

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

September 2013

CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER

AAUW Readers

September 3, 1:00pm
Miller Library

Aging Successfully in the Community" Q&A Forum

September 12, 1:30pm-4:30pm
Miller Library

Branch Meeting

September 12, 6:00pm
Hebron House

Great Decisions

September 16, 7:00pm-9:00pm
Bea Dane's Home

Board Meeting

September 17, 7pm
Miller Library, Ellicott City Room

Lunch Bunch

September 26, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

Walk to End Alzheimer's

September 28, 10:30am
Centennial Park

OCTOBER

Cultural Committee Outing

October 12, 10:00am
2013 Decorator Show House

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

October 19
American Federation of Teachers building, Baltimore, MD

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

Welcome to the start of a special new year! We begin this year with pride and excitement, as we approach our branch's 50th anniversary year. Our committees and interest groups are working with the 50th Anniversary committee to plan the celebrations.

During the summer break, the Education Committee hosted the Scores Back session of the Practice SAT at Vantage House on August 10. Thank you, Cynthia Cupples and Amy Robinson and the volunteers who helped make the program a success. The Practice SAT raised \$285 for our philanthropic funds.

On August 24, HOCO volunteers were in the Mall selling Macy's shopping passes for another branch fund raiser. Phyllis McGlothlin and Kathy McCarthy did a great job coordinating this event. Thank you goes to Phyllis and Kathy, the volunteers who helped on Saturday and branch members who bought passes. We raised over \$700.

The first branch meeting of the year is on September 12, a Pot Luck Dinner at Hebron House. A special invitation goes to "new members." This is a fun evening, a great way to make new friends. Where else could you meet a Revolutionary Era Surgeon and have a great meal in a historic building? Contact Gay Allen or Rhonda Tomlinson if you plan to attend.

We will have a business meeting after dinner to vote on the budget. A copy of the budget was sent out with this newsletter as a separate attachment.

On September 28, the AAUW Walkers will participate in the Alzheimer walk in Centennial Park. Join our team and support a worthwhile cause. Contact Gail Brown if you would like to participate.

The committees, interest groups and board members have planned entertaining, interesting and educational programs for the year. Mark your calendar and join in the fun.

Lorraine Tropp
President

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

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

Welcome *our newest
AAUW HoCo Members:*

Janet Reinsel

University of MD at Baltimore,
MSW
Hood College BSW, Social Work
Resides in Columbia

Inge Stocklin

University of MD, BA Human
Ecology, Textile
Resides in Fulton

Ashley Vaughan

Towson University, BS, Business
Administration- Marketing Track
Resides in Columbia

Courtney Watson

Loyola University of MD, MBA and
BA
Resides in Ellicott City

*Janet Hoch
Co-Vice President, Membership*

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. Bea will also be at the Pot Luck Supper on September 12 with her computer and can sign you up online right at the meeting. So if you are late with your renewal, please don't forget to bring a check or credit card to the first meeting in September!

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*

September Branch Meeting

Join us on **Thursday, September 12**, at 6pm for our Pot Luck Supper at Hebron House and hear Dr. Gagliardi as he takes on the role of Dr. Alexander Dobbs, a colonial doctor. Dr. Dobbs will tell of the plight of the soldiers serving for the American cause during the Revolutionary War. He will explain the medical and surgical techniques used to attend to the colonial army. Dr. Dobbs looks forward to a lively dialogue with his fellow AAUW colonials as he brings the news of the day to Hebron House in 1778. Hebron House is located at 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City, MD 21042.

*Gail Brown
Vice President, Programs*

Upcoming Events**AAUW Readers**

AAUW Readers will begin their new season of book discussions on **Tuesday, September 3**, at 1pm, with two titles: *Burnt Mountain* by Anne Rivers Siddons and *Sweet Tea Revenge* by Laura Childs. We'll be meeting at the Miller Branch Library, in the Ellicott Meeting Room.

All are welcome to attend. Questions? Email Roberta at robertarood@earthlink.net.

*Roberta Rood
Chair, AAUW Readers*

Adventures in Dining

Due to the Pot Luck dinner meeting, there will be no Adventures in Dining outing in September.

*Carol McAuliffe
Chair, Adventures in Dining*

Great Decisions**Monday, September 16**

7pm – 9 pm

Topic: *China in Africa: Savior or Self-Interest?*

Home of Bea Dane

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. Please order your own briefing book at www.fpa.org. The cost is \$20.

Last Meeting for 2013:

Monday, October 21

7pm – 9 pm

Topic: *Assessing Threats to the U.S.*

Home of Gail Rust

*Diane Roca
Chair, Great Decisions*

ADVOCACY CORNER

A Community Concern

“Aging successfully in the community” is the theme of a Q&A Forum on **Thursday, September 12** from 1:30pm to 4:30pm at the Miller Library in Ellicott City. Topics include demographics, the Opting for Independence project, intergenerational concerns, and transportation options, among other subjects impacting senior living in Howard County.

The forum is sponsored by the Howard County Citizens Association, The League of Women Voters, and the Coordinating Center/Inspired Solutions, with a variety of community organizations participating in the program. Due to the high percentage of women in the senior population, AAUW Howard County considers local initiatives to improve the life of seniors to be suitable for inclusion in its advocacy programming. The forum is free, but on-line registration is available to hold a spot. Go to www.howardcountyhcca.org for more information. E-mail Connie Adamson at adamsons@verizon.net if you want to attend with other AAUW members.

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

It's Time for MLAW!

Mark your calendars for **Saturday, October 19**, for the annual MLAW Fall Agenda Conference at the American Federation of Teachers building in Baltimore. The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) uses the fall conference to begin setting legislative priorities for the upcoming legislative session. More detailed information and registration materials will be released soon. For more information, click on the MLAW Website at www.mdlegagendaforwomen.org. The AAUW Advocacy Committee will arrange carpools to the conference. If you are interested in attending, contact a member of the Advocacy Committee so we can arrange a carpool at adamsons@verizon.net or bixler0077@msn.com.

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

Upcoming Events Continued...

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, September 26** at 11:30am in Nordstrom's Cafe at the Columbia Mall. All are welcome to attend.

*Gail Rust
Chair, Lunch Bunch*

Walk to End Alzheimer's

Saturday, September 28 at 10:30am in Centennial Park, but come early for the festivities.

Sign up at: alz.org

Alzheimer's disease is a disease of the brain that causes problems with memory, cognition and behavior. It is not a normal part of aging. Alzheimer's disease gets worse over time and women seem to be affected by the disease more often than men.

Our Howard County Team AAUW supports the mission of the Alzheimer's Association.

1. To eliminate the disease through the advancement of research
2. To provide and enhance care and support for all affected; and
3. To reduce the risk of dementia through the promotion of brain health.

One of the best ways you can keep your brain healthy is to get exercise and eat well. That's why we are showing our support by joining this Walk to end this devastating disease.

Join our team to raise funds and awareness to end this disease.

*Gail Brown
Chair, AAUW Walkers*

Looking Ahead

Donate! Donate! Donate!

Support the Silent Auction

It's time to think about our Silent Auction which will be held at the Dec. 8 Holiday Party. 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 we added pet supplies, framed artwork, China dishes, vintage children's books and toys. We could also auction off services, lessons or tutoring. Use your imagination. Plan to donate your items by Nov. 20, 2013 and prepare to bid on some wonderful items at this year's Silent Auction. Contact Nancy Yee (410-964-3706) or Carol McAuliffe with your ideas or questions.

*Nancy Yee
Branch Member*

A Note of Thanks

“Thank you to all the volunteers that helped in the Macy's Shop for a Cause event. AAUW made \$700 toward our scholarship fund! I appreciate the support from all who bought a shopping pass from the group.”

**Phyllis McGlothlin
Philanthropy committee**



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.

As we approach the branch’s birthday in January 2014, the newsletter will feature tidbits about our past, interviews with long time members and other interesting “gems” left to us by past branch members.

Josie Thompson designed the 50th Anniversary banner that will be used on the newsletter from now until the end of 2014. The banner also adorns the AAUW sign that we use at events.

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.

50 years of AAUW Growing Members and Opportunities - ♥ In memory of Mrs. Joetta Cramm 1932 – 2013 ♥

Chartered in 1964, the then Ellicott City branch of AAUW, expanded rapidly as the county population grew. One of the new chapter’s early community initiatives, begun in 1969, involved staffing the Oella preschool program. According to archived news articles, the Community Action Council, which had been running the program, had lost their funding. Mrs. Joetta Cramm, a charter member of the branch, recalled that this seemed the perfect task for the branch since so many members were credentialed teachers. But, the project was not without its challenges. Joetta recalled attending evening organizational meetings in an Oella church and holding her breath driving down Oella’s dark, narrow and hilly roads on her way home!



By 1972, Mrs. Cramm was president of the Ellicott City AAUW chapter, which had grown to 98 members. Growing membership meant AAUW was involved in a wide variety of projects and activities. Much of this involvement, Joetta clarified, was fueled by individual members’ interests, backgrounds and talents. A sampling of 72 activities, documented by newsletters and articles in the archives include:

- A fashion show of antique clothing, with proceeds supporting a scholarship fund;
- Holiday gifts for children at the Rosewood school;
- A “Women in Politics” workshop co-sponsored with HCC, League of Women Voters National Women’s Political Caucus and NOW;
- A branch-sponsored study of a state-wide report on Financing of Education and a landmark decision by the branch to support the bill before the MD state legislature;
- An inventory of art created in Howard County prior to 1914, (this was in preparation for the Ellicott City bicentennial celebration);
- The bicentennial also prompted Joetta and the AAUW chapter to develop and lead Walking Tours of Historic Ellicott City, as a means of raising funds. The Walking Tours continued for many years. Interest in this history later led Joetta to author two books as well as offer lectures and classes to many Howard County residents.

The dates and events we discussed may have been a bit fuzzy for Mrs. Cramm, but the last thought she left with us was clear and crisp. When asked about the value of her AAUW membership and all the varied roles she had played, she said “The most important thing was the opportunity to develop leadership skills.” In her day, this was a rare opportunity, fostered not only by formal classes and workshops, but even more by the opportunities to meet women from all over the country, who were leading AAUW initiatives to make the lives of women better and the opportunities available to women richer.

Despite the many changes in AAUW over 50 years, the important things remain constant!

*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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AAUW Hand Crafters Expand to Include “Friday Afternoons at the Movies”

The AAUW Hand Crafters are expanding. They invite you to join them for Friday, afternoon movies.

Anne Tarantino is the Chair for this interest group. When she identifies a good movie, she will send an email to the members on her group’s distribution list. When the hand crafters select a meeting date and location, Anne will do the same. The days and times for both activities will change. No need to do both activities to join this group. However, you need to be on Anne’s email list.

If you would like to join the group for either crafts or to go to the movies or both contact Annefox@verizon.net or call [410-740-1285](tel:410-740-1285) to receive her event notices.

*Lorraine Tropt
President*

New Members attend a Summer Orientation

Janet Hoch, CoVP, Membership hosted a “Summer Orientation” at her beautiful home in Clarksville. The warm summer weather added a welcoming touch, as new members, Inge Stocklin, Ashley Vaughan, Pam Savage and Janet Reinsel attended orientation. Dawn Thompson and Misty Grecicz were invited guests who were interested in learning about our branch.

Donna Aycock branch photographer snapped pictures of new members for the Directory and a group photo filled with smiling faces.



Rhonda Tomlinson and Gay Allen provided light refreshments. Sethanne Howard and I spoke about our branch’s history, activities and committees.

Thank you to everyone who contributed to making our new members and guests feel welcome.

*Lorraine Tropt
President*

Cultural Events**Free Museum Tickets**

Saturday, September 28, is Museum Day Live! When participating museums across the U.S. do not charge holders of tickets obtained from the site: Smithsonian.com/museumdaylive.

One ticket is allowed per household, per e-mail address.

Smithsonian museums are always free, but for other participating locations visit the site: Smithsonian.com/museumday/venues.

*Jean Salkeld
Cultural Co-Chair*

Want to See Where Your AAUW Dollars Go?

Mark **October 10** on your calendars. We are working on a trip to DC that day to include two groups. Jean Salkeld’s group will leave mid-morning to visit the National Geographic exhibits, have lunch, then walk to AAUW headquarters for a tour. Barb Carter’s group will leave earlier, at 7:30am, to participate in Lobby Corps, and then join the other group for lunch and the tour.

National Geographic was chosen because it is very close to the AAUW headquarters.

Transportation may be by train, bus, and/or metro to allow for the opportunity to learn more about public transportation to DC.

If interested, please call Emma Pope at 410-997-7688, since she will be acting as registrar for this trip. (Barb and Jean will be out of town in the month of Sept.)

*Jean Salkeld
Cultural Co-Chair*

Deadline for the October newsletter is September 23.

Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at ccdepass@gmail.com and josie@josiedesigns.com

**Join us as we kick-off FY2014
With our annual POT LUCK SUPPER at Hebron House**

**Thursday, Sept. 12th, 2013 – 6 PM
Hebron House, 2330 Mt. Hebron Drive, Ellicott City**

Our guest speaker, Dr. Joseph Gagliardi, aka Dr. Alexander Dobbs, Revolutionary War Physician

Welcome to Colonial Life & Colonial Medicine

Learn about the plight of the soldiers serving for the American cause during the Revolutionary War. Holding the rank of physician and surgeon, “Dr. Dobbs” will explain the medical and surgical techniques used to attend to the colonial army.

Dinner will start promptly at 6PM

**Rotisserie Chicken and Ham will be furnished by our Branch
Karen Lucas is donating Hawaiian and Pretzel Rolls
Desserts will be furnished by the members of the Social Committee**

Please help with the following menu items.

Your dish should serve 10 people. Please bring a serving utensil with your name on the dish and utensil.

If your last name begins with O to Z, please bring a salad (green salad, pasta/rice salad, fruit salad)

If your last name begins with A - N, please bring a side dish (vegetables) or casserole (pasta, potatoes, etc.).

Seating is limited. Please RSVP by Friday, September 6th and let us know what you are bringing.

Thank you for your help in making this an event to remember!

Please let us know if you have any questions.

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