



## AAUW Howard County

### Branch Newsletter

**February, 2013**

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

#### Calendar

##### Adventures in Dining

**February 5, 6:30 pm**  
Pachanga Cocina Mexicana  
Route 40 West, Ellicott City

##### February Branch Meeting

**February 12, 7 pm**  
"The History of Chocolate"  
Ellicott City Senior Center

##### Great Decisions

**February 18, 7 pm**  
Laura Violand's home

##### Board Meeting

**February 19, 7 pm**  
Miller Library  
Ellicott City

##### 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Planning Committee

**February 23, 1 pm**  
Miller Library  
Ellicott City

##### AAUW Lunch Bunch

**February 28, 11:30 am**  
Nordstrom's Café  
Columbia Mall

##### Adventures in Dining

**March 5, 6:30 pm**  
Kelsey's Pub  
Route 40 West, Ellicott City

##### AAUW Readers

**March 7, 1 pm**  
Phyllis McGlothlin's home

##### Diversity Essay Submission Deadline

**March 11, noon**

#### President's Message

We ended 2012 on a high note with a wonderful Holiday Celebration and a successful Silent Auction fundraiser. Thanks to everyone who worked to make the Holiday Celebration and auction a success. We raised over \$1000 for the branch's philanthropy programs.

Unfortunately, the practice ACT scheduled for January 12 was cancelled due to low registration. Although it was disappointing, we look forward to hosting a successful SAT in March. Thank you, Amy Robinson, Cynthia Cupples, and the Education Committee for your efforts.

It was great to see 11 of our members at the Howard County League of Women Voters (LWV) Legislative Luncheon on January 5. Local leaders summarized the issues relevant to Howard County and the state.

Thirty-seven members and guests attend the Book Bash and More at Union Jack's. Our member-librarians and guest presenters gave us ideas about books to read and listen to during the cold winter months. Thank you to Gail Brown and Trent Kittleman for arranging the meeting and to the speakers for an informative and interesting meeting.

Later in January members attended an M-Law legislative reception in Annapolis, a legislative briefing in Rockville, and Lobby Corp training. Still others attended a STEM lecture in DC, where AAUW's research paper "Why So Few?" (in STEM) was the basis of one of the talks.

Thank you Josie Thompson, member and graphic artist, for donating your time and talent to produce new AAUW signs. They look great.

The calendar year is off to a good start. See you at the February branch meeting for culinary history and chocolate!

*Lorraine Tropf  
President, AAUW Howard County*

## Upcoming Branch Meetings

**March 12, 7 pm**  
"Making Tough Choices:  
Practical Solutions  
for Home and Elder Care"  
Panel of experts  
(details next issue)

**April 9, 7 pm**  
"Gender Strategies"  
Trent Kittleman

**May 18, 10 am**  
*Legislative Review*  
Liz Bobo and Gail Bates

## Fashion Show Alert!

*Saturday, April 27, 1 to 3 pm*

**Yes, the Fashion Show is coming in April! The theme of this year's show is "Let's Go on a Vacation."**

**As most of you know, it is our most successful fundraiser, and an event that is also much fun for us. We thank those who have volunteered to help with the Fashion Show. Again, Lord & Taylor will provide the beautiful clothes to be modeled by our very own members. We will again be the fortunate recipient of The Vantage House's generous offer of a venue.**

**Plan to buy your tickets early, because we expect a sell-out!**

**We were able to award three scholarships to three deserving women graduates of Howard Community College who planned to continue their education at four-year universities with the proceeds from last year's events. Why not go for four scholarships? You can make that happen!**

**This year's Fashion Show will have fashionable clothes, tasty food, fabulous door prizes, and boutique-quality accessories, plus the announcement of our essay contest winners!**

**See you there!**

*Peggy Wong  
Fashion Show Committee*

## February Branch Meeting...

# From Cacao to Cocoa and Chocolate

## *The Fascinating History of Chocolate*



What better way to prepare for the sweetest of holidays, Valentine's Day. Join the February branch meeting **February 12** at 7 pm and hear our very own Pat Reber discuss the history of chocolate. From the pod of the unusual cacao tree to its use as a spicy drink for the wealthy, this special treat has played a role in both royal and religious events.

Pat will also discuss the specialized implements used in creating and cooking chocolate. Best of all, we will have a chance to sample recipes from the 18<sup>th</sup> and 19<sup>th</sup> centuries.

For 20 years, Pat has demonstrated and taught bake oven and hearth cooking in various museums. We are delighted to have her share her expertise as a culinary historian.



**Learn about the history of making chocolate from a culinary historian**

*Gail Brown  
Co-Vice President, Programs*

## Urgent Request from Grassroots

**Loretta Gaffney received an urgent request from Grassroots. They need twin and double blankets. If you have gently used blankets, bring them to the February 12 branch meeting. Loretta Gaffney will collect them and deliver them to Grassroots.**

**Thank you in advance for responding to their need.**

## Save the Dates!

### **Saturday, April 13 - The AAUW Maryland 71st Annual Convention**

The Harford County branch will host the one-day event at Edgewood Hall at Harford Community College. We will form carpools to attend the convention.

### **May 30 - Women of Distinction Award Ceremony**

Honoree: Donna E. Shalala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services  
AAUW Howard County will form carpools to this event.

**June 9-13 - AAUW National Convention** in New Orleans, "Leading Across Generations" Register by February 3 for best value price; early bird rate until April 14.

## We're 49 and Counting!

It was January 30, 1964, that the AAUW Ellicott City Branch was chartered. The name of the branch was changed to the AAUW Howard County Branch in 1980.

We have a small (in number) committee working on plans to celebrate and recognize the branch's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary. See the notice on the next page requesting items for the 2014 fashion show! Please be sure to read it and respond.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Committee has been meeting at The Charles E. Miller Branch and Historical Center. The AAUW Howard County Branch's archives are stored there, and we can enjoy hands-on with the past while we meet.

As we approach our 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary, watch this spot for important dates, events, and articles. We still could use more help. If you are skilled or just enjoy scrapbooking, writing, event planning, or just helping where needed, please get in touch with one of us. No special skills are needed, just a willingness to help.

Committee members are Barbara Carter, Bea Dane, Stashia Goray, Josie Thompson, Lorraine Tropf, and Penny Zervos.

Our next meeting is scheduled for February 23 at 1 pm at the Miller Library. If you plan to come, please let one of us know. Since space is limited at the Historical Center, we'll be sure to have sufficient seating.

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Sandra Smith,  
[vivaperu17@aol.com](mailto:vivaperu17@aol.com)  
Co-Chairs, 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary  
Planning Committee

## Coming Soon...

### Adventures in Dining

Join the Adventures in Dining group for a Mexican dinner on Tuesday, **February 5** at 6:30 pm at Pachanga Cocina Mexicana on Baltimore National Pike (Route 40). Please RSVP to [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net) if you plan to attend.

Get ready for Irish food on Tuesday, **March 5**, when Adventures in Dining moves down the road to Kelsey's Pub.

Carol McCauliffe  
Chair, Adventures in Dining

### Lunch Bunch

Relax and munch with AAUW members at the monthly Lunch Bunch, 11:30 am on **Thursday, February 28**, 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

### Great Decisions

**February 18**, 7 to 9 pm, Home of Laura Violand  
Topic: *Egypt: Navigating an Uncertain Transition*

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](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523. Please order your own briefing book at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org). The cost is \$20.

### Future Meetings

March 18 Topic: *NATO: Crisis? What Crisis?* (Home of Diane Roca)  
April 25 Topic: *Myanmar and Southeast Asia* (Home of Trent Kittleman)  
May 20 Topic: *Humanitarian Intervention and U.S. Policy* (Home of Gaynel Allen)

Diane Roca  
Chair, Great Decisions

### AAUW Readers

On Thursday, **March 7**, at 1 pm, AAUW Readers will be discussing two books (both short) by the same author, Julie Otsuka: *When the Emperor Was Divine* and *The Buddha in the Attic*. Phyllis McGlothlin will host at her home.

If you plan to attend, please e-mail Phyllis and let her know at [pmcglath@aol.com](mailto:pmcglath@aol.com). Her address and directions to her house will be forthcoming. Hope to see you there.

Doris Raytkwich  
Co-chair, AAUW Readers

## AAUW Looks for Styles of Yesteryear

The planning has begun for the 50th Anniversary celebration of the Howard County Branch of AAUW in 2014. One of events we are planning is to incorporate period fashions at our 2014 spring fashion show along with our regular fashions.

We are requesting that members look in their closets and attics plus ask friends to see if they have any fashions from the past five decades or even earlier.

Please contact Penny Zervos at [p.zervos@comcast.net](mailto:p.zervos@comcast.net) or Barb Carter at [barb\\_carter3@verizon.net](mailto:barb_carter3@verizon.net) if you have any period fashions.

Penny Zervos  
Planning Committee

## In Memoriam...

Dr. Eleanor "Lynn" Collins, a member of the Howard County Branch of AAUW, passed away December 18, 2012, in Arlington, VA, due to complications of lupus and kidney disease.

Lynn received her undergraduate degree from The College of New Rochelle, NY, a graduate degree from University of Maryland, College Park, followed by her PhD in mathematics education.

Her most dedicated employment occurred with the Howard County Public School System as a gifted and talented mathematics teacher for accelerated students for nearly 40 years. As an inspiring and passionate educator, she touched the lives of many students, families, teachers, and colleagues.

Dr. Collins was the first recipient of the Maryland State Math Teacher of the Year Award in the late 1970's and collected multiple awards on the local and state level.

The branch mourns her passing.



## WELCOME NEW AAUW HOCO MEMBERS



### *Susan Hailman*

Drew University/Seton Hall University  
BA Psychology and MED Counseling  
Susan resides in Columbia



### *Rita Kaiser*

University of Maryland Masters, Library Science  
St. Mary's College, Bachelor of Science, Economics  
Rita resides in Fulton



### *Jeanne Odermatt*

Muskingum College, BS, Elementary Ed  
Jeanne resides in Columbia



### *Barbara Parker*

University of Maryland, PHD, Nursing  
Barbara resides in Elkridge



### *Marge Trautman*

University of Maryland, Library Science  
Graduate Degree, Library Science  
Marge resides in Columbia



### *Cathy Schneider*

JHU, Masters, Education  
UMBC BA, English  
Cathy resides in Columbia



### *Margaret (Maggie) Smith*

University of Maryland, BA, English and History  
Maggie resides in Columbia



### *Gail Bates*

University of Maryland, BS, Math, Home Ec, Education  
Gail resides in West Friendship

## Get Ready for Test Fest— the Practice SAT

It is time for Test Fest, the practice SAT exam that AAUW Howard County sponsors as an educational and fundraising project. Test Fest will be held **March 23** from 10:30 am to 3:30 pm at the Vantage House auditorium. A follow-up “scores back” session to discuss test results will be held **April 20** from 2:30 to 4 pm at Vantage House.

Princeton Review, which administers and scores the tests, is the AAUW partner on this project. The \$15 registration fee covers both sessions and is donated to the AAUW scholarship fund.

Test Fest gives high school and middle school students an opportunity to take a full-length practice SAT under actual testing conditions. It's a great way to try out the test, build confidence, and get comfortable with the exam formats. Preregistration (at [www.Princetonreview.com](http://www.Princetonreview.com)) is required for both sessions.

Payment should be sent to Amy Robinson, 5563 Nettlebed Ct., Columbia, MD 21045.

Amy Robinson  
Co-chair, Education

[http://howardcounty-  
md.aauw.net](http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net)

## Diversity: Let Your Voice Be Heard

Enter our very own essay contest on diversity.

*First prize:* \$100 gift certificate to a Howard County restaurant.  
*Second prize:* Free one-year membership to AAUW-Howard County.  
*Third prize:* Free brunch at our annual brunch in May.

Come to the Fashion Show on April 27 to claim one of the prizes that you will have won!

### Contest Rules

- The essay contest on diversity is open to all members of AAUW-Howard County.
- Each member (except the members of the diversity committee who will serve as judges and recipients of the essays) may submit only one essay.
- The title of the essay is “Diversity: Our Journey to Enrichment.”
- The length of the essay: 100 to 200 words.
- The essay can be on personal growth or on how our AAUW branch can grow with diversity.
- The essay must be typed and be printed on plain white paper with no identifying data on it.
- The essay will be judged on: a. creativity, b. originality, c. ability to convey message and/or feasibility of plan proposed.
- The contest started on January 12 and will end on **March 11** at noon.
- The essay must be sent as an attachment to an email addressed to Peggy Wong, Chair, Diversity Committee, AAUW-Howard County: [my\\_nest@verizon.net](mailto:my_nest@verizon.net) (an underscore between my and nest). For those who prefer to mail it, the essay may be sent to Peggy Wong at 8831 Tidesebb Court, Columbia, MD 21045. Or, the essay may be delivered in person to Peggy Wong.
- Four members of the Diversity Committee of the branch will serve as judges with an additional member serving as a tie-breaker.
- The judges will read the essays without knowing who the authors are.
- The judges will choose the winning essays by April 15, or at least 3 business days before the announcement of the winners on April 27.

### A Notice from the Cultural Committee

HoCoPoLitSo's 35th Annual Irish Evening will take place Friday, **March 1** at 7:30 pm at Smith Theatre. This year's guest author is the internationally acclaimed Colum McCann. The customary Irish music and dance – always a delight!--- will once again be on offer.

Go to this site for more information: <http://hocopolitso.org/programs/>  
Tickets can be obtained from Brown Paper Tickets:  
<http://www.brownpapertickets.com/event/287811>

If you plan on going, e-mail Roberta ([robertarood@earthlink.net](mailto:robertarood@earthlink.net)), so that we can try to sit together and experience as a group what promises to be an exceptionally enjoyable evening.

Roberta Rood  
Co-chair, Cultural Committee

## MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR WOMEN INITIATIVES FOR 2013

Maryland Legislative Agenda For Women (M-LAW) is composed of many state-wide organizations (including AAUW Maryland) and women's advocates who met and selected the following as the top initiatives to support before the 2013 Maryland General Assembly:

- **Asset Forfeiture for Human Trafficking** - provides the profits of convicted offenders to be subject to forfeiture and will be used for an Anti-Human Trafficking Fund.
- **Earned Sick and Safe Time Act** - requires employers to allow workers to earn a certain number of annual paid sick and safe days.
- **Akin's Law** – would create a legal process for rape victims to terminate the parental rights of rapists.
- **Child Abuse-Failure to Report** – adds two professions to mandatory reporters, as well as adding civil penalties for not reporting.
- **Relief for Victims of Dating & Sexual Violence** - would move dating violence and sexual assault out of the Peace Order statute and into the Protective Order statute.
- **Committing a Crime of Violence in the Presence of a Minor** - enhances penalty for persons who commit a crime of violence when such persons...know that a minor is within sight or hearing of the crime of violence.

For more detailed information:  
<http://mdlegagendaforwomen.org>

*Penny Zervos  
Advocacy Committee*

### **Deadline for the March newsletter is February 22.**

Please send items to  
Connie Adamson and  
Candace dePass at  
[adamsons@verizon.net](mailto:adamsons@verizon.net) and  
[ccdepass@gmail.com](mailto:ccdepass@gmail.com)

## ADVOCACY CORNER

### Lobby Corps

Connie Adamson and Pat Reber attended the AAUW Lobby Corps training day in Washington, D.C. with about forty other volunteers. Every Thursday morning that Congress is in session, Lobby Corps volunteers go to the offices of the Senators or Representatives to discuss one of the AAUW issues. Possible issues which may come up in the new session are safe schools/anti-bullying, Title IX, STEM, sexual harassment, Affordable Care Act, Violence against Women Reauthorization Act, and Healthy Families Act.

For the current list and descriptions of the AAUW Federal Policy Agenda go to:  
[http://www.aauw.org/act/issue\\_advocacy/upload/federalpolicyagenda.pdf](http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/upload/federalpolicyagenda.pdf)

### Action Network (Two-Minute Activist Alerts)

For anyone interested in having a voice in the political issues, but unable to go to DC with Lobby Corps, you can help from your home. Subscribe to AAUW Action Network to receive urgent e-mail notices to contact your members of Congress, find detailed information on legislation currently under consideration, and write letters to the editor of your local paper. <http://capwiz.com/aauw/mlm/signup>

*Pat Reber  
Advocacy Vice-President*

## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS LEGISLATIVE (LWV) LUNCHEON

Eleven AAUW members attended the LWV of Howard County annual luncheon on January 5. The audience had an opportunity to meet and ask questions of the elected officials on many issues.

The following issues, selected from the priority issues outlined in the 2013 LWV priorities, were among the topics addressed by the elected officials:

- Gun control
- Death Penalty
- Transportation issues, including state gas tax increase
- Energy, specifically wind power
- "Fracking" and its effects on public health

*Penny Zervos  
Advocacy Committee*

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**AAUW Holiday Party**



**Food...**



**Fun, and...**



**Festivities**

