

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

March 2016

## **MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Spring is just about here! Our Branch has not let the winter deter us from holding some incredible events over the past two months, and planning for more in the upcoming months. Every committee is going full blast! The Book Bash on Feb 13<sup>th</sup>, with our member Roberta Rood as guest speaker, was very entertaining and informative on True Crime. We had a large turnout of members, and had a quick book swap at the end of the event. Thanks to Program VP, Karen Ownbey, for setting up the venue and taking reservations. The Temple Isaiah synagogue tour on Feb 21<sup>st</sup> was very enjoyable and educational. Thanks to our Diversity Committee for setting this up. We look forward to the next tour of the Diyanet Center Mosque on March 19<sup>th</sup>, and to hearing from a diverse panel at our April 12<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting. And don't forget the Fashion Show on April 16<sup>th</sup> and AAUW State Convention on April 30<sup>th</sup>.

**Please attend our March Branch meeting on Tues, March 8<sup>th</sup>. Our program features Zakiya Tomlinson, a robotics engineer at Goddard.** We will have a chance to “play” with some robots also! Bring friends, as **we will be meeting in the original Ellicott City Sr Ctr**, so we have a bigger room.

Our nominating committee has also been busy getting nominations for the upcoming Board openings. The committee members are: Pat Reber, Lorraine Tropf, Connie Palmieri, Carol Phelps, and myself. We vote at the April meeting and install Board members at the May meeting. New Board members officially take over in July 2016. The nominations for the 2016-18 term are as follows:

**President            Bea Dane**

**1<sup>st</sup> VP                Amy Robinson**

**VP, Programs      Dana Lowe**

**VP, Membership   Kathy Schofield**

**VP, Education    position open (Members – please consider taking this important position. Co-VP's are encouraged and current Educ VP, Amy Robinson will continue on the Board!)**

**Our vacant VP, Advocacy position (through June 2017) has been filled by appointment. Congratulations to Co-VP's Bev Fallik and Jennifer Ingram!!**

Remember, we are a volunteer organization and we need everyone's help, input, and participation to be successful! This is the most wonderful group of women that I have ever met and I look forward to continuing to serve you as President.

*Bea Dane, President*

## 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

**March meeting** - Monday, March 21st, at 7:00 PM Host: Lorraine Tropf. Topic #2, *The Rise of ISIS* (2nd evening meeting of 2016)

#### DAYTIME GROUP

**March meeting** - Tuesday, March 22nd, at 1:00 PM Host: Dana Lowe Topic #2, *The Rise of ISIS* (2nd daytime meeting of 2016)

**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.* The two extra books purchased are no longer available.

**Evening Group Contact:** Diane Roca [dbroca@comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523

**Daytime Group Contact:** Kathy Schofield [rbrownhouse@msn.com](mailto:rbrownhouse@msn.com) or 443-691-0131

### Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will meet at Kelsey's on Route 40 on Tues., March 1 at 6:30. On April 5th, we will be meeting at Victoria's Gastro Pub on Snowden River Pkwy.

- Carol Phelps

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on March 31st, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are required and all members are welcome!

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

### Membership

- 4 new members have joined since January 1, 2016. We are awaiting receipt of dues from a 5th new member.
- **Please welcome Joan Clinch who joined us in February.**
- Half of our new members attended the new member orientation on Feb 25th. Our next new member orientation will be scheduled in late spring.
- Our website is the best source this year to date for new members: [howardcounty-md.aauw.net](http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net)
- Historically, our best source has been referral by our current members.
- The email address for your friend or new acquaintance who is interested in learning about AAUW HC: [aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com](mailto:aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com)

Kathy Schofield  
VP Membership

## Upcoming Events & Membership News

### **From Fashion Show Committee:**

We are moving quickly toward our Fashion Show at Vantage House on Saturday April 16th from 1:00 to 2:30 PM. The accessories sale will begin at 12:30....lots of good items this year, **some new**, some gently used!! Lots of fun and food! Thanks to all the models that volunteered, we really appreciate your support! Details for the models schedules will be sent end of February.

The tickets for the show will arrive to you early March, please try and sell all 4 that you receive, all the funds go to our scholarship fund which is very appreciated by the deserving students that are awarded a scholarship. If you need more than 4 tickets, contact Linda Martin. If you cannot make it to the show this year, please support us and buy your tickets anyway...give to your friends or neighbors.

I look forward to see you at the show, any questions let me know.

Thanks in advance for your support,  
Phyllis McGlothlin  
[pmcglath@aol.com](mailto:pmcglath@aol.com)

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

#### ***“INSPIRING ACCESS TO SUCCESS”***

AAUW MARYLAND STATE CONVENTION

Saturday, April 30, 2016

Mark your calendar for Saturday, April 30, for the 2016 AAUW Maryland State Convention at the Howard Community College in Columbia. This year's theme is “Inspiring Access to Success.” Organizers are asking that each branch bring a poster or other display to inspire discussion about a successful project or other idea to share with other branches.

The planning team is excited to let members know that Catherine Hill will be sharing information about AAUW's report “Solving the Equation,” AAUW's guide to corporate best practices and recommendations for promoting gender diversity in the engineering and computing fields. Catherine Hill is the vice president for research at AAUW. Before coming to AAUW, Hill was a study director at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and an assistant professor in planning and public policy at the University of Virginia. She has a bachelor and master's degree from Cornell University and a Ph.D. in policy development from Rutgers University.

The convention will follow closely on the heels of the 2016 session of the MD General Assembly, and the ever-popular Anita Rosen has agreed to plan and coordinate a public policy session entitled “2016 Public Policy in Maryland: What worked? What's next?” The planning team is also looking forward to hearing from AAUW Board member

Anthony Hill, the first male elected to the AAUW Board. Anthony Hill serves as a liaison to the Diversity and Inclusion Task Force. He earned a bachelor's degree from George Washington University and holds master's and doctoral degrees in social work from Howard University. Anthony is a licensed clinical social worker and associate professor in the Department of Social Work at Delaware State University.

Registration will be 7:45 – 8:45 a.m. on Saturday, April 30. The meeting will begin at 8:45 and end by mid-afternoon. Members are encouraged to consider staying overnight on the 29th to extend the available time for networking with other AAUW Maryland leaders. Members should plan to wear something red, in keeping with Equal Pay Day on April 12, 2016, to call attention to the disparity between salaries paid to men and women.

## **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](mailto: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](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or telephone at 410-964-3523.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Branch Affiliation \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Phone \_\_\_\_\_

Email Address \_\_\_\_\_

There will be a variety of sandwiches, including vegetarian. There will also be salads for those who need a gluten-free meal or simply prefer a salad. Fruit and beverages will also 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

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## 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:**

Diyamet 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 Diyanet Center, including of grand mosque, Hamam (Turkish bath),  
Cultural Center

- Observation of prayer in mosque & lunch

#### **PANEL DISCUSSION**

April 12, 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**

**Co-VP's, Advocacy - Bev Fallik and Jennifer Ingram**

### **AAUW Action Network**

If you are interested in keeping abreast of timely issues currently in Congress related to girls and women and in making your voice heard in just minutes, join the AAUW Action Network. Subscribe to 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. This is the sign-up page: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>

### **Legislative Activities**

This is an update of the legislative activities of the Advocacy Committee. We have been working with Delegate Terri Hill in support of Maryland HB0677 for extending child support. Specifically, HB0677 would require continued child support until the age of 22 if the child is carrying twelve credits at an institution of post-secondary education. This bill is scheduled for a hearing on March 3<sup>rd</sup> at 1pm before the Judicial Committee. Emails and calls have gone out to individuals and organizations requesting either written or direct oral testimony for this bill. Any individual or organizational representative who wants to provide testimony is welcome. Testimony can focus on the past, present or anticipated future financial and/or emotional impact and consequences for the student and/or the single parent. Testimony can also provide data and research results pertinent to this bill. Missouri (HB111, statute 452.340) has a law similar to this in effect. AAUW State is also supporting this effort. Letters should go to Terri Hill at [terri.hill@house.state.md.us](mailto:terri.hill@house.state.md.us), and to your state representatives. Their email addresses can be found at <http://mgaleg.maryland.gov/webmga/frmmain.aspx?pid=legisrpage&tab=subject6>

HB677 has a number of co-sponsors in the House and has also a co-sponsor in the Senate, Lisa Gladden from Baltimore city. Documents containing legal analyses and relevant statistics have been shared with Dr. Hill's office. We have found out that similar bills have been submitted in the past but not approved. The State Dept. of Human Resources has some concerns that this will have negative fiscal implications for the state. We are looking into this.

If you or someone you know could provide either written or direct testimony, or if you have questions and/or want to help this committee, please contact Bev Fallik at 301-275-0535 phone and bevfallik@gmail.com email; Penny Zervos at phone 410-997-8308 and email p.zervos@comcast.net; or Jennifer Ingram at Phone 410-740-4276 and email [jenniferingram@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferingram@comcast.net). Thanks to everyone who has indicated an interest in supporting this important legislation. Please let us know if you are providing direct testimony so we can inform Dr. Hill's office.



**“Come Home to Howard County”  
Help for moderate income renters or buyers**

The Howard County Housing Authority’s slogan describes their goal for people who work in HoCo to be able to live in the county. Howard County Housing’s Moderate Income Housing Unit Program (MIHU) offers affordable homes and rentals throughout Howard County for singles earning up to \$45,900 (rent) to \$61,000 (buy) and higher income maximums for families.

Developers of new homes are required to build and sell (or rent) townhouses/condos/apartments to moderate income buyers scattered through their new developments, or pay a fee. The buyers of these affordable, quality housing options have all the rights of the community and amenities.

If you know of anyone who can benefit from this admirable program tell them to read all the details here: [www.comehometohowardcounty.org](http://www.comehometohowardcounty.org) or contact Ms. Famebridge Witherspoon at [fwitherspoon@howardcountymd.gov](mailto:fwitherspoon@howardcountymd.gov)

**Our branch member volunteers at the AAUW State Convention will be wearing aprons with “Come home to Howard County” donated by the Housing Authority.**

## 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](mailto: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 Trof at [lmerdon@verizon.net](mailto:lmerdon@verizon.net) or Doris Raytkwitch at [dwhitespring@verizon.net](mailto:dwhitespring@verizon.net)

## AAUW 2015-16 Program Year

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Location</b>
March	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	Kelsey's Pub
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
Sr Ctr					
March	Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	L. Trof home
March	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Central Lib
March	Saturday	19 <sup>th</sup>	10:00am	Diversity Event	Tour of
Turkish Mosque					
March	Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	D. Lowe home
March	Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
Café					
April	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	Victoria Pub
April	Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	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	Fashion Show	Vantage
House					
April	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
April	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	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
Café					
April	Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	State Convention	HCC
Kittleman Room					
May	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
May	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Officer Installation	TBD
May	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
May	Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing 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
Café					
June	Sunday	5 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	STEMfestival	HCC
June	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
June	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Salad Supper	EC Sr Center
June	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
June	Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	

June	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
June	Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
Café					

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