

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

October 2014

CALENDAR

October

League of Women Voters Candidates' Forum

October 2, 5pm
Banneker Room, George Howard
Building

Handicrafters

October 3, 11am
Ellicott City Senior Center

Cultural Committee Outing

October 11, 10am
2014 Decorator Show House

Branch Meeting

October 14, 7pm
Ellicott City Senior Center

Great Decisions

October 20, 7pm
Gail Rust's Home

Board Meeting

October 21, 7pm
Savage Branch Library

Membership Orientation

October 22, 7pm
Janet Hoch's house

Girl's Night Out

October 23, 7pm
Lord and Taylor, Columbia Mall

Adventures in Dining

October 28, 6:30pm
Victoria Gastro Pub

Lunch Bunch

October 30, 11:30am
Nordstrom Café, Columbia Mall

November

Branch Meeting

November 13, 7pm
Ellicott City Senior Center

MLAW Fall Agenda Conference

November 15
Miller Branch Library

Board Meeting

November 18, 7pm
Miller Branch Library

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

October is here and that means leaves are changing color, we are getting out our warmer clothes, political campaigns are in full swing, and AAUW is getting busy with numerous events. Our September Pot Luck was a



great success, with at least 40 members and guests present to hear Christianne Corbett from National AAUW talk about the gender pay gap. She discussed the many ways that pay has been analyzed, and it still comes up short for women! **So we must continue our efforts for equal pay for women.**

Make sure you put the October branch meeting on your calendar – October 14th. We are really fortunate to have Kate Campbell Stevenson as our guest speaker. She is a dynamic lady! In fact, it's a great idea to mark you calendars now for all of our branch meetings and events through June 2015. Please see the program section in this newsletter for the complete information.

One (and maybe more) of our scholarship winners will be a guest speaker at our November meeting. This is a great opportunity for us to hear how all our fundraising efforts are helping other women. **Our fundraiser on Oct 23rd at Lord and Taylor's promises to be a very fun event!**

Our Advocacy Co-VP, Connie Adamson, is moving out of the area and therefore has resigned her position on our Board. Please join me in thanking Connie for all her past efforts in our branch, and wishing her well in her new home.

Our branch is so incredibly busy that it is hard to keep up with all the events! I feel we have something for everyone – whether you want daytime, evening, purposeful, fun, food, cultural, intellectual, or political – we have it all! **We are always open to ideas for new things, so please don't hesitate to contact me if you want to start a new interest group.**

Members are the lifeblood of any organization and the best way to get new members is by recruiting your friends and acquaintances. We already have 21 new members for our 2014-15 year! To new and existing members, if I haven't already met you, I look forward to doing so at one of our meetings or events. **Please get involved and start thinking about taking on a leadership role in the future so that our branch can remain vibrant and active!**

Bea Dane, President

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

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Advocacy

League of Women Voters Candidates' Forum is on Oct. 2.

A non-partisan group dedicated to keeping the public informed about the candidates by distributing Voters Guides, the League of Women Voters is conducting voter information forums and other activities. Their last forum will be held on **Thursday, Oct 2** at 5pm for County and Congressional candidates. Go and hear the candidates at the Banneker Room of the George Howard Building, 3430 Court House Drive, Ellicott City.

More information and their membership form is on their website <http://lwvhc.wordpress.com>. They will have their fundraiser with The Capitol Steps comedy group at the Rouse Theater on **Sunday, Oct. 19**.

MLAW Fall Agenda Conference in Ellicott City, Nov 15

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) is an organization whose membership includes some MD women's groups, including AAUW State level, and individuals. It was formed twenty years ago as a non-partisan group to lobby the Maryland General Assembly on issues selected by its membership relating to Maryland women and families.

This year, on Saturday, **Nov. 15**, the MLAW Fall Agenda Conference will be held in Howard County at the Miller Branch library. In the morning, groups present the legislative proposals that they support in the upcoming Maryland Assembly. More details and cost for the morning presentations and afternoon workshop will be posted on their website: <http://mdlegagendaforwomen.org>

MLAW membership is \$35—application forms are available on their site. In January, MLAW holds a legislative reception in Annapolis, and the group gives a copy of the selected Agenda to every legislator and advocates for the bills.

Pat Reber, Chair, Advocacy

We need your feedback! Please complete the Diversity Survey on page 4.

Handicrafters

Handicrafters will meet Friday, **October 3rd** at the Ellicott City Senior Center from 11 to 2. Bring a lunch and come for the duration or only an hour. Anne will be making a wreath similar to one from Horchows which (for some reason costs \$308).

Anne Tarantino, Chair, Handicrafters

October Branch Meeting

Be sure to reserve **October 14th** to attend our monthly meeting. The gifted and talented **Kate Campbell Stevenson** will speak about "*Women and Leadership*" and her involvement with AAUW.

Kate has over 25 years of professional experience in music, theatre and education. She is the creator of the performance **Women: Back to Future**. She has inspired audiences across the country from state and national conventions to the Office of the President and the National Theatre. The show began as a personal quest to inspire her children and their peers to hold fast to their dreams and provide positive courageous role models. Kate has starred in over 30 Broadway musicals produced in regional theaters across the United States, including *Camelot*, *Carousel*, *My Fair Lady*, *The King and I*, *Show Boat*, *Music Man* and *I Do! I Do!*, as well as radio and TV commercials.

Date: **October 14, 2014**

Time: 7pm

Location: Ellicott City Senior Center

Save these Dates for Upcoming Branch Meetings!

November 13: *Ellicott City Senior Center, Scholarship Recipients*

January 11: *Holiday Party at Gaynel Allen's home*

February 21: *Book Bash, Union Jack's in Columbia*

March 10: *Ellicott City Senior Center*

April 14: *Ellicott City Senior Center*

May 16: *Brunch and Officer Installation*

June 9: *Salad Supper*

Karen Ownbey and Elizabeth Ombija, Co-VPs, Programs

Great Decisions

Great Decisions is a discussion program for the public about topics in world affairs. Meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7–9pm at members' homes. Before meetings, we read material about topics in the *Great Decisions Briefing Booklet*, published by the Foreign Policy Association. At each meeting, discussion is based on questions in the book. If you are interested in learning more about *Great Decisions*, contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523.

This month's meeting, our final meeting of the year, is on Monday, **October 20**, at 7pm at the home of Gail Rust. The topic is U.S. Trade Policy. Meetings will resume in January.

Later this month, the group will place a bulk order for copies of the 2015 discussion booklet. You may also purchase one for yourself from the Foreign Policy Association at fpa.org.

2015 Topics:

Russia and the Near Abroad
Privacy in the Digital Age
Sectarianism in the Middle East
India Changes Course
U.S. Policy Toward Africa
Syria's Refugee Crisis
Human Trafficking in the 21st Century
Brazil's Metamorphosis

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions



To the extent that we are all educated and informed, we will be more equipped to deal with the gut issues that tend to divide us.

- Caroline Kennedy

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Membership News

We have 18 new members who have joined our branch since June! Please extend a warm welcome to: Cecilia Bamford, Nancy Bienia, Gail Burke, Martha Burt, Zeli Castella, Monica Chyn, Marylee Eargle, Deanna Jones, Mary Kely, Donna Levinson, Darryl Marsan, Janet Marshall, Jeffri Pierre, Nicole Pierre, Barbara Prettyman, Nifkaa St. Pierre, Joanne Serelisand Debra Wade.

Our next Membership Orientation session is scheduled for Wednesday, **October 22nd**, 2014 at 7pm at Janet Hoch's house. Invitations and details to follow.

Thanks to those who have renewed their memberships! For those who have not yet renewed, please do so as soon as possible. You do not want to miss information on what your branch is doing. Thanks!

*Janet Hoch, Rhonda Tomlinson, April North
Co VPs, Membership*

Philanthropy

IT'S HERE!!!!—"GIRLS NIGHT OUT" is on Thursday, **October 23rd** from 7-9 PM at the Columbia Lord & Taylor store. There will be great food from the new restaurants at the mall, vendor presentations, personal shoppers, goodie bags and more, **plus a 25% off shopping pass (cosmetics 10%!!) for the evening!** Get started on your holiday shopping, or have fun with members and any friends you want to bring along. Tickets cost \$10—all proceeds will go toward our scholarship fund. More details are in the insert with this newsletter—we'd love to see you there!! Thanks to Lord & Taylor for this evening!

Phyllis McGlothlin

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, **October 30th**, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. We always meet on the LAST Thursday of the month.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch



Adventures in Dining

Our next adventure will be on **Tuesday, October 28**. We will meet at Victoria Gastro Pub on Snowden River Pkwy at 6:30. Our final adventure will be on **Dec. 2** at Kings Contrivance restaurant. Reminder e-mails will be sent out before each outing. Please RSVP if you plan to attend so appropriate reservations can be made. RSVP for any of these dates, the earlier the better for planning, to carolmcauliffe@verizon.net.

Carol Phelps, Chair, Adventures in Dining



Education

On September 6, the Education Committee had a lively meeting at which we discussed plans for the coming year!

Four of our five scholarship recipients have enrolled in their colleges of choice and we hope to have some of them attend the November Branch meeting to discuss their experiences.

Our next practice SAT is tentatively scheduled for **January 31, 2015** with a follow-up session on **February 21**. As soon as we can confirm these dates we will begin publicity for this event.

Sethanne is the Branch's new STEM coordinator and has several ideas in the works for bringing science to the students in Howard County, including some astronomy activities at the Robinson Nature Center. We are also planning to participate in the Discovery Fair and Girl Power later in the year.

Amy Robinson, Co VP, Education

Deadline for the November newsletter is October 22. Please send items to Candace dePass and Josie Thompson at ccdepass@gmail.com and josie@josiedesigns.com

We need your feedback! Please complete the form below and send to Diversity Chair, Shigeyo Ibrahim at shibrahim25@gmail.com or print it out, complete it, and bring to the next branch meeting.

AAUW Diversity Committee

Survey of Health & Wellness Interest Areas

Goal: To inspire women and girls to balance mind, body, and spirit with focus on health and wellness from diverse points of view.

We need your help and input to assist us with planning this coming year. There are 5 areas of interest for workshops that we thought may be of interest to the membership and the community. Please rank your level of interest in the following workshop ideas and free feel to write in areas of interest that you have that may not fit in any of the workshop categories listed below

WORKSHOP IDEAS	* RATE INTEREST				
Energy - explore alternative health and wellness strategies focused on “chi, qi” or energy, balancing mind, body, spirit	1	2	3	4	5
Healing Foods/Drinks - explore alternative cooking methods, foods, herbs, drinks that prevent and/or improve your health	1	2	3	4	5
Exploring Movement - belly dancing, Hawaiian hula, hand & line dancing, Zumba, Salsa & other ethnic dances to enhance your wellness and happiness.	1	2	3	4	5
Financial/Economic Wellness - explore strategies to manage financial issues impacting different age groups or life cycles.	1	2	3	4	5
Balancing Work & Family - tools and strategies for managing children, parents (eldercare), workplace demands and personal needs.	1	2	3	4	5

* Rating Scale: 1 = most interested, 5= least interested

Thank you for your help. We look forward to a healthy, fun and diverse experience together !

Girls Night Out

**AAUW MEMBERS AND
THEIR FRIENDS
INVITED!**

DATE: OCTOBER 23rd

**PLACE: LORD & TAYLOR,
COLUMBIA MALL**

TIME: 7:00 – 9:30 PM

COST: \$10.00 PER TICKET



Lord & Taylor has graciously invited us to a night of fun, food and fashion. Meet at the store at the lower level sportswear department where AAUW will be set up for an informative evening with Suzannah Zachos, store manager and her team. Vendor representatives from Jones New York, Lauren and an accessories-jewelry trunk show will be on hand for informal seminars on how to stretch your wardrobe plus a cosmetics master class. Personal stylists will be available for any shopping help.

BEST OF ALL, you will receive:

- AAUW 25% shopping pass (10% cosmetics, fragrances) for the evening.
- AAUW swag bag for all ticketed attendees (complimentary goodies).
- Fall fashion “must have” worksheets on how to stretch your wardrobe.
- Register to win a \$50.00 L&T gift card with every \$50 spent that evening.
- AAUW personal shopping appointments available 10/29-11/16.
- Light refreshments and beverages before event from 7:00 – 7:30.
- Touch and feel, Q&A time for the fashion event.
- Cosmetics participant event with a VIP AAUW model.
- Store open for shopping and personal stylist help after seminars.

**All funds received go directly to the
AAUW scholarship fund!!**

Join your friends, shop for holiday gifts, & support AAUW.

Contact Phyllis McGlothlin for tickets at: 9651 Sea Shadow Columbia, Md. 21046.
Send check for \$10.00 per ticket made out to AAUW Howard County.

SEE YOU AT L&T ON THURSDAY, OCTOBER 23rd.