



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

September, 2012

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

Calendar

AAUW Readers

September 6, 1 pm
Connie Palmieri's home

September Branch Meeting

September 13, 6 pm
Pot Luck Supper
Hebron House, Ellicott City

AAUW Networking Event

September 17, 5 – 7 pm
Union Jack's, Columbia

Great Decisions

September 17, 7 pm
Carol McAuliffe's home

Board Meeting

September 18, 7 pm
Miller Library

Adventures in Dining

September 25, 6:30 pm
*Helas Restaurant
Millersville*

AAUW Lunch Bunch

September 27, 11:30 am
*Nordstrom's Café
Columbia Mall*

AAUW Walkers

September 29, 9 am
Centennial Park

October Branch Meeting

Tuesday, October 9
*Ellicott City Senior Center
"21st Century Diplomacy"
George Clack,
social-media consultant
to the U.S Department of State
(details next issue)*

President's Message

The summer is quickly turning into fall. It is time to embark on another AAUW year! The board members and their committees planned this year's calendar filled with new and favorite AAUWHOCO activities. Plan to get involved in the fun!

The first branch meeting of the year is at Hebron House on Thursday, September 13, a Pot Luck dinner. I hope that you are planning to attend. We will have a business meeting after dinner to vote on the budget, which was published in the August newsletter. A special invitation goes out to new members. This is a very popular event and an easy way to meet new friends.

I am very excited about starting the year. If you need 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.

Happy September!

*Lorraine Tropf
President AAUW Howard County*

"Shop For a Cause" Event Helps Scholarship Fund

AAUW raised \$530 on August 25, when we joined Macy's Shop for a Cause to help fund our scholarships for Howard Community College women! The Columbia Mall event was akin to Black Friday in August with the varied activities, including Zumba demonstrations and nonstop music in a festive atmosphere.

I would particularly like to thank Philanthropy Committee members Bea Dane and Sandra Smith (who sold additional tickets), as well as Schnell Reed Garrett, Linda Martin, Susan Nelson, Marcia Posner, Amy Robinson, Maria Smith, Lorraine Tropf, and Peggy Wong for volunteering at the Columbia Mall for this event.

And special thanks to each of you who supported us with your ticket purchases.

*Loretta Gaffney
Vice President, Philanthropy*

Membership Matters

I have been checking the member roster quite a bit recently and have noticed that several have not renewed their membership. Please consider your status and decide if you can benefit from being a member for \$6 a month or \$72 a year.

You can make lots of friends if you attend events, and you can contribute to the community through projects like the practice SAT. You can help with advocacy by joining the Advocacy Committee or work with the Social Committee, or whichever committee or group you are interested in.

Did you know we have a book club? And a Great Decisions group? And that we have dinner once a month, as well as lunch at Nordstrom's?

Do you want to help promote STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) for girls through Girl Power and our Hammond High School project? Do you want to recruit college students and help with Start Smart workshops to teach them to negotiate salaries?

These are only some of the things we do. There are a lot more, and you can choose what you want to become involved with, one of the nice things about having a large branch.

Contact me or someone on the board if you have questions. If you want to renew, you can do so at the Member Center on www.aauw.org or you can mail a check to Carol McAuliffe, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

*Jennifer Ingram
Vice President, Membership*

Hark Back to 1778 with September's Revolutionary Program

Join our September Pot Luck Supper at 6 pm on **Thursday, September 13**, at Hebron House, 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive in Ellicott City.

You'll hear Dr. Joseph Gagliardi as he takes on the role of Dr. Alexander Dobbs, a colonial doctor. Dr. Dobbs will tell of the plight of the soldiers serving for the American cause during the Revolutionary War. Holding the rank of physician and surgeon, he will explain the medical and surgical techniques used to attend to the colonial army.

Dr. Dobbs looks forward to a lively dialogue with his fellow AAUW colonials as he brings the news of the day to Hebron House in 1778.

If your last name begins with A - N, please bring a salad or a side dish (that will not need to be reheated).

If your last name begins with O - Z, please bring dessert.

Your dish will need to serve 10 people. Bring a serving utensil for your dish and put your name on both items.

PLEASE RSVP by Friday, September 7 to:

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or

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*Gail Brown
Co-Vice President, Programs*

*Kathy McCarthy
Co-Vice-President, Social*

Coming in September...

AAUW Readers

AAUW Readers will meet **Thursday, September 6**, at 1 pm. We'll be reading two books for that discussion: *Death Comes to Pemberley* by P.D. James, and *House Rules* by Jodi Picoult. P.D. James's novel is conceived as a sequel to *Pride and Prejudice*, so revisiting that Jane Austen classic might add to your enjoyment of the P.D. James novel.

Connie Palmieri has offered her home as our meeting place. The address is 13870 Kennard Drive. Please let Connie know if you are coming by calling 410-489-5654 or e-mail conniempalmieri@yahoo.com.

Questions? Please e-mail Roberta at robertarood@earthlink.net

*Roberta Rood
Chair, AAUW Readers*

From National AAUW's Action Network via the Branch Advocacy Committee...

Check Your Voter Registration Status!

*Change your name, move, or graduate recently?
Are you registered to vote?
Are you sure?*

Don't take a chance on Election Day! Double-check your voting status now on AAUW Action Fund's website, www.aauwaction.org.

This innovative website tool comes from Rep. Steny Hoyer, House Democratic Whip from Maryland. The nonpartisan app provides information about registering to vote in all 50 states and even offers electronic reminders for registration and voting deadlines.

Take Action!

Check to make sure you're registered to vote, and then share this app with your friends and family.

Once you've checked your voter registration status, join AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote: I Will be Heard" campaign to help register new voters. Learn about the campaign on the AAUW Action Fund website and through the biweekly campaign update.

Email VoterEd@aauw.org with any questions on how to get involved in your state.

Deadline for the October newsletter is September 21.

*Please send items to
Connie Adamson and Candace dePass at
adamsons@verizon.net and
ccdepass@gmail.com.*

Coming in September (continued)...

Great Decisions

Great Decisions resumes our 2012 topic discussion on **Monday, September 17**, 7 to 9 pm in the home of Carol McAuliffe. This month's topic is "State of the Oceans: Waves of Change." If you have considered joining us, this fall is a good time to come to a meeting.

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. Contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523.

Future Meetings:

Monday, October 15, 7 to 9 pm, Topic: "Indonesia: Prospects for Prosperity"
Hostess: Laura Violand

Monday, November 12, 7 to 9 pm (Note one-time change to second Monday of the month), Topic: "Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify" Hostess: Frankie Schwenk
*Diane Roca
Chair, Great Decisions*

Promote Yourself at Our Networking Event

Want to meet new friends? Promote your business? Promote yourself? Come to AAUW Howard County's Networking Event at Union Jack's Pub by the Mall in Columbia on **Monday, September 17** from 5 to 7 pm. Cost is \$15 to cover the expense of the food – a nice spread that you can munch on – and non-alcoholic beverages.

Bring business cards and promotional materials or just bring yourself and find new friends. To register, contact me at jenniferingram@comcast.net. Or mail a \$15 check payable to AAUW Howard County to me at 5570 Vantage Point Road, Unit 1, Columbia, MD 21044.

We will be having a sale on membership at this event for those who attend. The membership dues will be \$47.50 with \$21 tax deductible.

*Jennifer Ingram
Vice President, Membership*

Adventures in Dining

Due to the Labor Day holiday and the Pot Luck dinner on September 13, we will be dining on the **LAST Tuesday** of the month, **September 25**. We are going to Helas Restaurant, 8498 Veterans Hwy., Millersville. Reservations will be for 6:30 pm, but those who would like to carpool should meet at the Harvester Baptist Church near the Dorsey Search Village Center. The carpool will leave the parking lot promptly at 5:45.

Please RSVP to me at carolmcauliffe@verizon.net if you plan to attend and whether or not you will be part of the carpool.

The next Adventure will be **October 30**, the last Tuesday of October since the election is the first Tuesday in November. More details will follow. Our final Adventures in Dining will be on Tuesday, **December 4** at the Candlelight Inn in Catonsville.

*Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining*

Diversity

What does diversity mean? Of course, there is the dictionary and Wikipedia. But, what does it mean to us personally?

To some of us, it means that a well-deserving person was passed over for a promotion. To another, it means a plethora of ethnic restaurants to choose from for a lunch out. And to many others, it just means that certain months are designated as heritage months for certain groups.

We are a group of educated women living in the most affluent country in the world, advocating equality for women. In theory, we advocate equality for all people.

Yet, we harbor many prejudices of our own. Is it human nature to prejudge before the actual experience, or meeting, or knowing? We carelessly group people together when we talk about immigrants, or religion, or the uneducated, or people in service positions.

We strive to get women the recognition that they deserve. But, do we not still talk of others grouped as "they" if people are different from us?

There is no need to embrace everyone that we meet, but we do need to re-assess how we judge that person. If we are wont to categorize everything and everyone, then we just need to put that person into the category of "people."

*Peggy Wong,
Chair, Diversity*

Coming in September (continued)...

Lunch Bunch

Relax and munch with AAUW members at the monthly Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am on **Thursday, September 27**, at the Nordstrom's Café at the Columbia Mall. Order your lunch, then find a spot at the AAUW tables in the center of the restaurant. Have a quick bite or choose to linger and chat; the conversation is always interesting.

Team AAUW - Walk to End Alzheimer's

Join our Team AAUW as we Walk to End Alzheimer's on **Saturday, September 29**. The walk will be held at Centennial Park in Ellicott City. Registration starts at 9 am and the Walk at 10 am.

Alzheimer's disease is a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, cognition and behavior. It is not a normal part of aging. Alzheimer's disease gets worse over time, and women seem to be affected by the disease more often than men.

One of the best ways you can keep your brain healthy is to get exercise and eat a well-balanced diet. That's why we are forming Team AAUW to participate in the event. Not only will we walk, but hopefully, everyone will consider a contribution.

Join our team and help to raise awareness and much needed funds to end this disease. For more information, contact Gail Brown 301-543-6041 or email gail.brown@lfq.com.

*Gail Brown
Chair, AAUW Walkers*

A Note from the Cultural Committee

Sundays At Three, a chamber music series, is a nonprofit music organization in Howard County dedicated to presenting chamber music concerts and recitals that feature the finest talent in the Baltimore-Washington area. Concerts are at 3 pm on Sundays, once a month between September and May at Christ Episcopal Church, a wonderfully intimate setting for chamber music, located at 6800 Oakland Mills Road (at the Dobbin Road intersection).

Audience members may join in the introductory discussion and musical demonstrations at most concerts. Also, the audience is invited to meet the musicians and share complimentary, light refreshments following the concerts. The ticket price is \$15.

Although the AAUW Howard County Cultural Committee will not be purchasing the tickets for AAUW members, you can access this series online at www.SundaysAtThree.org. There you will find the specifics of musical offerings and further ticket information.

The first concert of the season is **September 30**. Pianist Brian Ganz, a Columbia native, will perform an all-Chopin program.

*Roberta Rood
Co-chair, Cultural Committee*

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

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All on a Summer Saturday Morning...



Students practice taking the SAT during an AAUW session

Practice SAT exams

One of my favorite things that our branch does is to host practice SAT exams for middle and high school students. We held a practice exam on July 28 at Vantage House, with a Scores Back session on August 18. We had 85 students registered for this exam with 61 actually attending. They wolfed down the cookies and cakes that Vantage House prepared. The branch made \$980 from this effort, with some members' kids taking the test also.

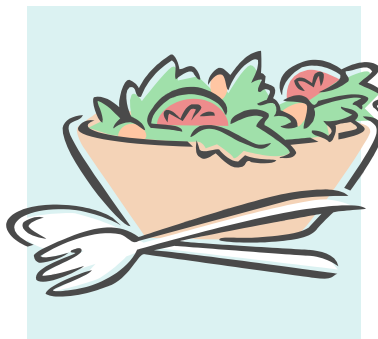
It is a great chance for students to practice the college entrance exam before taking the real one. The Princeton Review, an AAUW partner, furnishes the materials and proctors to administer the exam. Did you know that AAUW members get a 15% discount on The Princeton Review services? Go to www.PrincetonReview.com to find out what they offer.

The branch has done so well with this project that we are planning to host a practice ACT exam soon and another practice SAT in the winter. If you want to help with these, please contact the Education Co-Vice Presidents Cynthia Cupples, Amy Robinson, and Thao Tran.

Jennifer Ingram
Membership Vice-President



You are cordially invited to the Howard County Branch
of AAUW Potluck Dinner and General Meeting
Thursday, September 13, 2012, 6:00 P.M. at
Hebron House, 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City



The entrées will be roast turkey and ham.

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a side dish (that will not need to be reheated.)

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Your dish will need to serve 10 people.

Bring a serving utensil for your dish and put your name on both items.

PLEASE RSVP by Friday, September 7

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We are pleased to have as our guest speaker

Dr. Joseph Gigliardi aka Dr. Dobbs

Dr. Alexander Dobbs will tell of the plight of the soldiers serving for the American cause. Dr. Dobbs holds the rank of Physician and Surgeon and will explain the medical and surgical techniques that he uses to attend to the colonial army during the American Revolutionary War.



Networking Event

Monday, September 17, 2012

Union Jack's Pub

10400 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD

5:00pm – 7:00pm

Appetizers and Non-alcoholic drinks served

\$15 per person to register

Cash Bar

Networking and Socializing

Sale on AAUW Memberships

Bring your business cards and brochures

**Preregistration required by 9/12, contact Jennifer Ingram 410-740-4276 or
aauwhocomembers@gmail.com**

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SPACE IS LIMITED, SO SIGN UP QUICKLY!