

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

September 2015

A MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

Are you ready for an exciting new AAUW year?!! I hope so, because we have many events planned that will need your support. Some are new, such as the Diversity Event on October 3rd and hosting the State AAUW Convention on April 30th. Others we have done in the past, but now have some changes, such as having the September potluck at The Historic Oakland Manor, and the December Holiday Party at Hebron House. The Reader's Group is now meeting at the East Columbia Sr Center, and the Great Decisions foreign policy discussion group has added a daytime session. Our large scholarship fundraiser, the Fashion Show, will continue to be held in April at the Vantage House – always a fun time! And there is so much more!

The updated list of programs for the 2015-16 year is again included in this newsletter, and can also be found on our AAUW Howard County website <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/events/>. Our success as a branch is due to the many wonderful volunteers who serve on the Board and Committees, who donate their time and money for our fundraisers, and who spread the word to their friends to attend our events and join AAUW.

Our first event of the year is our Pot Luck supper held on Thursday, September 10th at the Historic Oakland Manor in Columbia. The flyer with all the info was sent out earlier in August via email, and is also included in this newsletter. Our main focus during the business meeting that will take place that evening will be to vote on the proposed budget, hear a brief report from me on the AAUW National Convention which I attended in June, and to learn from the VP's and Committee chairs about their plans for the upcoming year. You will have a chance to sign up for a committee if you have not already done so. And, if you haven't had a chance to renew your membership yet, our Finance Officer, Carol Phelps, will be happy to accept your check at the meeting.

Make sure to block the evening of Saturday, Oct 3rd for an exciting fundraising event being put on by our Diversity Committee at the Oakland Mills Interfaith Center. Called "An Evening in the Key of Diversity", it will be a program of music, dance and food! We need you and your family and friends to attend and help us raise money for our scholarships.

For those of you interested in the advocacy side of AAUW, the AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps will be holding an open house on Thursday, October 15th, in Washington, DC. More details are in the newsletter. There is also information on the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) Fall Agenda Conference. We are still looking for an Advocacy/Public Policy VP, so let me know if you are interested.

Have I left anything out? Oh, yes, remember to HAVE FUN!

Bea Dane, President

Adventures in Dining

We will be dining at the 4 Seasons Grille - 2630 Chapel Lake Drive, Gambrills, MD on Tues., Sept. 1. We will be carpooling from the parking lot at the Harvester Baptist Church in Dorsey Search at 5:30. Please RSVP if you do plan to attend so that I may make reservations for us. Also, please let me know if you will be part of the carpool.



Carol McAuliffe Phelps, Chair

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

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Upcoming Events & Membership News

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program. The Evening Group meets on the third Monday of the month from 7–9 p.m. and the Daytime Group meets the fourth Tuesday from 1-3PM at members' homes. Before the meeting, we read material about the month's topic 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.

• Next Meeting - Monday, September 21, at 7:00 p.m. at the home of Anne Tarantino and Tuesday, September 22nd at 1:00pm at the home of Bea Dane. Topic #6, Syria's Refugee Crisis.

Future Meetings

- October 19 (eve): Human Trafficking in the 21st Century – Home of Gail Rust
- October 27 (day): Human Trafficking in the 21st Century - TBD
- November 16: Brazil's Metamorphosis – Host to be determined

If you are interested in learning more about the Evening Great Decisions Group, contact Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523; Daytime group, contact Kathy Schofield at aauwhc.kathy@gmail.com or 443-691-0131

New Members

We would like to extend a very warm welcome to the new members who joined us since the August newsletter was published. Please take the opportunity to welcome them personally at the Potluck Supper in September. Our new members are: Charlotte Milligan, Catherine Sonnenschein and Judith Staples-Dorton.

REMINDER! to Renew Your Membership

Your membership must be renewed each year after June 30th. If you have not already done so, please send a **\$72 check made payable to AAUW Howard County** to: Carol Phelps 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

Your dues includes \$13 for Branch; \$10 for State and \$49 for National. **The \$49 is tax deductible.**

Member Participation Interest Questionnaire

We rely on the participation of our members to fulfill the mission of AAUW through a wide choice of activities designed to engage our members. **A copy of the questionnaire is attached with this newsletter.**

Kathy Schofield & Rhonda Tomlinson - Co-VPs Membership

September Branch Meeting

Mark your calendars for Thursday, September 10th. To kickoff the 2015/16 season the first meeting will be a potluck dinner followed by a short business meeting. Enjoy a delicious dinner while you socialize with friends.

It's a great opportunity for new members to learn about upcoming Branch activities.

Date: September 10, 2015

Time: 6:00 pm

Location: Historic Oakland, 5430 Vantage Point Road, Columbia

*Karen Ownbey, VP, Programs
aroline Tunison & Gail Burke, Co VP's, Social*



New Member Orientation

Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 3 from 7 – 8:30 PM at the East Columbia Branch of the Howard County Library, 6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia.

New Members: please RSVP to Kathy Schofield at aauwhc.kathy@gmail.com.

All Members: if you have a friend who would like more information about AAUW before she commits to join, please invite her to this meeting. Also, please send Kathy Schofield your friend's email address.

A copy of the invitation to the meeting is included with this newsletter.

*Kathy Schofield, Co VP,
Membership*

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, September 24th at Macaroni Grill at 11:30AM. All members and guests are welcome and we look forward to seeing you there.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Philanthropy Corner – (VP position open)

Howard Community College 5K Challenge Race is scheduled: **Sunday Nov 1 at 8:00 AM** starting from the Columbia Campus.

Proceeds support HCC's student scholarship programs. (This is a "team based" race with a sponsorship too pricey for AAUW HC - there are no individual registrations.)

Kathy Schofield is recruiting a "cheering team" from our AAUW membership to show up at the race to cheer the runners on. Our team would carry a sign that says "AAUW HC empowers women through scholarships to HCC graduates." Each "cheering team" member would wear an AAUW tee-shirt. Tee-shirts from ShopAAUW are \$13 apiece.

Two members have already volunteered to contribute \$10 for each member who shows up that day to our branch's scholarship fund. These two members are now challenging other AAUW HC members to make additional \$10/"cheering team" member contributions.

Kathy will take orders and money for tee-shirts, place the order online and distribute a shirt to each member who places an order.

E-mail Kathy (aauwhc.kathy@gmail.com) if you are interested in joining the "cheering team" on Nov 1.

Advocacy Report – (VP position open)

What: AAUW Action Fund Capitol Hill Lobby Corps Open House

When: Thursday, October 15, 2015 from 10:00am – 1:30pm

Where: AAUW's offices, 1111 Sixteenth Street, NW, Washington, DC.

Who: AAUW Lobby Corps Members and their guests interested in learning more and joining Lobby Corps!

Lunch will be provided at the event

In order to maintain an accurate head count, we ask that all guests RSVP using the following

link:http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=4163

Save the Date!

**MLAW's Fall Agenda Conference is set for
November 14, 2015**

The MLAW Fall Agenda Conference will be held on **Saturday, November 14, 2015** at the **International Cultural Center (ICC)** located at 19650 Club House Rd, Ste 205 in Gaithersburg. More details including speakers, agenda, registration materials and sponsorship opportunities will be provided soon. For now, please mark your calendars and plan to attend!

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) is a statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a non-partisan, independent, voice for Maryland women and families.

The group advocates for progressive legislation and policy that promotes and protects the well being of Maryland women and their families and provides them opportunities to develop their full potential.



**We cordially invite you to join
Bea Dane, Rhonda Tomlinson and Kathy Schofield
For an Introduction to AAUW of Howard County**

- ♦ Thursday, Sept 3, 2015
- ♦ 7 - 8:30 PM
- ♦ East Columbia Branch Howard Cty Library
6600 Cradlerock Way, Columbia

Bea is the president of the AAUW of Howard County. Rhonda and Kathy lead the group's membership committee.

Membership offers you opportunities for networking, continuing education, participating in special interest groups and developing personal friendships and professional contacts. We meet to hear featured speakers on women's issue of the day, enjoy social events, gather in small interest groups and sponsor scholarship fundraising events such as a fashion show. Our monthly Branch newsletter keeps us informed about activities, political issues and topics important to women.

Through our College/University and Education Programs, we developed partnerships with local colleges. AAUW collaborates with local businesses to promote programs that encourage women and girls' interest in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Through our Philanthropy efforts, we are able to award scholarships to women from Howard Community College, an AAUW partner, who are pursuing a four-year degree.

AAUW of Howard County branch has been active for 50 years, and has 125 members.

Light refreshments will be served

Please RSVP by Monday August 31

Kathy Schofield (aauwhc.kathy@gmail.com)

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day—educational, social, economic, and political.

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AAUW Proposed Budget - 2015-16

	BUDGET
INCOME	
DUES (100@13)	1300
SAT'S	300
MACY'S	0
FASHION SHOW (Net)	4000
HOLIDAY PARTY(Net)	1000
DIVERSITY EVENT (Net)	300
MISC	0
RESERVE	1745
TOTAL INCOME	8645
EXPENSES	
ROOM RENTAL	575
PROGRAM	150
NEWSLETTER/WEBSITE	150
MEMBERSHIP	300
SOCIAL	200
MISC	125
ADVOCACY	50
DIVERSITY	0
PRESIDENT	300
TREASURER	20
INSURANCE	175
CONVENTION (Natl)	500
SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES	2545
GENERATION HOPE (2@\$1200)	2400
HCC SCHOLARSHIPS (1@\$2000)	2000
LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND (LAF)	100
EDUCATION FUND (EF)	100
NCCWSL (3@\$500)	1500
SUBTOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES	6100
TOTAL EXPENSES	8645

Room rentals: \$300 Oakland Manor Sept; \$125 Hebron House Dec; \$150 EC Sr

Program: gifts for guest speakers; cost of lunches for presenters at Book Bash

Newsletter/website: \$120 for website; \$30 for postage

Membership: Womenfest \$115; copying; postage for membership brochures from AAUW; other events

President: Covers cost of State confs and room/refreshments at hotel for State Conv

Misc - cost of lunches for scholarship winners at May mtg

***JOIN US AS WE KICK-OFF AAUW-HOWARD COUNTY BRANCH
FY2016 WITH OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER***

When: Thursday, Sept. 10th, 2015 – 6 PM

Where: Oakland Manor

5430 Vantage Point Road

Columbia, MD 21042



Enjoy a delicious dinner while catching up with old friends and meeting new members. A short branch business meeting will follow dinner.



Chicken, ham, rolls and beverages will be furnished by AAUW – Howard County Branch

Please help with the following:

Bring a ready to serve dish for 8-10 people. Please bring a serving utensil with your name on the dish and utensil.

If your last name begins with A to D, please bring a side dish (casserole, vegetables).

If your last name begins with E to Q, please bring a dessert.

If your last name begins with R - Z please bring a salad (green salad, pasta/rice salad, fruit salad, cole slaw)

Please RSVP by Thursday, September 3rd and let us know what you are bringing.

Caroline Tunison Email: redcat1977@verizon.net or call 301-346-1750

Thank you for your help in making this an event to



remember!

Caroline and Gail
Social Committee

AAUW 2015-16 Program Year

Month	Day	Date	Time	Program	Location
September	Tuesday	1st	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	4 Seasons
Grille					
September	Thursday	10 th	1:00pm	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
Sr Ctr					
September	Thursday	10 th	6:00pm	Potluck/Branch Mtg	Oakland
Manor					
September	Tuesday	15 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Miller Library
September	Monday	21 st	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	Anne
Tarantino's home					
September	Tuesday	22 nd	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	Bea Dane's
home					
September	Thursday	24 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Macaroni Grill
October	Saturday	3 rd	9:30am	State Fall Mtg	MWH Center,
Balt.					
October	Saturday	3 rd	6:00pm	Diversity Event	Oak Mills I/F
Ctr					
October	Tuesday	6 th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
October	Tuesday	13 th	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	EC Sr Center
October	Monday	19 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
October	Tuesday	20 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	email reports
October	Tuesday	27 th	1:00pm	Great Decisions (day)	TBD
October	Thursday	29 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
Cafe					
November	Tuesday	3 rd	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
November	Tuesday	10 th	7:00pm	Scholarship winners	EC Sr Center
November	Thursday	12 th	1:00pm	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
Sr Ctr					
November	Monday	16 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
November	Tuesday	17 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
November	Tuesday	24 th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
December	Sunday	6 th	2:00pm	Holiday Party	Hebron
House, E. City					
January	Tuesday	5 th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
January	Saturday	9 th	11:30am	LWV Legis Lunch	TBD
January	Tuesday	12 th	7:00pm	Branch meeting	TBD
January	Thursday	14 th	1:00pm	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
Sr Ctr					
January	Monday	18 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
January	Tuesday	19 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
January	Tuesday	26 th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
January	Thursday	28 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's

February	Tuesday	2 nd	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
February	Saturday	13 th	TBD	Book Bash	Union Jacks
February	Monday	15 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
February	Tuesday	16 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
February	Tuesday	23 rd	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
February Café	Thursday	25 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
March	Tuesday	1 st	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
March	Tuesday	8 th	7:00pm	Branch Meeting	EC Sr Center
March Sr Ctr	Thursday	10 th	1:00pm	Reader's Group	E. Col Library
March	Monday	14 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
March	Tuesday	15 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
March	Tuesday	22 nd	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
March Café	Thursday	31 st	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
April	Tuesday	5 th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
April	Tuesday	12 th	7:00pm	Board Elections	EC Sr Center
April House	Saturday	16 th	TBD	Fashion Show	Vantage
April	Monday	18 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
April	Tuesday	19 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	Email reports
April	Tuesday	26 th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
April Café	Thursday	28 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
April hosts	Saturday	30 th	TBD	State Convention	HoCo Branch
May	Tuesday	3 rd	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
May	Saturday	14 th	TBD	Officer Installation	Union Jacks ?
May	Monday	16 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
May	Tuesday	17 th	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	
May	Tuesday	24 th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
May Café	Thursday	26 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's
June	Tuesday	7 th	6:30pm	Adv in Dining	TBD
June	Tuesday	14 th	6:30pm	Salad Supper	EC Sr Center
June	Monday	20 th	7:00pm	Great Decisions(eve)	TBD
June	Tuesday	21 st	7:00pm	Board Meeting	TBD
				(Incoming and outgoing officers)	
June	Tuesday	28 th	1:00pm	Great Decisions(day)	TBD
June Café	Thursday	30 th	11:30am	Lunch Bunch	Nordstrom's