

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

APRIL 2017

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Although we had some strange weather in March, fortunately it did not affect our events. **A huge thank you to the Diversity Committee** for the very interesting and tasty Branch program on Soul Food. Member Deborah Shepperson gave us a short history on soul food and then we were able to taste many examples which were made by those on the committee. A detailed write up of the event is on page 4.

On Tuesday, March 21 the women's group from Marriottsville known as "Lunch With A Purpose" met at Chef Paolino's in Ellicott City. They meet every other month to socialize with their neighbors and to support various charities that their membership suggests. For March, AAUW Howard County's scholarship fund was their chosen charity. Maureen Marshall from HCC Career Links spoke on our behalf about the women who receive scholarships from AAUW Howard County. Maureen spoke clearly and compassionately about the need for these awards, and **the group responded by donating over \$1,300! We are grateful to Kathy Schofield for organizing the event and bringing it to such a successful conclusion.**

Our Education VP, Suzanne Soules, and her committee staffed a table at Girl Power, which was a very successful event. The Farm of the Future was presented, with information on vertical farming and all the STEM type careers that will be needed. Please check out the pictures in this newsletter on pages 6 and 7.

Don't miss our Annual April Branch meeting on the 13th! It is sponsored by our Education Committee and will be a panel discussion of young women from the Hammond High School Diamonds program. In addition, we will be voting for our new slate of officers for the 2017-19 term.

Don't forget to sell your tickets and attend our big fundraiser Fashion Show on April 29th! It is at Howard Community College this year (Vantage House is undergoing renovations), and should be a great event! It is dedicated this year to our late member, Gaynel Allen. More info, page 3.

On the legislative front, there was disappointing news on the extension of child support for post secondary education. Despite a lot of hard work by our Advocacy VP, Bev Fallik, and her team, the bill received an unfavorable vote. More details are on page 5.

The following is the slate of officers for the 2017-19 term, which starts on July 1, 2017.

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, Mary Ann Crosby and Jeannie Parr

VP, Philanthropy - position open

Bea Dane, President

SAVE THE DATES!!

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, Hammond High Diamonds

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

NO MEETING IN APRIL; Next meeting is May 15th

Host: [Beth Hayden](#) Topic #4 – *Saudi Arabia in Transition*

DAYTIME GROUP

April Meeting - Tuesday, April 25th, at 1:00 PM

Host: Mary Ann Crosby Topic #4 – *Saudi Arabia in Transition*

Remaining Topics for 2017 are:

- 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 April 4th at Centre Park Grill; May 2nd at La Palapa. *Carol Phelps, Chair*

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 27th, 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

- **It may seem early, but you can now renew your dues for the 2017-18 year.** Several members have already done so! You can renew online or send your check to Carol Phelps (see info at end of newsletter on how to use the AAUW national website or use the renewal form also at the end of this newsletter)
- Provide this email address to a **friend or new acquaintance interested in becoming a member:**
aauhowardcounty@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
 - If you have a friend who did not renew this year and know the reason, we would appreciate your emailing **aauhowardcounty@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 **aauhowardcounty@gmail.com**

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). The next meeting is on May 11th – planning session for the next year. Bring you suggestions!

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.

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.

FUNDRAISING/PHILANTHROPY

From Fashion Show Committee:

Show date: Saturday April 29th at 1:00 pm, accessories sale at 12:15.

Please respond and get your tickets back now!!!! We need a head count for the lunch.

The show will be a great one this year. We have moved locations to HCC, Duncan Hall first floor Kittleman Room. (park in lot A, which is right beneath Duncan Hall). We will be serving lunch, please note on your ticket stub that you return, if you need a gluten free or vegetarian meal. We can only do this in advance as the caterer needs to know 2 weeks prior to the event. We cannot do this for you the day of the show. Also, if you want to buy a ticket at the door, there will be no lunch included. Bring your friends or neighbors, they do not have to be members.

If you cannot attend, please still purchase your tickets as the sales go directly into our scholarship fund. This is our largest fundraiser of the year....we need your support. We have fabulous door prizes, lunch and a great show planned working with Lord & Taylor. Theme is "Color My World" and we are dedicating this show to the late Gaynel Allen, who was a member that really participated in AAUW Howard County.

Please come and wear something colorful!!!

Thanks

Phyllis McGlothlin

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Diversity Committee News

Chairs: Marcia Posner and Jennifer Ingram

The Diversity Committee, as part of learning about African Americans, has done several things to achieve that goal, starting by seeing *Hidden Figures*, an excellent movie that everyone should see. This followed with lunch and a discussion immediately after the movie ended. It not only showed how women were treated within the space program but also detailed the lives of three women, who had to fight for their rightful places as brilliant "women of color." How many of us would have stood up to the insults they received?

Then we talked about a trip to the African American Museum in Washington. We now have 20 people going on a bus on June 4th. More information to follow as to when and where to meet that bus and how much time we will have at the museum.

March 16, we hosted the Branch meeting, bringing soul foods to taste and the history of them to understand. Deborah Shepperson gave an insightful accounting of the foods we enjoy today, which many of us did not realize had grown from the days of slavery. Her talk was exceptionally interesting and instilled an appreciation of not only the foods but the people who introduced them to us. In addition, the taste became more than that. Deborah brought excellent fried chicken from one of her favorite restaurants in Baltimore and added her own greens. "Greens." That term had been used often, but to taste them was another level of understanding: delicious. We had candied yams, black eyed peas, macaroni and cheese (not from a box), potato salad, corn bread, banana pudding, and sweet tea. Everyone enjoyed the diverseness of the meal, lovingly prepared by members of our committee: Deborah, Shigegyo, Debi, Peg, Chizoba and Sandra: Thank you for sharing your time and expertise.

We will be meeting in April to firm up the trip to the museum and to discuss our next project. Watch for more about that. If anyone has an idea you would like to share, please let us know. E-mail: marciaposner@aol.com and jenniferingram@comast.net with suggestions the committee could discuss. Let us know if you enjoyed our taste of soul food and would like to see more tasting of food that is part of the ethnic group we are studying. This could be done each March. Consider it.

Advocacy/Public Policy News

VP, Advocacy - Bev Fallik

Legislation: From Bev Fallik, VP, Advocacy

The MD House Judiciary Committee Hearing for HB0955 took place on March 2, 2017. Despite the number of positive comments we had earlier received at our individual meetings with committee members, the bill to continue child support to age 23 for post secondary education received an unfavorable vote. Initial feedback focused on the impact of the negative perspective of the Committee Chairman Vallario. We also encountered an unforeseen obstacle regarding the (non) reporting of supportive emails and calls to the Judiciary Committee. Our AAUW Committee resolved to take a month off, and then, after the 2017 session is over, perhaps meet with several supportive delegates to get their recommendations and then revisit our strategy regarding bill passage and other potential activities for the upcoming year. We are delighted that Joan Clinch has accepted the nomination for co-VP and we welcome our new committee member, Scotty Loje.

Education Committee News

VP – Suzanne Soules

2016-17 AAUW Howard County Education Programs

Our 2017 scholarship winners have been chosen from Howard Community College Career Links program. Marie Salvadord Kotue has been awarded a \$2000 scholarship to continue her education in nursing at a four year school. Christine Ballou has been given \$600 to continue her education at HCC as a Cardiovascular Technologist. Deborah Leib has been awarded \$600 to continue her education at HCC in the nursing field. We are also funding the Gaynel Allen Scholarship through the HCC Education Foundation, and they are in the process of determining the deserving student for this award.

In addition, three students will be attending the NCCWSL (student leadership conference) event in early June.

We hope to have all of the scholarship winners attend our June salad supper. It is always a great pleasure to hear their stories.

Girl Power Career Fair



AAUW Table – featuring Vertical Farming information



Suzanne Soules at Girl Power table



Kathy Schofield discussing Vertical Farming with a Girl Power attendee.

BIG BOOK SALE – Gaithersburg Branch AAUW

This is a reminder about the **BIG BOOK SALE** held each year by our neighboring Gaithersburg Branch. This year it runs from **Thursday April 27 through Saturday April 29, and Saturday is bag day**, when a big grocery bag full is only \$10. There are over 30,000 books organized into 60 categories, and most books sell for \$3 or less, with hundreds of children/youth books selling between \$0.25 and \$1.00. The sale is located on the Asbury Methodist Village, located across from Lake Forest Mall in Gaithersburg. See <http://www.booksalefinder.com/MD.html#X2411> for much more information and directions, or call Bobbie Brooks (240-888-5231). Admission and parking is free and **sale hours are 9 am to 8 pm on Thursday and Friday and from 9 am to 4 pm on Saturday**. It is their main fund raising event and proceeds support local women.

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

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