



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

April, 2013

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

Calendar

Adventures in Dining

April 2, 6:30 pm
LeeLyn's Restaurant
Near Dorsey Search
Village Center

April Branch Meeting

April 9, 7 pm
Gender Strategy
Trent Kittleman
Ellicott City Senior Center

Great Decisions

April 15, 7 pm
Trent Kittleman's home

AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

April 13, 8:30 am to 4 pm
Bel Air, Maryland

Discovery Fair

April 13, 10 am to 1 pm
East Columbia Library

Board Meeting

April 16, 7 pm
Lorraine Tropf's home

Cultural Outing

April 17, 10 am
National Cryptologic Museum
Fort Meade

AAUW Lunch Bunch

April 25, 11:30 am
Nordstrom's Café
Columbia Mall

AAUW Fashion Show

April 27, 1 to 3 pm
Vantage House
Columbia

Adventures in Dining

May 7, 6:30 pm
Location TBD

President's Message

Hi Everyone,

Welcome to Spring!

We had a new members' orientation at Janet Hoch's house at the end of February. Kathy McCarthy and Gaynel Allen, Social VPs, made sure that everyone had plenty of goodies to eat! Check out the article on the orientation in this newsletter. Thank you to everyone who helped to welcome our new members.

Education Committee members Jeannie Parr and Deb McLaughlin dazzled girls with science projects at Girl Power, which was held at the Applied Physics Lab on March 17. Jeannie submitted an article and pictures in this newsletter about the event. Thank you Jeannie, Deb and the Education Committee for representing AAUW HOCO at this event.

Saturday, March 23 was the practice SAT test. Over 30 students filed into Vantage House to take the test. Princeton Review administered the exam, while branch volunteers registered applicants and helped proctor the test. The proceeds from the test will go to the branch's philanthropic funds. Another thank you to the Education Committee and volunteers.

As we move into April, there are two events on April 13, the State Convention and the Discovery Fair. You can read about the State Convention and carpools to the convention in the newsletter.

The Discovery Fair will run from 10 am to 1 pm at East Columbia Branch Library. It is an event for pre-school children. It is filled with fun activities to pique the children's interest in science. For information contact Anne Trent. Thanks, Anne.

The Branch's Annual Fashion Show is on April 27. The theme is "Let's Go on Vacation." The Fashion Show is one of our major fundraisers. Look for tickets for the show via postal mail. You are encouraged to purchase the tickets or to sell them. If you can purchase only one ticket or sell one ticket, it goes a long way to the overall success of this fundraiser. The cost of a ticket is \$20.

April 9, is our annual meeting and election of officers. The nominees were listed in the March newsletter. Please note there is a change in the nominee for Social Co Vice President. Rhonda Tomlinson will replace Schnell Reed Garret.

Thanks so much for your support of branch functions. Last month, we had 36 attendees at the branch meeting, which was the largest number since July. Thank you for volunteering on committees and all that you do to make our branch a great organization.

Lorraine Tropf
President, AAUW Howard County

May Branch Meeting

May 18, 10 am

Legislative Review

Liz Bobo and Gail Bates

Fashion Show!

Most of us spend our days in serious pursuits – scientific research, foreign policy, education, medicine, parenting (tiger mom or laissez-faire).

For two hours on Saturday, April 27, let us take a break from our everyday world to help others pursue their dreams of higher education.

We can continue to make the Fashion Show our biggest fundraiser by buying or selling all the tickets that we receive in the mail. Then, at the Fashion Show, we can fantasize about our vacations as we sample the mini pastries and view the resort wear modeled by our branch members.

This year, there will be an array of accessories for silent auction as well as a generous collection of door prizes. Exciting, too, will be the announcement of the winners of our essay contest on diversity.

See you there!

Peggy Wong

Fashion Show Committee

50th Anniversary Appetizers Did you know?

In our 40th Anniversary year, the Howard County branch of AAUW had only 42 members. As we approach our 50th Anniversary, we have 122 members.

If you've joined since 2004, what is your primary reason for belonging to AAUW? Send your answer to: shailman@comcast.net.

We'll tally and include your quotes in our anniversary celebration.

April Branch Meeting...

AAUW's Own Trent Kittleman Speaks on Gender Strategy

Author and branch member Trent Kittleman is our guest speaker at the Howard County branch meeting on **April 9**. Trent is the co-author of the book, **Why Must There Be Dragons? Empowering Women to Master Their Careers Without Changing Men**. The meeting is at the Ellicott City Senior Center from 7 to 9 pm.

It's no secret that men and women often communicate very differently. While we may be amused by the idea that *Men are from Mars; Women Are from Venus*, author John Grey highlights some uncomfortable truths about the abilities of men and women to communicate successfully in their personal relationships.

Unfortunately, the business world is not immune to such gender-based communication differences. How we use words, our tone of voice, patterns of speech, body language, and conversation 'rituals' often lead to misunderstanding and miscommunication between men and women . . . and to the perception of discrimination.

Join us to hear Trent, discuss the communication differences between men and women....and why there are still Dragons.

*Gail Brown,
Vice President, Programs*

AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

April 13, 8:30 am to 4 pm

Bel Air, Maryland

Let's show our support for AAUW Maryland by attending the State Convention!

The agenda includes national AAUW board member Katherine Braeman on "Finding our Voices and Exercising our Power," a panel of experts on "Standing up to Human Trafficking," and new and inspiring portraits of leading women by Kate Campbell Stevenson.

Howard County branch members who would like to carpool will leave together at 7 am in order to arrive by 8:30. We will determine a meeting location when we know who plans to carpool. Please contact Lorraine Tropf (lmerdon@verizon.net) if you want to carpool.

If you plan to go to the convention the evening before, check out your copy of the *Marylander* for the evening agenda and accommodations. Registration forms are in the *Marylander* and on the state website.

Registration ends **April 8** and is \$40. Mail the registration form and check payable to "AAUW MD" to Roxann King, 209 Doncaster Rd., Arnold, MD 21012-1037.

*Lorraine Tropf
President, AAUW Howard County*

WHAT IS EQUAL PAY DAY?

The National Committee on Pay Equity originated Equal Pay Day in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men's and women's wages.

Tuesday, April 9 is Equal Pay Day. This date symbolizes how far into 2013 women must work to earn what men earned in 2012. Tuesday was selected to represent how far into the workweek women must work to earn what men earned the previous week.

Pay Equity is a solution to eliminating wage discrimination and closing the wage gap.

*Penny Zervos
Advocacy Committee*

UPDATE: Violence Against Women Act

President Obama signed the Violence Against Women Act on March 7. AAUW lobbyists worked hard to promote the final version.

AAUW member Nancy Yee invites you to "NETWORKING w/ NANCY," Monday, April 22, 4-7 pm at CHAMPPS in the Columbia Mall.

Drop by anytime to eat and visit with a diverse group of people. No agenda; just invite family and friends. Everyone is welcome.

Call Nancy at 410-964-3706 or send an e-mail to nancy_yee2@hotmail.com with any questions. RSVP if you plan to attend (not binding but helpful).

Deadline for the May newsletter is April 22.

Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at ccdepass@gmail.com and josie@josiedesigns.com.

Coming in April...

Adventures in Dining

Join the Adventures in Dining group at LeeLynn's near the Dorsey Search Village Center on **Tuesday, April 2** at 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to Connie Palmieri at conniepalmieri@yahoo.com if you do plan to attend so that she may make reservations.

I hope you all have a great evening and hopefully I will see you in May. The date is **May 7**, and the location is to be determined.

*Carol McCauliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining*

Great Decisions

Monday, April 15, 7 to 9 pm
Topic: *Myanmar and Southeast Asia*
Home of Trent Kittleman

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, then discuss questions from the briefing book.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7 to 9 pm. 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. Please order your own briefing book at www.fpa.org. The cost is \$20.

Future Meetings

May 20, Topic: *Humanitarian Intervention and U.S. Policy* (Home of Gaynel Allen)
June 17, Topic: *Iran and the U.S.: Three Decades of Futility* (Host TBD)
Sept. 16, Topic: *China in Africa: Savior or Self-Interest?* (Home of Bea Dane)
Oct. 21, Topic: *Assessing Threats to the U.S.* (Home of Gail Rust)

NOTE: No meetings in July and August.

*Diane Roca
Chair, Great Decisions*

Special Cultural Outing

There is still time to sign up for the trip to the National Cryptologic Museum at Fort Meade on **Wednesday, April 17** at 10 am. Please contact Janie Jones for details and to sign up for this activity. Janie's email is janiej@comcast.net. Her phone number is 410-730-6156.

*Robert Rood
Cultural Co-Chair*

Lunch Bunch

Relax and munch with AAUW members at the monthly Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am on **Thursday, April 25**, at the Nordstrom's Café at the Columbia Mall. Order your lunch, then find a spot at the AAUW tables in the rear of the restaurant. Have a quick bite or choose to linger and chat; the conversation is always interesting.

*Gail Rust
Chair, Lunch Bunch*

Have You Noticed?

AAUW has introduced a new website (www.aauw.org), accented by our first new logo in more than 20 years. These changes, which also include an updated tagline and a fresh color palette, are designed to place AAUW on the cutting edge of digital communications and appeal to a broad audience.

As plans for the new website unfolded, the AAUW Board of Directors decided to move forward with a new logo to accompany the updated site. The most recent logo was introduced in 1990, and it was starting to show its age, especially in an increasingly digital world.

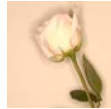
A logo working group, composed of board members and staff, took on the task of creating the new logo. They wanted a modern, more readable typeface for the logo and a tagline that would instantly convey who we are and what we do. The new logo emphasizes the "W" as the central element of our name and work and has a more global look.

To develop the tagline, the working group tried another new trend, crowdsourcing. They posted a description of AAUW and our communications goals on *Crowdspring* and invited freelance writers from around the world to submit ideas. The process netted more than 2,000 entries and showed remarkable consensus around the themes of empowerment and AAUW's extensive history.

The working group quickly settled on "Empowering women since 1881" as the new tagline, and the board approved it unanimously in October.



WELCOME NEW AAUW HOCO MEMBERS



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Michelle resides in Frederick



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Eileen resides in Columbia



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Jill resides in Columbia



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New Branch Members and Familiar Faces Are Welcomed to AAUWHOCO

February 26 was a cold and rainy evening. However, the warm and friendly home of hostess Janet Hoch helped members arriving for orientation, quickly forget the dreary weather.

Becca Hoch, Janet's 7- year old granddaughter greeted members with a sign she made, "Welcome AAUW." She gave out name tags and orientation booklets to each guest as they arrived, while Gaynel Allen and Kathy McCarthy added an artistic touch to setting a beautiful table filled with treats.

Candace de Pass, Susan Hailman, Annie Hopson, Rita Kaiser, Claire Kim, Betty Rice, Cathy Schneider, Elizabeth Stephen and Morag Weedlun learned about AAUW's history, mission, HOCO's branch events, committees and ways to get involved from Sethanne Howard, Sandra Smith and Lorraine Tropf.

The group was asked, "Why did you join AAUW?" The common response was to meet new people and make friends. I think our branch can meet their expectations! At the end of the evening, everyone headed out into the rain but not before seeing another of Becca's signs posted on the door, "Good-bye AAUW."

Lorraine Tropf
President

Honoring the Past, Empowering the Future

As we move towards our half century celebrations, we'll take time to honor the history—both local and national—that led us here. Here are a few AAUW History Brief Facts:

- 1. It all began with a meeting of 17 like-minded women who had defied society's standards by earning college degrees. That was in 1881, 125 years ago.*
- 2. The Association of Collegiate Alumnae, AAUW's fore bearer, is formally organized on Jan. 14, 1882, with 65 graduates of eight colleges and universities as founding members. Their purpose: to unite alumnae of different institutions in "practical education work." Wesleyan University (Conn.) and the Massachusetts Institute of Technology are admitted as charter members.*

Cookie Cogan
50th Anniversary Chair

AAUW Supports STEM Education for Girls

The Education Committee hosted a very successful event at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab's **Girl Power**, which promotes STEM education and careers for women. Branch members Cynthia Cupples, Deb McLaughlin, Jean Parr and Lorraine Tropf staffed two tables, which were visited by 1,100 attendees on March 17.

AAUW-Howard County had two activities for middle- and high-school aged girls. Deb McLaughlin presented a hands-on exploration of the *Science of Perpetual Illusions*. We also distributed 600 self-inflating balloons, a donation from the American Chemical Society. The balloons were very engaging as students discovered how the products of a chemical reaction can be used for many purposes.

The event also generated interest in membership in AAUW among several adult attendees.



*Jean Parr,
Education Committee*

News Flash! We had a very successful day on March 23 with our practice SAT. Thirty-three students from middle school to juniors in high school took the test. Our partnership with Princeton Review continues to be very productive and Vantage House provided a great venue for us. Thanks to everyone who helped.

*Amy Robinson
Education Co-Chair*

AAUW'S ANNUAL BENEFIT FASHION SHOW

Saturday, April 27, 2013

1pm - 3pm

The Vantage House

5400 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD 21044

*Tickets \$20 at door
Refreshments
Door Prizes
Silent Auction*

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