

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

April 2014

CALENDAR

April

Adventures in Dining

April 1, 6:30pm
Pachanga Cocina Mexicana

Annual Meeting

April 8
Ellicott City Senior Center

Board Meeting

April 15, 7pm
Miller Library

Great Decisions

April 21, 7pm
Jill Lapidés' Home

Lunch Bunch

April 24, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

Fashion Show

April 26, 1pm
Vantage House

May

Spring Orientation Meeting

May 27
Janet Hoch's Home

June

Cultural Committee

June 1
Columbia House Tour

Women of Distinction Ceremony

June 5, 7:30pm – 9:30pm
National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

Branch Meeting – Salad Supper and Desserts with the Board

June 10, 7pm
Ellicott City Senior Center

Reminder: *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.*



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The 50th Anniversary Reception began and finished on a musical note. We had 65 attendees who found their way to the Applied Physics Lab. APL generously provided space for the celebration. We thank them.

Charter members shared remembrances of the past, we read members' favorite HOCO stories on a Memory Wall, and "Tropical Soul Jazz Trio" filled the room with festive music. The trio donated their talents for this special occasion. Thanks so much!

We sampled delicious ethnic food provided by the Diversity committee, enjoyed cake and viewed a slide show which captured our 50 year history. We awarded four of the five scholarships to appreciative recipients.

The 50th Anniversary committee did an outstanding job of planning and executing the reception. Thank you to them, all of the committees, branch, and family members who contributed to the success of the celebration. The 1964 Ellicott City Branch members would be proud to see how far the Branch has come.

Our annual meeting is on April 8. After guest speaker Dr. Janice Koch's talk, we will have the election of officers. The following is the list of nominees.

President	Bea Dane
1 st VP	Donna Aycock
Co VPs Membership	Janet Hoch, April North and Rhonda Tomlinson
Co VPs Education	Amy Robinson and Pam Savage
Co VPs Programs	Elizabeth Ombija and Karen Ownbey

The Education Committee attended Girl Power again this year on March 9 at APL. Thank you to those of you who participated at the event and for supporting young girls interested in STEM.

Once again, HOCO had a busy month filled with fun and activities. We are looking forward to the Fashion Show on April 26.

Lorraine Tropf, President

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

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Membership Corner



Howard County is the Largest AAUW Branch in Maryland

Pat yourself on the back! It was *all of us* in the branch working as a team that made our success possible.

The Howard County Maryland branch of AAUW is officially the largest AAUW branch in Maryland, according to AAUW National. We had 119 members on the 2/1/14 census date and the second largest branch only had 85 members. Since that date we have added 6 new members, so we are now up to 125 members!

Also according to AAUW National, we added 39 new members over the year ending 2/1/14. The next closest branch had added only 12 new members.

How did we do it? *You all* did it by working as a friendly welcoming team and introducing potential members to our group. You made our branch so attractive to potential members. One look at our website and event/activities filled newsletter blows people away. So take a bow and keep up the good work of making our branch committed to women's issues, and also a dynamic and friendly group that has a lot of fun.

Janet Hoch and Doris Raytkwich, CoVPs Membership



This Month

Adventures in Dining

We will be meeting at Pachanga Cocina Mexicana restaurant - 10291 Baltimore National Pike, Ellicott City on **Tuesday, April 1** at 6:30pm. We went there last year and Tuesday happens to be steak special night. All the food was delicious!! Please let me know if you do plan on attending so that I may make appropriate reservations.

Carol (McAuliffe) Phelps, Chair, Adventures in Dining

April Meeting Announcement

You won't want to miss the **April 8** meeting. We are delighted to announce our featured speaker is Dr. Janice Koch PhD who will be speaking on the topic, STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math). Dr. Koch is a retired Professor of Science Education at Hofstra University in Long Island, NY where she directed IDEAS- the Institute for the Development of Education in the Advanced Sciences. In addition, she is the past President of the Association for Science Teacher Education (ASTE) an organization that promotes excellence in science teacher education world-wide through scholarship and innovation. Join us to learn more about STEM and the work that is being done to support the program.

Gail Brown, VP, Programs

Great Decisions

Monday, April 21

7:00 – 9:00 p.m.

Topic: *Islamic Awakening*

Home of Jill Lapidés

Great Decisions is a grassroots discussion program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association to promote citizens' knowledge of world affairs. FPA publishes a briefing book with articles on eight topics chosen for the year. Group members purchase the book and read the article before the meeting. At meetings, we start by watching a DVD with a PBS program on the topic, and then discuss questions from the briefing book.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Discussions are lively and informative. You are welcome to join the group for one or all topics. If you wish to receive a monthly e-mail with meeting details, contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or [410-964-3523](tel:410-964-3523). Order your own discussion book at www.fpa.org. The cost is \$20.

Future Meetings:

NOTE: No meetings in July and August.

Monday, May 19 7:00 p.m. Topic: *Energy Independence* Home of Trent Kittleman

Monday, June 16 7:00 p.m. Topic: *Food and Climate* Home of Gaynel Allen

Monday, September 15 7:00 p.m. Topic: *China's Foreign Policy* Home of Laura Violand

Monday, October 20 7:00 p.m. Topic: *U.S. Trade Policy* Home of Gail Rust

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, April 24** at 11:30am, in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. All members are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Fashion Show

The Fashion Show is soon! **Saturday, April 26** at 1:00pm at Vantage House. Please respond and mail your ticket requests back to Bea Dane ASAP! You received 4 tickets, if you need more contact Linda Martin and she will send you additional tickets or some tickets.

Join the fun, the accessories and book sale will begin before the show, lots of fabulous items this year! Come to the show with no accessories on and we will complete your outfit!

Also, great door prizes to award during the show. If you cannot make it to the show, please purchase a ticket or two, as this is our largest fundraiser for the year and we need everyone's support.

Models: Remember to contact Lord&Taylor last week March for your appointment. Instructions have been sent out to all models. If any questions, please email me at: pmcglath@aol.com.

Thanks for your support.

Phyllis McGlothlin, CoVP, Philanthropy

Membership Corner Continued...

It Is Now Time to Renew Your Membership

Now is the time to renew your AAUW membership for the 2014-2015 year. The renewal for National, State and Branch membership is \$72 payable by June 30.

You can renew your membership online at the branch website at <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/members-only> or at AAUW.org. Or send a check to Bea Dane at 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737. Please make all checks out to AAUW Howard County.

Please contact Janet Hoch at [301-725-1807](tel:301-725-1807) or janetahoch@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Spring Orientation Meeting for New and Prospective Members

Our branch Spring Orientation is scheduled for **Tuesday, May 27** at Janet Hoch's house. The Membership Committee has the Branch Orientations four times a year for two reasons. First is to help new members learn about the branch and figure out the activities that interest them.

The second reason is to allow prospective members to learn about the organization, all we do, and the activities that are available. If you have a friend you think may be interested in AAUW and would like to attend the Orientation, please contact Janet Hoch at janetahoch@verizon.net.

*Janet Hoch and Doris Raytkwich,
CoVPs Membership*

Observing Equal Pay Day

April 8 is "Equal Pay Day," the symbolic day when women's earnings catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. That means it takes women about three extra months of work to make up the 23 percent difference. A new report available through the AAUW Website (www.aauw.org) provides the history of the gender pay gap as well as analysis of the effect on different categories of women. One significant finding in *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* is that women age 35-54 face a significantly wider disparity in pay than do younger women. Equal Pay Day this year falls between two anniversaries that have helped women make progress in the workplace, although much remains to be done. January 2 was the fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and July 2 is the 50th anniversary of Civil Rights Act.

AAUW asks you to wear red on April 8 in observance of Equal Pay Day.

Connie Adamson, CoVP, Advocacy

accepted to the University of Baltimore, where she will pursue her bachelor's degree in healthcare information systems.

Raja Chahdi is the mother of three boys and she sees continuing her education as the best way of providing a good life for them. She has maintained a B+ average in the pre-med program at HCC while also working as a pharmacy technician. She looks forward to being involved with the Women's Center at the University of Maryland College Park, where she will pursue a bachelor's degree in biology. Her ultimate goal is a medical career.

Laetitia Messi is awarded the Joetta Cramm Memorial Scholarship. She is the "single mother of four wonderful, very bright children," whom she teaches that "with help, some push, and a bit of determination, anything can be accomplished." She was volunteering at Laurel General Hospital when she found her calling to occupational therapy. Laetitia graduated from HCC in 2013 and has been accepted at Towson University, where she will start her bachelor's program this fall.

Stephanie Hoyte is also the single mother of three children. She has worked for more than twelve years at the House of Ruth as a family advocate for women and children surviving domestic violence. Stephanie has maintained a B+ average at HCC, and she will graduate this spring with an associate's degree in human services. She plans to pursue a bachelor's degree in social work at UMBC.

Each of the five winners receives a \$2000 scholarship and a year's membership in AAUW-Howard County. Whether at the Fashion Show, the New Members' Tea, or the May brunch, we hope that Branch Members will have many opportunities to congratulate them on their past achievements and their future goals.

Cynthia Cupples, CoVP, Education

AAUW Awards Five Scholarships in Honor of 50th Anniversary

The Education Committee proudly announces the winners of the AAUW-Howard County scholarships, for non-traditional women graduating from Howard Community College and beginning bachelor's degree programs at four-year institutions. This year we are celebrating the Branch's fiftieth anniversary by awarding five scholarships rather than the usual three. The two additional scholarships are named to honor the memory of long-time members Joetta Cramm and Jane Trolinger. We are very grateful to branch member Maureen Marshall, Assistant Director of the Career Links program at HCC, for her hard work in securing a record number of outstanding candidates.

Audra K. Medley is awarded the Jane Trolinger Memorial Scholarship. An L.P.N., certified firefighter, and EMT trained in anti-terrorism and hazmat operations, Audra Medley received her associate's degree in nursing from HCC in December 2013. Audra has been accepted at the University of Notre Dame of Maryland and hopes one day to start a "business focusing on health and welfare through diet and exercise."

Grace Aderogba-Olaiya is the mother of a five-year-old boy and "live[s] to be a good example to him." She has worked for more than twelve years as a specialist in medical accounts receivable. Grace will graduate from HCC this spring with an associate's degree in information technology. She has been

Congratulations to our Scholarship Recipients!

Pictured from left to right: Maureen Marshall, Raja Chahdi, Audra Medley, Grace Aderogba-Olaiya, Laetitia Messi, Lorraine Tropf, Amy Robinson, and Cynthia Cupples.



Branch's 50 Year Reception Reflects AAUW's Gifts and Values

A reception celebrating the 50th anniversary of AAUW Howard County was held at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) on March 23, 2014. Sixty-five members and guests attended. Flowers, decorations and enthusiastic greeters warmed the APL cafeteria. Attendees were treated to a variety of light appetizers that included stuffed grape leaves, vegetarian chicken liver spread, jerk chicken, sushi rolls, mandoo (Korean pot stickers) and sambusa (Ethiopian fried dumplings) provided by the branch's Diversity Committee and representing the varied ethnic backgrounds of our members. A slide presentation, developed by committee members from archived materials, played throughout the reception. The presentation, invited members to identify old friends and recall special occasions and activities that occurred during the preceding 50 years. Favorite AAUW moments recalled by current members were posted on a memories banner. Music provided by the Tropical Soul Jazz Trio accompanied the festivities, and a champagne toast and cake capped the afternoon event.

Old and new members greeted each other with delight and caught up on news. Several members brought daughters and granddaughters hoping to pass on to them the concrete and intangible benefits of membership. One past president, Mary Ruos, traveled 100 miles to attend the event! BJ Fisher, a charter member and past president, came with another member from the "early days", Joyce Nash. The slide show reminded past members of visits to museums and first generation fashion shows and sparked happy reminiscences.



Pictured from left to right: BJ Fisher, Mary Ruos, Phyllis Cook, Marcia Posner, Frankie Schwenk

The program included remarks from our AAUW State President, Pat Stocker, who emphasized how special our 50 year "jubilee" celebration was. She praised the branch for the "persistence, vigor and passion" needed to thrive and grow as our branch has, over the course of five decades.

Branch president, Lorraine Tropf recognized both charter members and past presidents whose efforts made the milestone possible. She also read greetings from the Branch's first president, Bonnie Sisk, who now lives in Texas and was unable to attend. Ms. Sisk noted that she would have loved to be there to "share the passion of old and young members for promoting the equality of women and girls." Demonstrating our branch's continued commitment to fostering equal opportunity, Ms. Tropf announced the awarding of five scholarships to non-traditional women students. Four of the five women were able to attend the reception and were introduced to an appreciative audience. (See "AAUW Awards Five Scholarships in Honor of 50th

Anniversary," on page two.) Hearing briefly about their background and aspirations and seeing their appreciation for the financial help received rekindled the pride of membership of many attendees.

When asked her impressions of AAUW after attending the reception, one scholarship recipient, Laetitia Messi, summed up the experience enthusiastically, saying: "I can see it takes many women, with many talents to create an event like this." Indeed, the celebration mirrored the "how" and "how well" our branch operates, bringing all of our talents and interests to bear on issues that are important to us.

The 50th Anniversary Committee was co-chaired by 1st Vice Presidents, Cookie Cogan and Sandra Smith and included members Bea Dane, Stashia Goray, Susan Hailman, Shigeyo Ibrahim, Rita Kaiser, Inge Stocklin, Dawn Thompsen, Josie Thompson, Lorraine Tropf, Laura Violand, Morag Wheedlun, Penny Zervos. Their efforts, combined with help from the Social Committee and the Diversity Committee contributed to an amazing event!



Thank You for Celebrating Our 50th Anniversary with us!

AAUW'S ANNUAL FASHION SHOW

**Saturday, April 26, 2014
1pm - 3pm**

**Vantage House
5400 Vantage Point Road, Columbia 21044**

A Celebration of Style!

AAUW Howard County's 50th Anniversary



Fashions by Lord & Taylor - Columbia Mall

**Tickets: \$20
Book Sale
Fabulous Accessories Sale
Door Prizes
Refreshments**

To benefit the philanthropic programs of the
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AAUW Upfront and Personal at Hopkin's Girl Power

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Johns Hopkins's Applied Physics Laboratory (APL) facility provides a perfect venue for showcasing various aspects of science, technology, engineering, and mathematics, or STEM, as these terms are collectively known. It is particularly well-suited for the freneticism of the annual STEM event called Girl Power. Each year STEM volunteers flock to Hopkin's APL to share our enthusiasm for our professions with as many girls as will talk to us. Apparently, last year's count was 750 girls, impressive!

This year, our AAUW table was right out front near the registration staff, as well as near to the auditorium entrance where several special programs were being held throughout the afternoon. We were amid inestimable foot traffic--and loving it!! The girls who came through those entrance doors were enthusiastic, engaged, excited, intense, interested and ready to have fun. We were too!

Our AAUW contingency consisted of Jeannie Parr and her now infamous self-inflating Smiley-Face balloons ("stomping required"), courtesy of the American Chemical Society; Sethanne Myers, Barbara Parker, and their infinite enthusiasm; Amy Robinson and her chemistry and biology expertise; and me, Deb McLaughlin, with my two young STEM assistant helpers and a collection of visual perceptual challenges. During the afternoon, we were also joined by other AAUW members including our president, Lorraine Tropf. Together, for three hours, we all took on questions about AAUW, about baking soda and citric acid, and about neural processing of stereoscopic visual input to brain. Whew!

A few parents stopped by as well. A few women showed interest in learning more about AAUW and membership, many acknowledging recognition of the AAUW brand. *I'm already looking forward to next year.*

You can learn more Girl Power at APL's media site:

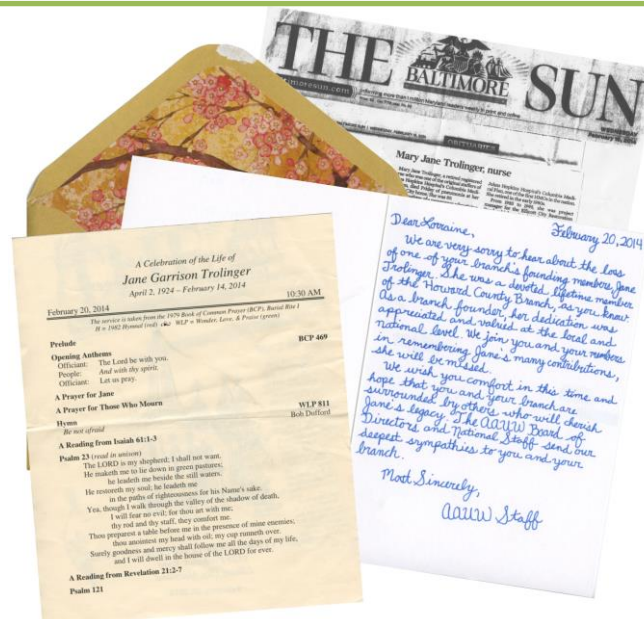
<http://www.jhuapl.edu/newscenter/pressreleases/2014/140225.asp> and at

<http://www.youtube.com/watch?v=UYjxG-CF-eY>

Deb McLaughlin, Education Committee Member

A Final Tribute to a 70-Year AAUW HOCO Member, Jane Trolinger

"...In lieu of flowers, gifts in memory of Jane may be made to The Howard County Chapter of the American Association of University Women (AAUW)."



Deadline for the May newsletter is April 21. Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at ccdepass@gmail.com and josie@josiedesigns.com