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

February 2016

### MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone has gotten plowed/shoveled out from the huge snow by now and that everyone stayed safe and warm during the storm. Wouldn't it be nice if this was the last of the snow for the winter! One can only hope! Meanwhile, we have an amazing array of activities coming up in the next couple of months and I hope you will all put these events on your calendars. Registration and info forms are included in the newsletter.

- ➤ "Book Bash" Luncheon Meeting Sat, Feb 13<sup>th</sup> at 11:30 at Union Jack's
- ➤ Temple Isaiah Tour Sunday, Feb 21<sup>st</sup> at 1PM Fulton
- ➤ New/prospective member Orientation Thurs, Feb 25<sup>th</sup> at 7PM, Miller Library
- ➤ Branch Meeting Tuesday, March 8<sup>th</sup>, 7PM guest speaker, Zakiah Tomlinson "From Legos to the International Space Station: My Life in Robotics"
- ➤ Tour of Turkish Mosque Saturday, March 19<sup>th</sup> more info to come
- Fashion Show Saturday, April 16<sup>th</sup> Vantage House, Columbia
- ➤ AAUW State Convention Saturday, April 30<sup>th</sup> HCC Kittleman Room

In addition, we continue to have our Dining Out, Lunch Bunch, Great Decisions, Book Group, and numerous committee meetings. Thanks again to all the volunteer VP's and Chairs who make it all possible!

Do you realize that as a Howard County Branch member, you are also a member of the National AAUW? Our National AAUW is at the forefront of ensuring equity and equality for women, but in order to continue to have a strong voice, they must have the funds to do it. They are running a two-year Charting the Course campaign which aims to raise \$1 million in unrestricted funds to ensure that AAUW is well prepared to meet the issues facing us today and into the future. These unrestricted funds will be used wherever the need is greatest, empowering women in our communities, schools, workplaces, and positions of leadership. If you are able to support this campaign do so via <a href="http://www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/support/">http://www.aauw.org/chartingthecourse/support/</a> Our local fundraisers support our local scholarship winners, but AAUW National supports all women.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events!

Bea Dane, President

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## **Upcoming Events & Membership News**

#### **Great Decisions**

### Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion

**program.** Two separate groups meet in a member's

home: **Evening Group** on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00-9:00 PM; **Daytime Group** on the 4th Tuesday of the month from 1:00 - 3 PM. Before the meeting, participants read material about the month's topic in the Great Decisions Briefing Booklet, published by the Foreign Policy

Association. The meeting begins with viewing a DVD presentation on the subject; discussion is based on questions published in the booklet.

#### **EVENING GROUP**

**February meeting** - Monday, February 15th, at 7:00 PM Host: Inge Stocklin. Topic #2, *The Rise of ISIS* 

**DAYTIME GROUP** 

**February meeting** - Tuesday, February 23rd, at 1:00 PM Host: Dana Lowe. Topic #2, *The Rise of ISIS* 

**Topics for the 2016 Briefing Booklet are as follows**: #1 *Middle East Alliances*; #2 *The Rise of ISIS*; #3 *The Future of Kurdistan*; #4 *Migration*; #5 *The Koreas*; #6 *The United Nations*; #7 *Climate Change*; #8 *Cuba and the U.S.* If you have not purchased the 2016 booklet, Kathy Schofield has 2 extra copies (\$25).

**Evening Group Contact**: Diane Roca <a href="mailto:dbroca@comcast.net">dbroca@comcast.net</a> or

410-964-3523

**Daytime Group Contact**: Kathy

Schofield rbrownhouse@msn.com or 443-691-0131

#### **Adventures in Dining**

Adventures in Dining is meeting at The Ale House on Dobbin Road on Feb 2nd.

- Carol Phelps

#### **Lunch Bunch**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Feb 25th, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are required.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

### Membership

Please welcome the following 3 new members to AAUW Howard County: Mary Ann Crosby, Pavanjit Sawhney, Suzanne Soules. Including our new members, our current paid membership for this year is 112 members.

Sources of prospective members range from referrals from branch members, our website, display tables at events like Diversity and LWV Legislative Luncheon, and women who approach our members who volunteering in the community. We have found that Great Decisions is a great draw for prospective members.

We emailed every member the invitation flyer to the **Feb 25th Introduction to AAUW HC** for new and prospective members. The flyer is attached.

PLEASE share it with a friend or who might be interested in learning about what our branch has to offer its members.

Each new member receives a Member Participation Questionnaire that requests her interest in our committees and interest groups. The questionnaire is attached for your use.

PLEASE wear your name tags to branch meetings, AAUW HC Diversity Events and when you are representing AAUW HC as a volunteer in the community.

Submitted by Kathy Schofield, VP Membership

## **Upcoming Events & Membership News**

### From Fashion Show Committee:

### Mark your calendars for the 2016 fabulous fashion show on Saturday, April 16th.

This will be held at Vantage House in Columbia, using Lord & Taylor for the outfits, and will start at 1:00 PM. Tickets will be sent to all members in early March, but please remember, if you are unable to make it to the show, buy your tickets anyway as this show is our **largest** Philanthropy event and all funds go to our scholarship program!!

The fun accessory sale will begin at 12:30, this year we will have **NEW** fashion jewelry and scarves along with donated handbags and accessories from our members. If you have any high quality, barely worn bags or necklaces you want to donate, please let me know. We are starting our model search, all members (NEW members please note) if you want to model, let me know. It is a lot of fun and does not matter age or size! We have enough teens and kids already on board.

Thanks in advance for your support, Phyllis McGlothlin pmcgloth@aol.com

## **From State Convention Local Arrangements Committee:**

#### "INSPIRING ACCESS TO SUCCESS"

AAUW MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION Saturday, April 30, 2016

Mark your calendar for the AAUW Maryland State Convention on Saturday, April 30. The Howard County branch will host this one day event that brings together members of all AAUW branches in Maryland. The day will include speakers on AAUW's research report "Solving the Equation,", news from AAUW national headquarters and time to share program and membership ideas. The state convention is always energizing and informative. If you have never attended one, this is the one to attend – right in your own county!

The convention will be held in the Kittleman Room in Duncan Hall, on the Howard Community College campus. Cost per person is \$45.00 including all program materials, buffet breakfast and lunch. Register by April 1; after that date, the registration fee increases to \$50.00. Now is a good time, while you are reading this note, to complete the attached form and mail with your check, made payable to "AAUW Maryland," to Karen Tang. Her address is on the form.

The Local Arrangements Committee will need help during the week before the convention, April 23 – 29, and on the day of the event. Contact Diane Roca, Committee Chair, at 410-964-3523 ordbroca@comcast.net. Things to be done: assemble convention program pages in binders, assemble treat bags, set up in the Kittleman Room on Friday, April 29 at HCC, and help with registration on the day of the convention.

#### Logistics and Registration Form for the AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

#### Theme: "Inspiring Access to Success"

The AAUW Maryland Annual Convention will be held from 7:45 AM to 3:00 PM on Saturday, April 30, 2016. The Howard County Branch will host the one-day event which will feature outstanding speakers on inspiring access to success, the business meeting, breakfast and lunch and induction of officers. All AAUW members and the public are welcome! You must register by April 1, 2016.

**Location:** Howard Community College Campus

Duncan Hall, Kittleman Room, Room 100

11901 Little Patuxent Parkway

Columbia, MD 21044

Venue Amenities: Free parking on campus

Handicapped-accessible entrance and bathrooms

Catered breakfast and lunch

Hotel: Columbia Courtyard Marriott

8910 Stanford Blvd.

Columbia, MD 21045

Hotel Reservations cut-off: April 8, 2016

Hotel Phone 1-800-321-2211

Hotel Amenities: Free ample parking onsite

Wireless Internet service

Onsite restaurant and bar

Fast-food and other restaurants within walking distance

Indoor pool

Hospitality Suite on Friday night, courtesy of AAUW Maryland.

# **2016 AAUW MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION Registration Due by April 1, 2016**

The convention fee is \$45 per person, including a continental breakfast, lunch and all program materials. Please send your completed registration form and a check for \$45 payable to *AAUW Maryland*, no later than April 1, 2016, to

Karen Tang 11218-2 Chase Street, Fulton, MD 20759 410-531-0619 ktang54@verizon.net.

For late registrations received after April 1 or on the day of the convention, the registration fee is \$50.00. Advance registration will help us better prepare for the event. For logistical information related to housing, meeting venue, meals, or anything else, please contact local arrangements committee chair Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or telephone at 410-964-3523.

Name	
Branch Affiliation	
Address	
PhoneEmail Address	
There will be a variety of sandwiches, including vegetarian. There will also be sal those who need a gluten-free meal or simply prefer a salad. Fruit and beverages w be available.	
For voting purposes, please let us know if you hold a leadership role in AAUW:	
State Officer(specify role)	
Branch Officer (specify role)	

# AAUW's Annual Fashion Show

Saturday, April 16, 2016

Fashion Show 1:00 p.m. until 2:30 p.m.

Accessory Sale 12:30 p.m.

Vantage House, 5400 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD

# Dress from Desk to Dinner



# Fashions by Lord & Taylor - Columbia Mall

Tickets: \$20

Door Prizes Light Refreshments

To benefit the philanthropic programs of the American Association of University Women of Howard County

AAUWHowardCounty@gmail.com

# **Diversity Committee News**

### FY 2016 - 2017 Theme: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY: THE MIDDLE EAST

Explore, Learn & Understand the Cultures of the Middle East and the Religions of Islam and Judaism

The committee proposes to facilitate exposure and education on the region of the world that is so little known and misunderstood by many Americans. We are not proposing discussions on extremism, religion or politics of the region as portrayed on daily news, but focus on the cultures of the Middle East to foster a greater understanding by educating ourselves. We want to provide an opportunity to experience the cultural nuances of the Middle East, particularly Turkey and Israel.

All the countries and cultures of the Middle East are represented in Howard County. We celebrate the diversity in our county, however our Muslim neighbors in particular are experiencing negative backlash in our current climate of fear of Muslims. Jews and other ethnic groups have had similar historical experiences due largely to lack of exposure, experience, interaction and misunderstanding. With that in mind, we are offering a tremendous opportunity to experience first hand the cultures of the Middle East with our events planned for this year.

#### **TOURS:**

Temple Isaiah: Sunday, February 21, 2016 1:00 - 2:30 pm 12200 Scaggsville Rd., Fulton, MD (Rt. 216)

- Tour of the temple
- Rabi Axler will have a presentation about Judaism and Israel with a Q & A
- Hadar Shahar, Emissary from Israel will be at the Temple during our visit

Diyanet Center, Turkish American Cultural Center & Mosque: Saturday, March 19, 2016 10:00 am - 3:00 pm 9704 Good Luck Rd., Lanham, MD 20706 (Coach bus transportation arranged)

Tour of Dyanet Center, including of grand mosque, Haman (Turkish bath), Cultural Center

• Observation of prayer in mosque & lunch

#### PANEL DISCUSSION

April 22, 2016 AAUW Branch Meeting Panel of experts on Islam and Judaism (to be announced) facilitated by Great Decisions chairs.

#### ANNUAL EVENT: CELEBRATION OF MIDDLE EAST CULTURES

September 17, 2016 (time TBD) Oakland Mills Interfaith Center 5885 Robert Oliver Place, Columbia, MD 21045 Featuring the foods, music and dances of the Middle East

# **Advocacy/Public Policy News**

#### League of Women Voters' Legislative Luncheon

On January 9<sup>th</sup>, AAUW partnered with the League of Women Voters for the annual Legislative Lunch. AAUW had a record number of participants – 23. We enjoyed wide selections of delicious food and then listened to the state and county level legislators discuss current issues, such as the environment, open spaces, etc.. It was a pleasure to meet and talk with my state Senator, Ed Kasemeyer and to meet Delegate Terri Hill for the first time. I also enjoyed seeing former delegate Liz Bobo, a long-time member of our branch.

We will be working closely with the League of Women Voters throughout the year, focusing on voter registration and candidates' forums. This is a great chance for you to contribute your time to AAUW Howard County. It is not a long-term commitment, but usually a one-day commitment. We already have had volunteers helping out at River Hill and Atholton High Schools, which netted 184 completed voter registration forms.

Keep in mind that we will also be working with LWV on the pollster project, where volunteers check out various polling places to see that they are following the laws and regulations. You will hear more about this. If you have questions or would like to volunteer, contact Jennifer Ingram, Advocacy Committee, at phone 410-740-4276 or <a href="mailto:jenniferingram@comcast.net">jenniferingram@comcast.net</a>.

## Maryland Legislative Agenda For Women (MLAW)

The MLAW Board of Directors identified issues that will comprise the **MLAW Legislative Agenda 2016**. The issues selected are listed below and <u>described in more detail on our website</u>.

\*Equal Pay for Equal Work

\*Fair Scheduling Act of 2016

\*Maryland Healthy Working Families Act

\*Stalking, Harassment, Misuse of Electronic Communication or

Interactive Computer Service

\*Rape Survivor Family Protection Act

\*Expansion of Maryland Vacating Convictions Law for Survivors of

Human Trafficking

\*Family and Medical Leave Act Insurance Program

The most powerful advocacy tool for the Agenda is your signature as a supporter. Organizations and individuals are invited to sign on as a supporter of the 2016 Agenda. We also encourage you to invite your friends and colleagues to sign on. A list of supporters will be attached to the document before it is distributed to legislators and the public, as well as included on our website. The document will be released at our Legislative Reception and Briefing and will be distributed to all legislators.

### **Education News**

**Education VP, Amy Robinson**, and her committee are currently working with Howard Community College (HCC) to obtain candidates for our transfer and NCCWSL scholarships. Upcoming events also include our participation in Girl Power at APL on March 6<sup>th</sup>, and the STEMFestival at HCC on June 5<sup>th</sup>. Another new initiative being worked with HCC is for a Reading/Writing event. If you are interested in volunteering for an event, or joining this important committee, contact Amy amymcrobinson@gmail.com

**The Reader's Group** meets on the second Thursday of every other month, starting with July, at the East Columbia Branch Library Fifty-Plus Center Card Room. Meeting time is 11AM. Those interested may go out to lunch afterward. The March meeting is on March 10<sup>th</sup> and the book is: A THOUSAND HILLS TO HEAVEN – nonfiction by Josh Ruxin. Facilitator: Barbara Parker. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Lorraine Tropf at <a href="mailto:lmerdon@verizon.net">lmerdon@verizon.net</a> or Doris Raytkwitch at <a href="mailto:dwhitespring@verizon.net">dwhitespring@verizon.net</a>

**Personal Educational Development** is important for our members. Member Nancy Bienia has sent information on an educational opportunity for anyone interested.

### A Hidden Jewel In Columbia

When I retired, I missed the challenging work and the social interaction with my coworkers. A friend told me about the Osher Life Time Learning Institute at Johns Hopkins University here in Columbia. I had never heard about it. Osher is a community of retired professionals who love learning and want to remain socially active. After one semester I was hooked on the exciting classes in art, history, culture and religion to name a few. I have met a whole new group of friends and couldn't be happier.

Doctors and scientists tell us that the key to a healthy and happy retirement is staying intellectually and socially active. The Osher program provides all of this including field trips (last year we went to the Supreme Court and the Goddard Space Flight Center), guest lunch time speakers and cruises. Classes are during the day here in Columbia and in the Roland Park area of Baltimore. For more information on the Spring classes here is the website <a href="www.osher.jhu.edu">www.osher.jhu.edu</a>. Please feel free to call me at 410-997-9158 if you have any questions.

Nancy Bienia (nbienia@verizon.net)





#### JOIN US FOR

## A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY: THE MIDDLE EAST

Explore, Learn & Understand the Cultures of the Middle East and the Religions of Islam and Judaism

## Featuring:

# A Tour of Temple Isaiah

Meet Rabbi Axler and Emissary Hadar Shahar from Israel

Sunday, February 21, 2016 1 - 2:30 pm Temple Isaiah 12200 Scaggsville Road, Fulton, MD 20759

For more information, contact:

Marcia Posner: 410-465-1905 <u>marciaposner@aol.com</u>
Jennifer Ingram: 410-740-4276 <u>jenniferingram@comcast.net</u>
Shigeyo Ibrahim: 410-707-6230 <u>shibrahim@gmail.com</u>

If you plan to attend, please contact <a href="marciaposner@aol.com">marciaposner@aol.com</a> to provide your name, phone number and email address by **February 14**<sup>th</sup>. Please include the names of everyone attending with you. There is no registration fee for this event.

Please note: modest dress

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# **AAUW Book Bash – Saturday, February 13<sup>th</sup>**

#### Theme: TIME FOR CRIME, TRUE AND IMAGINED

Roberta Rood explores American crime—nonfiction and fiction—with its ramifications in history, psychology, and criminology.

#### **BOOK SWAP**

Bring in a book you have read and want to give away. Give a 30-second synopsis. Draw numbers to determine the order that each person gets to choose a book.

Looking for a fun winter outing? Then plan to attend AAUW's annual Book Bash. You will be guided on an exploration of nonfiction and fiction crime books while you dine on a delicious lunch. Friends/prospective members are welcome!

**DATE:** Sat, Feb 13, 2016, **TIME:** 11:30 AM to 2:00 PM

LOCATION: Union Jack's Restaurant, 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD

(across from the south entrance to the Columbia Mall)

**COST:** \$26 per person, which includes tax and gratuity, non-alcoholic drink &

lunch-sized dessert.

Choose from following menu items:

#### First Course

Mixed Green Salad with champagne vinaigrette

#### Second Course

Petite Salmon with rice and asparagus (Gluten Free)
Petite Bangers and Mash
Reuben Sandwich with fries
Penne Pasta with Vegetables (Vegan)
Penne Pasta with Chicken and Vegetables

<u>Dessert</u> Banoffi

Name
Telephone
Email
Luncheon Selection:
Second
CoursePlease mail your check payable to <b>Howard County AAUW</b> along with your lunch selection to:

Karen Ownbey 5960 Autumn Spell Elkridge, MD 21075

RSVP no later than Wednesday Feb 10<sup>th</sup> to Karen Ownbey.

# AAUW 2015-16 Program Year

Month	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location			
February	Tuesday	$2^{\text{nd}}$	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	The Ale			
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February	Saturday	$13^{th}$	11:00am	Book Bash	Union Jacks			
February	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	Inge Stocklin's home			
February	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	E Col Library			
February	Sunday	$21^{st}$	1:00pm	Diversity Event	Temple Isaiah			
February	Tuesday	$23^{\rm rd}$	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	Dana Lowe's			
February	Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's C			
March	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD			
March	Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Girl Power	APL			
March	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	EC Sr Center			
March	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library			
March	Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD			
March	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Crl Library			
March	Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Diversity Event	Tour of			
Turkish Mos	_	n d						
March	Tuesday	$22^{\text{nd}}$	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)				
March	Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's			
April	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD			
April	Tuesday	$12^{th}$	TBD	`Equal Pay Day	HCC			
April	Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Mid East Panel Disc/ Election of Officers	EC Sr Center			
April	Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	12:30pm	<b>Fashion Show</b>	Vantage House			
April	Monday	$18^{th}$	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD			
April	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	<b>Board Meeting</b>	Email reports			
April	Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD			
April	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's			
April	Saturday	$30^{th}$	9:00am	State Convention	HCC			
Kittleman Room								
May	Tuesday	$3^{rd}$	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD			
May	Saturday	$14^{\mathrm{th}}$	TBD	Officer Installation	TBD			
May	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD			
May	Tuesday	$17^{th}$	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD			
	-			(Incoming and outgoin	ng officers)			
May	Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD			
May	Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's			
June	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	STEMfestival	HCC			

June	Tuesday	$7^{th}$	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
June	Tuesday	$14^{\mathrm{th}}$	6:30pm	Salad Supper	EC Sr Center
June	Monday	$20^{th}$	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
June	Tuesday	$21^{st}$	7:00pm	<b>Board Meeting</b>	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing	g officers)
June	Tuesday	$28^{th}$	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
June	Thursday	$30^{th}$	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
Café					

### **2015-2016 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers**

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