

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

October 2013

CALENDAR

OCTOBER

Adventures in Dining

October 1, 6:30pm
Ale House on Dobbin Road

Treasure Hunting

October 3, 7:00pm
Janet Hoch's Home

Branch Meeting

October 8, 7:00pm
East Columbia Library
6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia

Lobby Corps

October 10
Senate or House visit
AAUW Headquarters tour

Handcrafters

October 11, 11am-2pm
Ellicott City Senior Center

Cultural Committee Outing

October 12, 10:00am
2013 Decorator Show House

Board Meeting

October 15, 7pm
East Columbia Library
6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia

Maryland State Board Meeting

October 19
Severna Park

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) Fall Agenda Conference

October 19
American Federation of Teachers building, Baltimore, MD

Great Decisions

October 21, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Gail Rust's Home

Lunch Bunch

October 31, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

NOVEMBER

AAUW Readers

November 7, 1:00pm
Miller Library

Lobby Corps

November 7, 10am-2pm
Open House

Handcrafters

November 8, 11am-2pm
Ellicott City Senior Center



A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Spirits were high as the rain fell on Hebron House on the evening of the first branch meeting of the year. Dr. Dobbs arrived safely from the revolutionary era and told us about medical practice of his time. He brought an interesting display of medical instruments. Many of us were very happy that they are no longer used to treat patients today. Thank you, Gail Brown for arranging his visit.

The Social Committee, headed by Rhonda Tomlinson and Gay Allen, ensured that we were well fed and that everything ran smoothly. Thank you for taking care of all the behind-the-scenes details so that the rest of us could enjoy the evening.

A special "thank you" goes to the husbands of Gay, Cookie and me. The men set up and took down tables and chairs and cleaned up while we had our business meeting. At the end of the night, there were plenty of smiles from the committee and our membership who appreciated the help.

Bea Dane, Financial Officer, presented the budget which was approved by the membership.

There will be a Maryland State Board meeting on October 19, from 12:30-2:30 pm in Severna Park. This meeting is open to everyone. It is a great opportunity to meet state board members and learn how issues are handled at the state level. Please contact me if you would like to attend.

As a branch member, you should receive a quarterly Marylander newsletter. If you are not, contact Edie Allison, edieallison@comcast.net to have your name added to the distribution.

A visit to National Headquarters: On October 10, the Cultural Committee will lead a trip to AAUW headquarters and an opportunity to see Lobby Corp in action. Join them to see advocacy in action.

Lorraine Tropf, President

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.

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

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CHANGE in the OCTOBER 8 branch meeting location!!!!

October 8th Meeting Only
East Columbia Library
6600 Cradlerock Way
Columbia, MD 21045
Phone: (410) 313-7700

East Columbia Meeting Room
(Turn right as soon as you enter
the sliding doors,
opposite the 50+ Center)

Lorraine Troupf, President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome *our newest*
AAUW HoCo Members:

Dawn Thomsen

BA, University of Michigan, Liberal
Arts; M.A. Purdue University, 18th
C. English Novel
Ph.D. University of Maryland,
American Studies
Dawn resides in Columbia.

Please Renew
Your AAUW Membership

Now is past the time to renew your
membership for the 2013-2014 year.
The renewal for National, State
and Branch membership is \$72.
You can renew your membership
online at <http://howardcountymd.aauw.net/members-only/> or
at AAUW.org.

If you would rather pay by check,
please send a check made out
to AAUW - Howard County to Bea
Dane, 4050 Hobbs Hill Road,
Glenelg, MD 21737.

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

Janet Hoch
Co-Vice President, Membership

Join us for our October Branch Meeting

Come to our **October 8th** featuring Holly Kearl, an expert on gender-based violence—including street harassment, sexual harassment in schools and military sexual assault. Founder of the nonprofit, *Stop Street Harassment*, she is also a published author and consultant for organizations like the United Nations and AAUW. From 2007-April 2013, Holly oversaw AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund and Campus Action Project. She co-authored *Crossing the Line Sexual Harassment in School*, a national report on sexual harassment in grades 7-12. **Note change of location.** *The meeting will be held the East Columbia Library. Networking 6:30pm, meeting 7pm.*

Gail Brown, Vice President, Programs

Upcoming Events

AAUW Readers

AAUW Readers meet every other month on the **first Thursday of the month** at 1 pm. These discussions are now taking place in one of the meeting rooms at the Miller Branch Library.

On **Thursday November 7**, we'll be discussing *BRAT FARRAR* by Josephine Tey. Copies are currently available at the library; it also can be downloaded to Kindle from the Amazon site.

We hope you'll join us for this discussion. Please email me with any questions: robertarood@earthlink.net.

Roberta Rood, Chair, AAUW Readers

Adventures in Dining

On **October 1**, we will be dining at the new Ale House on Dobbin Road where Rocky Run used to be located. Reservations will be for 6:30. Please let me know if you do intend on joining us so that I may give them an accurate number.

Carol McAuliffe, Chair, Adventures in Dining

Treasure Hunting — Garage Sales, Auctions, Thrift Stores, Consignment Stores, Architectural Salvage, Outlets, and More!

If those words make you want to grab your pocketbook and head-out, then you may want to join a new AAUW Group called AAUW Treasure Hunters. A number of members have mentioned that they love to bargain hunt and would be interested in a group that goes out together to hunt for *treasures*. We will be meeting to discuss how the new group will work and where/when we go on our first "hunting trips" on **October 3rd** at 7pm at my house: 11950 Simpson Road, Clarksville, MD 21029. Please contact me at (301) 725-1807 or janetahoch@verizon.net if interested.

Janet Hoch

Great Decisions

**Last Meeting for 2013:
Monday, October 21**

7pm – 9 pm

Topic: *Assessing Threats to the U.S.*
Home of Gail Rust

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. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7–9p.m.

This is the last meeting of the year. We will resume early next year. Topics for 2014 are:

- Political Islam in Africa
- China's foreign policy
- Turkey
- Israel
- Energy independence
- Economic statecraft and trade
- Defense & the rise of new technologies
- Food security and climate change

The group will place a joint order for 2014 booklets to get a reduced price and savings on shipping costs. If you would like to participate in the joint order, contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523 before **December 1**.

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions

Lunch Bunch

The AAUW Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, **October 31st** (Halloween!) at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at the Columbia Mall.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

**Deadline for the November newsletter is
October 23. Please send items to
Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at
ccdpass@gmail.com and
josie@josiedesigns.com**

ADVOCACY CORNER

Lobby Corps

Oct 10 and Nov 7

Lobby Corps volunteers visit congressional offices on Thursdays to discuss AAUW issues such as equal pay, Title IX, and other concerns important to women with a legislative aide or leave a note with the receptionist. On Wednesday, a detailed email about the issue (bill) is sent; then during the 9:30AM Thursday meeting in the House or Senate cafeteria all the talking points are reviewed and questions answered. Thus informed, groups of two or three, with new volunteers paired with more experienced members, visit a list of offices.

On Thursday **November 7** from 10 to 2 there will be an informational Open House at the DC offices of AAUW when Public Policy staff will discuss the key policy issues and the Lobby Corps process.

And don't forget **Oct 10**, when you can go with Lobby Corps to visit Senate or House offices (we find out that week) then tour the AAUW headquarters with our branch Cultural Committee. If you are interested in attending either fall activity, have any questions about what we do in Lobby Corps, or if you want to receive occasional Advocacy update emails contact Pat Reber at Bixler0077@msn.com.

*Connie Adamson and Pat Reber
Co-Vice Presidents, Advocacy*



Want to join the front lines of advocacy? Join AAUW's Lobby Corps!

Lobby Corps Open House

Thursday, November 7, 2013 • 10AM-2:00PM (Lunch will be served)
AAUW, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC 20036

Whether fighting for gender equity in education, championing moderate jurists for federal courts, or supporting measures to improve economic security, the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps is on the scene.

Once a week, volunteer members and college student interns give the AAUW Action Fund a voice and a face on Capitol Hill. Since its formation in 1972, the Lobby Corps has made tens of thousands of visits to congressional offices, making AAUW a familiar and respected name among members of Congress and their staffs.

Because this corps has worked hand in hand with lobbying staff, AAUW has had a significant political impact on legislation concerning issues such as:

- education
- reproductive rights, and
- civil rights,
- economic security.

Eligibility and Training AAUW Action Fund members and college students who study in the metropolitan Washington, D.C., area are welcome to join Lobby Corps. No experience or expertise is necessary — only a commitment to promoting AAUW's policy priorities. Volunteers receive comprehensive training as well as briefings on key issues that are likely to come before Congress.

Lobbying Every Thursday morning that Congress is in session — about 30 Thursdays a year — the Lobby Corps is briefed on that week's priority and then proceeds to selected congressional offices to educate policy makers. Members make more than 1,200 visits each session and report back to AAUW Action Fund staff with helpful information for follow-up and grassroots activities.

For more information, contact VoterEd@aauw.org or 202-785-7724

Upcoming Events Continued...

Crafts and Movies Interest Group

Our AAUW craft and movie group is ready to go. I've set up a time and place for us to do our crafts, knitting, etc. from 11 am to 2 pm at the Ellicott City Senior Center behind the Miller Branch Library on Frederick Rd between Centennial and St Johns Lane. We can bring our own lunch or sign up for their lunches for about \$5 --but we have to let them know one week in advance if we want the lunch. We will meet for holiday crafts on **October 11, November 8** and again in **December**. Check out Michaels' for crafts.

The movie group will get an email by Wednesday at the latest before the Friday movie.

If you want to join either the craft portion and/or the movie portion or want more information, call me at 410-740-1285 or email Annefox@verizon.net.



*Anne Tarantino,
Handcrafters and Movies Chair*



Let the Celebrations Begin!

Honoring the Past – Embracing the Future “1964-2014”

The 50th Anniversary Planning committee is very excited to share what they learned about our branch’s history and some of their ideas for the coming year.

Cookie Cogan, cookiecogan@verizon.net and Sandra Smith, Vivaperu17@aol.com are leading the anniversary planning committee. If you would like to join the committee, explore the archives and discover our past, they would be happy to welcome you to the committee.



50th Anniversary Save the Dates for 2014!

January 14

Branch Meeting, 7pm
“Happy Birthday AAUW HOCO”
Ellicott City Senior Center

March 23

Anniversary Reception, 2-4pm
Applied Physics Laboratory, Laurel

April 26

Lord and Taylor Fashion Show
Vantage House

“**Honoring Our Past**”: branch models will wear fashions typical for the decades when our branch was forming;

“**Embracing Our Future**”: followed by branch models with today’s Lord and Taylor’s fashions.

AAUW in Action - Gender Equity

By joining AAUW you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance

— *from Member’s Guide*

While we all enjoy the myriad social activities AAUW offers, commemorating our branch’s 50th anniversary reminds us of AAUW’s true purpose. “It’s important to stress to new members that we’re not just a social club,” emphasized past president and chair of the 50th anniversary committee, Cookie Cogan.

Our branch’s history highlights the valuable interplay between national and state initiatives and our local response. For instance, did you know that in the early 1990’s, the AAUW Foundation funded a national report that helped push the adoption of gender equality measures in schools? Did you know that our branch’s members trained teachers in skills to increase gender equity in the classroom?

“The AAUW Report: How Schools Shortchange Girls” was published in Feb. 1992. It compiled and

summarized years of research on the status of girls in American schools. To leverage changes in educational policy at the national level, a groundswell of awareness and support for change was necessary. The national AAUW prepared a Gender Equity Assessment Guide and encouraged branches to sponsor Community Roundtables to highlight the findings of the report and seek local remedies. They also provided grants to branches that followed up on the Roundtables with local initiatives to increase community awareness and response.

A few of the issues highlighted for local consideration in this report were teacher bias in responding to boys vs. girls in the classroom, curriculum slanted toward boys’ interests and biased testing methods that limited career paths open to women at the college level.

The Howard County Branch hosted a Roundtable that “engaged 65 women and men representing leadership in state and county education, business, community and state and local government.” (Aug. 1993 Final Report.) It resulted in specific

recommendations for professional training for teachers, curriculum review, policy change and workforce development.

Under Ms. Cogan’s leadership, the branch won a follow-up grant from AAUW to increase community awareness. During the one year grant, our branch edited a video for distribution to community groups, formed a speakers’ bureau, and our members became key players in training Howard County teachers on equity issues. These activities heightened the visibility of AAUW within the county as well as making Howard County a leader in fostering educational equity.

Cookie emphasizes: “This project was possible because we had a talented pool of AAUW members who saw the need and responded. As our membership has grown, our wealth of talent has also expanded and allows us to find new and relevant ways to continue to advance fair chances for women.”

—Cookie Cogan, Co-Chair,
50th Anniversary Committee and Historian
and Susan Hailman, 50th Anniversary
Committee Member and Historian

Did you enjoy this article? What aspect of AAUW’s history in Howard County would you like to know more about? Please nominate women you’d like us to contact for their reminiscences or volunteer a few of your own. Weaving the fabric of AAUW’s local history requires all of our memories and perspectives! If you have ideas, contact Cookie: cookiecogan@verizon.net or Susan: shailman@comcast.net.

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CULTURAL EVENTS

Great Music, Great Prices

There are wonderful musical events locally this year, at very reasonable prices! A terrific new season is planned by the Columbia Pro Cantare, a first rate musical organization that we're deeply fortunate to have in our area. Their first performance is on the last Saturday in **October, the 26th**. The program is entitled "Choral Postcards from from Europe." www.procantare.org/Season.htm

Doris warmly recommends a piano recital by "hometown boy" Brian Ganz. Those of us who heard him play last year can readily understand Doris's enthusiasm for this fine performer. He was recently the subject of an article in the Washington Post, where he received generous praise:

http://articles.washingtonpost.com/2013-07-31/entertainment/40908995_1_brian-ganz-chopin-ballades

As he continues with his Chopin project, Brian Ganz will be playing on **October 27** as part of the *Sundays at Three* series of concert performances. These take place at Christ Episcopal Church in Columbia: www.sundaysatthree.org/index.html

Finally, there's the Met in HD series of broadcasts. These can be seen in local movie theaters, either at the Mall or at Snowden Square. (I tend to favor Snowden for ease of parking.) For a ticket price of \$20, you can enjoy several hours of spectacular music making. I might try to get a group together for 'La Boheme' in April. We could attend a matinee & then go out to eat. www.metoperafamily.org/metopera/liveinhd/LiveinHD.aspx

Decorator Show House

You're invited to join a group which will be touring this year's Decorator Show House. The house is Historic Mount Ida in Ellicott City, and we'll be meeting there on Saturday **October 12** at ten AM, which is the time the house opens for viewing. Afterwards, for those who wish to, we can go out to lunch.

Tickets purchased at the door are \$20, but if you purchase them in advance, they're only \$15. The website provides a means of buying the tickets online; in addition, there's a list of various venues in the area that are selling tickets to the Show House this year: <http://historicec.com/2013-show-house-mount-ida/>

Please email me at robertarood@earthlink.net and let me know if you will be joining us for the Show House tour and/or lunch. That way I will know who to expect, and I can make luncheon reservations for our group.

Hope to see you there.

Roberta Rood, Cultural Co-Chair

Looking Ahead

Donate! Donate! Donate!

Support the December 8th Holiday Party Silent Auction

Donations are needed by Nov. 20, 2013. All proceeds benefit AAUW's philanthropic fund, a tax receipt can be issued upon request. Last year, we started with museum memberships and tickets to concerts, plays and local events. Then added pet supplies, framed artwork, China dishes, vintage children's books and toys. Services can also be auctioned—lessons or tutoring. Use your imagination! Prepare to bid on some wonderful items! Contact Nancy Yee (410-964-3706) or Carol McAuliffe with your ideas or questions.

Nancy Yee, Branch Member

Anyone who has some handcrafted items for the Holiday Party silent auction, please contact Phyllis McGlothlin @pmcglath@aol.com. We already have some lovely hand knitted scarfs, and throws! Help make the auction a success! Thanks.

Phyllis McGlothlin, Philanthropy Co-Vice President