

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

**MAY 2017**

**MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT**

Congratulations and thank you to our newly elected 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  
Co-VP's Secretary – Donna Levinson, Mary Ann Crosby and Jeannie Parr

Kathy Schofield will take over as President to finish out the remaining year of my 2<sup>nd</sup> term and I will stay on the Board in the position of 1<sup>st</sup> VP. Suzanne Soules continues as Education VP, and Dana Lowe as Program VP.

**Positions available** - Membership VP for a 1 year term; Philanthropy VP for a 2 year term.

I hope many of you made it to the Fashion Show on April 29<sup>th</sup>. Our next newsletter will have a report and pictures.

We will be installing the new officers and thanking our outgoing officers at the June meeting, which will be held on Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>. This will be our annual potluck Salad Supper and will be held in the Great Room of the Ellicott City Sr Center. More info will be sent in early June.

Several members attended the 75<sup>th</sup> Maryland State Convention in Easton on April 7-8. Past State Presidents were honored at a dinner, and this included our members, Diane Roca and Marcia Posner. A writeup of the event is on page 3.

Although we have no May Branch meeting, all our other activities (Reader's Group, Dining Out, Great Decisions, Lunch Bunch, etc.) will take place. Why not try a new activity and meet other members whom you may not have met yet!

Please renew your membership! Dues are \$72 and payable to AAUW Howard County. You can give your check to Carol Phelps at any event, or mail to her using the renewal form at the end of this newsletter.

*Bea Dane, President*

**SAVE THE DATES!!**

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

**Thursday, June 22<sup>nd</sup>** Salad Supper and Officer Installation – EC Sr Center

**Thursday, September 7<sup>th</sup>** – Kick off the new AAUW year! Potluck at Historic Oakland Manor

## 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

**May Meeting** - May 15<sup>th</sup> at 7PM

Host: **Beth Hayden**: Topic #4 – *Saudi Arabia in Transition*

#### DAYTIME GROUP

**May Meeting** - Tuesday, May 23rd, at 1:00 PM

Host: **Scotty Loje**: Topic #5 – *US Foreign Policy and Petroleum*

#### 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](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523

**Daytime Group Contact:** Kathy Schofield [rbrownhouse@msn.com](mailto:rbrownhouse@msn.com) or 443-691-0131

### Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting on May 2<sup>nd</sup> at La Palapa in Ellicott City. June 6<sup>th</sup> will be at Speak Easy in Baltimore.

Emails are sent out prior to the event for RSVPs

*Carol Phelps, Chair*

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, May 25th, 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](mailto:ktang54@verizon.net) or Laura Wilson at, [laurawilson3033@aol.com](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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](mailto: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 11<sup>th</sup> – planning session for the next year. Bring your suggestions!

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

**May 2017:** No Branch meeting

**June 2017:** June 22<sup>nd</sup> 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 7<sup>th</sup>.

## STATE CONVENTION REPORT

Submitted by Diane Roca/Bea Dane

The AAUW Maryland Annual State Convention was held on April 8, hosted by the Easton Branch at the Eastern Shore Higher Education Center in Wye Mills. The theme was AAUW Maryland's Diamond Jubilee, marking 75 years since our state organization was founded in 1942. The celebration began on Friday evening, April 7 at dinner at the Miles River Yacht Club. Sixteen AAUW Maryland past presidents were honored. Each spoke briefly about the important events during her term in officer, painting a picture of the state organization's history.

Patricia Fae Ho, National AAUW Board Chair, came for the celebration as special guest and speaker. Opening events on Saturday morning, she brought 75<sup>th</sup> anniversary congratulations and news from the national organization. Reminding attendees that AAUW is a well-known and respected gender-equity organization, she said that AAUW's research reports are a major support of our work on STEM issues. The newest report, due out soon, is *Higher Ed, Higher Debt: Why Women Owe More*, about women and student loans. Next, Ms. Ho explained details of funding for AAUW's national programs. Dues contribute 15% of revenue, individual contributions provide 35% and the remaining 50% comes, in recent years, from the endowment. Costs have risen for nearly everything such as resources and programs, staff salaries and other items and a

dues increase is required. After ten years of stable dues, if approved by the membership, national dues will increase by \$10.00 for the 2018-2019 year.

The keynote speaker was Linda Singh, Adjutant General of the Maryland National Guard. Her personal story was an inspiring testament to her determination, her development of leadership skills and mentorship of women in the National Guard. Major General Singh told the audience that the U.S. sets the precedent for what the world does, especially regarding women's rights. AAUW members contribute to our country's example for the world.

Cleopatra Campbell of the Frederick branch is the AAUW Maryland 2017 Woman of Distinction and will be honored at the National Convention of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in June. She spoke during lunch. Her message was "Invest in yourself" through education, and then give back as a volunteer in some way that inspires you.

In the afternoon, Anita Rosen, Public Policy Chair, gave a report on ways that AAUW Maryland members worked to pass legislation in Annapolis this year. She followed with a tutorial on how to support legislation by receiving *AAUW In Action* e-newsletters, contacting legislators by phone or email, or attending Lobby Day.

During the business meeting, the following officers were elected to two-year terms 2017-2019:

- Membership Vice President: Dr. Carol Leah Mueller, Harford County Branch
- Public Policy Co-Vice President and TBD: Erin Prangle, Kensington-Rockville Branch
- Treasurer: Christine Schmidt, Baltimore Branch
- Co-Secretary: Heather Reichardt, Gaithersburg Branch, and Mary Anne Williams, Frederick Branch

Pictured below are the Howard County Branch attendees, with National President Patricia Fae Ho in the center. From left – Bobbie Brooks, Beth Hayden, Kathy Schofield, Marcia Posner, Patricia Fae Ho, Bea Dane, Suzanne Soules, Diane Roca.



## Advocacy/Public Policy News

### VP, Advocacy - Bev Fallik

After a month's "vacation", the committee is beginning to consider its advocacy for the upcoming year, focusing on the bill to provide support for post- secondary college/technical schools as well as other topics (StartSmart). We welcome our new members and were gratified to hear about the support voiced at the state conference and hope it continues. We also noted that NY State has passed a law for universal free tuition for college, that congress is considering "The Red Act" for free community college and that AAUW National is discussing the impact of student loans on women particularly. So, we seem to be heading in the same direction!

Meanwhile we discussed the obstacles encountered for our bill and also discussed perspectives and strategies for bill options for the coming year. We prioritized action steps and timelines for the next few months. Most immediately, we plan on meeting with our state policy representatives for any guidance and impressions they have. We will also be traveling to Annapolis to get copies of all support/opposition submitted and later schedule meetings with several of the Judiciary committee members to find out more about their deliberations. Other information gathering activities were also identified.

Until the Fall, the Advocacy Committee will meet monthly at Wegmans at 1:30pm on the 4th Monday of every month. Specific dates are: May 22, June 19, July 17 and August 21. Additional meetings will be convened as needed.

## 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*

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*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*

*301-617-2785*

*Great Decisions Diane Roca 410-964-3523 Kathy Schofield 443-*

*691-0131*

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*Bridge Karen Tang 410 531-0619 Laura Wilson 219 688-8261*