

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

**October 2015**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Our new AAUW year began with a fabulous Pot Luck Dinner and meeting at the Historic Oakland Manor. Thanks to our Social VP, Caroline Tunison and her committee for coordinating the event and to Doris Raytkwitch for arranging for the use of Oakland Manor. At our meeting, we approved our proposed budget, and heard from our VP's and Committee chairs about their plans for the year. I gave a short talk on my experience at the AAUW National Convention in June in San Diego. The next National Convention is in June 2017 in Washington, DC, which will give many more of us an opportunity to attend.

Want to see what you missed in San Diego? All the materials are available on the AAUW National Website at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org). There is also a wealth of other information and resources on the website and I encourage all members to take a look and become aware that you are also a member of a very important national organization.

The October Branch meeting will feature guest speaker Courtney Carpenter, a Certified Nutrition Specialist with David's Natural Markets. She will speak on "Staying Vibrant with Nutrition". I hope to see many of you there on Tuesday, October 13th in the meeting room of the new building of the Ellicott City Sr Center. Courtney is a vibrant and informative speaker!

At our November Branch meeting, you will meet many of our scholarship winners and learn how our hard work raising money has changed these women's lives.

We have recently made a change to our Board. Rhonda Tomlinson has changed positions from Co-VP Membership to VP Philanthropy. Kathy Schofield continues as VP, Membership. Thanks to both for the great work they have done on Membership, and good luck to Rhonda as she begins her new position.

Once again, the updated list of programs for the 2015-16 year is included in this newsletter, and can also be found on our AAUW Howard County website <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/events/>. We have many new members who have joined us in the past few months. I look forward to meeting each of you and hope that you will begin to participate in all the activities we have to offer. Please volunteer to the best of your abilities – we are always looking for the next leaders to ensure we continue the great traditions of our 51 year old branch!

Don't forget our exciting Oct 3rd Diversity Event fundraiser - I am looking forward to an entertaining evening!

*Bea Dane, President*

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

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## 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 meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; Daytime Group meets 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. Our meeting discussion is based on questions in the book. You may purchase a copy at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org).

#### Evening Group

Next meeting - Monday, October 19, at 7:00 PM at the home of Gail Rust.  
Topic #7, Human Trafficking in the 21st Century  
Final meeting for 2015 - November 16: Brazil's Metamorphosis – Host: Trent Kittleman

#### Daytime Group

Next meeting - Tuesday, October 27, at 1:00 PM at the home of Bea Dane.  
Topic #7, Human Trafficking in the 21st Century  
Final meeting for 2015 - November 24: Brazil's Metamorphosis – Host to be determined  
In January the groups will resume meetings and discuss topics selected for 2016.  
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

### **New Member Orientation**

We had a good turnout for our fall New Member Orientation meeting on Sept 3 - 5 new members, 1 prospective member and 2 current members. The next New Member Orientation will be scheduled in the first quarter of 2016.

*Kathy Schofield - VP  
Membership*

### **New Members**

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who joined us since the September newsletter was published. Please take the opportunity to welcome them personally at the October branch meeting on 10/13. Our new members are: Beverly (Bev) Fallik, Deborah Rodriguez, Rebecca Wilfinger.

### **Adventures in Dining**

We will be meeting at the new Bavarian Brauhaus on 7304 Parkway Drive, Hanover (just off R.t 100) on Tues., Oct 6 at 6:30 pm. Please let me know if you are planning to attend so that I may make appropriate reservations. Hope to see you there!!

- *Carol Phelps*

### **Lunch Bunch**

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, October 29<sup>th</sup> at the Macaroni Grill at 11:30AM. All members and guests are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Thanks!

*Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch*

### **Member Participation in Committees and Interest Groups**

We rely on the participation of our members to fulfill the mission of AAUW through a wide choice of activities designed to engage our members. A copy of our Membership Participation Interest Questionnaire is included with this newsletter. Please take a minute to complete the questionnaire and send it to Kathy Schofield.

### **REMINDER! To Renew Your Membership**

Your membership must be renewed each year before Nov 30th. If you have not already done so, please send a \$72 check made payable to AAUW Howard County to: Carol Phelps 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

Your dues includes \$13 for Branch: \$10 for State and \$49 for National. The \$49 is tax deductible.

### **Have a Friend Interested in Joining?**

If you have a friend interested in joining AAUW Howard County, she may 1) complete a joining interest questionnaire online [howardcounty-md.aauw.net/join](http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/join) us or 2) email her contact information to [aauwhc.kathy@gmail.com](mailto:aauwhc.kathy@gmail.com)

### **October Branch Meeting: Staying Vibrant with Nutrition**

When: Tuesday, Oct 13th 7PM

Where: The new building of the Ellicott City Sr Center (next to the library).

Courtney Carpenter is the Certified Nutrition Specialist for David's Natural Markets. She has been working in natural food stores as a consultant since 1983. She has a Master of Science degree in Human Nutrition Science from The University of Bridgeport and a Bachelor of Arts degree from The College of William and Mary in Virginia.

Currently, she provides nutrition information and counseling for the patrons of David's Natural Markets in Columbia, Gambrills and Forest Hill, Maryland. Ms. Carpenter also provides individual nutrition consultations through her private practice.

Ms. Carpenter will be presenting nutrition information and what we can do to stay vibrant throughout our lives.

Ms. Carpenter is also the Treasurer of Maryland Nutritionists Association whose goal is to promote the practice of member nutritionists and herbalists throughout Maryland, Virginia and Washington, DC.

*Karen Ownbey*  
*VP, Programs*

## **Advocacy Report – (VP - Position open)**

### MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR WOMEN (MLAW)

MLAW is a statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent, voice for Maryland women and families. The group advocates for progressive legislation and policy that promotes and protects the well-being of Maryland women and their families and provides them opportunities to develop their full potential.

MLAW is the only statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals that provides a non-partisan, independent voice for Maryland women and families.

Every year, MLAW hold a fall conference to prepare their annual MLAW Legislative Agenda and a legislative briefing and reception in Annapolis in January. These events focus legislators' attention on issues and raises visibility throughout the state. MLAW distribute the annual Legislative Agenda to every Maryland legislator. In collaboration with their advocacy partners, MLAW submit testimony, advocate for bills, and promote their Agenda through their website, Facebook page, and e-newsletter.

For additional information on the fall conference go to the website <http://mdlegagendaforwomen.org>.

If you are interested in attending the Fall MLAW conference, please contact Penny Zervos at [p.zervos@comcast.net](mailto:p.zervos@comcast.net) or 410-997-8308 to carpool.

## **Register for the 2015 Supreme Court Preview Call – (register at AAUW.Org)**



**October 15, 2015**

**8 p.m. ET**

Federal courts are sometimes the last, best hope for women who have experienced discrimination in education, employment, or health care. This year, the U.S. Supreme Court will consider a number of

cases with the potential to significantly affect the rights of women and girls. Reproductive freedom, access to health care, and affirmative action are all likely to be on the court's schedule. As the term begins, **join AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund for a members-only call on Thursday, October 15, at 8 p.m. ET to stay informed about these cases and others.** The call is free, but you must register to receive the call-in information.

**What:** AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund conference call discussing the upcoming Supreme Court term

**When:** Thursday, October 15, at 8 p.m. ET

Registration closes October 13. **Register for the call today!** You must RSVP to receive the dial-in information for the call.

### **AAUW's Newest Member Benefit: Office Depot and Office Max**

Every branch needs office supplies! AAUW has collaborated with Office Depot and Office Max to give members a discount savings of up to 80% online and in stores. This includes print orders as well! Use this link <http://www.officediscounts.org/aauw.html>

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**AAUW 2015-16 Program Year**

Month	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location
October	Saturday	3rd	9:30am	State Fall Mtg	MWH Center,
Balt.					
October	Saturday	3rd	6:00pm	Diversity Event	Oak Mills I/F Ctr
October	Tuesday	6th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	Bavarian
Brauhaus					
October	Tuesday	13th	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	EC Sr Center
October	Monday	19th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	Gail Rust's
home					
October	Tuesday	20th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	email reports
October	Tuesday	27th	1:00pm	Great Decisions (day)	Bea Dane's
home					
October	Thursday	29th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Macaroni Grill
November	Tuesday	3rd	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
November	Tuesday	10th	7:00pm	Scholarship winners	EC Sr Center
November	Thursday	12th	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
Sr Ctr					
November	Monday	16th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	Trent
Kittleman's home					
November	Tuesday	17th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Central
Library					
November	Tuesday	24th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
December	Sunday	6th	2:00pm	Holiday Party	Hebron
House, E. City					
January	Tuesday	5th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
January	Saturday	9th	11:30am	LWV Legis Lunch	TBD
January	Thursday	14th	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
Sr Ctr					
January	Monday	18th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
January	Tuesday	19th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
January	Tuesday	26th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
January	Thursday	28th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
Café					
February	Tuesday	2nd	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
February	Saturday	13th	TBD	Book Bash	Union Jacks
February	Monday	15th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
February	Tuesday	16th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
February	Tuesday	23rd	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
February	Thursday	25th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
Café					

March	Tuesday	1st	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
March	Tuesday	8th	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	EC Sr Center
March Sr Ctr	Thursday	10th	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
March	Monday	14th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
March	Tuesday	15th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
March	Tuesday	22nd	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
March Café	Thursday	31st	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
April	Tuesday	5th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
April	Tuesday	12th	7:00pm	Board Elections	EC Sr Center
April House	Saturday	16th	TBD	Fashion Show	Vantage
April	Monday	18th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
April	Tuesday	19th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Email reports
April	Tuesday	26th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
April Café	Thursday	28th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
April hosts	Saturday	30th	TBD	State Convention	HoCo Branch
May	Tuesday	3rd	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
May	Saturday	14th	TBD	Officer Installation	Union Jacks ?
May	Monday	16th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
May	Tuesday	17th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	
May	Tuesday	24th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
May Café	Thursday	26th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
June	Tuesday	7th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
June	Tuesday	14th	6:30pm	Salad Supper	EC Sr Center
June	Monday	20th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
June	Tuesday	21st	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	
June	Tuesday	28th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
June Café	Thursday	30th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's