

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

December 2013/January 2014

CALENDAR

DECEMBER

Adventures in Dining

December 3, 6:30pm
Candlelight Inn, Catonsville, MD

Holiday Party

December 8, 2pm – 5pm
Gaynel Allen's Home

Lunch Bunch

December 12, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

Hand Crafters

December 13, 11am
Ellicott City Senior Center

January

Adventures in Dining

January 7, 6:30pm
*Hunan Legend restaurant,
Dorsey Search Village Center*

Branch Meeting

January 14, 7pm
*Happy Birthday AAUWHOCO
Ellicott City Senior Center*

Board Meeting

January 21, 7pm
Ellicott Room, Miller Library

Lunch Bunch

January 30, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

November was a month of new beginnings. On November 14, new members Denise Harris, Kathy Plasse, Karen Tang, Nicki Sanders and Laura Wilson, attended a new member orientation at my home.

Sethanne Howard and Donna Aycock joined me in presenting the best of our branch; its activities, mission related programs and ways to become active members. As always, the Social Committee helped to make new members feel welcome by extending the Branch's hospitality through food.

New members Laura Wilson and Karen Tang asked about starting a Bridge group! What a great idea! If you are interested in playing bridge contact Karen Tang at (410 531-0619) or ktang54@verizon.net.

At the November board meeting, Nicole Lewis, founder and CEO of Generation Hope (GH) and resident of Howard County, made a presentation about GH's mission. GH encourages and supports teen parent students to continue their education through mentoring, financial aid and individual counseling.

The Board unanimously voted to designate one of the three Howard Community College (HCC) scholarships awarded in spring 2015 to Generation Hope. The awardee will be a student of HCC or a resident of Howard County attending another college. The commitment is for three years at \$1200 per year. Understanding the many challenges of a teen parent student, GH allows the student to complete their AA degree in three years.

You should be very proud of your part in changing the lives of these women. You support fundraisers, make financial contributions, and work on committees. All help to support the AAUW mission of breaking down barriers for women in education. Thank you!

Enjoy the holiday season and all that it has to offer.

Lorraine Tropf, President

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*Peggy Wong,
Chair, Diversity Committee*

Upcoming Events

AAUW 2013 Holiday Party

Over the river and through the woods to Gaynel's house we'll go!

Join fellow AAUW members on December 8th for our annual holiday gathering. Gaynel Allen and Paul Hawke will again graciously host the event at their home. Gaynel and Paul are collectors of movie memorabilia and have many interesting items on display.

Returning to the event will be a "Silent Auction". This is also an opportunity to support our Education Fund and other branch philanthropy.

Guests are reminded to bring a substantial hot or cold appetizer, side dish, or salad to share. Please bring in serving dish along with serving utensil. The board will provide desserts and beverages.

This is a great opportunity for spouses, guests and friends to meet or reconnect with our AAUW chapter, so bring them along!

Cost for the event is \$10 per person or \$12 at the door. RSVP must be received by December 5th. Please call (443) 542-9758 or mail your check to: Dr. Gaynel Allen, 6314 Morning Dew Ct, Clarksville, MD 21029.

AAUW January Branch Meeting

Ellicott City Senior Center, January 14th, 7pm

Guest Speaker: Dian Belanger, Historian

Topic: AAUW's Past: Informing, Inspiring, Impelling Our Future

Join a special monthly meeting on January 14th as we kick off our chapter's 50th anniversary celebration. Historian, and writer, Dian Belanger will be our guest speaker. A long time enthusiastic AAUW member, Dian currently serves on the AAUW Archives Corps in Washington, DC processing and preserving AAUW's historical records so that future researchers can access them, whether for celebration, study or action. Ms. Belanger will use her vast knowledge of AAUW to highlight its 130-year history.

Gail Brown, Vice President, Programs

Adventures in Dining

Our Dec outing will be on **Tuesday, December 3** at the Candlelight Inn in Catonsville. January's outing is on Jan 7 at the Hunan Legend restaurant in the Dorsey Search Village Center. Hope to see you there!

Carol McAuliffe, Chair, Adventures in Dining

Donate! Donate! Donate! Support the December 8th Holiday Party Silent Auction

Proceeds from the December 8 Holiday Party Silent Auction will help fund our philanthropic efforts. Please come prepared to bid generously (bring your checkbook). So far we have donations from:

James Ferry Photography; HoCo Library (Evening in the Stacks); Columbia Festival of the Arts; The Columbia Orchestra; Symphony of Lights; Columbia Pro Cantare; HoCoPoLitSo; National Aquarium in Baltimore; Maryland Science Center; Howard County Arts Council (membership); Nordstrom Café; Candlelight Concert Society; Rep Stage; and Center Stage.

We also have some hand-knitted items.

If you have any goods or service to auction off, contributions will be accepted until November 20. Contact Nancy Yee ([410-964-3706](tel:410-964-3706)) or newlywed Carol Phelps (nee McAuliffe).

Nancy Yee, Branch Member

Grassroots Holiday Giving Project

There is still time to participate in the Grass Roots holiday program to provide a nice "feel good" gift to the women at Grass Roots. Please bring a check for \$15.00 to the Holiday party made out to Phyllis McGlothlin and I will get your manicure gift card/holiday bag for these women.

Also, the silent auction at the Holiday party will have great gifts "for yourself" or others for you to bid on. The winners will be announced at the party! Bring your checkbook and check out all the items in the auction when you get to the party. All proceeds go to our AAUW scholarship fund

It is never too soon to start to think about our April Fashion Show/ accessories sale. Over the next few months as you are cleaning out closets, remember to donate to us any high-quality handbags, scarfs, costume jewelry, hats, gloves. The show this year will be fantastic, lots of new unique ideas such as a book sale also at the show! Details to follow...

Just let me know and we can arrange pickup of these items. Thanks for your support of all our programs!

Phyllis McGlothlin 301-490-7328

Phyllis McGlothlin, Chair, Philanthropy

ADVOCACY CORNER

In January, annual events are held to present issues concerning women that might come up before the General Assembly (state) or Congress (national):

Jan 4, Saturday. League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon, Ellicott City
11:30am-2pm. Location: TBA
lvvhc.wordpress.com

Members of the Maryland General Assembly from Howard County will discuss major upcoming issues. \$15 for non-members. There is no cost to AAUW members if you bring a dish. For members bringing a dish (for 8 people): Last names beginning with: A - F Dessert; G - M Main Dish; N - Z Side Dish or Vegetable. Let us know by Dec 30 if you plan to attend and if bringing a potluck dish.

Jan ?, Thursday. AAUW Lobby Corps training day, DC
10am-1:30pm. Lobby Corps volunteers meet on Thursday mornings and visit congressional offices to discuss issues important to women. Training day is held on a Thursday (usually the 3rd or 4th Thursday, 10am-1:30pm) at headquarters in DC. AAUW legislative staff discusses the upcoming key policy issues and teach advocacy skills to help the volunteers meet with Senate and House members' staff. The date has not been set prior to the newsletter's deadline. If interested in attending the training session or becoming a member of the Lobby Corps, contact Pat Reber at Bixler0077@msn.com.

Jan 21, Tuesday. MLAW's Legislative Summit/Reception, Annapolis
4:30-6:30pm(?) Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. Plans are being finalized now, but it is tentatively Tuesday, Jan. 21; last year was 4:30-6:30pm for \$25. For more info: mdlegagendaforwomen.org

Jan. 26, Sunday. Women's Legislative Briefing, Rockville
11:30 (registration) - 6:00pm \$15 or \$20 at door. Keynote speaker (12:30pm) is Joanne Bamberger, author of *Mothers of Intention: How Women & Social Media are Revolutionizing Politics in America*. For more information and to register, go to - www.eventbrite.com/e/2014-womens-legislative-briefing-tickets-7705727037?aff=erelexporg

Connie Adamson and Pat Reber

Upcoming Events Continued...

Lunch Bunch

Our next meeting is on **Thursday, December 12**. We will meet at the usual time and place: 11:30am at Nordstrom's Cafe in the Columbia Mall. January's meeting is on **Thursday, January 30, 2014**.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Hand Crafters

December 13th at 11am the Lyric Opera House will be coming to our meeting room at the Ellicott senior center (behind the Miller Branch Library on Rt 144 - Frederick Rd between St John's lane and Centennial Lane) to sing Christmas carols. There will be a catered lunch at noon— chicken, salads, etc. The cost is \$10. We will need to purchase tickets immediately (you can register by phone at 410-313-1400 to pay by credit card).

We can still talk and do hand work after lunch. If anyone wants to make a fake or real green arrangement, I'll bring our plastic cloth and wire cutters. You'll need to bring all your own supplies. You can come after lunch (1pm) just to talk and not purchase tickets for the lunch and show.

Ann Tarantino, Chair, Hand Crafters

AAUW Readers

AAUW Readers meet every other month on the first Thursday of the month at 1pm. These discussions are now taking place in one of the meeting rooms at the Miller Branch Library.

We hope you'll join. Please email me with any questions: robertarood@earthlink.net.

Roberta Rood, Chair, AAUW Readers

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is a grassroots discussion program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association (FPA) 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 7-9p.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. Please order your own briefing book at www.fpa.org. The cost is \$20.

Topics for 2014: Defense Technology, Israel and the U.S., Turkey's Challenges, Islamic Awakening, Energy Independence, Food and Climate, China's Foreign Policy, U.S. Trade Policy. First Meeting for 2014: **Monday, January 20, 7p.m**

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions

Welcome to New AAUW Howard County Members

Kathleen (Kathy) Plasse

University of Baltimore, MPA
St. Joseph's College, BA, Health Care Administration
Kathy resides in Columbia

Nicki Sanders

University of Maryland, Masters, Social Work
Trinity University, Sociology
Nicki resides in Columbia

Karen Tang

University of Minnesota, BS, Education
Karen resides in Fulton

Laura Wilson

Indiana University, MS, BS, Education
Laura resides in Ellicott City



Let the Celebrations Begin!

Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future “1964-2014”

The 50th Anniversary Planning committee is very excited to share what they learned about our branch’s history and some of their ideas for the coming year.

Cookie Cogan, cookiecogan@verizon.net and Sandra Smith, Vivaperu17@aol.com are leading the anniversary planning committee. If you would like to join the committee, explore the archives and discover our past, they would be happy to welcome you to the committee.



A Different Decade

While our articles commemorating our branch’s 50th anniversary have focused primarily on the early days, a conversation with Diane Roca reminded me that there have been significant changes in our branch in just the 10 years since she served as branch president. Diane has a long history with AAUW, having joined initially in the early 1970’s. Although she was not a member for all of the intervening years, she served as Branch President from 2002-2004 and as AAUW State President from 2006-2008, giving her a wide perspective not only on how our branch has changed, but also on how our branch compared to other branches within the state.

The Howard County branch had about 40 members during her tenure and one of her proudest accomplishments was receiving a Gold Award from National AAUW’s 21st Century Recognition Program. This recognition was the highest offered by AAUW and, quoting from the May 2004 Branch Newsletter: “The award recognizes activities in three areas:

- 1) a project – our co-sponsorship of two Candidates Forums with the Howard County League of Women Voters last October;
- 2) our strategic plan and revised branch by-laws
- 3) our support of the Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy Fund. This award represents your dedication to AAUW as you help with our projects, activities, membership recruitment and fund raising. You can be very proud of this recognition. Special thanks to Carol McAuliffe for her advice and assistance in completing the application.”



Founding Branch Members: left to right, Diane Roca, ?, Jane Trolinger, Betty Straehle (with hand on Jane's shoulder), perhaps BJ Fisher (?), Joetta Cramm, Helen Stackhouse.

Taking a peek at newsletters of the time reveals a new logo on the branch masthead, touting the 21st Century Award designation. Incidentally, the strategic plan included the goal of increasing membership to 100!

Despite a membership of less than 1/3 of our current number, the branch participated in many fundraising activities. Fifty-fifty raffles were held at every meeting. Sales of cards and wrapping paper as well as the fashion show supported local and state philanthropy.

During this period, the branch also moved from a monthly paper newsletter to on-line publishing and distribution. Diane recalled the mangled paper copies that sometimes resulted from mailing and the frustration of moving to ever-more expensive cardstock as a means of delivering a readable product. The changeover required many months of asking/prodding members to make the switch without losing those who were uncomfortable with technology.

One of the priorities the branch pursued for its 40th anniversary celebration was outreach to charter members whose membership might have lapsed, but were still in the area. Remarks were delivered by Betty Jane (BJ) Fisher, a founding member of the branch. The celebration

50th Anniversary Save the Dates for 2014!

January 14

Branch Meeting, 7pm
“Happy Birthday AAUW HOCO”
Ellicott City Senior Center

March 23

Anniversary Reception, 2-4pm
Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel

April 26

Lord and Taylor Fashion Show
Vantage House
“**Honoring Our Past**”: branch models will wear fashions typical for the decades when our branch was forming;
“**Embracing Our Future**”: followed by branch models with today’s Lord and Taylor’s fashions.

took place in a building on the grounds of St. John’s Episcopal Church and was well-attended by current and past members, who enjoyed cake and champagne. Congratulatory proclamations from the governor and the county executive were presented.

Reflecting on her experiences as branch and state president, Diane said she appreciated the opportunity to interact with so many talented and committed women. She noted that each of the branches she visited were unique in what they felt called to do. The unique blend of personalities, experience, passion and local need really hampered finding many common state-wide causes that would knit the branches together, but also resulted in the implementation of many projects that benefitted from the time, treasure and talent of local AAUW teams.

Ms. Roca commented on the role of AAUW leadership and respect for the many demands on members’ time and talents, saying “whatever you do needs to fit within the limits of members’ energy and ability.” Both then and now, this practical approach gives AAUW plenty to work with!

— *Historians: Cookie Cogan, Co-Chair, 50th Anniversary Committee and Susan Hailman, 50th Anniversary Committee Member*

50th Anniversary Committee

Co-1st VPs: Cookie Cogan/Sandra Smith, Bea Dane, Stashia Goray, Susan Hailman, Shigeyo Ibrahim, Rita Kaiser, Elizabeth Ombija, Josie Thompson, Lorraine Tropf, Inge Stocklin, Dawn Thompsen, Laura Violand, Morag Weedlun, Penny Zervos



Please RSVP by Thursday, December 5

Directions:

Take Route 32 towards Clarksville. Take the exit toward MD-108W/Clarksville Pike. Take slight right onto Ten Oaks Road. Take the 1st right onto Golden Harvest Court. Turn left at Morning Dew Court. Address 6314 will be on right. Park along street. Limited handicapped parking in driveway.



Please complete the form below and mail with your check
NO LATER THAN DECEMBER 5, 2013

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I plan to attend the AAUW Holiday Party. Yes No

I plan to take a guest whose name(s) is(are) (please print):

Enclosed is a check made to “AAUW Howard County” for the amount of \$10.00 for each of the above persons.

For the party, I plan to bring the following: _____

NAME _____

Mail this form with your check to: Dr. Gaynel O. Allen, 6314 Morning Dew Ct, Clarksville, MD 21029

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AAUW Howard County
Cordially Invites You to Our

Annual Holiday Party

Sunday, December 8, 2013 2- 5 pm

Home of Gaynel Allen & Paul Hawke, 6314 Morning Dew Court
Gay and Paul are collectors of movie memorabilia
and have countless items on display.

Our Holiday Party is a fun get together that is also a fundraiser
for our AAUW Education Fund and other branch philanthropy.

Spouses, guests, and friends are welcome.

\$10 per person sent with your registration
\$12 per person at the door

**Please bring a substantial hot or cold appetizer, side dish,
or salad, enough for 12 people—must be in a serving dish,
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Pictured to the right is Marcella Wilding, PhD . She spoke on *The Aging Brain* during our November branch meeting. Great presentation—hope you didn't miss it!



Deadline for the February newsletter is January 23. Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at ccdepass@gmail.com and josie@josiedesigns.com