



AAUW Howard County

Branch Newsletter

March, 2012

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Mission: To advance equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research

Calendar

Practice SAT

March 3, 2 pm

Follow-up strategy session
*Vantage House
Columbia*

Adventures in Dining

March 6, 6:30 pm

*Kelsey's Pub
Route 40, Ellicott City*

AAUW Readers

March 8, 1 pm

Phyllis McGlothlin's home

Girl Power

March 11

AAUW STEM Exhibit
*Johns Hopkins
Applied Physics Lab*

March Branch Meeting

March 13, 7 pm

Sandy Fairhurst
"Creativity and You"
Ellicott City Senior Center

Cheap Dates

March 18, 2:30-4 pm

Panera, Dobbin Center

AAUW Networking Event

March 20, 6:30 pm

*Looney's Pub, Fulton
Maple Lawn Shopping Center*

New Members Orientation Tea

March 22, 7-8:30 pm

Phyllis McGlothlin's home

Great Decisions

March 26, 7-9 pm

Trent Kittleman's home

President's Message

Thanks to your responsiveness, we have enough volunteers for Girl Power at the Applied Physics Lab on March 11. I really appreciate your contributions with events like the practice SAT and Girl Power. Anne Trent is coordinating Discovery Fair, which will be held on April 14 at East Columbia Library, so if you want to volunteer to help with that, let her know.

We netted \$990 from the practice SAT, which goes to our scholarship funds. We send two female Howard Community College students a \$1500 scholarship to go on to a four-year college. We also send an HCC student to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders in June. These are not our only philanthropies – remember the mug donation from November. We've also given contributions to Grass Roots and to Books for the Blind in Baltimore.

I'm telling you all this to prepare you to donate and/or purchase tickets to the Fashion Show on April 28 at 1:30 pm at Vantage House. We have plenty of models – members and their families. We need to sell tickets, so invite your friends and colleagues to the event. We made about \$2500 last year, and that is why we were able to increase the amount of the scholarships. I would personally appreciate your buying the tickets even if you can't go to the event. Thank you.

And thanks to Kathy McCarthy, Loretta Gaffney, Phyllis McGlothlin, Linda Martin, and Peggy Wong for their contributions to this effort.

Jennifer Ingram

Looking Ahead to New Leadership

Thanks to the efforts of the Nominating Committee, we are almost through securing nominations for the vacant positions on the AAUW Howard County Board. The committee consists of Schnell Garrett, Loretta Gaffney, Diane Roca, Peggy Wong, and myself. These positions include Programs VP, Education VP, Membership VP, President, First VP, Co-VP Advocacy and Co-VP Communications. Additionally, we have filled all of the chair slots except for the Lunch Bunch chair. If you are interested in serving in this position, let me know.

We will be sending out the list of nominees in March for you to consider. Each member other than student affiliates can vote. We will have the election at the April branch meeting. Please be sure to attend.

Jennifer Ingram

Board Meeting

March 28, 7 pm
Central Library
Columbia

AAUW Lunch Bunch

March 29, 11:30 am
Nordstrom's Café
Columbia Mall

AAUW Fashion Show

Saturday, April 28, 1:30 to 3 pm
Vantage House in Columbia

The much-anticipated Fashion Show, our star fund-raiser, is less than two months away!

Lord & Taylor will provide the chic business outfits for our volunteer models who are members of our branch, and Vantage House will again be generous with tables laden with hors d'oeuvres and sweet treats. As before, door prizes will delight the lucky winners (perhaps, you, this time).

What fun while raising money for a good cause! As you know, we depend on the proceeds from the Fashion Show for our scholarship fund to be awarded to two students from Howard Community College to attend four-year colleges.

The success of our efforts is up to you, a member of our branch. When the tickets to the Fashion Show arrive in the mail within a few days, sell those tickets (\$20 each). Sell one to yourself, your spouse, your neighbor, your sister, your significant other, your friend, your colleague, or your dentist (you get the idea).

Leave the fliers everywhere (without littering, of course). Chat it up with everyone you meet. Do not rest until all the tickets are sold.

Let us make this Fashion Show a resounding success!
Peggy Wong

March Branch Meeting

Creativity and You: Ignite The Artist Within

How might you spark your own creativity? Get some hints at the Howard County branch meeting on Tuesday, **March 13** at 7 pm at the Ellicott City Senior Center.

"Creativity and You" is the focus of the program, led by Sandy Fairhurst. She will look at some of the reasons people give for not pursuing their creative potential and show how some simple exploration exercises can help us open up that side of us, leading to a more joyful existence.

Ms. Fairhurst taught theatre and directed numerous Broadway musicals as the drama teacher at Howard High School and at the Columbia School of Theatrical Arts. She directed a commedia dell arte production for the Renaissance Festival and wrote a musical for the bicentennial which was performed in the elementary schools in Howard County.

She co-founded with Toby Ornstein the first summer theatre camp for students and co-founded with Prudence Barry an acting workshop for adults as well.

Recently she has offered workshops on "Audition Preparation" and taught a workshop based on the book *The Artist's Way* by Julia Cameron. Sandy Fairhurst has a BA in theatre.

Guests are welcome at the meeting.

Lorraine Tropf

AAUW Networking Event

On **March 20** at 6:30 pm, we will host a networking event at Looney's Pub in Fulton on Maple Lawn Blvd. We will have a speaker talking about entrepreneurship, and we will network and recruit. The only cost is what you order from the menu and your beverages.

We want members to come, as well as to bring guests. Please pre-register so we can gauge number coming and space. Contact me if you want to come at 410-740-4276 or jenniferingram@comcast.net.

Bring business cards! There will be a sale on membership - \$47.50 for new members to join through June 30, 2013 – a really great deal.

Jennifer Ingram

New Members: *If you have received an invitation, don't forget to RSVP to the New Members Orientation Tea on Thursday, March 22 from 7 to 8:30 pm at Phyllis McGlothlin's home. Members will discuss our mission, activities, and ways you can be involved if you wish. It is a good opportunity to get to know one another.*

Mark Your Calendars....

Upcoming AAUW Meetings

Tuesday, April 10, 7 pm
Michael Crabb
Money Matters

Saturday, May 12, 10 am
Del. Liz Bobo
Legislative Update

Special Invitation

Join the Capitol Hill AAUW in celebrating the 40th Anniversary of the passage of Title IX with Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton, known for her advocacy for equity, and in celebrating Bunny Sandler, known as the "godmother" of Title IX. This brown bag lunch and learn will be held at 2456 Rayburn House Office Building at noon on Thursday, **March 8th**, International Women's Equality Day.

RSVP

capitolhillaauw@gmail.com.

For more information see
www.capitolhill-dc.aauw.net.

Help Wanted

The Branch would like to recognize Equal Pay Day which is Tuesday, April 17, 2012. If anyone is interested in planning an acknowledgment of Equal Pay Day, please contact either Barbara Schnackenberg at baschnack@verizon.net or Penny Zervos at p.zervos@comcast.net.

You are invited to our fourth annual Howard County Office on Aging WOMENFEST, an interactive day designed to inspire women to live more balanced, healthy, and fulfilled lives.

Saturday, June 16, 2012



Coming in March...

Adventures in Dining

On **March 6**, we will meet at Kelsey's Pub on Route 40 in Ellicott City. We have reservations for 6:30 pm. Please RSVP to me (carolmcauliffe@verizon.net) so that I may have an accurate count.

The April outing will be at the Hickory Ridge Grill on Tuesday, April 3.

Thank you and hope to see you soon!!

Carol McAuliffe

AAUW Readers

The group's next meeting is on Thursday, **March 8** at 1 pm. Phyllis McGlothlin has graciously offered to host that meeting. We will be discussing *The Painted Veil* by W. Somerset Maugham.

If you are interested in attending this discussion, please e-mail Roberta Rood (robertarood@earthlink.net) or Doris Raytkwitch (dwhitespring@verizon.net).

Roberta Rood

Cheap Dates

Cheap Dates is a great way to meet members on an informal basis and to discuss what is going on in the world. We meet on Sunday afternoons at 2:30 pm at Panera Dobbin Center. This month it will be on **March 18**.

I hope to see you there. Family and friends are invited.

Jennifer Ingram

Great Decisions

The Great Decisions meeting is Monday, **March 26** from 7 to 9 pm at the home of Trent Kittleman. The topic is "*Mexico: Transborder Crime and Governance*."

Note that this month's meeting is a change from the regular meeting date. In April, we will return to our usual third Monday meeting.

Great Decisions is a grassroots discussion program sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association to promote citizens' knowledge of world affairs. FPA publishes a book with articles on eight topics for the year. Group members purchase the book at www.fpa.org and read the article before the meeting.

At meetings, we start by watching a DVD with a PBS program on the topic. Our discussions are informative and fun. Come to every meeting or only the topics that interest you. Contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523.

Upcoming meetings are April 19 ("Cybersecurity: The New Frontier") at the home of Laura Violand, and May 16 ("Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq: Right Time, Right Pace?"), host TBD. There are no meetings in June, July or August.

An Important Word On Membership

We have 40 + new members this year, which is fantastic. We have reinstated the new member contact policy so that each new member has someone to help them with AAUW matters. Thanks to all who volunteer.

Welcome most recently to DruAnne Ellingsworth, Barbara Russell, Hillary Wilk, Sandra Miller, Mary Ellen Miller, Faedeke Iluyomade, Chizoba Ebinama, and Leslie Barnett.

We are now asking current members to renew their membership and to do so online at the member services database on www.aauw.org website. Otherwise, mail dues to Carol McAuliffe, our Finance Officer, at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

Dues are \$72 for membership through June 30, 2013. If you joined March 15, 2011 or later, you do not need to renew. For the rest of you, you can renew online beginning March 15.

You can access a membership directory via our branch website at <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net>. It is in the Member Center, to which I have given you the password.

Jennifer Ingram

Spreading the Word ...



Jennifer Ingram, Candace DePass, and Deb McLaughlin exhibit at the Howard Community College Resource Fair on February 2. HCC is becoming an AAUW partner so student membership will be free for undergraduates.

Welcome to the Modern World!

Did you know that AAUW Howard County has a website and a Facebook page? They have much information on them, especially the website, and you need to check them out. Our website is <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net>. There is an events section, and there is a members only section. I hesitate to publish the password in this newsletter, but contact me if you need it and don't have it from prior emails.

In the members section, there are a membership directory, bylaws, strategic plan, newsletter and other information to make it readily accessible.

The name of the Facebook site is AAUW Howard County, MD. If we get two more friends, we can shorten the URL for the Facebook site to something publishable. In the meantime, please check it out by searching Facebook. You are welcome to publish postings on the Facebook site, and if you think the website needs some additional information, please write it up and send to me.

Practice SAT Exam

On one of the few bad weather days we've had this winter, we successfully had 65 students attend the practice SAT at Vantage House. We had many volunteers to help, including Ellen Rawlings, Sethanne Howard, Loretta Gaffney, Susan Nelson, and Sandra Smith.

We would have been at full capacity as 89 had registered, but the February 11 weather must have prevented some from showing up. Everything went well – in fact it was so successful that we're researching doing this again in July.

This is a win-win situation as it promotes education for the students taking the exam, fosters our relationship with The Princeton Review and Vantage House, adds to the scholarship funds, and is not that difficult to do.

Jennifer Ingram

Fabulous Outing...



AAUW members toured the new Miller Branch Library on February 15, followed by lunch at the Shanty Grille.

Deadline for the April Newsletter is March 23.
Please send items to Connie Adamson at
adamsons@verizon.net.

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Networking Event

Betty Noble of the Center for Entrepreneurial and Business Excellence will be speaking on:

“Successful Entrepreneurship”

Tuesday, March 20, 2012

Looney’s Pub

8180 Maple Lawn Blvd
Fulton, Maryland 20759

6:30pm – 8:00pm

Order from Menu

Cash Bar

Networking and Socializing

Sale on AAUW Memberships

Bring your business cards and brochures

**Preregistration required, contact Jennifer Ingram 410-740-4276 or
aauwhocomembers@gmail.com**

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SPACE IS LIMITED, SO SIGN UP QUICKLY!

Business Fashionistas

Fashions by

Lord and Taylor

Columbia Mall



Door prizes to be awarded!

1:30 pm – 3:00 pm

Saturday, April 28, 2012

Vantage House

Columbia, Maryland

Donation: \$20.00/ticket

Light refreshments will be served

Sponsored by the AAUW Howard County Branch to benefit AAUW scholarship funds and the activities of the Howard County Branch.

For more information call: 410-475-4831

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