

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

June/July 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

As our AAUW year comes to a close, we should be very proud of all our successes!! We have accomplished our mission (see above) of advancing equity for women and girls. **Advocacy:** a newly energized Advocacy Committee promoted new legislation, helped with voter registration, and participated in Equal Pay Day. **Education:** the Education Committee created exciting exhibits and interactions at Girl Power and STEM Festival, and worked with HCC and Generation Hope to find worthy women for our scholarships. The Diversity Committee helped us educate ourselves through trips to a synagogue and mosque. Great Decisions and the Readers Group also expand our minds. **Philanthropy:** the hardworking Fashion Show Committee had another very successful show; the Diversity Committee started an annual Cultural Event to raise money; and our members came through for the Silent Auction at the Holiday Party. The proceeds from these events fund our scholarships. **Research:** Although our National organization does the most “official” research, which our dues and donations support, every local committee and our members are doing their part by researching for programs and legislation that best support our goals. Bringing it all together every month are your VP’s and Committee Chairs. Their hard work makes every event seem so effortless, but in reality, many hours have been spent to ensure the best is always done!

Our final meeting of the AAUW year will be our June 14th Salad Supper (info on page 3). Your new officers will be installed; we will meet several of our scholarship winners; and you will have an opportunity to sign up for committees and interest groups.

I wish you all a wonderful summer! You can still see your AAUW friends at Adventures in Dining, Lunch Bunch and Readers Group. Your Board will also be meeting to plan the 2016-17 year. Please let us know if you have ideas for Programs, Fundraisers or Cultural Events. Spread the word to your friends to join us!

Bea Dane, President

SAVE THE DATES!!

Sunday, June 5th. HoCo STEM Festival at HCC 1-5PM. Contact Amy Robinson if you can help.
Tuesday – June 14th: Salad Supper – Officer Installation; meet our scholarship winners – EC Sr Ctr
Thursday – September 8th. Kick off the new AAUW year at Historic Oakland Manor
Thursday – September 15th. New and prospective member orientation; 1-3pm; LVMG
Saturday - September 17th. Diversity Fundraiser – Celebration of Middle East Cultures
Thursday – October 13th. Branch Meeting – Diversity Panel Discussion II – Ellicott City Sr Ctr
Thursday – November 10th. Branch Meeting – Education Month – Ellicott City Sr Ctr
Sunday – December 4th. Holiday Party – Venue TBD

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

June meeting – Topic # 5 is "The Koreas." We will meet on Monday, June 20th, at 7:00 p.m. Host: Inge Stocklin

DAYTIME GROUP

June meeting - Topic #5 is "The Koreas." We will meet on Tuesday, June 28th at 1pm. Host: Mary Ann Crosby

NO MEETINGS FOR JULY OR AUGUST FOR DAY OR EVENING GROUP.

Topics for the 2016 Briefing Booklet are as follows: #1 *Middle East Alliances*; #2 *The Rise of ISIS*; #3 *The Future of Kurdistan*; #4 *Migration*; #5 *The Koreas*; #6 *The United Nations*; #7 *Climate Change*; #8 *Cuba and the U.S.*

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 at Hull Street Blue Café in Locust Point on Tuesday, June 7th. We meet to carpool at 5:30pm at Dorsey Search Harvester Baptist Church parking lot.

Carol Phelps

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on June 30th and July 28th, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are required and all members are welcome!

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

Membership

- **LET YOUR FRIENDS KNOW TO SAVE THE DATE - Prospective member and new member orientation meeting** is scheduled for Thursday, September 15, 2016 from 1 - 3PM at the Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant, next door to the Miller Branch of the Library.
- We currently have 118 members, that include 6 new members who have joined since January.
- Please welcome Patricia Hook as our most recent new member who came to us via Gail Rust and the Lunch Bunch.
- aaushowardcounty@gmail.com is the email address for a friend or new acquaintance who is interested in learning about membership in our branch.
- Please respond to the email you will receive from AAUW National asking you to renew your membership for 2016 - 2017.
- To request a Membership Participation Questionnaire, please email aaushowardcounty@gmail.com - sending a completed copy to Kathy Schofield will assure that you are on the email list for each committee and/or interest group you want to join

Kathy Schofield
VP Membership

You Are Invited!

AAUW Howard County Branch
 Annual Potluck Salad Supper
June 14, 2016 7:00 pm
 (set up starts at 6:30 pm)
 Ellicott City Senior Center (new building)



Join us for:

- Officer Installation
- Meet Scholarship Winners
- Sample and enjoy numerous salads and desserts
- Hear from Board members about AAUW activities and committees

Prospective members are welcome!

Please sign up as follows, to participate in the fun:

Last name begins with A – J, bring an entree salad (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)

Last name begins K – S, bring a side or green salad (i.e. potato, pasta, fruit, bean, spinach, Caesar, etc.)

Last name begins T – Z, bring a dessert

Important note! All dishes should serve 8 – 10 people. Please bring your own serving utensils.

Please RSVP to Caroline Tunison (301) 346-1750 or redcat1977@verizon.net by Saturday June 11. Please let us know what you plan to bring.

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

Education is the key, so we will use it to open another door on September 17, 2016, when we will hold our Second Annual Festival, which will include food, music and dances of the Middle East. Come and enjoy our celebration. More about this will be sent out during the summer.

If you have questions, call me at 410-740-4276 or send an email to me at jenniferingram@comcast.net.

Jennifer Ingram

Advocacy/Public Policy News

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

Legislative Update:

About half of marriages now end in divorce. Maryland state law does not require child support past the age of 18 despite overwhelming evidence of the need for and high cost of post-secondary education. As a result of our 2015 MLAW presentation advocating the extension of support for children of separation and divorce to age 22, Howard County Delegate Terri Hill sponsored such a bill at the 2016 Assembly. AAUW HoCo and State representatives provided testimony before the committee. A companion bill was also presented in the Senate. Unfortunately, the bills did not pass. The Advocacy Committee is in the process of developing a draft revision based on current legislation in MO, CT and related existing MD legislation for foster and runaway youth. There is much interest from Delegate Hill as well as AAUW state in continuing advocacy on this topic for the 2017 assembly. Unlike last year, we have sufficient time to work on the language, get supporting evidence, develop materials and develop a network of support throughout the state. We are hoping that our branch members will be interested in helping with various aspects of promoting this legislation. Please contact Jennifer Ingram and/or Bev Fallik if you are interested in helping with any aspect of this legislation.

The Advocacy Committee will continue to work on Equal Pay Day and Voter Registration in the upcoming year. We are also working with HCC on Start Smart hopefully this coming fall. We continue to participate in MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) and attend WLB (Women's Legislative Briefing) each year.

INTERESTED IN BECOMING AN SALARY NEGOTIATION FACILITATOR FOR START SMART?

What You'll Learn

- Details about [the gender pay gap](#) and why negotiation skills are especially important for women.
 - How to present AAUW Start Smart and AAUW Work Smart curricula in an engaging way.
 - How to collaborate with workshop sites to successfully market and put on a workshop.
 - Facilitation and speaking skills that will translate to other areas of your professional life.
- Training is free for AAUW members. You will need a computer and a phone to attend the webinar. The upcoming schedule is:
 - Wednesday, August 10, 2016, 11:00am–12:30pm ET
 - Tuesday, September 13, 2016, 4:00pm–5:30pm ET
 - Wednesday, October 12, 2016, 4:00pm–5:30pm ET

Register through the AAUW website: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/salary-negotiation-workshops/facilitator>

To remain in good standing, each AAUW fiscal year, facilitators must facilitate at least one workshop and attend a refresher webinar.

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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