



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

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

Calendar

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

Columbia Pro Cantare Concert

March 10, 3 pm

First Evangelical Lutheran
Church in Ellicott City

March Branch Meeting

March 12, 7 pm

"Making Tough Choices:
Practical Solutions
for Home and Elder Care"
Panel of experts
Ellicott City Senior Center

Great Decisions

March 18, 7 pm

Diane Roca's Home

Test Fest

March 23, 10:30 am

Vantage House

AAUW Lunch Bunch

March 28, 11:30 am

Nordstrom's Café
Columbia Mall

Diversity Essay

Submission Deadline

March 31, noon

President's Message

It is time to fill Board of Directors' positions that will expire on June 30. How quickly time moves on!

The nominating committee was: Cookie Cogan, 1st Vice President, Kathy McCarthy, Social Vice President, Loretta Gaffney, Philanthropy Vice President, Schnell Garrett, Website Manager and Lorraine Tropf, President.

The nominees are:

Advocacy Co VPs	Connie Adamson and Pat Reber
Communications Co VPs	Candace dePass and Josie Thompson
Finance Officer	Bea Dane
Philanthropy Co VPs	Kathy McCarthy and Phyllis McGlothlin
Secretary Co VPs	Stashia Goray and Dottie Mallerich
Social Co VPs	Gaynel Allen and Schnell Reed Garrett

At the Annual Meeting on April 9, you will have the opportunity to vote for these candidates. Nominations will be taken from the floor with the consent of the nominee.

I would like to thank the nominating committee for their assistance in filling these positions and nominees for agreeing to serve if elected.

Lorraine Tropf
President

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

Upcoming Branch Meetings

April 9, 7 pm
Annual Meeting - "Gender Strategies"
Trent Kittleman

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

Accommodations to Attend Branch Events

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.



Save the Dates!

AAUW Maryland 71st Annual Convention

April 13
Harford County

AAUW Fashion Show

April 27, 1pm
Vantage House

Women of Distinction Award Ceremony

May 30

(Honoree: Donna E. Shalala, former Secretary of Health and Human Services)

AAUW National Convention.

"Leading Across Generations"

June 9-13
New Orleans

March Branch Meeting

"Making Tough Choices: Practical Solutions for Home and Elder Care" - A Panel Discussion

Over the next eight years the number of individuals needing aging services will expand dramatically. According to the Department of Health and Human Services, the population of 65+ will increase from 35 million in 2000 to 55 million in 2020. Those 65 and older can expect to live approximately 19 more years and not surprisingly, women will outnumber men by almost six million.

How can you educate yourself on ways to address some of the aging issues? The March meeting will host a panel discussion: **"Making Tough Choices: Practical Solutions for Home & Elder Care."**

Our panel will include:

Michelle Cavey-Betah, President/CEO of Hearts of Ireland Referral Agency, an in-home care agency
Harriet Mandell-Olson, LSW, Practice Director, UMMS Family Medicine at Maryland School of Medicine, geriatric case manager
Maureen S. Winer, Vice President, Parting with Possessions, Inc.

Join us **Tuesday, March 12** at 7pm at the Ellicott City Senior Center. Learn how to approach elder care concerns and make some of the tough choices.

Gail Brown
Co-Vice President, Programs

Coming Soon...

Adventures in Dining

We will be meeting at Kelsey's in the Normandy Shopping Center on **Tuesday, March 5** at 6:30pm. Please RSVP if you do plan to attend so that I may make appropriate reservations. Hope to see you then.

Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining

AAUW Readers

Our next discussion will take place on **Thursday, March 7** at 1pm. We'll be discussing two short novels, both by Julie Otsuka: When the Emperor Was Divine and The Buddha in the Attic. Both are available at the library in both print and audiobook on CD formats.

Phyllis McGlothlin has once again graciously offered to host the group. Her address is 9651 Sea Shadow, Columbia 21046. Here are directions to her house:

From Route 29: exit Route 32 toward Ft. Meade.
Take the first exit to Broken Land Pkwy. Bear to the right 1/2 mile until the dead end, which is the traffic light for Guilford Rd.
Turn left on Guilford Rd. until the next light, which is Murray Hill Rd. (Kings Contrivance). Turn right on Murray Hill.
Travel down Murray Hill past small shopping area to Vollmerhausen Rd, turn left. *(continued on the next page)*

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 **Saturday, March 23** from 10:30am to 3:30pm at the Vantage House auditorium. A follow-up “scores back” session to discuss test results will be held **Saturday, April 20** from 2:30pm 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 is required for both sessions.

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

*Amy Robinson
Co-Chair, Education*

Membership Corner

Cookie Sends Thanks

"Thank you for you kind expressions of sympathy."

Cookie Cogan

AAUW Readers Cont....

Vollmerhausen Rd. to Sea Shadow, turn left on Sea Shadow. (Not far down on Vollmerhausen).
Down Sea Shadow to the end of the street at the cul-de-sac, 9651 address on the house, right of garage.

It would be great if you could contact Phyllis to let her know if you plan to attend. Her e-mail is pmcglath@aol.com; her phone number is 301-490-7328.

If you're interested, I've posted a review of When the Emperor Was Divine on my blog, Books to the Ceiling. Here's the link:
<http://robertarood.wordpress.com/2013/01/29/when-the-emperor-was-divine-by-julie-otsuka/>

*Roberta Rood
Chair, AAUW Readers*

Concert by the Columbia Pro Cantare

The Columbia Pro Cantare will be presenting the *Requiem* by Gabriel Faure and *The Little Match Girl Passion*, a contemporary work by David Lang, on **Sunday, March 10** at 3pm at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church. The church is located 3604 Chatham Road in Ellicott City.

Here in Howard County, we are very fortunate to have our own world class choral society. I am not familiar with the Lang work, but the Faure Requiem is one of the most beautiful and consoling works I know.

For more information, visit Pro Cantare at www.procantare.org. Here is a link to the 'Sanctus' from the Requiem, on YouTube:
<http://youtu.be/KwoyqglPwjw>.

*Roberta Rood
Co-Chair, Cultural*

Great Decisions

March 18, 7 – 9pm, Home of Diane Roca
Topic: *NATO: Crisis? What Crisis?*

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 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.

Future Meetings

April 22 7pm Topic: *Myanmar and Southeast Asia* (Home of Trent Kittleman)

May 20 7pm Topic: *Humanitarian Intervention and U.S. Policy* (Home of Gaynel Allen)

The group will decide whether to meet during the summer.

*Diane Roca
Chair, Great Decisions*

Trip to the National Cryptologic Museum

Janie Jones has very kindly organized a trip to the National Cryptologic Museum for us. The date for the tour is **Wednesday April 17** at 10am. The tour will last until approximately 11:30am. After the tour, we will have time for a brief visit to the gift shop. This could be followed by lunch at a restaurant in the area.

Janie suggests that we decide on the restaurant in advance, meet there at 9:30am, and then carpool to the museum. We can then return to the restaurant for lunch.

The free guided tour of the museum highlights the history of cryptology (code making and code breaking) from the Civil War to the end of the Cold War. The museum is located at the intersection of routes 32 and 395; there is plenty of parking available.

If you are interested in participating in this activity, please let Janie know, preferably by March 17. Her e-mail is janiej@comcast.net. If you could also copy me at robertarood@earthlink.net, that would be most helpful. Janie has also provided her phone number: 410-730-6156. Once you have indicated your desire to join the group, we will be in touch regarding the selection of a restaurant.

Janie's efforts here are deeply appreciated. She has created a nice opportunity for us to visit a fascinating place.

*Roberta Rood
Co-Chair, Cultural*

Lunch Bunch

Relax and munch with AAUW members at the monthly Lunch Bunch on **Thursday, March 28**, at 11:30am at the Nordstrom's Café at the Columbia Mall. Order your lunch, and 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*

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, 2013, at the Vantage House to claim one of the prizes that you will have won!

Haven't had time to write your essay on "Diversity – Our Path to Enrichment?" Well, today is your lucky day! We have extended the deadline to **Sunday, March 31**. The contest rules follow:

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:
 - creativity
 - originality
 - ability to convey message and/or feasibility of plan proposed
- The contest will start on January 12, 2013 at noon and end on March 11, 2013 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 (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, 2013.

*Peggy Wong
Chair, Diversity*

The Fashion Show is Coming!

In less than two months our branch will hold its biggest fundraiser: The Fashion Show. Save the date: **Saturday, April 27** at 1pm. Our very own members will model fashionable vacation clothes from Lord & Taylor. There will be delectable snacks provided by the Vantage House where the event will take place. This year, we will also have beautiful accessories for you to buy.

Last year, we awarded three scholarships to three deserving women who went on to four-year colleges from Howard Community College. Let us try for four scholarships this year. You can make it happen by buying tickets to the Fashion Show! Look for the tickets in the mail. The Fashion Show Committee will send you an e-mail when the tickets are mailed.

Fashion, food, friends – all for a good cause! See you there!

*Peggy Wong
Fashion Show Committee*

Deadline for the April newsletter is March 22.

Please send items to
Connie Adamson and Candace dePass at
adamsons@verizon.net and
ccdpass@gmail.com.

Advocacy Corner

Violence Against Women Act

On February 12, 2013, the Senate voted to reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act with a strong bipartisan vote (78 to 22). This would revamp domestic violence programs and extend the law's protection to gay men and lesbian women on tribal reservations. The Senate version also would expand efforts to combat sex trafficking. The statute provides grants to state and local governments to assist in the prosecution of abusers and rapists and to fund services for victims. The Violence Against Women Act was first passed in 1994.

Peggy Zervos

Legal Advocacy Fund Update

AAUW adopted the case of Virginia LeBlanc in December 2012. LeBlanc, the former director of the Hudson and Holland Scholars Program at Indiana University, a scholarship program that primarily serves African American students, filed a complaint in federal district court against the university claiming gender and pay discrimination when she tried to resolve the pay disparity internally. Settlement talks are scheduled for March, and if necessary, the case will go to trial in April 2014.

On January 23, 2013, AAUW Board of Directors member Kathy Braeman and Program Manager Holly Kearl sat in the overflow room at a hearing at Lackland Air Force Base in San Antonio, Texas on the widespread of sexual misconduct at Lackland. Kearl wrote a blog post on the hearing that led to an [interview](#) and an invitation to [write for the Huffington Post](#) about the military sexual assault survivors who are participating in the LAF-supported lawsuits.

Peggy Zervos

Women's Legislative Briefing

The Women's Legislative Briefing was held on January 27, 2013 in Rockville by the Montgomery County Commission for Women and other sponsors. Senator Barbara Mikalski spoke on social and economic equality. Dr. Bernice Sandler, the "Godmother of Title IX," made the Keynote Speech.

A congressional panel comprised of Senator Benjamin Cardin, and Representatives John Sarbanes and John Delaney discussed women's legislative issues. The remainder of the program consisted of small seminar groups that addressed various women's issues. Participants were able to choose two areas of interest to attend. Barbara Schnackenberg and Penny Zervos attended.

Peggy Zervos

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Looking Back...

Celebration of the 40th Anniversary of Title IX

Did you know that the landmark civil rights legislation Title IX started in Maryland? The fascinating story of its enactment was told at a celebration of the 40th anniversary of the legislation at the Maryland Women's Heritage Center in Baltimore. Did you know that AAUW played an important role too?

Lorraine Tropf and Diane Roca attended the celebration on December 7.

Dr. Bernice Sandler, known as the Godmother of Title IX, was the featured speaker. In 1969, she was a part-time instructor at the University of Maryland. There were tenure track openings that she was qualified to fill, but was not considered for them. Feeling that the reason was sex discrimination, she started to research the law and, astonishingly, could not find anything in the law that prohibited discrimination against women. With further research, she found that a clause in the recently passed Civil Rights legislation did prohibit sex discrimination. On that basis Bernice filed a Class Action suit against the University of Maryland and other universities. Her efforts generated a flood of letters of support. Many women joined in the effort, initiated a letter-writing and telephone campaign to propose the legislation. Dr. Sandler searched for newsletters about women's issues and were distributed to and directed at women. She found AAUW was the only organization at that time with a newsletter directed to and for women. Dr. Sandler said that AAUW was instrumental in helping to get the word out.

The celebration's program came to life with updates on current equity issues and stories from women who are presently involved in ensuring its compliance. There were accounts from attorneys, educators, and activists. Attendees were given the chance to share their own stories about life before Title IX or how it changed their lives after the law was passed.

Many of us associate Title IX with women's sports. However, it prohibits discrimination on the basis of sex in all federally funded education programs and activities. From this legislation, many significant changes including sports programs and facilities in schools for girls and women, a climate that recognizes women's abilities in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Math), and protection from sexual harassment and bullying.

We felt honored to be part of the celebration of this landmark legislation and to stand side by side with the pioneers and present day guardians.

*Lorraine Tropf and Diane Roca
President and Co-Vice President, Secretary*