 pm, where participants will receive personal reports and learn more about the results.

Taking the practice ACT test under actual testing conditions is a great way for students to try their hands at the types of questions they'll face on the ACT exams. They can build confidence and get comfortable with the testing formats.

Preregistration (www.princetonreview.com) for the sessions is required. The cost for the two sessions is \$15, which is a donation to the AAUW Scholarship Fund.

Checks should be sent to Amy Robinson, 5563 Nettlebed Ct., Columbia, MD 21045.

Amy Robinson,
Co-chair, Education

**Deadline for the
December-January newsletter
is November 23.**

Please send items to
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ccdepass@gmail.com.

Diversity Committee Announces Upcoming Essay Contest for Members

According to The American Heritage Dictionary of The English Language, fourth edition: *Diverse*: Made up of distinct characteristics, qualities, or elements
Diversity: To give variety to; vary

What is more beautiful than a patchwork quilt, made up of a variety of squares that disclose marvelous, color-filled stories? What is at least as beautiful? The Howard County branch of AAUW, made up of people varying in race, nationality, gender, profession, age--all of whom can contribute original ideas to support our mission.

With that in mind, the Diversity Committee decided to hold an essay contest for all interested members. Do you like to write? Do you have innovative ideas that will increase our diversity? If so, this contest is for you. The name of the contest will follow in the next newsletter. The rules are as follows:

Length of the essay: 100-200 words, typed

Subject: How to add more diversity to our branch

Date: January 15, 2013 to March 15, 2013

Judges: Harriet Hertz, Jennifer Ingram, Phyllis McGlothlin,
Marcia Posner, Peggy Wong,

Participants: All AAUW Howard County members, including
Diversity Committee members who are not judges

Essays will be judged on creativity and feasibility of the ideas presented. During the judging, the names of the authors will be unknown to the judges.

Prizes:

First Prize: Dinner for two at a restaurant (worth \$100)

Second Prize: Free membership for one year (worth \$72)

Third Prize: Free ticket to the annual branch tea in May (worth \$25)

Information about how to submit essays will be in the next newsletter. Winners will be announced at the Annual Fashion Show in April.

We look forward to reading many inspiring essays.

Marcia Posner
Diversity Committee

AAUW Hand Crafters Interest Group

Do you knit, crochet, cross stitch, needle point, scrapbook or do any other type of craft? There is interest from our members to start a new group for "crafty people."

For information or to get connected, contact Anne Tarantino at annefox@verizon.net.

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

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Notes from the Cultural Committee

Author Event

Join others from AAUW as we attend an author event on **Thursday, November 29** from 7 to 8:30 pm at the Miller Library in Ellicott City. We will hear William Kamkwamba, now a student at Dartmouth and the best-selling author of *The Boy Who Harnessed the Wind*, which tells the story of how he brought electricity to his village in Malawi.

Register online at www.hclibrary.org, by calling any library branch, or by contacting Jean Salkeld at 410-992-4198.

*Jean Salkeld,
Co-chair, Cultural Committee*

The Music Scene in Howard County

On Sunday September 30, Doris Raytkwich, Jean Salkeld, and I enjoyed a delightful all-Chopin concert presented by Columbia's own Brain Ganz. Mr. Ganz's recital opened the season of performances presented by Sundays at Three, a Chamber Music series. For the complete schedule for 2012-2013, go to <http://www.sundaysatthree.org/sched.html>.

Music lovers should also bear in mind upcoming seasonal concerts by another outstanding group of local musicians, the Columbia Pro Cantare (www.procantare.org). As they have done in years past, this fine choral ensemble will perform Handel's Messiah at the Jim Rouse Theatre in Wilde Lake on **Sunday, December 2** at 7:30 pm.

In addition, the CPC Chamber Singers will present "A Christmas Noel: Holiday Music from the Renaissance to the Present," on **Sunday, December 9** at 3 pm at Christ Episcopal Church, 6800 Oakland Mills Road in Columbia.

*Roberta Rood
Co-chair, Cultural Committee*

A Peek at January's Branch Meeting

Book Bash and More

Join us on **Saturday, January 12** at Union Jack's Restaurant for Book Bash and More. We'll have lots of good reading to recommend, and some good listening and viewing as well.

This year I'll be joined by several fellow librarians, both active and retired - book lovers all! Here are just a few of the titles I'll be sure to have with me:

- *Midnight in Peking*: 'How the Murder of a Young Englishwoman Haunted the Last Days of Old China' by Paul French. (This is the November selection for the AAUW Readers.)
- *Defending Jacob* by William Landay
- *Cop To Corpse* by Peter Lovesey
- *The Dog Who Came In From The Cold* by Alexander McCall Smith

I look forward to seeing many of you at this enjoyable event. On site check out will be provided, so be sure to bring your library card!

Roberta Rood

Welcome AAUW HOCO's New Members



Diana Anim

*BA Psychology
UMBC*

Diana resides in Columbia



Nancy Bowers

*MBA, BA, University of Maryland,
College of Criminology and Business*

Nancy resides in Laurel



Stashia Goray

*BA, University of MD, UMUC, Psychology,
Paralegal Studies*

Stashia resides in Laurel



Mildred Greenwood

BA, Metro State University, Psychology,

Sociology

Mildred resides in Columbia



Janice Koch

*PhD New York University, BS CUNY,
Environmental Science; Science Education*

Janice resides in Fulton



Gloria Keesee

*MBA, BA, University of North Carolina
Greensboro, History and Business*

Gloria resides in Elkridge



Stanette Robinson

*MBA, University of Southern California,
Business Administration*

Stanette resides in Columbia



Peggy Schenk

*MS, Johns Hopkins University, Computer
Science*

Peggy resides in Ellicott City



Pam Smith-Evans

*MS, BS VA State, Towson University,
Fashion, Merchandizing, Textiles and
Communications*

Pam resides in Jessup



Josie Thompson

*BFA, East Carolina University,
Communications and Arts*

Josie resides in Ellicott City



AAUW members gather at the New Members Orientation Tea. (L to R): Millie Greenwood, Shigeyo Ibrahim, Chizoba Ebinama, Pat Reber, Barbara Shuster, Diana Anim, Stashia Goray, Pamela Evans-Smith, Bea Dane, Peggy Schenk, Josie Thompson

New Member Orientation Tea

The New Members' Orientation Tea was held at the home of Janet Hoch on October 23. Janet's beautiful and spacious home was the perfect setting for twelve new members to enjoy refreshments and to get to know one another. Kathy McCarthy and Gay Allen set a beautiful table and welcomed everyone as they entered the house.

Sethanne Howard, Sandra Smith (who was attending her first New Member Tea), and I talked about the many benefits of being a HOCO member. Everyone shared reasons for joining AAUW; the mission, activities, entering a new phase of life, looking for new challenges and to continue to learn and grow. The commonality was to meet new friends.

By the end of the evening, we all agreed that AAUW HOCO had a lot to offer and it provided the means to meet new people while supporting our mission.

Thank you to all who contributed time and effort to make our new members feel welcome.
Lorraine Tropf
President