



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

May, 2013

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

Calendar

AAUW Readers

May 2, 1pm
Lorraine Tropf's Home

Adventures in Dining

May 7, 6:30pm
Stella Notte
8809 Baltimore National Pike

New Member Orientation

May 16, 7pm
Janet Hoch's Home

May Branch Meeting

May 18, 10:30am
Legislative Review
Delegates Gail Bates and Liz Bobo
Union Jack's Restaurant

Great Decisions

May 20, 7pm
Gaynel Allen's Home

Board Meeting

May 21, 7pm
Miller Library (Avalon Room)

AAUW Lunch Bunch

May 30, 11:30am
Nordstrom's Café
Columbia Mall

Women of Distinction

Awards Ceremony

May 30, 7:30pm
University of Maryland College Park

Willowbrook Painters Annual Art Show

May 31, 5:30pm
Oliver's Carriage House
5410 Leaf Treader Way Columbia, MD

AAUW National Convention, "Leading Across Generations"

June 9-13
New Orleans

President's Message

It is spring time, so it must be time for AAUW's Annual Fashion Show. This year's show was a huge success and remains our largest fund raiser. We raised over \$4100! Outstanding!

Our appreciation goes to Kathy McCarthy, Phyllis McGlothlin and the Fashion Show committee for planning the gala event. As always, the models were stunning! A "shout out" goes to HOCO members, their families and friends who supported the show with ticket purchases and donations to the boutique. Our gratitude to Vantage House and Lord & Taylor for partnering with us to put on the show.

On April 9, Howard Community College (HCC) was the location of an Equal Pay Day awareness program. Schnell Reed Garrett, branch member and Assistant Director of Student Life at HCC met with students while Pat Reber, Advocacy VP, handed out AAUW's report on "the pay gap" and student affiliate pamphlets. Thanks Schnell and Pat.

The Education Committee coordinated three programs in April. On April 13, at the Discovery Fair, we had an estimated 100 pre-school children (YIKES!) participate in our activity. Thanks Anne Trent for organized it. On April 20, students and parents returned to Vantage House for their SAT Scores Back session. Earlier in the month, we awarded three scholarships (\$1500 each) to HCC women students who are transitioning to a four college. Thank you, Cynthia Cupples and Amy Robinson for your leadership with these programs.

Jennifer Ingram, Marcia Posner, Diane Roca and I attend the Maryland State Convention on April 13. A summary of the business meeting is in this newsletter. There will be a summary of the panel discussion on Human Trafficking in June's newsletter.

April 17, the Cultural Committee sponsored a trip, hosted by Janie Jones, to the Cryptology Museum followed by lunch at Mimi's. Great job, Janie!

Looking ahead to Saturday, May 18ths branch meeting; it is a brunch at Union Jacks. We will install new officers. Guest speakers, Delegates Gail Bates and Liz Bobo will update us on legislative affairs. Please plan to attend this very informative meeting. Send your check and menu selection for the brunch by May 10.

It is great to see so many new members becoming involved in our programs. They are blending in with our members at various activities and some are already working on committees. They sold tickets to the Fashion Show and offered helping hands where needed! Thanks for making them feel welcome.

It was a great month!

Lorraine Tropf
President

Membership Corner

Welcome Our Newest AAUW HOCO Members



Belinda Edwards

Indiana Institute of Technology, University of MD University College
Computer Information Systems, Computer Systems Management
Brenda Resides in Odenton



Karen Lucas

University of Maryland, University of MD University College
Textiles and Apparel, Information Systems Management
Karen resides in Columbia



April North

State University of NJ - Rutgers, St. Bonaventure University, Brooklyn College
Psychology
April resides in Columbia



Elizabeth Ombija

George Washington University, University of MD Baltimore County, University of Leipzig, University of Nairobi
Cybersecurity, Project Management, Entrepreneurship, Economics
Elizabeth resides in Windsor Mill



Maureen Marshall

University of Dayton, Loyola University Maryland
Psychology, Counseling Psychology
Maureen resides in Columbia



Caroline Miller Tunison

University of Rochester, Golden Gate University
History/Political Science, International Business
Caroline resides in Fulton



Donna Willis Robinson Aycock

Young Harris AFA, Lander University, Colorado Christian University
Fine Art, Education and Art, Curriculum
Donna resides in Columbia

May Branch Meeting

AAUW's annual year-end event is a brunch at Union Jack's Restaurant on **Saturday, May 18** from 10:30pm – 12:30pm. Guest Speakers will be Delegates Gail Bates and Liz Bobo. Please RSVP by May 10th.

The business meeting will include remarks by President Lorraine Trof and installation of new officers.

Union Jack's is located at 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD. See details on the invitation, attached as the last page of this newsletter.

Gail Brown
Vice President, Programs

Coming in May...

AAUW Readers

AAUW Readers will be meeting on **Thursday May 2** at 1pm, at Lorraine Trof's house. At this meeting, we'll be sharing books that we'd like to recommend to others, rather than discussing one particular title. If you'd like to take part in this discussion, and you haven't been included in the regular AAUW Readers group mailing list, then please email me at robertarood@earthlink.net, for more information.

Roberta Rood
Chair, AAUW Readers

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will meet on **Tuesday, May 7** at 6:30pm, at Stella Notte - 8809 Baltimore National Pike (*what used to be the Golden Triangle*). I will be sending out an email for reservations for those who are interested in attending.

Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining

Great Decisions

Monday, May 20, 7pm – 9pm

Home of Gaynel Allen

Topic: *Humanitarian Intervention and U.S. Policy*

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

June 17, Topic: *Iran and the US: Three Decades of Futility* (Home of Lee Ann Hartman)

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

Give a Gift to a Grad...For Free!

AAUW members can give recent college graduates, who are within two years of graduation, 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 <http://www.aauw.org/resource/give-a-grad-a-gift> and sign up your friends and relatives.

In addition, we will waive Howard County Branch membership dues and pay state dues for one year for any Grad brought in 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.

Janet Hoch
Co-Vice President, Membership

Membership Renewals 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.

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 or janetahoch@verizon.net if you have any questions.

Janet Hoch
Co-Vice President, Membership

Membership Corner continued on next page...

Coming in May (continued)...

Board Meeting

All board members; including outgoing and incoming board members are invited to attend a joint meeting on **Tuesday, May 21** at 7pm to begin the process of transferring responsibilities. The meeting will be held in the Avalon Room at the Miller Library.

Lorraine Tropf
President

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, May 30**, at 11:30am at the Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall. All members are welcome to attend. We hope to see you there.

Gail Rust
Chair, Lunch Bunch

HOCO Women are invited to a "Girls' Night Out!"

Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony, **Thursday, May 30**, 7:30pm at University of Maryland College Park

One of the highlights of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is the Women of Distinction Awards and reception. This year Donna E. Shalala, president of the University of Miami and former secretary of Health and Human Services, will be honored. Reshma Saujani, Deborah Owens, Lydia Villa-Komaroff, Ritu Sharma, and Katie Miller will also be honored.

This is a great opportunity to show your support of outstanding women and enjoy a night out with your HOCO friends. We will carpool to the ceremony. Contact me after you register if you want to carpool.

https://svc.aauw.org/nccwsl/reg/individual/WOD_Registration.cfm

Lorraine Tropf
President

Looking Back

All Smiles for AAUW at the Pre-School Discovery Fair

Howard County held its annual Pre-School Discovery Fair at East Columbia Library on Saturday, April 13, and our Education Committee was there with smiles. "Move, Grow, and Learn" was the Fair's theme, and we contributed a book display and activities about emotional health and empathy. Nearly one hundred pre-schoolers drew facial expressions showing the feelings of teddy bear stick puppets, and all the bears wore smiles! While the children drew faces or colored scenes to practice empathy towards others' feelings, the adults learned about AAUW and picked up fact sheets about our branch.



Thanks to Anne Trent for making our presence possible at the Discovery Fair, securing a location in the Children's Library that encouraged kids and care-givers to linger, setting up and taking down the tables, selecting books for the display, and making all those coloring sheets and stick puppets! Thanks also to Jean Parr and Jean Salkeld for cheerfully staffing the table, helping the kids and spreading the word about AAUW-Howard County.

Cynthia Cupples and Amy Robinson
Co-Vice Presidents, Education

Membership Corner (continued)...

New Members' Orientation Meeting May 16th

We have a record twenty-two new or prospective members who have been invited to the fun filled New Members' Orientation Meeting at Janet Hoch's house on **Thursday May 16** at 7pm. Please contact Janet Hoch at 301-725-1807 or janetahoch@verizon.net, if you plan to attend and have not already responded.

Janet Hoch
Co-Vice President, Membership

Cultural Events

Willowbrook Painters

The Willowbrook Painters will once again be presenting their annual Art Show at Kittamaqundi Community Church, Oliver's Carriage House, 5410 Leaf Treader Way in Columbia. Dates and times are as follows:

Friday May 31, 5:30 to 8 PM

Saturday June 1, 12 to 3 PM

(The reception will be held during the Friday hours.)

The Art Show includes beautiful works by local artists, many of which will be available for purchase. It's scheduled for the same weekend as the Columbia Home Tour, but we thought you'd like to know that it's happening. The event is invariably festive and enjoyable.

Roberta Rood
Co-Chair, Cultural

Columbia Home Tour

Sunday, June 2, 11am – 5pm

\$20.00 if tickets purchased in advance at any Columbia Village Center, \$25.00 day of event www.columbiahometour.org.

Please contact Jean Salkeld, Cultural Co-Chair, at [410-992-4198](tel:410-992-4198) or at jesalkeld@gmail.com to attend. We'll form carpools from a designated location after members respond to Jean.

More information also from Brigitta Warren, Co-Chair Columbia Home Tour, [410-730-4610](tel:410-730-4610)

Jean Salkeld
Co-Chair, Cultural

Visit to the National Cryptologic Museum

On Wednesday April 17, nine AAUW members and four guests met in Mimi's Café parking lot and then carpoled to the National Cryptologic Museum at NSA/Ft. Meade. The museum's curator/director Patrick Weadon introduced himself as we embarked on a fascinating journey through three centuries of cryptologic history (code making and breaking).

After the tour, most of the group headed back to Mimi's Café for lunch and conversation. This was a most enjoyable outing, and we thank Janie Jones for her effort in setting it up and making sure everything ran smoothly.

Roberta Rood
Co-Chair, Cultural

HCC Students Win Scholarships

The Education Committee and the Board of AAUW-Howard County are delighted to announce the recipients of our branch scholarships for 2013. The winners of the transfer scholarship are: Susan Flannery, Jordan McGill, and Pamela (Pam) Savage. We are also sponsoring Pam Savage's attendance at NCCWSL. The winner of the other NCCWSL scholarship is Matilda (Tilly) Atedze.

Susan Flannery will graduate from HCC this May with an Associate's Degree in Business Management, and she has been accepted to the University of Maryland College Park. Susan worked for a decade in business and human relations before entering HCC. At HCC she has served as a Peer Mentor for the Career Links program and a teaching assistant for the English as a Second Language Institute, while she has been an active and involved mother at home. Consistently named to the Dean's List at HCC, Susan has also been inducted into HCC's chapter of Phi Theta Kappa, the community college honor society.

Jordan McGill served as a Peer Mentor for Career Links and graduated from HCC in December 2012 with an Associate of Arts Degree in Human Services: Chemical Dependency. She is applying to UMBC, where she plans to pursue a Bachelor's Degree in Social Work. The mother of two, Jordan hopes to apply her education in working with children, adolescents, and young mothers as well as those struggling with drug or alcohol dependency.

Pamela (Pam) Savage will complete an Associate's Degree in Communications this summer and plans to transfer to UMBC in the fall of 2013 to continue her studies in Communications. Her success shows considerable personal strength in recovering from illness, returning to school, and succeeding while caring for her children, her elderly parents, and her peers in the Career Links program. We are pleased and proud that she will also attend NCCWSL on our scholarship.

Matilda (Tilly) Atedze has also won a scholarship to attend NCCWSL. She is completing an Associate's Degree in Business Management and Hospitality Management. Tilly has extensive work experience in housing, retail, administration, and banking. Her work as a Peer Mentor for HCC's Career Links program and coordinator for humanitarian visits to Africa, demonstrate her leadership qualities.



From the left: Pam Savage, Susan Flannery, and Jordan McGill

Cynthia Cupples and Amy Robinson
Co-Vice Presidents, Education

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

Equal Pay Day at HCC

AAUW and the Office of Student Life at Howard Community College partnered to host an information table in recognition of Equal Pay Day. The table was located in the lobby area of the Café on the Quad from 11am – 2pm. Thanks to member Schnell Reed Garrett, Assistant Director of Student Life at Howard Community College. In the photo Schnell is handing out papers explaining the pay disparity which still exists fifty years after the Equal Pay Act was passed. We also gave out copies of the sixty-page AAUW publication “Graduating to a Pay Gap” to the students and staff who stopped at the table.



A computer was on hand to show each student’s major and the average salary for men and women. You can try it on the AAUW Salary Calculator: What is your college major worth?
http://www.jobsearchintelligence.com/AAUW_majors/index.php

Since HCC is a partner with our chapter, full time students may sign up for a free E-Student Affiliate membership. A short information sheet about E-Student Affiliates was enclosed in each of the books.

Pat Reber
Vice President, Advocacy

**Deadline for the June-July newsletter is
May 20th.**

Please send items to
Candace dePass at ccdepass@gmail.com.

“And the winners are...” - Diversity Essay Contest

Why did the Diversity Committee decide to hold an essay contest, even though our branch seems to have diversity in our membership? We noticed that the active membership was not as diverse as it ought to be, which led us to the question: How can we draw more active, diverse people into our activities and our branch? After a discussion of the problem, we realized we had not come up with a solution or, maybe we simply reflected on the statement found in Mark Twain’s Life on the Mississippi: “I was gratified to be able to answer promptly. And I did. I said I didn’t know.” We agreed to look to our members for answers, through an essay contest.

What is diversity? According to The American Heritage Dictionary of The English Language: *Diversity: The fact or quality of being diverse; difference*
Diverse: Made up of distinct characteristics, qualities, or elements

Usually, the first things that come to mind are ethnicity and race. But, there are more “distinct characteristics” that must concern our branch. We are made up of virtually all women; therefore, we need to draw on the men in our county. We also need members of all ages: from young college students (who meet the minimum membership requirements) to people who have varied experiences of many years, areas of study and degrees earned.

As we had not received even one essay by the first deadline, we extended the time, realizing that the one subject all members studied in college was *procrastination*. Soon afterward, we received six extremely interesting, well-written--even diverse--essays. We have awarded first through third prizes to those that gave us ideas of how to achieve our goal, as stated in the title: “Diversity: Our Journey To Enrichment.”

The awards given out at the Fashion Show on April 27th were:

First prize: \$100 gift certificate to a Howard County restaurant:

Gail Brown

Second prize: Free one-year, \$72 membership to AAUW:

Pat Reber

Third prize: Free attendance at our annual brunch on May, \$20:

Theresa (Stashia) Goray

Honorable Mention: \$10 Starbucks gift cards:

Susan Hailman

Mary Ellen Miller

Diane Roca

The committee members thank everyone who participated in this contest. We will discuss how to implement the suggestions we received, taking into consideration points brought out by all writers.

Marcia Posner
Diversity Committee Member

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2012-2013

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AAUW Maryland 2013 State Convention Report

This is the first article in a two part series of reports on the Maryland State Convention. The second article, which summarizes a panel discussion on "Standing Up to Human Trafficking," will be in the June Newsletter.

On Saturday, April 13, AAUW Maryland held its 71st Annual State Convention at Harford Community College, hosted by the Harford County Branch. Four members of our branch attended: Jennifer Ingram, Marcia Posner, Diane Roca and Lorraine Tropf.

KEYNOTE ADDRESS

Kat Braeman, AAUW Board of Directors, shared information about activities going on at the national level.

- Upgrading image with new logo and new website and participating in social networking sites such as AAUW Blog and Facebook. Offering ways to easily join. Most members join because someone invited them to a meeting.
- A place where women get leadership training and find mentors, two major benefits to membership.
- Well-respected research reports. The newest report will be published in May: "Women in Community College: Access to Success." Community colleges give opportunity and affordability for higher education.
- Legislative efforts to pass legislation that benefits women. Lobby Corps and Two-Minute Activist are ways to make an impact.
- STEM initiatives – TECH TREK funded in five new states and Tech Savvy in 10 new locations.
- Empowering women through Start Smart salary negotiation workshops and Elect Her programs that encourage and train college women to run for campus student government.

BUSINESS MEETING

The Nominating Committee presented a slate of officers for the 2013-2015 terms. The slate was elected unanimously.

Vice President for Membership – Vacant

Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy - Kay Wendowski (Easton) and Anita Rosen (Kensington-Rockville)

Secretary - Jeri Rhodes (Kensington-Rockville)

Treasurer - Dr. Judy Flood (Anne Arundel)

Jennifer Ingram, outgoing Membership Vice President, reported that the state has 795 members including 94 new members that joined during the past year. Branches that gained the largest number of new members are Howard County, Anne Arundel, Baltimore and Gaithersburg.

AAUW Maryland will give a scholarship to a Morgan State student to attend NCCWSL. It was agreed that the state organization will continue to sponsor the Women of Distinction Reception at NCCWSL in 2014 as it has in the past three years.

During 2012, Howard County Branch gave \$3,662.00 to the AAUW Funds which includes fellowships and support of legal cases. The Frederick Branch will host the 2014 State Convention.



From the left: Diane Roca, Lorraine Tropf, Kate Campbell Stevenson, Jennifer Ingram and Marcia Posner. Kate entertained us with a dramatic presentation of women in STEM careers and is dressed as environmental scientist Rachel Carson.

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



*AAUW Howard County Branch
Annual Year End Event
“Brunch”*

*Saturday, May 18th 2013
10:30AM to 12:30PM
\$20 per member (inclusive)*

Guest Speakers:

*Delegate Liz Bobo, State of Maryland
Delegate Gail Bates, State of Maryland
State of Legislative Affairs*

*Union Jack's Restaurant
10400 Little Patuxent Parkway
Columbia, MD 21044
410-740-5225*

*RSVP by: May 10th with your \$20 check
Payable to: AAUW Howard County*

Please choose entrée selection:

- Cinnamon French Toast*
- Florentine Omelette*
- Smoked Salmon Platter*
- Egg Sandwich with Bacon and Cheddar*
- Caribbean Jerk Chicken Sandwich*

*Mail to: Gail P. Brown
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Name:

Phone number:

Number of people attending: