



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

June-July, 2013

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

Calendar

Adventures in Dining

June 4, 6:30pm
Chazz

1415 Aliceanna Street, Baltimore, MD

AAUW National Convention, "Leading Across Generations"

June 9-13

New Orleans

Great Decisions

June 17, 7pm

Lee Ann Hartman's Home

Board Meeting

June 18, 7pm

Central Library (Little Patuxent
Parkway)

Central Meeting Room

June Branch Meeting

June 25, 6:30pm

Salad Bar Supper

Ellicott City Senior Center

AAUW Lunch Bunch

June 27, 11:30am

Nordstrom's Café

Columbia Mall

Board Meeting

July 16, 7pm

Miller Library (Patapsco Room)

Practice SAT

July 20, 10:30am

Vantage House

SAT Scores Back Session

August 10, 2:30pm

Vantage House

Board Meeting

August 20, 7pm

Location TBA

New Member Orientation

August 27, 7pm

Janet Hoch's House

President's Message

We are approaching our summer break! We had a wonderful year, filled with informative meetings, fund raisers, orientations, newsletters, stem programs and spending time with friends. We will not have branch meetings in July and August but will resume with our annual Pot Luck Supper on Thursday, September 12 at Hebron House. The next newsletter is in August. Lunch Bunch, Adventures in Dining and Cultural events will continue in the summer.

Before we break, don't forget to mark your calendar for our annual Salad Bar Supper on June 25! It is always fun to have dessert with board members and watch as they compete to attract members to sign up at their committee tables.

Please continue to spread the word about the Practice SAT on July 20 at Vantage House. The success of the program depends on getting the information to students and parents.

I would like to thank the 2012-2013 board for their leadership and commitment to honoring AAUW's mission. The following members completed their terms: Connie Adamson, Candace dePass, Sethanne Howard, Loretta Gaffney, Carol McAuliffe, Kathy McCarthy, Gaynel Allen, Pat Reber and Diane Roca. Diane Roca and Joan Johnson will be leaving their appointed positions as Publicity Chairs. Thank you appointed chairs for your contributions to the branch.

The new board will meet during the summer to prepare for the new year. Board positions were filled with some new and some familiar faces. Candace dePass and Josie Thompson will edit the Newsletter; Bea Dane will monitor our finances; Connie Adamson and Pat Reber will lead Advocacy; Kathy McCarthy and Phyllis McGlothlin will oversee our philanthropy efforts; Stashia Goray and Dottie Mallerich will record our meetings and Gaynel Allen and Rhonda Tomlinson will coordinate our social functions. Morag Weedlun as our new Publicity Chair will ensure that AAUW is visible in the community.

New board members were installed at the annual year end meeting at Union Jack's on May 18. Our scholarship winners, Susan Flannery, Jordan McGill and Pam Savage received award certificates for HOCO membership through the Give a Grad a Gift Program.

A complete list of the board members including appointed chairs is included in this newsletter.

I hope to see you all at the Salad Bar Supper on June 25.

Have a safe and fun filled summer,

*Lorraine Troup
President*

Membership Corner

Welcome Our Newest AAUW HOCO

Members



Jordan McGill
Howard Community College
Human Resources: Chemical
Dependency
Jordan Resides in Columbia



Susan Flannery
Howard Community College
Business Management
Susan resides in Laurel



Karen Herrmann
Temple University
French
Karen resides in Clarksville



Deborah Girma
University of MD College Park
Physiology
Deborah resides in Columbia



Nadu Tuakli
University of Zambia, Harvard, Michigan &
Johns Hopkins
Medicine - Preventive and Anti-Aging
Nadu resides in Clarksville



Elizabeth Bickell
Drew University BA psychology
University of Maryland M.ED
Counseling
Elizabeth resides in Columbia



Pamela (Pam) Savage
Howard Community College
Associate's Degree, Communications
(Summer 2013)
Pam resides in Columbia

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next page...*

June Branch Meeting

The last meeting of the season is right around the corner. Join us **Tuesday, June 25** at 6:30pm at the Ellicott City Sr. Center for our salad supper buffet. This is a great opportunity to spend time with friends, and learn what is going on in AAUW HOCO. The highlight of the evening is the dessert session when members have the opportunity to taste enticing desserts and talk with committee chairs. Learn what each committee has planned for the upcoming season in celebration of the chapter's 50th anniversary.

*Gail Brown
Vice President, Programs*

Coming in June...

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will head into Baltimore on **Tuesday, June 4** to eat at Chazz - A Bronx Original on 1415 Aliceanna Street. Reservations will be for 6:30pm but those who would like to carpool should meet at the Harvester Baptist Church parking lot in Dorsey Search at 5:30pm. Please let me know if you plan to attend and whether or not you will car pool so we don't leave anyone behind. This should be a real adventure since the restaurant is only two years old. However, it specializes in Italian food and the chef/owner is from the family that has Aldo's in Little Italy!!

*Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining*

Great Decisions

Monday, June 17, 7pm – 9pm

Topic: *Iran and the U.S.: Three Decades of Futility*
Home of Lee Ann Hartman

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, and then discuss questions from the briefing book.

Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7pm – 9pm. 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](tel:410-964-3523). Please order your own briefing book at www.fpa.org. The cost is \$20.

Future Meetings

September 16, Topic: *China in Africa: Savior or Self-Interest?* (Home of Bea Dane)

October 21, Topic: *Assessing Threats to the U.S.* (Home of Gail Rust)

NOTE: No meetings in July and August.

*Diane Roca
Chair, Great Decisions*

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet at Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall on **Thursday, June 27** at 11:30 am. All members are welcome.

*Gail Rust
Chair, Lunch Bunch*

Membership Corner (continued)..

Time is Running Out for your Membership Renewal and a Chance to Win Your Renewal for Free!

Now is the time to renew your membership. The renewal for National, State and Branch membership is \$72 payable by June 30.

To encourage members to renew EARLY, the branch is raffling two, one-year memberships. To be in the raffle, members must send their renewal checks to Carol McAuliffe by June 15th. Please note this applies to check renewals only. You can renew your membership online; however, for the raffle, online memberships are not included. The President and Co-Membership VPs are not eligible for the raffle. Winners will be reimbursed their \$72.

The winners will be announced at the Salad Bar Supper on June 25. After June 15, you are encouraged to renew on line at the branch website at <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/members-only/> or at AAUW.org. Or send a check Carol McAuliffe, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045 by June 30.

Please contact Janet Hoch at [301-725-1807](tel:301-725-1807) or janetahoch@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Janet Hoch
Co-Vice President, Membership

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

Looking Back

Standing Up to Human Trafficking

This is the second article of a two part series of reports on the Maryland State Convention. The first article, which is in the May newsletter, reports on the highlights of the business meeting. This article will summarize a panel discussion on "Standing Up to Human Trafficking".

AAUW Maryland selected human trafficking as the topic for the 2013 convention with the goal of raising awareness and encouraging branch action. The panelists explained the scope of the problem in Maryland and gave members ideas of ways to respond.

Panel Members:

- Melissa Snow, Director, Anti-Trafficking Program, TurnAround, Inc., and Chair, Victim Services Committee, Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
- Dan Dickey, Detective, Anne Arundel County Police Department Vice Unit, Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force
- Nancy Winston, Director, Shared Hope International, and Chair, Legislative Committee, Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force

Highlights of the Presentation:

- Trafficking is not smuggling. It does not involve taking victims across state lines but refers to the "traffic" – amount of people – coming into and out of the victim's room.
- The goal of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force is to identify women who are victims, get law enforcement on the case, and offer the women restoration and justice.
- The top three cities for trafficking in the U.S. are New York, Chicago, and Baltimore. Baltimore ranks high because there is money to pay for sex services. There is an enormous demand for the services. Without buyers, trafficking would not exist.
- A pimp with six girls can make \$700,000 a year.
- Those most vulnerable are young girls about age 14, especially those who are in a difficult family situation such as drug abuse. The individual will target them, drawing them in with friendship, clothing, and gifts, playing on their desire for love and belonging.
- 100,000 – 300,000 children in the U.S. are victims of trafficking. The average age of entry is 13.
- Traffickers looking for vulnerable children go to high school sports events, arcades, movie theaters and shopping malls.
- Since July 2011, 185 survivors have been identified. All are girls and 95% are Americans. They are usually identified by law enforcement collaborating with the Department of Juvenile Services and security forces at malls and airports.
- Victims need specialized trauma services, housing, access to education and jobs.
- TurnAround Inc. gives each a Freedom Pack - a backpack with underwear, sweat suit, flip-flops, toiletries and a gift card for food.

Suggestions for Response:

- Raise awareness. Share information about trafficking with three to five others. Shatter the ability of traffickers to operate.
- Inform children who at a vulnerable age and their parents. Arrange a showing of Shared Hope International's DVD "Chosen" in which two girls tell how they were stalked and became victims.
- Donate for Freedom Packs through "TurnAround" <http://www.turnaroundinc.org/>
- Support legislation through CapWiz at the Shared Hope website. <http://sharedhope.org/>

Branch Response:

After updating the board with this information, they were supportive of two suggestions for raising awareness at the branch level. Add a speaker on trafficking to the branch programs in the coming year. Investigate the best way for the branch to assist rescued victims through the Freedom Packs program.

Diane Roca and Lorraine Troup
Co-Vice President, Secretary and President

50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act

Monday, June 10 is the 50th Anniversary of the Equal Pay Act. The law is outdated and contains too many loopholes and has not worked as thought. Therefore we need to support the Paycheck Fairness Act (S.84/H.R.377)

*Penny Zervos
Vice President, Advocacy*

Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women 2013 Final Report

The following bill passed:

HB 713 - Criminal Procedure - Seizure and Forfeiture - Property Used in Human Trafficking
This bill authorized a state or local law enforcement agency to seize specified property used or intended for use in connection with a crime relating to human trafficking.

The following bills did not pass:

SB 94 - Child Abuse and Neglect - Notice and Reporting Requirements, Disclosure and Task Force

HB 735/SB 698 - Labor and Employment - Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act

HB 478/SB 861 - Crimes - Committing a Crime of Violence in the Presence of a Minor - Penalties.

HB 715/SB 620 - Family Law - Denial of Paternity, Custody, and Visitation [Akin's Law]

HB 1230/SB 490 - Domestic Violence - Persons Eligible for Relief and Orders to Vacate Home

*Penny Zervos
Vice President, Advocacy*

What is Diversity?

The following is Gail Brown's First Place winning essay of the Diversity Essay Contest.

Diversity

"Imagine how boring life would be if we were all the same. My idea of a perfect world is one in which we appreciate each other's differences; one in which we are all equal but definitely not the same."

Barbara Streisand, The Concert, 1994

Almost 20 years ago, one of America's favorite entertainers reminded us of the beauty of diversity. Yet today, differences are often not respected or accepted. Is it because of fear, distrust, or lack of education? Perhaps all three?

Diversity adds richness to our lives. When we embrace differences, whether race, culture, religious beliefs or physical limitations, we enrich our lives. We broaden our knowledge of the world and the people we interact with every day.

In his book, *The World is Flat*, Tom Friedman analyzes globalization in the 21st century and how it has changed core economic concepts. He alludes to the fact that we must improve our relations with other cultures and communities. The organizations that can cope with change will expand and grow¹. Diversity and acceptance of change, starts with the individual but goes far beyond.

AAUW's mission statement is to "promote equity for all women and girls, lifelong education and societal change". By exploring and nurturing our differences with programs that expose us to diversity, we are supporting our mission. At the same time, we are learning to appreciate and see the world through the eyes of others.

1. Friedman, Thomas: *The World is Flat, A Brief History of the 21st Century*, Farrar, Straus & Giroux, 2005

Gail Brown

Diversity Essay Contest Winner

Pictures from the Fashion Show

This year's Fashion show was a huge success and remains our largest fund raiser. Here are some pictures taken by our photographer Sethanne Howard. Thanks Sethanne!



Fashion Show pictures continued on next page...

**Parents of Howard County
Middle and High School
Students
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Parents, how will your child score on an SAT test?

Have your child take a full-length practice SAT under actual testing conditions and find out. It's a great way for your child to test using the type of questions on the SAT exam, build confidence and get comfortable with the exams' formats. Then attend a Scores Back Strategy Session and receive personal scores report and learn more about the results. Cost: \$15 for the SAT practice test and Scores Back sessions. \$15 is donated to AAUW scholarship fund.

SAT Practice Test – bring #2 pencils and calculator

Date: July 20, 2013

Time: 10:30AM – 3:30PM

Location: Vantage House Auditorium
5400 Vantage Point Rd., Columbia,
MD 21044

Scores Back Session

Date: August 10, 2013

Time: 2:30PM – 4:00PM

Location: Vantage House Auditorium
5400 Vantage Point Rd., Columbia,
MD 21044

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*Cynthia Cupples and Amy Robinson
Co-Vice Presidents, Education*

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New Branch Members Are Welcomed to AAUWHOCO

Co Vice President Membership Janet Hoch's home was the scene of many smiling faces as 14 new HOCO members gathered for orientation. Thanks to Janet for hosting our third orientation this membership year and Kathy McCarthy and Gay Allen for filling the table with plenty of goodies.



We welcomed Donna Aycok, Belinda Edwards, Deborah Girma, Eileen Golin, Wendy Hendrickson, Jill Lapedes, Karen Lucas, April North, Elizabeth Ombija, Nadu Tuakli, Caroline Tunison, Rhonda Tomlinson, Marge Trautman and Rene Wyatt.

Sethanne Howard gave an overview of AAUWHOCO current events and Lorraine Tropf talked about AAUW's mission and HOCO's partnerships in Howard County.

The new members were very enthusiastic about becoming active in the branch. Each expressed her reasons for joining AAUW; to support women and girls particularly in STEM and make new friends.

By the end of the evening, they were networking with one another and business cards were exchanged. They came up with ideas for two new interest groups. It was apparent that new friendships were formed.

*Lorraine Tropf
President*

Speaking of New Members...

The following is a photo taken at the May year end meeting, of three of our four scholarship winners as well as new member Maureen Marshall, Assistant Director of the Career Links Program.



Left to right: Pamela Savage, Jordan McGill, Susan Flannery, Kassy Hargadon-Zester, Counselor for Career Links program, and Maureen Marshall, Assistant Director of the Career Links Program

*Cynthia Cupples
Co-Vice President, Education*

Thank you for all of your help and support in another successful year for AAUW HOCO. Have a fabulous summer! You deserve it.