

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

November 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As we near the end of 2016, our AAUW Branch has many activities to keep us busy and out of the cold. The National elections will be over so I hope you can all plan on attending our **November 10th Branch Meeting with guest speaker Dr. Helen Mitchell, Director of Women's Studies at HCC.** Her topic is the history of the Patapsco Female Institute during the years (1841-56) that Almira Hart Lincoln Phelps spent as Headmistress. Almira was a northern woman, born in Connecticut, and she came to Maryland in the turbulent years leading up to the Civil War. Her student body, initially balanced between students from the North and those from the South, became very disproportionately southern as the years went by and the tensions in the country increased. How she managed to lead a school in which, as the flyers proclaimed, "The North and South Here Meet ..." is part of the story. She also felt that education was essential for young women: "No woman should marry for mere maintenance." Come to the meeting so you can learn more!

Mark your calendars for the Holiday Party on Sunday, December 4, 2016 from 2-5pm.

This year's party will be held at Rockburn, the beautiful Elkridge historic home of our member Barbara Parker. Guests are welcome! A separate flier with all the details will be sent out in November.

Our Branch had four members attend the Maryland Agenda for Women (MLAW) conference on Oct 22nd. This is an important Advocacy event and I thank our Advocacy Co-VP, Bev Fallik and other members for attending. Please see the write up later in the newsletter.

Our Diversity Committee ended their focus on the Cultures of the Middle East and the Muslim and Jewish religions with an excellent panel discussion at our October meeting. Two Muslim and two Jewish women discussed their roles as women in their respective religions. It was a very educational event. **Thank you to the outgoing Chair, Shigeyo Ibrahim, for her outstanding leadership** over the past year. Taking over as Diversity Co-Chairs are Marcia Posner and Jennifer Ingram, who, along with their committee, will be determining the next focus of Diversity.

If you have not yet renewed your dues, a form is at the end of this newsletter for you to use. I hope to see all of you at a future event!

Bea Dane, President

SAVE THE DATES!!

Thursday – November 10th. Branch Meeting – EC Sr. Center; Guest Speaker, Dr. Helen Mitchell, Director of Women's Studies at HCC

Sunday – December 4th. Holiday Party - member Barbara Parker's historic home in Elkridge

Saturday, January 7th. League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon – location TBD

Saturday, February 11th. "Book Bash" Luncheon Meeting. Guest speaker – Roberta Rood

Thursday, March 16th Branch Meeting – EC Sr Center. Speaker TBD

Saturday, April 8th Maryland State 75th Convention – Easton, MD

Thursday, April 13th Branch Meeting and Voting for Officers – EC Sr Center – Speaker TBD

Saturday, April 29th Fashion Show and Fundraiser

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

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

<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

November meeting - Monday, November 21st, at 7:00 PM
Host: Topic #8 – *Cuba and the U.S*

DAYTIME GROUP

November meeting - Tuesday, November 22nd, at 1:00 PM
Host: Bea Dane. Topic #8, *Cuba and the U.S*

There is no meeting in December

The 2017 Briefing Booklet will be available for delivery in January.

January dates: Evening: January 16th; Daytime: January 24th

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

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

Membership

- **INVITE A FRIEND TO THE THURSDAY, NOVEMBER 10th BRANCH MEETING** - this is a great opportunity for your friend
- aauhowardcounty@gmail.com is the email address for a friend or new acquaintance who is interested in learning about membership in our branch.
- Please renew your membership if you have not already done so. Send a check for \$72 made payable to AAUW Howard County to Carol Phelps, Treasurer, AAUW HC, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD, 21045
- Request a Membership Participation Questionnaire - email aauhowardcounty@gmail.com.

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at The Turn House restaurant which used to be called CoHo Grill at Hobbits Glen golf course in Columbia at 6:30 on Tuesday, Nov. 1st. There is a new chef and menu so it should be fun to try! Dec will be on Dec 6th at Kings Contrivance. An email will be sent each month for reservations.

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will not meet in November, but will meet on Thursday, Dec 1st and Dec 29th, 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

Movies and Handcrafters

Members meet on an ad-hoc basis to have lunch and attend a movie, or do crafts. If you wish to be on the email list, please contact Anne Tarantino at annefox@verizon.net

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.

Diversity Committee News

Chairs: Marcia Posner and Jennifer Ingram

Please welcome our new chairs – Marcia Posner and Jennifer Ingram. A re-cap of our prior year activities and info on our next year will be in the next newsletter.

Advocacy/Public Policy News

Co-VP's, Advocacy - Bev Fallik and Jennifer Ingram

Legislation: From Bev Fallik, Co-VP, Advocacy

On Oct 22nd Bev Fallik, Marcia Posner, Debra Wade, and Penny Zervos attended the MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) event.

There appeared to be over one hundred attendees, many for the first time. Various delegates presented and discussed past and upcoming legislation relevant to women including but not limited to such topics as human trafficking, victim rights, domestic violence and women's health. Sixteen legislative proposals were presented for MLAW consideration including the above topics as well as pay equity, paid sick leave and other work related issues, voter registration, child care, early childhood suspensions and other important areas. Because there was insufficient time to get an acceptable revised bill on post-secondary education child support, we were unable to submit and present a proposal this year. However, there was a chance to network with legislators and other groups.

Start Smart: From Jennifer Ingram, Co-VP, Advocacy

The Start Smart program at Howard Community College has been postponed until next Spring. This will give us more time to get members involved, and give HCC more time to promote it. This program gives students the skills to negotiate salaries. There is no cost to our Branch, as HCC pays for the cost of the license.

We would also like to do a Work Smart program, which is geared towards working women in the community. It is also a salary negotiation program, but our Branch would have to pay for the license. We need volunteers from the Branch to help find other organizations who would be interested in funding and running this with us.

The Advocacy Committee would also like for each of you to be on the lookout for articles, both online and in publications, information about the US pay gap between women and men.

If you are interested in helping with Start Smart or Work Smart, please contact Jennifer Ingram at 410-740-4276 or sending an email at jenniferingram@comcast.net.

Education Committee News

VP – Suzanne Soules

Suzanne Soules is our new VP, Education. She volunteered for this position at our June Salad Supper and is already busy setting her agenda for the upcoming year and meeting with Maureen Marshall at HCC to discuss our upcoming scholarship winners.

Events which Suzanne plans on having the AAUW participate in are the Hammond High School Diamonds induction ceremony in November; Girl Power in March 2017 and the STEM Festival at HCC in June, 2017. A potential program is one that would focus on writing and would be coordinated with the English Department of HCC.

Our scholarships this year will include one for an HCC student transferring to a 4 year school, one for a current HCC student, and three for attendance at NCCWSL (Student Leadership Conference).

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?

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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https://www.aauw.org/login/

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Membership Form

(Through 6/30/2017)

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 2016-17

(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

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President: Bea Dane 410 299-8403

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