

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

February 2015

CALENDAR

February

Adventures in Dining

February 3, 6:30pm
Pisco Restaurant

MLAW Legislative Reception

February 12, 4:30pm - 6:30pm
Miller Senate Office Building in Annapolis

Great Decisions

February 16, 7pm
Bea Dane's Home

Board Meeting

February 17, 7pm – 8:45pm
East Columbia Library

Book Bash

February 21, 11:30am – 2pm
Union Jack's

SAT Scores Back Session

February 21, 2:30pm – 4pm
Vantage House Senior Living Community

Lunch Bunch

February 26, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café at the Mall in Columbia

March

Trip to the National Museum of Women in the Arts

March 1, 1:30pm
Washington, DC

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Welcome back to a new and exciting AAUW year! We started out with a wonderful Holiday party on January 11th at member Barbara Parker's beautiful historic home in Rockburn. Thank you Barbara, for hosting us and also giving us a tour. Our silent auction raised over \$1000 toward our scholarship fund. Our thanks to Nancy Yee for obtaining the many items for the auction, and big thanks to Social VP, Caroline Tunison, for coordinating everything. The food and drinks were excellent and the weather cooperated with us.

Once again, we have to say goodbye to a Board member. First VP, Donna Aycock, has moved out of Maryland and regretfully resigned her position. Donna was a very active member in many committees and also was our photographer at many events. We miss you Donna, but wish you well.

Try not to miss our annual Book Bash luncheon on Saturday, February 21st at Union Jack's Restaurant. The reservation form has been sent out already, and is also included in this newsletter. It is always a fun time!

Our Education Committee activities are really heating up – they are working with Howard Community College to choose our scholarship winners – both for women going on to a four-year college, and for attendees to the NCCWSL (student leadership) event. In addition, the committee is involved in SAT practice tests, Girl Power, STEM fair at HCC in June, and continued funding for our Generation Hope Scholar. Our branch is helping many women in their quest for education and we should all be very proud of our efforts on their behalf.

Other activities have started with high attendance – Readers group; Adventures in Dining; Great Decisions; Handcrafters and Movies; Bridge; and Lunch Bunch. Thanks to all who chair and/or host these events.

An updated member directory has been put on our Howard County AAUW website in the Members Only section <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/members-only/>. It includes only names, phone numbers and email addresses. Please check it and let me or our membership VPs know of any corrections that need to be made.

It's that time to start thinking about officers for the 2015 -17 term. Available positions are: VP, Secretary; VP, Advocacy; VP, Communications and VP, Philanthropy. Co-VPs are greatly encouraged to spread around the work and attendance at Board meetings. Members have already committed to the VP, Financial and VP, Social positions. Please consider joining the Board – none of us can do it alone!

The Maryland State AAUW is also looking for candidates for a two-year term for Treasurer, Membership, Public Policy and Secretary. If anyone is interested in serving at the State level, please let me know, as I am on the State Nominating Committee.

I hope to see many of you at our future events!

Bea Dane, President



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

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UPCOMING EVENTS



Adventures in Dining

We will be meeting at Pisco, a new restaurant in the Costco shopping center (near Trader Joes) on **Tuesday, February 3**, at 6:30pm. Please RSVP if you are planning to attend so that I may make appropriate reservations. As a reminder, our policy is to follow the Howard County schools regarding cancellation for bad weather. Hopefully it will be a good weather day!

Carol Phelps, Chair, Adventures in Dining

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program for the public. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7pm – 9pm at members' homes. Before the meeting, we read material about the topic in the Great Decisions Briefing Booklet, published by the Foreign Policy Association. At the meeting, our discussion is based on questions in the book. You may purchase a copy at www.fpa.org.

We will meet on **Monday, February 16**, at 7pm in the home of Bea Dane. The topic is *Privacy in the Digital Age*.

Future Meetings

March 16: *Sectarianism in the Middle East*; Host: Dottie Mallerich

April 20: *India Changes Course*
Host: Zeli Castella

May 18: *U.S. Policy Toward Africa*
Host: Trent Kittleman

June 15: *Syria's Refugee Crisis*
Host: Gaynel Allen

No meetings in July and August

September 21: *Human Trafficking in the 21st Century*; Host TBD

October 19: *Brazil's Metamorphosis*;
Host TBD

If you are interested in learning more about Great Decisions, contact Diane Roca at droca@comcast.net or [410-964-3523](tel:410-964-3523).

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions



February Branch Meeting: Book Bash

Plan to attend our annual Book Bash, **Saturday, February 21** at Union Jack's! *Members Share Books, Members Share Talents*—with an Introduction by Jean Salkeld & AAUW Readers.

The program will include the following book presentations:

- Pat Reber on historical cooking from the layperson's perspective
- Barbara Parker's book on the history of the House of Ruth
- Emma Pope about *Song Yet Sung* and a few more!

Plus a Mini Book Sale!

Bring books to donate; prices will be between \$1.00 and \$5.00. Yet another opportunity to support our scholarship funds! See the flyer below, for information about registering for this perennial fun luncheon!

**Save these Dates for
Upcoming Branch Meetings!**
March 10: *Diana Bailey, Managing Director of Maryland Women's Heritage Center, Miller Branch Library – Avalon Room*
April 14: *Manda Zand Ervin, Founder & Director of the Alliance of Iranian Women, Location TBD*
May 16: *Brunch and Officer Installation*
June 9: *Salad Supper*

*Karen Ownbey and Elizabeth Ombija,
Co-VPs, Programs*

Philanthropy

Thanks to all who came to the Holiday Party and bid at the silent auction. All proceeds go to the scholarship funds. Thanks to Nancy Yee for getting all the wonderful auction items and Robin Lobl for her lovely knitted scarfs, we appreciate all your efforts!

The Book Bash is **Saturday, February 21** and we will be having a used book sale at the event. Please bring in your "read" books, hardcover or large paperbacks, to sell at the event. It gives members a chance to read new and interesting books. You can bring the bag of books directly to the event, or if you cannot attend, contact me and someone will pick them up. All funds collected will once again, go to scholarships.

The fashion show is coming up on Saturday, April 18! Contact me if you are interested in modeling (new members try it out, lots of fun!). Also, we are in need of slightly used handbags and scarfs for the accessory show. You can bring them to the Book Bash.

Thanks!

Phyllis McGlothlin, Co VP, Philanthropy



Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **Thursday, February 26** at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at the Columbia Mall. All members are welcome to attend.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Picturing Mary

On **Sunday, March 1**, a group will be going to the National Museum of Women in the Arts to view "Picturing Mary: Woman, Mother, Idea," an incredible exhibit of Marian art.

The group will meet at 1:30pm at the entrance to the exhibit. See the museum web site for further information:

<http://nmwa.org/exhibitions/picturing-mary-woman-mother-idea>

For information regarding carpooling, call Betty Pike [\(410\) 313-8997](tel:410-313-8997).

Roberta Rood, Co-Chair, Cultural

AAUW Book Bash – Saturday, February 21st

Looking for a fun winter outing? Then plan to attend AAUW’s annual Book Bash at Union Jack’s restaurant. You will be guided on an exploration of enchanting and interesting books while you dine on a delicious lunch. Friends/prospective members are welcome! Please also bring your unwanted books for a book sale at the end of lunch. The program runs from 11:30AM to 2:00PM
Cost is \$25 per person, which includes tax and gratuity, non-alcoholic drink and lunch-sized dessert.

Choose from following menu items:

First Course

Starter Salad

Second Course

- Petite Salmon with rice and asparagus (Gluten Free)
- Rustic Chicken Sandwich (on Gluten Free flatbread) with fries
- Reuben Sandwich with fries
- Penne Pasta with Vegetables

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____

Email _____

Luncheon Selection:

Second Course _____

Please mail your check payable to **Howard County AAUW** along with your lunch selection to:

*Karen Ownbey
5960 Autumn Spell
Elkridge, MD 21075*

Union Jack’s is located at 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD (across from the south entrance to the Columbia Mall)

RSVP no later than **Wednesday Feb 18th** to Karen Ownbey.



WELCOME BACK TO ANOTHER AAUW YEAR!

From the Social Committee

We started 2015 with a fun and successful holiday party on January 11!

Special thanks to Barbara Parker who generously and graciously opened her beautiful home to AAUW members and guests for the party. And it wouldn't be a party without all of the delicious potluck contributions brought by attendees (including the desserts from Board members).

Thanks also to all who helped with preparation, especially Connie Palmieri for purchasing and bringing the wine, Gail Burke and MaryLee Eargle for their assistance in setting and cleaning up, Carol Phelps and Pat Reber for all their help.

Caroline Tunison, Chair, Social

Photographed top to bottom:

- President Bea Dane; hostess Barbara Parker; silent auction coordinator Nancy Yee
- Members participating in the silent auction
- Members and guests enjoying the party
- Members enjoying Barbara Parker's beautiful home

Photo credit: Darryl Marsan



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League of Women Voters

The League of Women Voters (www.lwvhc.wordpress.com) held their Annual Legislative Luncheon. Among the packed room were local officials, seven state officials representing Howard County (six are new to their positions – 58 house members are new) and seven AAUW members. State Senator Guy Guzzone and Delegates Vanessa Atterbeary, Eric Ebersole, Terri Hill, Trent Kittleman (AAUW member), Clarence Lam, and Frank Turner gave their opinions of the upcoming issues of interest chosen by the League and answered questions from the audience. Gail Bates, Ed Kasemeyer; Bob Flanagan, Warren Miller, and Shane Pendergrass did not attend. Some of the issues discussed:

- Environment and energy - clean water standards, climate change, storm water, & fracking (potential health concerns, 'best practice')
- Adequately fund education, Pre-K, amount of testing, Charter schools
- Mass transit
- Campaign finance reform, transparent government, reform redistricting process
- Budget and taxes

Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

MLAW has selected seven initiatives to support before the General Assembly. Detailed information may be found using the following link -

<https://mdlegagendaforwomen.files.wordpress.com/2014/12/mlaw-2015-agenda-bill-synopsis.pdf>)

- Midwife Licensure
- Protective Orders – Relief for Victims of Dating and Sexual Violence
- Akin's Law - rape victims to terminate parental rights of rapists
- Domestic Violence – Protective Orders – Additional Relief
- Maryland Earned Sick and Safe Leave Act
- State Personnel – Limits of Use of Leave for Birth, Adoption, Foster Placement or Care of Child
- Paid Family and Medical Leave – Feasibility Study

MLAW's Legislative Reception & Briefing in Annapolis

It will be held on **Thursday, February 12**, from 4:30 - 6:30pm in the President's Conference Center West in the Miller Senate Office Building located at 11 Bladen Street in Annapolis. It is free, but you must register since the reception fills up.

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/mlaws-2015-legislative-reception-and-briefing-tickets-15305922426>

Pat Reber, VP, Advocacy

