

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

September 2016

MESSAGE FROM THE PRESIDENT

I hope everyone has been enjoying the summer! Your Board and several Committees have kept very busy over the past couple of months and we are ready for another AAUW year.

Our 1st VP, Amy Robinson, has accepted a new job in Texas, so we will sadly have to say goodbye. Thank you, Amy, for all your hard work these past few years as our Education VP. We wish you the best of luck in your new endeavor!! I also must announce the resignation of Rhonda Tomlinson as our VP, Philanthropy. Thank you, Rhonda, for your past support to the Board.

Please help us kick off the new AAUW year with a Potluck Supper on Sept 8th at the Historic Oakland Manor in Columbia. In addition to some great food, we will have a program of informational presentations from four non-profits and our business meeting. One of our major business events is to approve the budget for the 2016-17 year. You will find the budget details and explanations as a separate attachment. I am happy to say that the Board agrees that we can continue to fund our scholarships and maintain operational expenses for our programs, membership, advocacy, diversity, social and education committees.

Our next major event will be the Celebration of Middle East Cultures on September 17th. Proceeds from the event benefit our scholarship fund. Get your tickets early! Details are in a separate attachment.

Volunteers needed! We have several openings on the Board – 1st VP, Philanthropy VP, Communications VP (newsletter), and Webmaster. We also need people to help get items for the silent auction at our Holiday Party in December. Please let me know if you are interested in helping out!

Bea Dane, President

SAVE THE DATES!!

Thursday – September 8th. Kick off the new AAUW year at Historic Oakland Manor
Thursday – September 15th. New and prospective member orientation; 1-3pm; LVMG
Saturday - September 17th. Diversity Fundraiser – Celebration of Middle East Cultures
Thursday – October 13th. Branch Meeting – Diversity Panel Discussion II – Ellicott City Sr Ctr
Saturday – October 22nd Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women; Anne Arundel Comm College
Thursday – November 10th. Branch Meeting – Education Month – Ellicott City Sr Ctr
Sunday – December 4th. Holiday Party - member Barbara Parker’s historic home in ElkrIDGE

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** on the 3rd Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; **Daytime Group** 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. The meeting begins with viewing a DVD presentation on the subject; discussion is based on questions published in the booklet.

EVENING GROUP

September meeting - Monday, [September 19th](#), at 7:00 PM
Host: [Zeli Castella](#). Topic #6, *The United Nations*

DAYTIME GROUP

September meeting - Tuesday, [September 27th](#), at 1:00 PM
Host: Bea Dane. Topic #6, *The United Nations*

Topics remaining in the 2016 Briefing Booklet are as follows: #6 *The United Nations*; #7 *Climate Change*; #8 *Cuba and the U.S.*

We will be taking orders for the 2017 Briefing Booklet in October for delivery in January. Please inform your group contact if you wish to order a booklet.

Evening Group Contact: Diane Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

Daytime Group Contact: Kathy Schofield rbrownhouse@msn.com or 443-691-0131

Adventures in Dining

Adventures In Dining will be meeting at LeeLynn's restaurant in Dorsey Search on Tues., Sept 6th at 6:30. An email will follow for reservations.

Carol Phelps

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on August 25th and September 29th, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are required and all members are welcome! Bring a friend and introduce her to AAUW.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

Movies and Handcrafters

Members meet on an ad-hoc basis to have lunch and attend a movie, or do crafts. If you wish to be on the email list, please contact Anne Tarantino at annefox@verizon.net

Membership

Welcome new member Cathy Pelsinsky. We look forward to seeing her at the next meeting.

Introduce AAUW Howard County to a friend.

- Bring her as your guest to the **Potluck Supper - September 8th Oakland Manor 6PM**
- Tell her about our special meeting for new and prospective members - **Sept 15th Lutheran Village at Miller's Grant - 1PM**
 - RSVP aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com

Or send her email address to VP Membership aauwhowardcounty@gmail.com requesting information about AAUW Howard County.

Renew your membership if you have not already done so. You can renew online at AAUW.org or member renewal form is included in this newsletter.

Kathy Schofield
VP Membership

***JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF HOWARD COUNTY BRANCH
FY2016-17 WITH OUR ANNUAL POT LUCK SUPPER***

When: Thursday, Sept. 8th, 2016 – 6:00 PM

Where: Oakland Manor
5430 Vantage Point Road
Columbia, MD 21042



Program: Informational presentations on 4 nonprofits (Osher Lifelong Learning, Village in Howard, Road Scholar and MD Women's Heritage Center).

A short branch business meeting will follow dinner.



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

Please 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 J, please bring a salad (green salad, pasta/rice salad, fruit salad)

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

If your last name begins with T - Z please bring a dessert.

Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 6 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

Diversity Committee News

Chair: Shigeyo Ibrahim

FY 2016 - 2017 Theme: A JOURNEY OF DISCOVERY: THE MIDDLE EAST

Explore, Learn & Understand the Cultures of the Middle East and the Religions of Islam and Judaism

CELEBRATION OF MIDDLE EAST CULTURES

For the past year, the AAUW Howard County branch has focused on the Middle East to better understand the cultures and religions of our neighbors with Middle East heritages. The Diversity Committee, chaired by Shigeyo Ibrahim, has hosted events such as a tour of a mosque, the Diyanet Center in Lanham; tour of a synagogue, Temple Isaiah in Howard County; a panel discussion of the religions by experts on the subject and a tour of the Baltimore Jewish Museum. To top all of these events, the Committee is hosting a Celebration of Middle East Cultures on Saturday, September 17, 2016 at Oakland Mills Interfaith Center / The Meeting House from 6 PM to 9 PM. You are invited to come and bring guests.

This event is a fundraiser for the branch's scholarship funds. What will you get for your \$25 ticket? Without the cost of airfare, imagine experiencing a 3 course Middle East cuisine, beautiful music, and dancing too! The Committee has invited people in governmental positions at the local, State and National Level. We would like for all branch members to come, bringing at least one guest. Children are welcome and I can just see them doing the Horah and belly dance! Put on your dancing shoes on and come enjoy an enchanting evening transported to the Middle East.

There will be door prizes for those who bought a ticket and a 50/50 cash raffle, tickets will be sold at the event. This was very popular at our diversity event last year. If you want to purchase a ticket, see the flyer included in this newsletter for information. Get your ticket soon, we were at capacity last year and tickets are expected to sell out fast.

If you or someone you know would like to place an ad in the beautiful glossy event program booklet that will be distributed at the event, contact Jennifer Ingram at 410-740-4276, Marcia Posner at 410-794-6399 or Shigeyo Ibrahim at 410-707-6230. See details for ADs in the newsletter as well. Proceeds from the sale of these ads will go towards the scholarship fund also. Donations are also welcome.

We look forward to seeing you at this wonderful event.

A Day At The Jewish Museum of Maryland in Baltimore – by Marcia Posner



Members Amy Robinson, Shigeyo Ibrahim, Marcia Posner and Bea Dane in the Synagogue



Amy, Marcia, Barbara Parker and Jennifer Ingram at Attman's Deli

On a beautiful, although hot, summer Sunday morning, July 24th, nine of us met to tour the Jewish Museum of Maryland, 15 Lloyd Street, Baltimore. The museum actually consists of three buildings: the main museum sandwiched between two extremely old and fascinating synagogues—one still in use today (even without air conditioning).

We gathered in the museum, where we each paid our \$5 group rate for a very extensive and in-depth tour conducted by our volunteer and knowledgeable guide, Joseph. Although the museum was delightfully cool, we bravely walked out onto the heated city street to the first of the two synagogues--a walk that took less than a minute. Note: the museum has a video that is shown to anyone unable to take the tour of the synagogues. It includes the entire tour, so no one would miss any of it. The actual tour includes a lot of walking up and down stairs, some difficult to manage.

The third oldest standing synagogue in the United States, The Lloyd Street Synagogue was built in 1845 and restored during the years of 1963-65. The Baltimore Hebrew Congregation was responsible for the original building of it. When it was restored, many artifacts were discovered, such as two original mikvas, a ritual bath that is used by women to cleanse monthly, after giving birth and by women who are in the process of converting to Judaism. Men also use the bath—separate times, of course. The term mikva means a collection. In this case, it is a collection of stationary (not flowing) water,

which must contain a certain percentage from a pure, outside source: lake, ocean, or river. The mikva we saw is not in use and no one knows how long ago it was last used.

This synagogue has housed orthodox and reformed congregations, as well as a Roman Catholic one, which was the first Lithuanian parish. It is no longer in use as a house of worship, but now is a vital piece of Baltimore Jewish history, which must be maintained so we may know and understand our past and how it relates to our present time.

From there, we walked past the museum to the other synagogue, which is still in use today, housed by an orthodox congregation. It meets for services every Friday night and Saturday morning. Since it is not air conditioned, we decided these people are certainly very devout. Orthodox services tend to last from 2 to 3 hours, and the sanctuary is up a long (although beautiful) curving, wooden staircase. B'nai Israel Synagogue was built in 1876, following Moorish Revival architecture. It was a spin-off of the Lloyd Street synagogue, created when congregants disapproved of the move toward reformed practices. It is now the oldest orthodox synagogue still in use in Baltimore and the surrounding areas.

We moved down the stairs and out into what seemed (but wasn't) cool air, after our time in the very hot sanctuary. It brought back memories of the Turkish Bath we had visited on a cold, dreary day in February at the Mosque. The heat was more inviting to some that day.

Thinking about how hungry we were, we went back to the museum and moved on to Atman's Deli just down the street, where we enjoyed good kosher style deli sandwiches and pickles.

Several of us, after our excellent lunch, walked back to the museum to enjoy many exhibits (too numerous to list) that included Jews and Medicine in America and the history of the Jews from the time of arrival in Baltimore. Of course, we visited the gift shop. Two of us stayed to listen to a fascinating talk about kosher foods in modern times.

The author had researched the kosher movement, and included in his talk and book a very interesting story about how Coke became kosher, as well as Jello and other products we use in kosher homes—sometimes despite a serious family “discussion”—loud discussion about whether or not to eat the food that was placed on the table. He used his family's experiences, which brought home memories to which many of us could relate. I know our family had many of these “discussions,” even before I was born. My father had talked often about his mother not believing that hotdogs could really be kosher. Now, of course, we hear the ad that Hebrew National “has to listen to a higher authority.” Yes, he and his siblings finally got their hotdogs, bought from the kosher butcher shop—served on newspaper spread on the dining room table, so they would not make the kosher table traif (not kosher). The speaker had similar, funny stories.

Of course, I had to buy the book, *KOSHER USA/HOW COKE BECAME KOSHER AND OTHER TALES OF MODERN FOOD*, written by the very enlightening and excellent speaker, Food Historian, Roger Horowitz.

But, now, more about our delicious lunch, by Jennifer Ingram

After the branch members and guests completed the tour of the Baltimore Jewish Museum, we went to Attman's Deli on Lombard Street in Baltimore. I had been there only once before and just had something to drink as I had already had lunch. This time, I checked out the menu and ordered a smoked turkey sandwich on wheat bread instead of the very popular Reuben sandwich that most members got. That was the best turkey sandwich I've ever had and there were rave reviews about the Reubens. There was a wide selection of food, some of which was kosher for those of who follow that tradition. If you decide to visit Attman's, order at the counter with one of the many staff members behind the counter. Since we were there on a Sunday, the deli was not busy and we were able to get a table and chairs to eat our meals. It is extremely busy on week days as people who work around the area drop in for lunch.

I was really impressed with the size of the sandwiches – so piled with the turkey, corned beef, etc. that it was difficult to get my mouth around the sandwich. I managed to eat the whole sandwich, but others took half of the meal home. If you are in downtown Baltimore, I recommend that you try Attman's. Remember, this is a deli, not a fancy restaurant, so that defines the interior “decoration.” This deli is very old, and has pictures of well known Baltimore celebs on the walls. Give it a try!

Advocacy/Public Policy News

Co-VP's, Advocacy - Bev Fallik and Jennifer Ingram

Legislation: We are delighted to report that the State AAUW has decided to include post- secondary education child support legislation as one of its MD state priorities. Other public policy priorities include Get Out the Vote, Title IX, and Equal Pay (including fair scheduling and paid leave). We will be working closely with the AAUW State public policy VP s, with the assistance of the National AAUW public policy staff. This will help us garner support statewide for our proposed bill. The HoCo legislative subcommittee has been very busy in the research phase of our efforts. We have been researching language we can use to defend the bill's constitutionality and justification for court jurisdiction. We have written to the Institute for Women's Policy Research , the ABAs in 17 states that have implemented a similar law and are currently contacting relevant agencies in those states requesting information about how their similar bills fared in the courts, the cost of implementing their laws, and what percentage of separation/divorce agreements contain language regarding post-secondary child support. If anyone knows of a resource for this type of information, please let anyone on our committee know. We are awaiting a reply from Delegate Terri Hill for a meeting date in September to discuss the revised bill and plans to promote consideration by the 2017 Assembly.

. We continue to participate in MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) and attend WLB (Women's Legislative Briefing) each year.

Save the Date for MLAW: Saturday, October 22 at Anne Arundel Community College

Voter Registration: There is a voter registration project scheduled for October 17 at 9:45 AM at River Hill High School. We need volunteers for that project. Volunteers will work with League of Women Voters to register and educate high school students. It does not require any preparation and lasts about 1-2 hours. If you love to work with teenagers, this can be a fun task. Let Jennifer Ingram know if you would like to volunteer for this one day project by October 1. The email is jenniferingram@comcast.net.

Start Smart: AAUW Howard County has a Start Smart Workshop coming up on 10/26/16 at Howard Community College. We are working with Schnell Garrett, Director of Student Life, on this project. Schnell has chosen the Career Life section of HCC as our targeted audience of students. We are also inviting branch members.

The purpose of the workshop is to teach students how to negotiate on employment issues, such as salary, benefits, leave, duties, promotion and so on. Failure to negotiate is one of the factors that increase the wage gap between men and women.

We are looking for people, including members, to learn how to facilitate a workshop.

The training for this position is done online, with a conference call to explain the process. Schnell and I are co-facilitating this fall workshop at HCC. We plan to do another Start Smart workshop, probably in the spring of 2017. Then, if successful, we will host them regularly.

We are also looking for volunteers to participate in the workshop and to help with things like setting up, greeting participants, helping to facilitate the interactive sessions, pass out materials, etc. This is the first time the branch has been involved in a workshop, so we will learn from this experience how to make the workshops successful.

Contact Jennifer Ingram at 410-740-4276 or, preferably, at jenniferingram@comcast.net if you are interested in participating.

WEBSITE ESSENTIALS **Submitted by: Bea Dane**

You may not be aware of how much AAUW information is available to you. Did you know that you have access to National, State and local Howard County websites?

Howard County: <http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net> Password for the members only section is: h0c0MD (those are zeroes and it is case sensitive). You can find the latest newsletter, past newsletters, member directory, bylaws, and Board members. Other sections are available to the public and could use some updating! If you are interested in helping out to update the website, please let me know.

Maryland State: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net> No password needed. Check it out! There is a nice write up and pictures from our recent State Convention.

National: <https://www.aauw.org/login> You can access the website without logging in, but to access membership only info, it is best to log in. If you have never created an account, it is very easy. Just click on the First Time User? Create Account as shown below. There is so much information available, but a search feature makes it easy to find specific resources.

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Membership Form

(Through 6/30/2017)

I would like to join/renew the AAUW Howard County Branch.

Name: _____

Address: _____

City: _____

State and Zip: _____

Telephone: _____

Email address: _____

College/University: _____

Degree(s) earned: _____

Major(s): _____

Career/ Job/ Retired: _____

Interests: _____

Referred By: _____

Dues are \$72 for 2016-17

(Branch - \$13; State - \$10; National - \$49).

\$46 is tax deductible.

If you join at a designated public event, dues are \$47.50 if you have not been a member of AAUW for 2 years.

Please send this form and check for dues (made out to AAUW – Howard County) to:

Carol Phelps, Treasurer

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