

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

October 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

September has been a month for great celebration for our Branch and for great sadness. Our AAUW Kickoff Potluck Dinner and our Celebration of Diversity events showed how our members can come together in friendship. The deaths of our members, Eve Olsen and Gaynel Allen, gave us great sadness as we lost two very wonderful women who gave so much of themselves to their families, friends and AAUW. We will miss them both very much.

Our Celebration of Middle East Cultures was a very successful fund raiser, and an enjoyable evening. Diversity Chair, Shigeyo Ibrahim and her Committee worked endless hours on this event which raised funds for our scholarships. Marcia Posner did an excellent job as Mistress of Ceremony. We all had fun dancing the Horah and watching the belly dancer, Shamira Shuruk. The program booklet was a beautiful addition, which raised many funds from advertisers and patrons. Many thanks to our newest member, Deborah Shepperson Smith, who inspired the committee to “go for it” and coordinated the program booklet, along with designer Josie Thompson, who is also a member. Please visit our advertisers and let them know where you heard about them!!

Don't miss our October branch meeting on the 13th for the final Diversity Panel focusing on women's roles in Judaism and Islam. We will be meeting in the Original Sr Center building in the back with the large room. The November meeting will also be in the same building and will have a dynamic speaker who is the Director of Women's Studies at HCC.

Registration for the 2017 National Convention in Washington, DC opens on October 1st. Go to the AAUW website at <http://convention.aauw.org/> to sign up.

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 – October 13th. Branch Meeting – EC Sr. Center -Diversity Panel Discussion II

Saturday – October 22nd Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women; Anne Arundel Comm College

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

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

October meeting - Monday, October 17th, at 7:00 PM
Host: Gail Rust. Topic #7, *Climate Geopolitics*

DAYTIME GROUP

October meeting - Tuesday, October 25th, at 1:00 PM
Host: Mary Ann Crosby. Topic #7, *Climate Geopolitics*

Topics remaining in the 2016 Briefing Booklet are as follows: #7 *Climate Change*; #8 *Cuba and the U.S.*

We will be taking orders for the 2017 Briefing Booklet in October for delivery in January. Please inform your group contact if you wish to order a booklet. Both daytime and evening groups now have enough orders to qualify for the discount.

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, OCTOBER 13th BRANCH MEETING** - this is a great opportunity for your friend to see an example of AAUW HC's involvement in women's issues and the Howard County community. The program is a panel discussion of women's roles the two major Middle Eastern religions. Meeting begins at 7PM in the Ellicott City Senior Center.
- aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com is the email address for a friend or new acquaintance who is interested in learning about membership in our branch.
- 11 prospective members attended the Prospective Member Orientation on September 15th at Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant - thank you to Joan Clinch for helping to arrange the meeting
- Please welcome new members Cathy Pelsinsky, referred by Kathy Schofield, and Juana Sancho-Davila-Moreland and Deborah Shepperson Smith, both referred by Shigeyo Ibrahim.
- 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 aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com.

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at Bavarian Brauhaus on Tues, Oct 4th at 6:30pm. The next month will be Tues, Nov 1st at Coho Grill, and Dec will be on Dec 6th at Kings Contrivance. An email will be sent each month for reservations.

Carol Phelps

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on October 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

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. In October we are meeting at Mary Anne Crosby's. 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

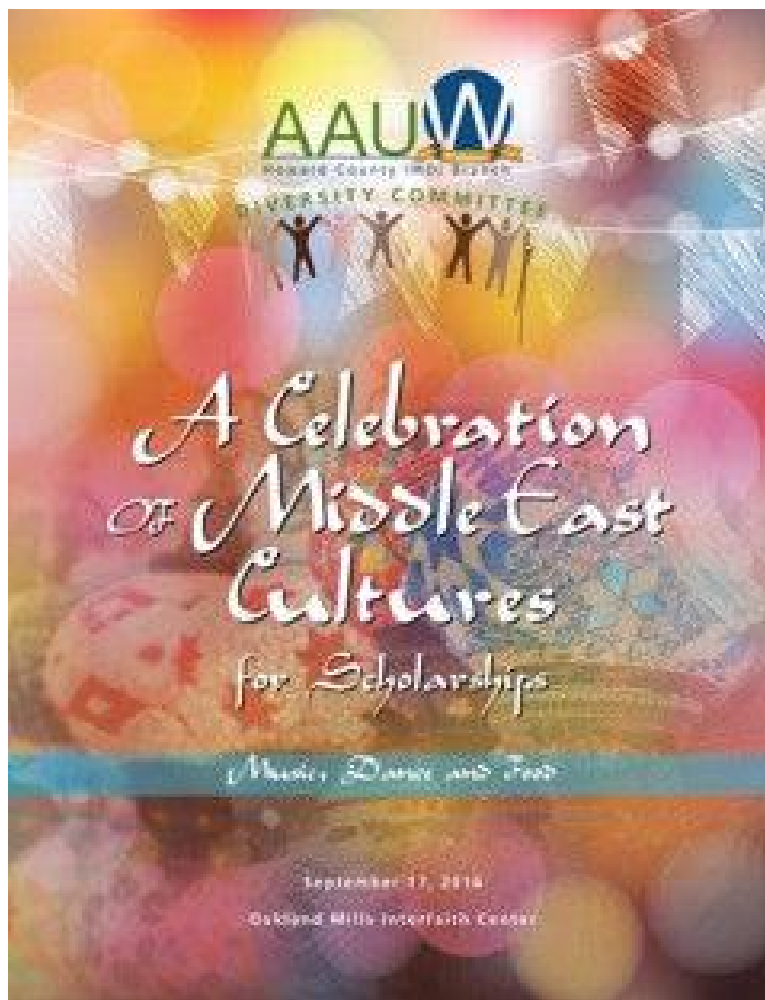
Chair: Shigeyo Ibrahim

FY 2016 - 2017 Theme: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY: THE MIDDLE EAST

Explore, Learn & Understand the Cultures of the Middle East and the Religions of Islam and Judaism

CELEBRATION OF MIDDLE EAST CULTURES

Below is the cover of the program booklet, which included many advertisements and list of patrons.





Jennifer Ingram and Deb Wade staffed the check in Table.



President Bea Dane welcomes guests, with Diversity Chair Shigeoyo Ibrahim on left, and Mistress of Ceremony, Marcia Posner on the right.



Dancer Samira Shuruk in the middle



Guests enjoying the evening.



Many AAUW members and friends attended.

Advocacy/Public Policy News

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

Legislation: From Bev Fallik, Co-VP, Advocacy

There has been a lot of activity since our last newsletter. Research continues to be ongoing. We've had several key meetings as we move forward. Last month, we were able to meet with several AAUW National headquarter staff who provided invaluable advice about the path we should follow, the timing of activities and other suggestions. We will be staying in communication with them. We were able to locate the key lawyer at the hearing last year and have scheduled a meeting to discuss our ideas and perhaps work together. Most importantly, our committee had an extensive meeting with our sponsor, Delegate Terri Hill, and our AAUW state representative Anita Rosen. This was extremely productive and we were impressed with the dedication and extensive knowledge these two guests brought to the meeting. Delegate Hill has taken our information and proposed revision and will work with Assembly staff to develop the next revision which she will provide to us for feedback. We will be submitting a revised proposal to present at MLAW and we are delighted that Terri Hill has agreed to do the presentation as sponsor of our proposal. We have much to do and dedicated team members to do them, but we would certainly welcome assistance from anyone interested in passing legislation to promote post- secondary education child support.

Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW)

This year's MLAW Conference is on Saturday, Oct 22nd from 9:30AM to 1PM at Anne Arundel Community College in Arnold. The conference will feature a moderated panel: "From the Style Page to the Front Page: Advancing Women's Issues", The highlight of the conference will be the presentation of legislative proposals for the upcoming 2017 legislative session. Join us to learn about the bills that will make up the 2017 Agenda. An optional Grassroots Advocacy 101 workshop will be offered from 1:00 to 3:00 pm. There is no charge for this workshop. A light continental breakfast is included with registration. Optional box lunches for those staying for the Advocacy 101 workshop are available for \$10 and require a pre-order. For more info and to register, go to the MLAW website at mdlegagendaforwomen.org

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

On October 26, from 1 PM -3 PM, Howard Community College and AAUW Howard County will host a Start Smart workshop at HCC to teach participants (primarily, students) to negotiate their salary and benefits. I had an article in last month's newsletter about this workshop. I now am emphasizing that, while the targeted audience are HCC students, AAUW Howard County branch members are invited also.

If you think this might be an interesting project to work on, you might want to come to see how it goes and check out what it would be like to facilitate these types of workshops, this may be the class for you.

If you want to just learn how to negotiate for yourself, this class is free and is only 2 hours. You will meet and interact with lots of people - we expect about 40. If you don't want to facilitate but would like to help out by doing such things as welcoming participants, or working the AAUW Howard County table, helping with the different session in the workshop so that we can make sure everyone is participating, let me know.

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. Please let me know by calling me at 410-740-4276 or sending an email at jenniferingram@comcast.net. Direct all questions to me. I look forward to hearing from all of you.

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 October; 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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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

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Columbia, MD 21045

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