

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

June/July 2014

CALENDAR

June

Columbia House Tour

June 1, 12:30pm

*Amherst House in the King's
Contrivance Village Center*

Adventures in Dining

June 3, 6:30pm

Helmand In Baltimore

Branch Meeting – Salad Supper and Desserts with the Board

June 10, 6:30pm

Ellicott City Senior Center

Practice SAT/ACT Test

June 14, 10am

Vantage House

Great Decisions

June 16, 7pm

Gaynel Allen's Home

Joint Board Meeting (Incoming and Outgoing Boards)

June 17, 7pm

East Columbia Library

Lunch Bunch

June 26, 11:30am

Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

Reminder: *Anyone who needs a ride or a special accommodation to attend a branch event, contact Diversity Chair, Peggy Wong at my_nest@verizon.net or (410) 997-7019.*

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The past year has been filled with wonderful memories. We celebrated our 50th Anniversary. We said, "Happy Birthday" to our branch with a candle light ceremony. We continued to celebrate with a reception that included ethnic foods, music and remembrances of our past. HOCO's first President Bonnie Sisik sent greetings and other charter members attended the reception and shared their memories of earlier years. We will continue to keep in touch with them through our Newsletter as they are on the mailing list.

We honored two charter members with scholarships in their names; Joetta Cramm, 49 year member and Jane Trolinger 70 year member.

Retro models brought smiles to our faces as we recognized fashions of the 60, 70, and 80s during this year's Fashion Show.

We give a special thank you to the 50th Anniversary committee led by Cookie and Sandra for their labor of love in planning these programs. We also thank the Diversity Committee led by Peggy for their contribution and for showcasing the diversity of our membership through food and music.

The Education Committee led by Cynthia and Amy, raised money through the Practice SAT Programs. They coordinated five scholarships and two National Collegiate Conference of Women Student Leaders scholarships this anniversary year. We are very excited to welcome the scholars into our membership.

The Philanthropy Committee led by Phyllis and Kathy, exceeded their goals through Macy's Shop for a Cause, the holiday silent auction and the Fashion Show.

The Advocacy Committee led by Pat and Connie coordinated our presence at the League of Women Voters Luncheon, and kept us informed about impending laws and the Lilly Ledbetter Act and Lobby Corps.

The Social Committee led by Gaynel and Rhonda coordinated the Holiday Party, Pot Luck Dinner and the Salad Supper. Gail (Brown), invited outstanding guest speakers to our branch meetings which kept us coming back again each meeting.

The Membership Committee led by Doris and Janet invited new members to join our branch, and expanded the number and purpose of the Orientation Programs.

We enjoyed lunches and dinners together thanks to Gail (Rust) and Carol. We discussed books with Doris, Emma and Roberta. We had fun going to cultural events arranged by Jean, Emma and Roberta.

Dottie and Stashia recorded our meetings and Candace and Josie produced the best newsletter in AAUW. And Bea monitored our budget which kept us all within our spending limits.

Morag and Schnell ensured that our events were in the public view while Diane led group discussions on current events at Great Decisions.

The Hand Crafters and Movie Goers was up and running this year thanks to Anne Tarantino. Laura and Karen suggested starting a Bridge group and ran with it! We look forward to hearing about the Treasure Hunters as Rita and Donna jump start the group.

I want to thank the past two boards who worked with me. I was so fortunate to have had them. They are a talented and dedicated group of women. I could not have done it without them.

Lastly, I thank the membership for staying involved in our programs and serving on committees and supporting branch activities.

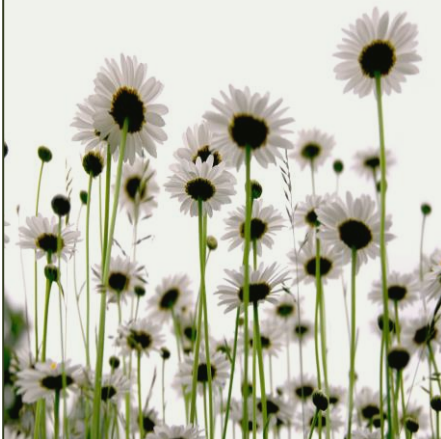
Good luck to the incoming board, led by Bea. They are a terrific group of women. We are in good hands.

During the past two years, I hope that you learned something new, met a friend, and most of all had fun!

Lorraine Tropp, President

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

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Upcoming Events

Columbia House Tour

As we've done for the past several years, the cultural committee is putting together a group to attend the annual Columbia Home Tour. This year, the event will take place on **Sunday, June 1**. Members are to meet at Amherst House in the King's Contrivance Village Center at 12:30pm. Please notify Jean Salkeld ([410-992-4198](tel:410-992-4198)) or jesalkeld@gmail.com if you plan to attend.

Light refreshments will be served at Amherst House from 1pm – 4pm. However, our group will tour first, and then return for refreshments. The homes are actually open from 11am - 4:30pm. There is no admittance to a home after 4:30pm.

Tickets can be purchased at any of the ten Columbia village centers. The cost is \$20 in advance, and \$25 at the door.

Here is the address for the web site: <http://www.columbiahometour.org/2014-tour.html>

We've had an enjoyable time doing this in past years. If you think you'd like to join us this time, please contact Emma Pope at 410-997-7688 or Jean Salkeld at 410-992-4198.

You can also email jean at jesalkeld@gmail.com.

*Emma Pope, Roberta Rood, Jean Salkeld,
Cultural Co-Chairs*

Adventures in Dining



Our **Tuesday, June 3** selection is The Helmand in Baltimore at 6:30pm. Please let me know if you plan on being part of that adventure since reservations need to be made way in advance. Thanks.

Carol McAuliffe Phelps, Chair, Adventures in Dining

June Meeting

Join us on **Tuesday June 10** at 6:30pm at the Ellicott Sr. Center for our salad supper buffet. This is an opportunity to spend time with friends and learn what is going on in AAUW HOCO. The delicious variety of salads will be followed by desserts provided by the committee chairs. You will have an opportunity to learn more about what each committee has planned for the upcoming season as you sample the dessert offerings. Please see the separate flyer for more details on the salad supper evening.

*Gaynel Allen
Chair, Social Committee*

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, June 26**, in Nordstrom's Cafe at 11:30am, Columbia Mall. All members are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch



Practice SAT

As many of you know we will be hosting a practice SAT on **Saturday, June 14**, 10am at Vantage House with a follow up session on **July 12**. The length of the test will be about the same but the format will be different. It will combine aspects of both the SAT and ACT tests to give students a chance to try both and judge which one might be better for them. The Princeton Review is also giving away one of their prep courses to one of our test takers. See the attached flier for details. I will need help on the day of the test and follow up session but the most important thing now is for us to get the word out about the test to our friends, family, schools, churches and other community groups.

Amy Robinson, Co Vice President, Education

Great Decisions Monday, June 16, 7-9 pm
Topic: *Food and Climate*
Home of Gaynel Allen

Great Decisions is a discussion program about topics in world affairs. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 p.m. Contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or [410-964-3523](tel:410-964-3523).

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions

Future Meetings
All on Mondays, 7pm
(NOTE: No meetings in July and August):

September 15
China's Foreign Policy
Laura Violand's home

October 20
U.S. Trade Policy
Gail Rust' home



You Are Invited!

AAUW Howard County Branch
Annual Salad Supper and Dessert

With AAUW Board Members

June 10, 2014 6:30 pm

Ellicott City Senior Center



Come hear from each Board member about AAUW activities and committees

Sample and enjoy numerous salads and desserts

Seize the opportunity to support AAUW by joining the committees

Be part of a positive upward looking organization

Please sign up as follows, to participate in the fun:

Board members bring desserts!

Last name begins with A – J, bring a green salad (i.e. Caesar, spinach, etc.)

Last name begins K – S, bring an entrée salad (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)

Last name begins T – Z, bring a side salad (i.e. potato, pasta, fruit, bean, etc.)

Important note! All dishes should serve 8 – 10 people. Please bring your own serving utensils.

Please RSVP to Gaynel O. Allen (443) 542-9758 or Gayneloallen@Hotmail.com by Saturday June 7. Please let us know your choice of salad or dessert.

Should **you** take the SAT or ACT?



The road to college is paved with many choices. Among the first of those is whether to take the ACT or the SAT. In lieu of a crystal ball, we created The Princeton Review Assessment (PRA). Designed to help you determine which test you'd score higher on, the PRA is a great way to "meet" both tests.

The American Association of University Women of Howard County in partnership with The Princeton Review is offering a practice PRA on:

Saturday, June 14th

10 am - 2 pm

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

*\$15 registration fee. All proceeds will be donated to the AAUW scholarship fund.

Parents and students are invited to review the results on:

Saturday, July 12th

2 pm - 3:30 pm

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

*All in attendance will be entered in a drawing to win a FREE SAT or ACT Ultimate course with The Princeton Review.

TO ENROLL, please call 800-2REVIEW or visit PrincetonReview.com.

Remit \$15 cash or check made out to
AAUW Howard County and send to:
Amy Robinson
5563 Nettlebed Court
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Advocacy Corner

Four of the seven bills promoted by MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) passed into law by the Maryland General Assembly. You can find more information about each of the bills and MLAW at their website:

<http://mdlegagendaforwomen.org>

Bills passed were unpaid parental leave, healthy births for incarcerated women, law making it easier for domestic violence victims to obtain permanent protective orders, and a change in the burden of proof for peace and protective orders.

Not passed were the earned sick and safe leave act, ending parental rights of rapists if requested and a bill on moving dating and sexual assault into the protective order statute.

Pat Reber, Co-Chair, Advocacy

Membership News

Give a Gift to a Grad...for FREE!

AAUW members can give recent college graduates, who are within two years of their actual graduation date, a free, one-year AAUW *national* membership, at no cost to you or them. Graduates holding an associate or equivalent, baccalaureate, or higher degree from a regionally accredited institution qualify. Just go to www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift and sign up your friends and relatives.

We at the Howard County Branch of AAUW are in the process of Giving a Gift to the Grad of a National AAUW membership to our five recent scholarship winners.

In addition, we at Howard County AAUW branch will waive Howard County Branch membership dues and pay state dues for one year for any Grad brought into the Howard County Branch by a current HOCO member through the Give a Grad a Gift program. Please contact Janet Hoch at 301-725-1807 or janetahoch@verizon.net if interested in giving your grad a gift membership.

Membership Renewals—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 due by June 30.

To encourage members to renew EARLY, the branch is raffling three, one-year memberships. To be in the raffle, members must send their renewal checks to Bea Dane by **June 15th**. Bea's address is 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Genelg, MD 21737. Please note this applies to check renewals only. You can renew your membership online; however, online memberships are not included in the raffle. The President and Co-Membership VPs are not eligible for the raffle.

After June 15, you are encouraged to renew online at <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/members-only/> or at AAUW.org. Or send a check to Bea Dane at 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Genelg, MD 21737 by June 30.

Janet Hoch, Co-Vice President, Membership

On Diversity

Here we are in the 21st Century, enjoying the many advances that we have achieved as human beings -in technology and medicine, for example. Yet, we are still struggling to obtain some basic rights, such as equal pay for women.

We must ask ourselves why such inequality still exists. After all, are we women not (roughly) half the population?

And, even as we shake our collective heads at other evidence of inequality, such as overt acts of racism in recent news stories, are we not all responsible for the systemic prejudices that exist in our country? Privately, are we fostering centuries-old prejudices and handing them over to our offspring and they to theirs?

Our branch has a diverse membership; it also has a diverse board. However, we have yet to achieve an atmosphere of seamless diversity and of warm inclusion. We must go beyond nods to political correctness or patronizing kindness. Yes, diversity is more than “diverse” desserts at branch meetings. Our journey to diversity has just begun.

Peggy Wong, Chair, Diversity Committee

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Laura Wilson 219 688-8261**NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients**

We are pleased to announce the two winners of AAUW-Howard County scholarships to attend the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 5-7.

Joy Snow works to find “concrete solutions to end poverty” as an investigator at Hope Works of Howard County. She also volunteers at Howard County AGAST as an Advocate against Human Trafficking and mentors young women in crisis. With a background as a certified nursing assistant and medical technician in geriatric and Alzheimer’s care, Joy is currently a student in the Graduate Nursing Program at HCC. She plans to work for the Veterans’ Administration when she graduates. We believe that her eagerness to “pass [her] strength and wisdom forward,” turning her own experience of trauma into positive change for others, shows exceptional leadership.

Jamal Stennett is a travel agent majoring in Hospitality Management at HCC. She has worked in administrative positions at the Senate Federal Credit Union and Randstad/Perkin Elmer-Wallace. Jamal provides support within our community through her leadership in directing several groups for moms and small children.

Cynthia Cupples & Amy Robinson, Co-Vice Presidents, Education

From Philanthropy

Thanks again for all the support and help for our fabulous Fashion Show. We made our goal for the scholarship fund! Hope to see you all next year and please volunteer at the salad supper for the committee...lots of fun! If you cannot attend the supper, email me if you would like to be on the committee.

Our next fundraiser is the Macy's "Shop For a Cause" event on **Saturday August 23**. For a \$5.00 donation to AAUW, you will receive a 25% off shopping pass for most items, good for the entire day, and also for sale merchandise! We will need volunteers to staff our table at Columbia Mall, Macy's, where we will sell the savings passes on August 23. We will have two hour shifts starting at 10am to 3pm. I appreciate your support and please purchase a savings pass even if you are not available on that day. I will have them available at the salad supper or you can send me a check (made out to AAUW Howard County) for as many \$5.00 passes you would like. I will mail them back to you. All the money raised goes to our scholarship fund.

Send to: Phyllis McGlothlin, 9651 Sea Shadow, Columbia, MD 21046.

Thanks in advance,
Phyllis McGlothlin, Co Vice President Philanthropy

Deadline for the August newsletter is July 25. Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at ccdepass@gmail.com and josie@josiedesigns.com