

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

March 2015

CALENDAR

March

Trip to the National Museum of Women in the Arts

March 1, 1:30pm, Washington, DC

Adventures in Dining

March 3, 6:30pm, Kelseys in the Normandy Shopping Center

Girl Power

March 8, APL

Branch Meeting

March 10, 7pm

Miller Branch Library, Avalon Room

Great Decisions

March 16, 7pm

Lunch Bunch

March 26, 11:30am

Nordstrom Café at the Mall in Columbia

Maryland Women's Heritage Center Historic Tour

March 27, Baltimore

April

Branch Meeting

April 14, 7pm

Fashion Show

April 18, Vantage House

Great Decisions

April 20, 7pm

AAUW State Convention

April 25, Montgomery College, Rockville

WomenFest 2015

April 25

Glenwood Community Center

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

March is Women's History Month! We will be celebrating it at our March meeting, which will feature our branch member, Diana Bailey. Diana is the Executive Director of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, which is located in Baltimore. I hope everyone can join us on Tuesday, March 10th at the **Miller Branch Library, Avalon Room**. Please note the change in venue. The Ellicott City Senior Center is currently undergoing renovations, so we cannot meet there for the months of March or April. You can also celebrate Women's History Month by joining the Maryland Women's Heritage Center's Historic Tour on March 27th. The flyer with all the info is included in this newsletter.

A successful new/prospective member orientation was held in January, and we have several new members to welcome. We hope to see them at many events in the future. Several of these new members were brought in by current members, so don't forget to let your friends know about AAUW and get them involved!

Hopefully everyone made it through the cold, snow and ice of February safely. The bad weather caused cancellations of our Great Decisions group and our Board meeting. Your Board conducted the meeting via email instead. The Book Bash had to be postponed from Feb 21st to the 28th as the snow started coming down earlier in the day than forecasted! We thank Union Jack's for being flexible with our rescheduling.

Plans are really heating up for Girl Power on March 8th at APL. Our Branch will have two tables at the event. Thanks to the Education VPs and their committee for ensuring that we are well represented.

Included in this newsletter is information and registration form for the AAUW State Convention, which will be held on Saturday, April 25th at the Montgomery College Rockville Campus. The convention is open to all members, so if you wish to attend, please register by April 1st. I will be attending, so if anyone else is interested in going, please let me know so we can discuss carpooling. Also on April 25th is WomenFest at the Glenwood Community Center. Our Membership VPs – Rhonda Tomlinson and April North – will be hosting an AAUW booth, which usually garners several new members each year. (That is how I joined several years ago!) It is a great way to get publicity for our Branch.

Each year, our Branch elects new officers at the April annual meeting and installs them in May. The new officers take over their responsibilities in July. Only half the officers are replaced each year, which helps to maintain stability and knowledge of the Board. Please see the nominating committee report included in this newsletter.

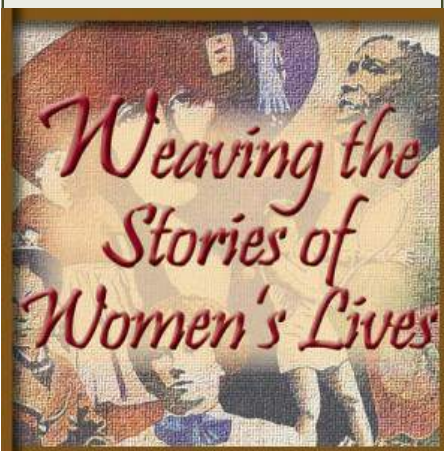
Spring will be here soon and hopefully our remaining Branch activities will not be impacted by the weather. Stay safe and warm!

Bea Dane, President

Every year the National Women's History Project selects a unifying theme to be shared with all who want to promote women's history— This year's theme presents the opportunity to weave women's stories – individually and collectively – into the essential fabric of our nation's history.

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

Editors: Candace dePass & Josie Thompson





Adventures in Dining

We will be dining at **Kelseys** in the **Normandy Shopping Center** on **Tues, March 3** at 6:30pm. Please let know if you do plan to attend so that I may make reservations.

Carol Phelps, Chair, Adventures in Dining

Great Decisions

A foreign policy discussion program for the public, Great Decisions' meetings are held on the third Monday of the month from 7– 9 pm at members' homes. Before the meeting, we read focused topic material 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. The February meeting was cancelled due to snow. In order to discuss all the topics for this year, the group adjusted the schedule and added a meeting in November.

Next Meeting - Monday, March 16, at 7pm at Dottie Mallerich.'s home. Topic #2, *Privacy in the Digital Age*

Future Meetings

April 20: *Sectarianism in the Middle East*

May 18: *India Changes Course*

June 15: *U.S. Policy Toward Africa*

No meetings in July and August

September 21: *Syria's Refugee Crisis*

October 19: *Human Trafficking in the 21st Century*

November 16: *Brazil's Metamorphosis*

If you are interested in learning more about Great Decisions, contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523.

Diane Roca, Chair, Great Decisions



March Branch Meeting—Celebrating Women's History Month

Mark your calendars for **Tuesday, March 10, 2015** at 7pm. Don't miss this presentation by our speaker, Diana Bailey, Executive Director for the Maryland Women's Heritage Center.

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center (MWHC), a 501(c) (3) non-profit, non-partisan organization, was established *to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future* by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of Maryland women of diverse backgrounds and from all regions of the state.

Ms. Bailey has been an educator and administrator for more than 30 years. She has extensive experience working with a broad range of special populations in education, occupational training, and employment and STEM career pathways. Several of her roles have focused on educational equity as well as community organizations supporting gender equity. She was a member of the MD Commission for Women, Chair of the Howard Co Commission for Women, currently a member of the Advisory Board of the Howard County Women's Giving Circle, Vice Chair of the National Gender Equity Leadership in Education (NCSEE/AGELE), and chairperson for several years of the MD Women's Hall of Fame event for the MD Commission for Women and the Women Legislators.

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

Save these Dates for Upcoming Branch Meetings!
April 14: *Manda Zand Ervin, Founder & Director of the Alliance of Iranian Women*
May 16: *Brunch, Introduction of Scholarship Winners and Officer Installation*

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on **March 26th**, in Nordstrom's Cafe at the Columbia Mall. All members are welcome to attend.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Membership News

Welcome to all our new members! Did you know that you can print your own membership card from the national website? If you are interested, let April and I know and we can provide directions. January orientation had a great turn out with three new members joining us. Thanks to April, Janet and Peggy for their efforts. Membership will be staffing a table at the Howard County **WomenFest 2015** on **Saturday, April 25th**. Stop by and see us! Send your friends who want to learn more about AAUW-Howard County Branch. www.howardcountymd.gov/women_fest.htm

*Rhonda Tomlinson & April North
Membership Co VPs*

The Fashion Show is coming!

Saturday, April 18th at Vantage House from 1:30- 3pm!! This year our theme is *"Dress For The Life You Live."* We will have many fun changes to the show and great door prizes.

The **accessories sale** will begin at **12:30pm** for those that would like to shop early before the show. We have great items to sell this year in jewelry, handbags and scarfs!

Please contact me if you would like to model in the fashion show at: pmcglath@aol.com. The models always have a great time and we welcome all new members to participate.

All ticket and accessory funds collected benefit our scholarship fund. Show tickets will be sent to you early March. If you cannot attend, we will still appreciate your contribution.

Thanks and send back for your tickets early as we sell out every year! If you purchase 4 tickets (include your friends!), we will give you 4 raffle tickets for the door prizes at the registration desk when you check in at the show.

Any questions, contact me or Kathy McCarthy.

Phyllis McGlothlin, Co VP, Philanthropy

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From the Education Committee

We held very successful practice SAT tests on January 31st, with 18 students taking the test. Thanks to Shigeyo Ibrahim for getting everything organized and running the test.

Next up is **Girl Power** on **March 8** from 2-5pm at APL and **June 7** is the **Howard County Science Fair!**

— Amy Robinson

Nominating Committee Report

Each year at this time, a Nominating Committee looks for candidates to fill Board of Director positions that are expiring in June.

This year, the committee members are: Cookie Cogan; Kathy McCarthy, Co VP Philanthropy; Lorraine Tropf, Immediate Past President; Connie Palmieri; and Bea Dane, President.

On April 10, at the Annual Meeting, you will vote for the nominees. Nominations will be taken from the floor with the consent of the nominee. As you can see, there are still some positions to be filled. Co-VP's are encouraged. Please consider volunteering to help keep our wonderful Branch as vibrant and active as ever!

The nominees are:

Financial	Carol Phelps
Co VPs	Caroline Tunison and Gail Burke
Co VPs Secretary	Connie Palmieri and Jeannie Parr and TBD
VP Philanthropy	Position(s) Open
VP Advocacy	Position(s) Open
Co VPs Communications	Grace Aderogba-Olaiya and TBD

A huge *“Thank You”* to the Nominating Committee members for their efforts to fill the positions and to the nominees for allowing us to nominate them.





501 (c) (3) Non-Profit Organization

39 West Lexington Street
Baltimore, MD 21201
Admission is FREE
Hours of Operation:
Thursday –Saturday
10am – 4pm

www.MDWomensHeritageCenter.org

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MARYLAND WOMEN'S HERITAGE CENTER CELEBRATING THE WOMEN OF MARYLAND Past, Present, and Future

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center was established to preserve the past, understand the present, and shape the future by recognizing, respecting, and transmitting the experiences and contributions of Maryland women of diverse backgrounds and from all regions of the state.

The first such comprehensive effort of its kind in the nation, it provides a place to learn and teach about the contributions of Maryland women through the State's history, to develop leadership by girls and women, and to hold forums to address issues impacting on girls, women and their families.

The Center is an outgrowth of the Maryland Women's History Project that began in 1980 as a collaborative venture between the Maryland Commission for Women and the Maryland State Department of Education.

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center features:

- o Permanent and changing exhibits about individuals, events, and special topics
- o The home of the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, providing an exhibit and information about these renowned women
- o An evolving display about Maryland's Unsung Heroines – the women who make a difference in our families and communities
- o A Student Learning Center featuring activities and resources for students at all levels of education
- o A resource, video and reference collection to foster exploration of women's achievement and issues of importance to women and their families
- o A women's history archive
- o Displays of arts and crafts
- o Dramatic, musical, and dance performances by Maryland women and girls
- o Dialogues and seminars on women's issues
- o Space for special events, receptions, and meetings
- o Unique books, art and other gifts by and about diverse women and girls – available onsite or online

We invite all who wish to honor the history and contributions of our diverse foremothers - and inspire future generations - to join us in supporting this historic first.

Donations can be made online at www.MDWomensHeritageCenter.org or by check sent to:
MWHC, P.O. Box 719, Brooklandville, MD 21022-0719

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center welcomes the support and involvement of businesses, organizations, and individuals.
For more information, email: mwhcdiana@gmail.com or call 443-996-1788



Maryland Women's History Month



2015

Historic Walking and Bus Tour

Friday, March 27, 2015
9:30 a.m - 4:00 p.m Cost: \$85

The Maryland Women's Heritage Center Hosts the Annual 2015 Historic Walking and Bus Tour

Led by Baltimore Historian and Tour Guide
Wayne Schaumburg

- 9:30 a.m: Arrive at the **Maryland Women's Heritage Center** and enjoy warm beverages
- Depart on the comfortable motor coach
- Tour of **Star Spangled Banner House** and speak with **Mary Young Pickersgill**, creator of our American flag.
- Walk to the nearby **Reginald Lewis Museum** and enjoy a tour featuring **Maryland Women of the past** that helped change history.
- Lunch in the Reginald Lewis Cafeteria
- Depart for **Waverly**; pass by **Great Blacks in Wax Museum** and other sites while our tour guide shares historic background information
- View the Monument for **Lizette Woodworth Reese**, Educator and **Poet Laureate**, of Maryland -1931
- Walk a short distance to **Confederate Women's Monument** while our tour guide shares important historic details about sculptor, **Grace Turnbull**
- Visit **THE Billie Holiday Monument**
- 4:00 p.m; Bus Returns to **Maryland Women's Heritage Center**

Tour price of \$85 includes bus transportation, lunch, tour guide, and Museum admissions. Please register early, as seats are limited.

If you prefer to register by check please make it payable to:
Maryland Women's Heritage Center and mail to: MWHC, POB 719, Brooklandville, MD 21022.
The check must arrive no later than March 20, 2015.

For further information:
Please email **Diana Bailey** at: mwhcdiana@gmail.com or call Diana at: 443-996-1788

Make Plans Now for the AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

Theme: Honoring the Past, Protecting Our Future

The AAUW Maryland Annual Convention will be held from 8:00 am to 3:00 pm on Saturday, April 25, 2015. The Kensington-Rockville Branch will host the one-day event which will feature outstanding speakers on the history of AAUW as well as preventing intimate partner violence, the business meeting, breakfast and luncheon and induction of officers. All members and the public are welcome!

Location: Montgomery College Rockville Campus
Theatre Arts Building, First Floor
51 Mannakee Street
Rockville, MD 20850

Venue Amenities: Free parking
Handicapped accessible entrance and bathrooms
Catered breakfast and lunch

Hotel: Hilton Garden Inn & Homewood Suites Rockville-Gaithersburg
14975 Shady Grove Road
Rockville, MD 20850
Rate of \$89 per night king; \$99 per night double double plus tax
Call 877-782-9444 to make your reservation and specify code AAU
Cut-off date for the room block is April 1, 2015

Hotel Amenities: Complimentary shuttle service is provided within a 3-mile radius of the hotel, including Montgomery College and the Shady Grove Metro
Complimentary ample free parking onsite
Complimentary wireless Internet access throughout entire property
Onsite Restaurant & Bar and Room Service
Walking distance to Falls Grove Shopping Center with Mama Lucia, Moby Dicks, Panera Bread, Starbucks, Chipotle, Krispy Kreme, etc.
Hospitality Suite #101 on Friday night courtesy of Joyce Graf and Anita Rosen

Registration

The cost is \$50.00 per person, including breakfast, lunch and all program materials. Please send a check made out to **AAUW Maryland** no later than **April 1, 2015**, to: Ella Iams, 5516 Oakmont Avenue, Bethesda, Maryland 20817-3528. Onsite registration is \$55 per person, but advanced registration will help us better prepare for the event. For logistical information related to housing, meeting venue, meals or anything else, please contact local arrangements chair Angela Mickalide, Ph.D., MCHES at amickalide@gmail.com or 240-793-5342.

Name _____
Branch Affiliation _____
Address _____

Phone _____

For voting purposes, please let us know if you hold a leadership role in AAUW:

State Officer _____ (specify role)

Branch Officer _____ (specify role)