

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

OCTOBER 2017

It was great to see everyone who attended our September meeting at Historic Oakland Manor. Many thanks to Social VP, Debbie Munley, for organizing an excellent potluck! Our guest speaker was Erin Prangle, who is our State VP, Advocacy/Public Policy. Our branch is making headlines at the State level, due to the leadership of our Advocacy VP's, Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch. They have organized numerous meetings with MD state legislators and with the State Attorney General.

The next MD State AAUW meeting on Saturday, Oct 21st will focus on Advocacy training. The meeting will be in Gaithersburg and all members are invited. The registration form is in the recent state newsletter, *The Marylander*, which was emailed on September 21st.

Please welcome Barbara Parker to the Board! She has volunteered to take the Program VP position. It is vital to have new people on the Board and I thank her very much. Please consider joining the Board this year – VP Philanthropy and 1st VP are still open! More openings will be available for the 2018-19 year.

Our October Branch meeting will be on Tuesday, October 10th. **We will be meeting at the 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church – our new meeting venue.** Please arrive between 6:30 and 7:00 PM so we can get started on time.

Don't forget to mark your calendar for Monday, November 27th, to dine at Tino's Italian Bistro in Columbia. 10% of their sales will be given to our branch for scholarships. So we definitely want to get as many of us and our family and friends to dine there or do takeout, as it all counts!

In addition to our branch meetings, we will continue with our interest groups, such as Great Decisions, the Reader's group, Lunch Bunch, Adventures in Dining, Diversity, and Bridge. These groups are a great way to meet other members in an informal setting.

On a final note – please remember to renew your membership! Dues are \$72 for the year, which includes National, State and Branch dues. You can make your check out to AAUW Howard County, and mail to Carol Phelps at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

Bea Dane, President



SAVE THE DATE

September 28 (Thurs) – Lunch Bunch

October 3 (Tues) – Adventures in Dining

October 4 (Wed) - Bridge

October 5 (Thurs) – Great Decisions Daytime Group

October 10 (Tues) – Branch Meeting, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City

October 16 (Mon) – Great Decisions Evening Group

October 17 (Tues) – Board Meeting – Central Library

October 26 (Thurs) - Lunch Bunch

November 14 (Tues) – Branch Meeting, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City

November 27 (Mon) – Tino's Italian Bistro Fundraiser

INTEREST GROUPS

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program. Two separate groups meet monthly in a member's home: **Evening Group** on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM; **Daytime Group** on the **first Thursday** of the month from 1:00 – 3:00 PM. (*Note new meeting day for Daytime Group.*) 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 in the booklet.

EVENING GROUP

October Meeting – Monday, October 16, 7:00 PM

Host: Diane Roca: Topic #7 – *Prospects for Afghanistan*

DAYTIME GROUP [NOTE NEW MEETING DAY]

October Meeting - Thursday, October 5, 1:00 PM

- Host: Donna Levinson: Topic #8 – *Nuclear Security: The Enduring Challenge of Nuclear Weapons*

Evening Group Contact: Diane

Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

Daytime Group Contact: Lorraine Tropf

lmerdon@verizon.net or 301-617-2785.

Adventures in Dining

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at The Dandelion Bakery Bistro at 6:30 on Tuesday, October 3. It is located at 3800 Ten Oaks Road in Glenelg.

An email will be sent to the membership prior to the event in order to get RSVPs.

Carol Phelps, Chair carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

Lunch Bunch

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursdays, September 28 and October 26. We meet at Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall at 11:30 AM. All members are welcome and no reservations are needed.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch ggrust@verizon.net

Bridge Group

Meets on the first Wednesday of each month. If you have questions or would like to be a part of the group, email

Karen Tang at ktang54@verizon.net or Laura Wilson at laurawilson3033@aol.com.

Reader's Group

The group meets every other month, starting in January, on the third Thursday at 11:00 AM at the East Columbia Senior Center (attached to the East Columbia Library.) Lunch follows at 1:00 PM at Clyde's. If you are interested in joining the Reader's Group, please contact Doris Raytkwich or Barbara Parker to be added to the email list.

Doris Raytkwich dwhitespring@verizon.net or 301-776-1392

Barbara Parker bparker@virginia.edu or 410-796-9019

UPCOMING PROGRAMS

OCTOBER PROGRAM – Barbara Parker, VP Programs

CONSUMER PROTECTION

Tuesday, October 10 – 7:00 PM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City, MD

Our guest speaker will be Rebecca Bowman, Administrator of the Howard County Office of Consumer Protection. Rebecca will be discussing consumer protection items, such as identity theft and current scams in Howard County. Come to learn and bring your questions!



Membership News

MEMBERSHIP – Zeli Castella, VP Membership

We welcome four new members!

- Sally Parker from Columbia, MD, is a retired software engineer. She is an alumna of Towson University.
- Luci Geinzer of Glenwood, MD, is a retired attorney and librarian. She is an alumna of Kent State University, and earned her J.D. from Boston College.
- Patricia Curtis of Ellicott City, MD, is an alumna of Loyola University
- Phyllis Rudz of Ellicott City, MD, is an alumna of State Univ of NY, Buffalo and retired from the field of Public Relations.

Many of these new members were brought in by current members. Please continue to encourage your friends and new acquaintances to come to a meeting or any of our interest groups. This is a great way to introduce them to our AAUW purpose and members.

Education Committee News

Suzanne Soules, VP

The Education Committee will continue to support our partnerships with DIAMONDS at Hammond High School, Career Links at Howard Community College, and the Education Foundation also at HCC.

- We will participate in the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab program “Girl Power” in March. We encourage any of our members who have worked in or taught any of the STEM subjects to join our group and help us. If we have some additional help we might be able to participate in the HCC STEM Festival in June.
- We will investigate putting on the Start Smart and Work Smart workshops designed to help women negotiate fair salaries and reduce the gender wage gap.
- We will attend the induction ceremony for the new DIAMONDS scholars to be held in the media room at Hammond High School at 7 PM on Tuesday, October 3rd. The DIAMONDS program was established under the leadership of Raymona Reid in 2012 to support academic achievement, specifically among minority students, to encourage leadership skills, and to assist with college searches, applications, and obtaining scholarships.
- If you are interested in attending and showing AAUW Howard County support, please email Suzanne.soules@gmail.com or phone 410-872-8603.
- Please mark your calendars for November 27 for the fund raising event through Tino’s restaurant. These monies will help fund the scholarships at HCC.

Suzanne Soules
VP Education

Diversity News

Marcia Posner, VP

The Diversity Committee will be watching a DVD about China that was shown on PBS. This year, we will study their history, culture, food and the changing roles of women in China. We will also have a "Book Bash" that reflects books about China, in February. More information to follow, after we meet on the 19th of September.

Marcia Posner
VP Diversity

Advocacy/Public Policy News

Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch, Co-VPs

Our committee continues to communicate with state delegates and schedule meetings with others regarding our bill to extend child support for post-secondary education. Since last month, we had a very informative meeting with Representative Atterbeary and are scheduling meetings with several others over the next six weeks. We've also talked with our sponsor Delegate Hill, who has requested that Attorney General Frosh update his memo supporting the constitutionality of our bill. We are looking forward to follow-up meetings with Delegates Dumais, Atterbeary and Queen as well as with Senator Lee and others. Erin Prangle, AAUW's energetic State Policy VP, continues to share great ideas, especially regarding use of social media and other networking tools. The October 21st State meeting in Gaithersburg will focus on policy and our bill is on the agenda. We are also hoping that Delegate Hill (or one of us) will be presenting our bill at the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) meeting this November.

Our next Advocacy Committee meeting will be Tuesday September 26th at 10:00 AM at Wegmans. Our regular meetings will now occur on the 4th Tuesday of each month at 10:00 AM at Wegmans. All are welcome!

Bev Fallik
Co-VP Advocacy/Public Policy



AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2017-2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS

BRANCH MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Program</i>
Tues, Oct 10	7 pm	1 st Evan. Lutheran Church	Guest Speaker
Tues, Nov 14	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Guest Speaker
Sun, Dec 3	1 pm	Barbara Parker's home	Holiday Party
Sat, Jan ???	11 am	TBD	Legis Lunch w/LWV
Sat, Feb 10	11 am	Union Jack's	Book Bash Lunch
Tues, Mar 13	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Guest Speaker
Tues, Apr 10	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Diversity/Election of officers
MAY	n/a	n/a	No meeting
Tues, Jun 12	6:30 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Salad Supper/Install officers

BOARD MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>
Tues, Oct 17	7 pm	Central Library meeting room, Columbia, MD
Tues, Nov 28	7 pm	TBD (moving to 4 th Tues due to Thanksgiving)
December	n/a	no Board meeting
Tues, Jan 16	n/a	email reports
Tues, Feb 20	1 pm	home of Suzanne Soules
Tues, Mar 20	7 pm	TBD
April	n/a	no Board meeting
Tues, May 15	7 pm	TBD – incoming and outgoing officers
Tues, Jun 19	7 pm	TBD – incoming and outgoing officers

2017-2018 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Bea Dane 410-299-8403

1st Vice President : position open

Financial Officer Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

Vice President, Programs: Barbara Parker 432-962-8439

Vice President, Philanthropy: position open

Vice President, Social: Debbie Munley 301-776-7388

Co Vice Presidents, Secretary:

*Mary Ann Crosby 410-465-0507, Jean Parr 410-381-6351 Donna
Levinson 301-490-0294*

Vice President, Education: Suzanne Soules 410-872-8603

Co-Vice Presidents, Advocacy/Public Policy:

Bev Fallik 301-596-6208, Joan Clinch 443-995-8799

Vice President, Membership: Zeli Castella 443-542-9568

*Vice President, Communications: Diane Roca
410-964-3523*

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*Fashion Show Chairs: Caroline Tunison 301-497-8688, Kathy
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AAUW Readers: Doris Raytkwitch 301-776-1392,

Barbara Parker 410-796-9019

*Great Decisions: Daytime - Lorraine Tropf 301-617-2785 Evening
- Diane Roca 410-964-3523*

Hand Crafters and Movies: Anne Tarantino 410-740-1285

Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust 443-864-4189

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