

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

MARCH 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Once again, another month has gone by filled with some wonderful AAUW events. A huge thank you to Roberta Rood for again being our guest speaker at the Book Bash! Her discussion of Current Trends in Crime Fiction, along with her large list of recommended reading, made us all want to go out and start reading right away! We also had a nice book swap – so keep on recycling those books to others in the branch once you finish reading.

Our March Branch meeting is on Thursday, March 16th with a program by our Diversity Committee on the history of Soul Food, with a tasting event included. We will be having the event in the Great Room of the original Sr Center. The good news is we will be able to have our March, April and June meetings in the Great Room, but after that, we can only use the small meeting room in the Fitness Center building. The Board will investigate other venues for meetings, but if anyone knows of another place that we could meet for our Branch meetings that has more room and a reasonable (or free!) price, please let me know.

Our Education VP, Suzanne Soules, has been hard at work coordinating with Howard Community College to choose our scholarship winners. This includes also choosing a scholarship winner for the Gaynel Allen Scholarship which has been separately funded from donations from friends and family. More details on the deserving students who have been chosen will be available in the April newsletter.

Our Nominating Committee, comprised of Pat Reber, Diane Roca, Kathy Schofield, Marcia Posner, and Bea Dane, met and submits the following slate of officers for the 2017-19 term, which starts on July 1, 2017. Voting will take place at the April 13th Branch Annual Meeting:

Co-VPs, Advocacy - Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch

VP, Communications – Diane Roca

VP, Finance – Carol Phelps

VP, Social – Debbie Munley (a co-VP is needed)

Co-VP's Secretary – Donna Levinson and Mary Ann Crosby (a third Co-VP is needed)

VP, Philanthropy - position open

In addition, I have decided that three years as President is long enough and it is time to pass the baton! At the Feb Board meeting, in accordance with our by-laws, it was voted to appoint Kathy Schofield as President and Bea Dane as 1st VP, for the remaining 1 year term, effective July 1, 2017. This will leave Membership VP as an open position – anyone interested in taking this over, please let someone on the nominating committee know. We have a vibrant membership and an active Board who are willing to help new officers, so don't be shy about getting involved.

Bea Dane, President

SAVE THE DATES!!

Thursday, March 16th Branch Meeting – EC Sr Center. Soul Food history and tasting

Friday/Saturday, April 7 and 8th Maryland State 75th Convention – Easton, MD

Thursday, April 13th Branch Meeting and Voting for Officers – EC Sr Center – Panel Discussion

Saturday, April 29th Fashion Show and Fundraiser, Howard Community College

Thursday – Saturday June 14-17 National Convention - Washington, DC

Thursday, June 22nd Salad Supper and Officer Installation – EC Sr Center

Thursday, September 7th – Kick off the new AAUW year! Potluck at Historic Oakland Manor

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

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

February meeting - Monday, Mar 20th, at 7:00 PM

Host: [Gail Rust](#) Topic #3 – *Conflict in the South China Sea*

DAYTIME GROUP

February meeting - Tuesday, Mar 28th, at 1:00 PM

Host: Mary Ann Crosby Topic #3 – *Conflict in the South China Sea*

Remaining Topics for 2017 are:

Saudi Arabia in transition

US foreign policy and petroleum

Latin America's political pendulum

Prospects for Afghanistan

Nuclear security: the enduring challenge of nuclear weapons

Evening Group Contact: Diane Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

Daytime Group Contact: Kathy Schofield rbrownhouse@msn.com or 443-691-0131

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting on March 7th at Kelsey's, April 4th at Centre Park Grill; May 2nd at La Palapa.
Carol Phelps, Chair

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 30th, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are required and all members are welcome! Bring a friend and introduce her to AAUW.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Bridge Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to be a part of the group, email Karen Tang at, ktang54@verizon.net or Laura Wilson at, laurawilson3033@aol.com.

Membership

Prospective and New Member Orientation Meeting: Friday, March 3rd, 1 – 2:30 PM, Vantage House Auditorium, 5400 Vantage Point Rd, Columbia, MD

- o **RSVP to aauihowardcounty@gmail.com**

- Provide this email address to a **friend or new acquaintance interested in becoming a member: aauihowardcounty@gmail.com**
- 10 new members in Calendar Year 2016
- 23 non-renewing members for Membership Year 2016-2017 as reflected on the January 2017 roster published on AAUW.org
 - o If you have a friend who did not renew this year and know the reason, we would appreciate your emailing aauihowardcounty@gmail.com providing only the reason; no need to mention your friend's name. This will help us understand if reasons exist that we can address with programs or other factors.
- **Please invite your friends and new acquaintances to attend branch meetings as guests.** You and the other members of AAUW Howard County are the most effective source of new membership.
- Request a Membership Participation Questionnaire: email aauihowardcounty@gmail.com
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Upcoming Programs

Reader's Group

The Reader's Group meets every other month starting in January on the third Thursday at 11AM at the East Columbia Sr Center (attached to the East Col Library). Upcoming books to be discussed: March 16th – Wilde Lake by Laura Lippman; May 11th – planning session for the next year.

If you are interested in joining the Reader's Group, please contact Roberta Rood at robertarood@earthlink.net to be added to the e-mail list.

March 2017: On March 16th, we return to an evening Branch meeting back at the Ellicott City Sr Center in the Great Room (original Sr Center). The Diversity Committee will be holding a Tasting of Soul Foods. Do have dinner first, as it is a **tasting** of a good variety of foods, along with a beverage and dessert. In addition, you will learn about their history, which dates back to the days of slavery in America.

April 2017: On April 13th, we again will have an evening Branch meeting at the Ellicott City Sr Center. The Hammond High DIAMONDS group present a panel discussion. Prior to the program, we will also vote for our officers for 2017-18.

May 2017: No Branch meeting

June 2017: June 22nd we will meet at EC Sr Center for our Salad Supper, meet our Scholarship winners, and install our new officers.

We do not have Branch meetings over the summer, but our new Program year starts in September with a Potluck at Historic Oakland Manor on September 7th.

Do you have an idea for a branch meeting program or a guest speaker you would like us to invite? Please contact our Program VP, Dana Lowe with your ideas.

FUNDRAISING/PHILANTHROPY

Please watch the mail in mid March for the Fashion Show tickets to arrive in the mail. You will be mailed 4 tickets, please help the scholarship fund and purchase all 4 tickets! Invite your friends or neighbors, but note that we will not be selling tickets at the door as there will be lunch served and the caterer needs a head count in advance.

The show this year will honor Gaynel Allen who was a huge supporter of this event and even had her family involved for many years! The show will be on Saturday, April 29th beginning at 1:00 at Howard Community College, Kittleman Room. All directions and building location will be sent to you. There will be plenty of parking including handicap spaces if needed.

A light lunch will be served this year including dessert. If you need a special diet lunch such as gluten free or vegetarian, you must tell us in advance on the ticket form. We cannot provide this to you unless we know in advance.

We will begin the accessory sale at 12:30 which will include "slightly used" handbags and scarves. Please donate to us in advance any handbags and scarves if you can at the March branch meeting, all sales go to the scholarship fund. (I know everyone has a handbag they do not use!!!!!! Must be in good condition).

I hope to see everyone join us this year. It will be special and fun in this new location as we can accommodate more attendees in this space.

Lord & Taylor will be our partner again this year, come dressed in color as our theme will be:

COLOR MY WORLD!

Phyllis McGlothlin
pmcglath@aol.com

Diversity Committee News Chairs: Marcia Posner and Jennifer Ingram

The Committee has 10 tickets to the African American Museum for Sunday, June 4th. They will be given to the first 10 members who request them at the March Branch meeting. As the saying goes, "You must be present to win." The best way to go to the Museum, we found, is carpooling. There are several garages close by and spaces may be reserved on line for some of them that morning. The time given us is for a 1:00 PM entrance. Debi Wade worked hard to get these tickets and will try to get more for a later date. Stay tuned for further information.

Advocacy/Public Policy News

VP, Advocacy - Bev Fallik

Legislation: From Bev Fallik, VP, Advocacy

HB0955 is a bill entitled Family Law-Age of Majority-Jurisdiction of Court. Its purpose is to extend the age of majority in Maryland for child support for post-secondary education and training. In divorce cases, child support typically ends at 18, the age of majority.

Delegate Terri Hill, Howard County, working with AAUW HoCo, is primary sponsor of the bill. The bill has been reviewed by the Attorney General's office and is similar to laws in sixteen other states.

The hearing in the House Judiciary Committee is scheduled for March 2, 2017 at 1pm. We strongly urge you to email or call before March 1, 2017 Delegate Hill at Terri.Hill@house.state.md.us as well as the House Judiciary Committee members and your delegates if not on the committee. Chair Vallario and Vice Chair Dumais are particularly important.

joseph.vallario@house.state.md.us
kathleen.dumais@house.state.md.us;

Howard County judiciary committee members are:

Trent.Kittleman@house.state.md.us; Vanessa.Atterbeary@house.state.md.us

Written testimony must include the following on the front page: the bill number, the name of the individual or organization submitting the testimony, and their position (Support, Support with Amendments, Oppose, or Informational). You can call in support via Phone numbers that can be found on the MD general assembly website. If you have time, please let our AAUW committee members know if you've called/written support. (for the record and because it helps with moral support!)

Education Committee News

VP – Suzanne Soules

2016-17 AAUW Howard County Education Programs

Scholarships are funded by the Branch's philanthropic efforts. AAUW HC awards three types of scholarships to women attending Howard Community College (HCC), regardless of their major: 1) one to help a minority or non-traditional woman student remain a student at HCC; 2) one to help a minority or non-traditional woman student matriculate to a four year school; 3) several to student leaders to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). At this conference our recipients attend

skill-building workshops, hear motivating speakers, and meet other scholarship recipients from around the county.

For 2017, we will be funding one student for \$2000 transferring from HCC to a four year college and two students for \$600 each who are continuing their studies at HCC. In addition, we will be awarding one student the Gaynel Allen Scholarship, from the funds that have been collected in her memory.

Three students will also receive funding to attend NCCWSL from June 1 -3, 2017.

All scholarship winners are invited to our June 22nd Branch meeting.

Girl Power Career Fair for middle and high school girls held annually in the spring at the Johns Hopkins University Applied Physics Lab (APL) in Laurel. Its purpose is to interest girls in studies and careers in STEM fields. AAUW HC members staff a table featuring a different theme each year such as “Growing Food on Mars.” APL hosts this free event with funding from other organizations and support from the APL and Math Engineering Science Achievement organization. This year’s program is on Sunday, March 12th.

Howard County STEM Festival for K-12 students held annually in June at Howard Community College. AAUW HC staffs a table each year supporting the event’s goal to stimulate and encourage student interest and parental awareness of Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics (STEM). Our table supports the objectives of the organizers to tap into ALL our inner STEM abilities and demonstrate how they are used in our everyday lives.

Hammond HS DIAMONDS Scholars, a student group that focuses on the personal development of minority girls, promotes academic achievement with the goal of earning acceptance to college, especially for a STEM-field major. AAUW HC has partnered with DIAMONDS for five years and is working with them to develop programs that support and expand their efforts.

WEBSITE ESSENTIALS

Submitted by: Bea Dane

You may not be aware of how much AAUW information is available to you. Did you know that you have access to National, State and local Howard County websites? I am including this info in each newsletter, as we continue to get new members and I want to make sure they all have this info.

Howard County: <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net> Password for the members only section is: h0c0MD (those are zeroes and it is case sensitive). You can find the latest newsletter, past newsletters, member directory, bylaws, and Board members. Other

sections are available to the public and could use some updating! If you are interested in helping out to update the website, please let me know.

Maryland State: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net> No password needed. Check it out! There is a nice write up and pictures from our recent State Convention.

National: <https://www.aauw.org/login> You can access the website without logging in, but to access membership only info, it is best to log in. If you have never created an account, it is very easy. Just click on the First Time User? Create Account as shown below. There is so much information available, but a search feature makes it easy to find specific resources.

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Membership Form

(Through 6/30/2018)

I would like to join/renew the AAUW Howard County Branch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

College/University: _____

Degree(s) earned: _____

Major(s): _____

Career/ Job/ Retired: _____

Interests: _____

Referred By: _____

Dues are \$72 for 2017-18

(Branch - \$13; State - \$10; National - \$49).

\$46 is tax deductible.

If you join at a designated public event, dues are \$47.50 if you have not been a member of AAUW for 2 years.

Please send this form and check for dues (made out to AAUW – Howard County) to:

Carol Phelps, Treasurer

AAUW Howard County

6680 Star Path

Columbia, MD 21045

2016-2017 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Bea Dane 410 299-8403

1st Vice President : position open

Financial Officer Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

Vice President, Programs: Dana Lowe 443-851-0741

Vice President, Philanthropy: position open

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Burke 410-507-3477

Co Vice Presidents, Secretary: Connie Palmieri 410-489-5654

Jean Parr 410-381-6351 Donna Levinson 301-490-0294

Vice President, Education Suzanne Soules 410-872-8603

Vice President, Advocacy Bev Fallik 301-596-6208

Vice President, Membership Kathy Schofield 443-691-0131

Vice President, Communications: position open

Diversity Co Chairs: Marcia Posner; Jennifer Ingram

Fashion Show Co Chairs Phyllis McGlothlin 301-490-7328 Kathy

McCarthy 410-465-48-4831

Website Manager Position open

Adventures in Dining Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

AAUW Readers Doris Raytkwitch 301-776-1392 Lorraine Tropf

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691-0131

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