

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

**November 2015**

## A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

The vibrant colors of autumn are matched by the vibrancy of our Branch! The month began with An Evening in the Key of Diversity on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>. Not only did we enjoy the wonderful selection of foods, dance and song, but we also raised about \$1000 toward our scholarship fund. **A big thanks goes to Shigeyo Ibrahim, Chair of the Diversity Committee**, and to all her committee members for making this first annual event such a success! Our October Branch meeting featured Courtney Carpenter who discussed how to stay vibrant with nutrition.

**Thanks to Amy Robinson, Education VP**, our scholarship fund has been awarded \$500 from the Corporate Social Responsibility group of Emergent Biosolutions. Amy is an employee of the company and put in an application on behalf of AAUW Howard County.

Throughout the month several committees have met, either in person or virtually, to make plans for their future events. **The Education Committee** is working on giving the practice SAT in January. They will also be supporting Girl Power and Howard County STEM fair next year, in addition to supporting the selection of our scholarship winners. **The Diversity Committee** has arranged for an Acupuncture workshop in November – more details are in this newsletter. **The Fashion Show Committee** has already begun planning for the April 16<sup>th</sup> fundraising event, once again using Lord and Taylor for the fashions. **The 2016 State Convention Local Arrangements Committee** has made great progress with plans for the April 30<sup>th</sup> event to be held at the Kittleman Room at Howard Community College.

Our other interest groups continue to meet with great attendance! – Day and Evening Great Decisions, Adventures in Dining, Lunch Bunch, Bridge, Readers, and Handcrafters/Movies. Please take a look at the updated listing of programs/events for November thru June in this newsletter and update your calendars so you don't miss out on what we have to offer.

**Congratulations to member Sethanne Howard**, who has been selected to serve a two year term on the National AAUW Career Development Panel. She will be helping National determine which applicants will receive grants. At the Maryland State AAUW Fall meeting on Oct 3<sup>rd</sup>, we met several grant recipients who are attending graduate schools in Maryland. They are truly an amazing group of women!

**I hope to see many of you at our November 10<sup>th</sup> branch meeting** – it is at the NEW building of the Ellicott City Sr. Center. We will be meeting and learning about the scholarship winners that we support from Generation Hope and Howard Community College. We also expect to have some of the members of the Hammond High School Diamonds attend.

This newsletter is chock full of information on our upcoming events. Thanks to all the VP's and Committee Chairs for keeping us updated.

*Bea Dane, President*

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## 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 meets on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; Daytime Group meets 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. Our meeting discussion is based on questions in the book. You may purchase a copy at [www.fpa.org](http://www.fpa.org).

#### Evening Group

Final meeting for 2015 - Monday, November 16, at 7:00 PM at the home of Gaynel Allen. Topic #8, *Brazil's Metamorphosis*

#### Daytime Group

Final meeting for 2015 -Tuesday, November 24, at 1:00 PM - Host Dana Lowe  
Topic #8, *Brazil's Metamorphosis*

In January the groups will resume meetings and discuss the first topic in the 2016 briefing book.

Evening Group contact Diane Roca [dbroca@comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523

Daytime Group contact Kathy Schofield [rbrownhouse@msn.com](mailto:rbrownhouse@msn.com) or 443-691-0131

### New Member Orientation

New Member/Prospective Member Orientation is scheduled for Thurs Feb 25, 2016

*Kathy Schofield - VP  
Membership*

### Members

Membership Committee staffed an AAUW Howard County Information table at the Oct 3 Diversity Event.

AAUW HC Education programs was the focus of information provided. 5 visitors to the table picked up a new member application.

Please wear your name tags to all AAUW-sponsored events, including branch meetings  
•email any changes you may have to your contact information to Kathy Schofield ([rbrownhouse@msn.com](mailto:rbrownhouse@msn.com))

### November Branch Meeting

Tuesday, Nov 10<sup>th</sup> 7PM

NEW Bldg Ellicott City Sr Center

Program: Focus on Education and Scholarships

Meet and hear from our scholarship winners from HCC, Generation Hope and NCCWSL. Learn about our involvement with Hammond HS Diamonds.

### Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill at 7185 Columbia Gateway Drive on Tuesday, Nov. 3rd at 6:30pm. For our December gathering, we will be meeting at the Kings Contrivance restaurant on Dec 1st. Please contact Carol Phelps at [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net) if you would like to be included in the reservations for either time. Hope to see you there!!

Thanks,

- Carol Phelps

### Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch meeting date occurs on Thanksgiving. Thus we will be meeting a week earlier, on November 19th. We will meet at the newly renovated Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall at 11:30 am. No reservations are required.

*Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch*

From Fashion Show Committee:

Mark your calendars for next April 16th, 2106 as that is the day for the Spring Annual Fashion Show at Vantage House!! We will be back using Lord and Taylor as our fashion experts and clothing for our models. There will also be tons of **new and great items** in our accessory sale which goes on before and after the show.

I need our members to start looking around for gently used handbags and good quality costume jewelry to donate to help support this event. You can donate anytime and I will be at the next November meeting if you care to bring it then. Remember, all funds from the show and sale go directly to our scholarship fund for deserving young ladies to continue their education.

Thanks! Any questions let me know.

*Phyllis McGlothlin*  
301-490-7328

### **REMINDER! To Renew Your Membership**

The final deadline for receipt of 2015-2016 dues is November 30

- Invoices for dues to members whose dues have not been paid were mailed to 37 members on Oct 9 resulting in 4 responses to date

AAUW National records 93 Howard County members paid through June 2016

- with 7 more in the pipeline for a total membership of we currently have a total membership of 100

## **Career Development Grants**

One of our members, Sethanne Howard, has been selected to serve on the AAUW Career Development Panel. It is a two year commitment. Work starts in January and selection of the grantees is made by the end of February each year.

Career Development Grants provide funding to women who hold a bachelor's degree and are preparing to advance or change careers or reenter the workforce. Primary consideration is given to women of color and women pursuing their first advanced degree or credentials in nontraditional fields.

Applicants must be U.S. citizens or permanent residents whose last degree was received before June 30, 2011.

Funds are available for tuition, fees, books, supplies, local transportation, and dependent care.

Grants provide support for course work beyond a bachelor's degree, including a master's degree, second bachelor's degree, certification program, or specialized training in technical or professional fields.

Course work must be taken at an accredited two- or four-year college or university in the United States or at a technical school that is fully licensed or accredited by the U.S. Department of Education. Funds are not available for doctorate-level work.

Last year AAUW awarded \$3.7 M in grant money for all their programs.

**Diversity Committee presents**

“Acupuncture: Achieving Balance in Body, Mind and Spirit”

Chinese Medicine Workshop at David’s Natural Market

**Date:** Monday, November 9, 2015  
**Time:** 6:30 - 8:00 p.m.  
**Where:** Café in David’s Natural Market  
The Shoppes at Wilde Lake  
5430 Lynx Lane, Columbia, MD  
1044

**RSVP By:** November 5, 2015

(space is limited, remaining seats will be open to general public after this date.)

You can phone or email  
Jennifer Ingram 410-740-4276  
jenniferingram@comcast.net

**Join us for a FREE  
acupuncture  
workshop, as a  
participant you  
will learn:**

- How Chinese medicine views the mind, body and spirit.
  - How Acupuncturist assess the health and balance of an individual.
  - How Acupuncturist are trained, licensed and certified.
  - What health issues can acupuncture treat.
  - What to expect from your first appointment with an Acupuncturist.
  - See a demonstration of acupuncture!
- Here's your opportunity to get answers to your questions about acupuncture!  
\*\* Light refreshments will be served \*\*

**Presenter:**

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## **AN EVENING IN THE KEY OF DIVERSITY** **AAUW Howard County Diversity Committee Event**

Did you have fun on Saturday, October 3, in the evening? 150 people did at the first (and, hopefully) annual diversity event presented by AAUW Howard County Diversity Event committee. The celebration included foods, vendors and entertainment representing India, Peru and Trinidad. Ethiopian food was available as well. The audience enjoyed the different foods and beverages, as well as the entertainment provided. The audience and room at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center were rocking with the beat of the different types of music and dancing. Sonia Punjabi presented an Indian dance, while Monika Punjabi interpreted for the audience. They responded very happily and showed great respect for the Indian culture. Juana Sancho Davila Moreland and a member of the audience, Murad Ibrahim, showed us a Peruvian dance that was beautiful. Murad substituted for Bob Moreland, who was unable to come to the event. But what really got the audience on their feet was Richard Semper, Jr., pan drummer of Baltimore Trinidad and Tobago Steel Band. Attendees were invited to dance to the music of the band, which was delightful. This event was so successful that the Diversity Committee is planning to have another large event in 2016, with different cultures being considered. Proceeds from the event were donated to AAUW's scholarship funds, with a net of \$1300. We are going to plan for even more attendees than 150, if we can find reasonably priced or free space for the celebration. If you have ideas on a space that will comfortably hold seating for 200 at tables, and yet have room for the entertainment and food and some dancing, contact committee member, Jennifer Ingram via email at [jenniferingram@comcast.net](mailto:jenniferingram@comcast.net) or via home phone at 410-740-4276. Also, let us know if you have ideas on different cultures that we can have represented. We are considering for next time exploring the Middle East cultures, including Israel and other countries to be chosen at a future committee meeting. We probably will have two cultures represented to allow more time for interactions among attendees and among performers. Please check out the Celebration of Culture events in the future, such as one scheduled for November 9 at 6:30 at David's Natural Market in Wilde Lake Village Center in Columbia. Attendance is free but seating is limited, so contact Jennifer if you want to reserve space. This celebration will focus on Chinese medicine, and particularly on acupuncture, with a live

demonstration. Donations are appreciated and light refreshments will be served. Remember these celebration events are not designed to replace a meal, just sampling of different types of food and beverages.

*Jennifer Ingram*





Entertainment!





Jewelry and clothing vendors!





## AAUW 2015-16 Program Year

<b>Month</b>	<b>Day</b>	<b>Date</b>	<b>Time</b>	<b>Program</b>	<b>Location</b>
November	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	Rudy's Med Grill
November	Monday	9 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Diversity Wkshop	David's Natural Market
November	Tuesday	10 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Scholarship winners	EC Sr Center classroom
November	Thursday	12 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library Sr Ctr
November	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	Gaynel Allen's home
November	Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Central Library
November	Thursday	19 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's Cafe
November	Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	Dana Lowe's home
December	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	King's Contrivance
December	Sunday	6 <sup>th</sup>	2:00pm	Holiday Party	Hebron House, E. City
January	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
January	Saturday	9 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	LWV Legis Lunch	TBD
January	Thursday	14 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library Sr Ctr
January	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
January	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
January	Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
January	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's Café
February	Tuesday	2 <sup>nd</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
February	Saturday	13 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Book Bash	Union Jacks
February	Monday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
February	Tuesday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
February	Tuesday	23 <sup>rd</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
February	Thursday	25 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's Café
March	Tuesday	1 <sup>st</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
March	Tuesday	8 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	EC Sr Center

March Sr Ctr	Thursday	10 <sup>th</sup>	11:00am	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
March	Monday	14 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
March	Tuesday	15 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
March	Tuesday	22 <sup>nd</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
March Café	Thursday	31 <sup>st</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
April	Tuesday	5 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
April	Tuesday	12 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Elections	EC Sr Center
April House	Saturday	16 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Fashion Show	Vantage
April	Monday	18 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
April	Tuesday	19 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Email reports
April	Tuesday	26 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
April Café	Thursday	28 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
April Kittleman Room	Saturday	30 <sup>th</sup>	9:00am	State Convention	HCC
May	Tuesday	3 <sup>rd</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
May	Saturday	14 <sup>th</sup>	TBD	Officer Installation	Union Jacks ?
May	Monday	16 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
May	Tuesday	17 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	
May	Tuesday	24 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
May Café	Thursday	26 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
June	Tuesday	7 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
June	Tuesday	14 <sup>th</sup>	6:30pm	Salad Supper	EC Sr Center
June	Monday	20 <sup>th</sup>	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
June	Tuesday	21 <sup>st</sup>	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	
June	Tuesday	28 <sup>th</sup>	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
June Café	Thursday	30 <sup>th</sup>	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's