



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

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

Calendar

Adventures in Dining

August 7, 6:30 pm

Nick's Fish House, Baltimore

Board Meeting

August 21, 7 pm

Miller Library

Philanthropy Project

Macy's Shop for A Cause

August 25, 9 am – 5 pm

Columbia Mall

AAUW Lunch Bunch

August 30, 11:30 am

Nordstrom's Café

Columbia Mall

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

AAUW Lunch Bunch

September 27, 11:30 am

Nordstrom's Café

Columbia Mall

President's Message

I am honored to have been elected President of AAUW Howard County. Years ago, I was an active member in NY and when I joined in Howard County it felt like I was coming home.

I would like to share my background because it will explain my choice of goals as President.

Some of you know that I was a non-traditional college student. I attended college full time, with three young children at home and I worked a part time job to pay for tuition. Not an uncommon story for women of the time. Many of you have told me that you had a similar experience. Following college, I worked for almost 25 years in Human Resources for large employers in NY and MD. My responsibilities were primarily EEO and Affirmative Action.

I learned early in college, later confirmed in business, that education, whether formal or informal, is a lifelong process. One should never become complacent about improving and challenging the mind.

During my AAUW years in NY, I formed meaningful friendships. These experiences are the basis for my choice of goals as President.

Increase participation in AAUW opportunities for continuing education and skills building; such as expanding the AAUW Readers, encouraging members to become a Start Smart facilitator or to take a leadership role on a committee.

Boost attendance at AAUW social activities; such as the Holiday Party, Lunch Bunch, Adventures in Dining and the Pot Luck dinner.

Our Branch has so much to offer. Everyone can find something of interest. There are many opportunities to make new friends or develop your skills. If you have not been an active member, consider joining us again. Members who need transportation to a Branch activity, should contact me, I will arrange an accommodation.

I would like to thank Jennifer Ingram and the outgoing Board for their leadership over the past two years. Jennifer and the Board exemplify the best of AAUW. Jennifer continues to support the Branch as Membership VP.

I look forward to working with the new Board. Each member brings enthusiasm and a unique personality to her position. I am anticipating a lot of fun opportunities the coming year. I am open to new ideas and suggestions.

Thank you for giving me the opportunity to be part of the leadership of this exceptional Branch and its dynamic women.

*Lorraine Tropf
President AAUW Howard County*

AAUW Walkers

September 29, 9 am
Centennial Park

Proposed Budget

AAUW Howard County
July 2012 ~ June 2013

INCOME

Dues (~90)	\$1100
SAT's	1000
Macy's	500
Fashion show	3000
Holiday party/ silent auction	800
Reserve	2260

TOTAL INCOME \$8660

EXPENSES

Room rental	\$550
Program	200
Newsletter	100
Membership	500
Social	150
Fashion show	100
President	50
Treasurer	20
Convention	500
Insurance	150
(subtotal)	\$2320

Discovery Fair	50
HCC Scholarships	4500
LAF	500
EF	500
NCCWSL	790

TOTAL EXPENSES \$8660

Please review our proposed budget for 2012~13 which will be voted on at the Potluck meeting on Sept 13. If you have any questions, you may email Carol McAuliffe @ carolmcauliffe@verizon.net or bring them to the meeting.

Coming in August and September...

Adventures in Dining

We will be dining at Nick's Fish House at 2600 Insulator Drive in Baltimore, on **Tuesday, August 7**. Reservations will be for 6:30 pm but those who would like to carpool will leave the Harvester Baptist Church parking lot in Dorsey Search at 5:30 pm. Please RSVP to me by email or at 410-381-7076 so that I know who is expected to be joining us. Hope to see you soon!

Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining

Shop for a Cause

Once again, AAUW has joined Macy's Shop for a Cause to help fund our community service efforts on **Saturday, August 25**. This is a fundraising event for our branch but it is also a great opportunity for you and your friends to save money at Macy's. For \$5 you can purchase a 25% coupon, good for regular, sale and clearance items, including home, even same on most brands usually excluded! And each \$5 gets you a chance at a \$500 gift card at Macy's! Buy a \$25 item and you have more than made up the cost of the coupon and you have contributed to AAUW Howard County's philanthropic funds.

As you know, our community service efforts include funding to support scholarships to Howard Community College (HCC) students, sending an HCC student to a leadership conference, donating to Grass Roots, donating to the Educational Opportunities Fund (EF) for fellowships and grants and the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF).

AAUW Howard County gets the entire proceeds - \$5 for each ticket - for our funds. If every member purchased two tickets (\$10), we would make over \$1000! And each member would have 2 chances to win a \$500 gift card as well as 2 25% off coupons. Members can also refer friends, relatives, co-workers, other club members, etc., to AAUW to purchase a coupon.

There are a few ways that you can participate. As we did last year, we are asking that each Branch member purchase two shopping passes. You can share one with a friend! That is just a \$10 donation. 100% of the proceeds go to the Branch's community service efforts. Here is how you can participate:

1. Send your \$10 check made out to AAUW Howard County or \$10 cash to:
Loretta Gaffney
4124 Sharp Road
Glenelg, MD 21737

Or, if you want to donate your \$5 or \$10 or more, send me cash or a check made out to AAUW Howard County. Please include a note with how many coupons you want and your address and I will mail them to you. You will receive a special Shopping Passes via mail before **August 25**.

2. Purchase the passes at the AAUW booth on **August 25**, located downstairs at the mall entrance for Macy's from 9 am to 5 pm.
3. Volunteer to work at the booth on **August 25**, the day of the event. The store opens at 9 am. We will start at 9 am and stay until 5 pm. We will also be selling tickets at Macy's in Columbia on the day of the event, **August 25** from 9 am - 9 pm. We could use help with this so we can work in 2 hour shifts and not overly burden someone. Please let me know if you want to help out and when you can volunteer.

Contact Loretta Gaffney at: 410-489-4964 or loretttagaffney@verizon.net to arrange a time to help at the booth. Happy Shopping!

Loretta Gaffney
Vice President, Philanthropy

Membership Issues

Welcome to all new members! We have recruited 52 new members for FY 12 and FY13. Now we are focusing on getting the other members to renew their membership. AAUW Howard County has lots of activities that you can enjoy and you can choose which ones you want to be involved with. For example, we are hosting a practice SAT exam on July 28, with a follow up Scores Back session on 8/18. We host these practice exams one or two times a year as an educational and fundraising project. It is because of events like this and the Fashion Show and Macy's Shop for a Cause that we can award 3 Howard Community College students a \$1500 scholarship if they are going on to a 4 year college. We also will award two HCC students with tuition and fees to go to the NCCWSL conference.

You can be involved in these educational events, as well as philanthropic and advocacy. You can also choose to be involved in recruiting at special events, working with HCC on various projects and many other events. Or you may choose to be involved with social events, like the Adventures in Dining and Lunch Bunch, as well as the Walk group and AAUW Readers.

That is what's nice about having a large branch: we have many projects and events from which to choose. If you want to renew but have not done so, please send a check for \$72 payable to AAUW Howard County to Carol McAuliffe, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045. Life members should pay \$23.

Let me know if you want to help with membership issues.

Jennifer Ingram
Vice President, Membership

AAUW Readers

AAUW Readers will meet next on **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 graciously offered her home as our meeting place. Here are her address, phone number, and directions to her house: From 32 heading east, get off at Ten Oaks Road exit, go through two traffic circles (stay on Ten Oaks); after the second circle, turn right on Ivory Road, right on Kennard, we are halfway down the street on the right side (dutch colonial). Those coming from Columbia should take Homewood Road thru circle which becomes Folly Quarter and into Glenelg. Stay straight at traffic circle and take second right at Kennard - house on left. 13870 Kennard Drive. Phone [410-489-5654](tel:410-489-5654)

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

Roberta Rood
Chair, AAUW Readers

September Branch Meeting

Join our September Pot Luck Supper at Hebron House and hear Dr. 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. 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.

We will also be voting on the annual budget at the meeting, see the attachment. If you have any questions, please contact our Finance Officer, Carol McAuliffe at carolmcauliffe@verizon.net or bring them to the meeting.

Meeting Date and Time: **Thursday, September 13**, at 6:00 pm
Hebron House is located at 2331 Calvin Circle, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Gail Brown
Co-Vice President, Programs

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** at 5 pm – 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

Welcome to Our New Members

We have three new members to welcome and introduce to everyone:



Ayana M. Chappell, lives in Columbia with her four sons, two biological and two foster. As if that wouldn't have kept her busy enough, she attended HCC in the RN program during the day. For five years, she worked as an Office Manager of an architectural firm, but was laid off, which caused her financial difficulty. Therefore, she greatly appreciates the scholarship from our branch.

She will use it as she transfers to the University of Maryland's School of Nursing, to earn her BSN. Ayana plans to continue with her education to earn a Master's Degree and eventually to become a Nurse Practitioner. She wants to work with children and the elderly in underdeveloped countries, as well as the mentally challenged. A member of the Student Nursing Association and the National Student Nursing Association, Ayana participates in the Career Links program.

As busy as she is, Ayana has been an avid volunteer in hospitals, churches, county projects, and the Ronald McDonald House.

Great Decisions

Great Decisions will resume meeting on **Monday, September 17**, 7 pm – 9 pm in the home of Carol McAuliffe. This month's topic is "*State of the Oceans: Waves of Change.*"

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. Come to every meeting or only for the topics that interest you. Contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or [410-964-3523](tel:410-964-3523).

Future Meeting Dates

Monday, October 15; 7 – 9 pm.; Topic: "*Indonesia: Prospects for Prosperity;*" Hostess: Laura Violand

Monday, November 12; 7 – 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

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 the raise awareness and much need 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

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



Claire Kim was born in South Korea, where she majored in English at Ewha Women's University. She received her Master's in Guidance and Counseling at the University of Missouri, St. Louis. A Korean by birth, Claire quoted an old Yiddish saying (in English): "Men plan and God laughs." She had planned to study here, and go back to Korea to work toward women's equality. Instead, she met a man during her studies, married upon completion of her academic work, had three daughters, and realized that women still lack equality in the United States.

Claire received Montessori training in early childhood education and has elementary teaching credentials. A Montessori teacher and teacher trainer who worked in the states and abroad, she retired as Director of a Montessori school in St. Louis. Not forgetting her roots, she has gone back to South Korea to lecture teachers, adding Japan to her circuit. Claire's pleased to see the progress women have made in Korea.

Although Claire moved to Maryland to be closer to her daughters and grandchildren, who live in New Jersey, Maryland, and Virginia, her husband, a retired chemical engineer, became a tax and investment specialist in St. Louis--or, as Claire put it--"he reinvented himself." He visits here and will relocate as soon as he can retire from his new vocation.

Welcome the 2012-2013 AAUW Board

The new Board officially took over on July 1. In the first week many faced power outages. This delayed their plans to set up their calendar of programs and meet with their committees.

When the power came back so did they! They are off to a great start. I would like to re-introduce the Board and thank them for agreeing to service.

Lorraine Trof
President AAUW Howard County

President
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Schnell Reed Garrett
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Janet Hoch

Carol McAuliffe
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College/University Partner Member Program Committee Update

Howard County AAUW branch members have been working to energize our College/University Partner Member component. As of this Spring, we can now count Howard Community College as a partner with our chapter.

Chapter members Jennifer Ingram and Schnell Reed Garrett have worked closely together to make this partnership happen.

The College/University Partner committee of our chapter will be working to develop partnerships with other colleges and universities in the region. Many special projects can be mobilized by partners, including the \$start \$mart workshop for students as well as special grants and scholarships. Keep watch for opportunities for you to work with our university partners as we join forces to empower young women as they make their way in the world.

Debra McLaughlin
Co-Chair, College/University Relations

Since Claire has always been involved in women's rights issues--which are of great importance to her--she discovered the road to AAUW and chose to travel on the Branch called Howard County.

Michelle N. Patterson makes her home in Columbia, where she cares for her two children as well as her elderly parents, and somehow found time to work on her area of study: Criminal Justice: Computer Forensic Field, at Howard Community College, and where she is a member of the Criminal Justice Club.

Because of a RIF where she had been employed, it has been difficult for her to continue on the collegiate road to reach her goal, but she is determined. Scholarship funds help to achieve her goal, allowing Michelle to go on to Stevenson University. There, she will complete her work in their criminal justice program. Very important to her, she will be the first in her family to complete college, setting an excellent example for her children to follow.

In keeping with her interests, she has worked in Protective Services as a Corporal and then a Lieutenant. a Special Police Officer in the Washington Hospital Center and the Bancroft Elementary School, and a Security Officer at Six Flags America. Certainly her skills in speaking, writing and reading Spanish have been an asset to her. Michelle is CPR and American Heart Association-First Aid certified.

Looking Back...

June's Salad Bar Supper

It seems like yesterday that we met at our annual Salad Bar Supper. Over 50 members attended and brought a wide variety of delicious food. There was a lot of camaraderie and fun!

Board members lured diners to their tables with luscious desserts in an attempt to recruit them for their respective committees.

As I walked around the room I saw the committee signup sheets fill with volunteers' names while Sethanne Howard and Diane Roca snapped pictures of the event.

Thank you to Gay Allen and Kathy McCarthy and their committee for planning the evening. Thank you to Sethanne Howard who was our official photographer for the night and Diane Roca who photographed new members for our photo directory.

Great job everyone!



Lorraine Trof
President AAUW Howard County

The Voter

League of Women Voters members met in July with representatives of the Howard County Citizens Association to plan how we will work together to monitor local government. The group will follow issues by attending public meetings and events, watching televised board meetings, following media reports, talking to policy makers and researching LWVMD and LWVUS positions on issues. If you have an area of interest related to local government – anything from education to housing to zoning -- join the Action Committee. This committee provides an ideal way to participate in the League and to stay informed about issues that appeal to you, issues you may already be following.

Committee members will send very brief reports each month to the committee's co-chairs using an easy template format. These reports will help shape recommendations to the LWVHC board about issues to testify on or follow up with. Contact Valerie Montague at ValerieMG1@gmail.com or Alison Carney at alisonbcarney@yahoo.com to learn more about the Action Committee.

Valerie Montague

Special Announcements

The Branch Remembers Charter Member Helen Stackhouse

A charter member of our branch, Helen M. Stackhouse, passed away on July 16, 2012. She was 101.

A Memorial Service was held on Saturday, July 21, 2012, at St. John's Episcopal Church in Ellicott City, MD. In lieu of flowers, please direct memorials to Howard County Historical Society, P.O. Box 109, Ellicott City, MD, 21041, or St. John's Church.

"I was very fond of Helen. She was a delightful person. I am sure she will be missed."

Jane Trolinger
Charter Member

SassCGalleria

Congratulations to Sandra Smith, who is a Co 1st Vice President of AAUW Howard County, on the opening of SassCGalleria which opens on **Saturday, August 11**. We wish her luck on this new endeavor. If you would like to learn more about the Galleria contact Sandra Smith [202-714-4017](tel:202-714-4017) or SassCGalleria@aol.com

Deadline for the September newsletter is August 20.

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

Women of Distinction Awards Event

The Women of Distinction Awards evening, held at the University of Maryland College Park on May 31 as part of the National Conference of Collegiate Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) was inspiring and exciting. Six women were honored, and each shared her life lessons with the audience of college students and AAUW members. A consistent theme was to find your vision, believe in it and not give up when faced with setbacks. A second was the strong reminder that many women do not have the opportunity for an education. Those who do have an education have the responsibility to see that education is a privilege and to make life better for others. The most gripping examples came from honoree Noorjahan Akbar of Afghanistan, the 20-year-old co-founder of Young Women for Change, who told the audience that most women in her country cannot read or write and are subject to restrictive measures that take away their individual personhood.

Our branch sponsored Jennie Wang, one of our 2012 scholarship winners, to attend NCCWSL. The leadership workshops and networking opportunities for young leaders are outstanding. College students are interested in learning skills and having leadership opportunities. NCCWSL provides exactly that for them, and attendance has been growing year by year. Six hundred students were in attendance from across the country.

AAUW members are invited to attend this awards event, feel the excitement and see one of the ways our organization is providing opportunities for young women. Next year, I hope many of you will be there.

AAUW Maryland sponsored the event through its Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund which marks the outstanding contributions that Barbara, a member of the Patuxent River Branch, has made to AAUW during her 50 years as a member.

Diane Roca

Cultural Event - The Walkersville Dinner Train



On Saturday July 7, Barb Carter, Barb's friend Terry, Emma Pope, and Roberta Rood took an exploratory journey aboard the Walkersville Southern Railroad's dinner train. This beautifully restored train takes you through Maryland's Monocacy Valley. The dinner train operates every first and third Saturday from May through October. The food was excellent, as was the company. Each table seats four, so we were fortunate to have exactly that many in our party. And since the temperature reached 105 degrees that day, we were no end grateful for the air conditioning!

It takes about one hour to drive to Walkersville. The excursion by rail costs \$65 per person. Here's the web address: <http://www.wsrr.org/index.html>

If you think that this is something you might enjoy doing with a group from AAUW, please e-mail Roberta at robertarood@earthlink.net.

Roberta Rood
Co-Chair, Culture