

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

## FEBRUARY 2018

Hopefully the deep freeze of January is done and will not return! The cold did not stop AAUW members from attending the League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon on January 6<sup>th</sup>. Most of Howard County state senators and delegates attended and discussed upcoming priorities for the State Legislators. Our Advocacy Committee was there and ensured that there was discussion of our sponsored bill on extending child support for higher education.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our programs, interest groups and fundraisers. We made \$525 from the Holiday Party and about \$500 from the Tino's Dining fundraiser. Our Fashion Show will be coming up on April 28<sup>th</sup>, so make sure that is on your calendar to attend. These funds go towards our scholarships to deserving women at Howard Community College. One of our AAUW missions is to advance equity for women through education and our Howard County branch has been doing that for almost 55 years!

February brings our annual "Book Bash" luncheon at Union Jack's on February 10<sup>th</sup> at 11AM. This year we are using the opportunity to bring together diversity and books with our Diversity Committee hosting the program and discussing some stories written by Chinese women authors. You have all received the reservation form via email, and the form is also included in this newsletter. Guests are welcome – especially prospective members! Anyone who joins now will have membership through June of 2019.

Our nominating committee will be meeting soon to discuss candidates for the 2018-20 term, which begins on July 1<sup>st</sup>. Positions to be filled are: President, 1<sup>st</sup> VP, and Program VP. Suzanne Soules has agreed to another term as Education VP, and Zeli Castella will continue for another term as Membership VP. We still have an opening for 1 year for the Philanthropy VP. Many times, we have members agree to a position if there is a co-VP, which is a great way to share the duties. I hope you will say yes if you are asked to fill a position! You will receive lots of help from outgoing officers and the continuing Board members. Our nominating committee this year are: Lorraine Tropf, Connie Palmieri, Marcia Posner, Suzanne Soules and Bea Dane.

I look forward to seeing many of you at our upcoming events – check out the Save the Dates in this newsletter.

*Bea Dane, President*



# FEBRUARY PROGRAM “BOOK BASH”

Looking for a fun winter outing? Then plan to attend AAUW’s annual Book Bash. You will enjoy an excellent presentation and dine on a delicious lunch. Friends/prospective members are welcome!



## THEME: CHINA

### Presented by: Members of the Diversity Committee

The country of China is huge and its culture and history incredibly interesting! Our Diversity Committee is studying China this year and will focus on books about China and by Chinese authors.

## BOOK SWAP

Always a popular part of Book Bash! Bring in a book you have read and want to give away. Give a 30-second synopsis. Draw numbers to determine the order that each person gets to choose a book.

**TIME:** 11:00 AM to 2:00 PM

**LOCATION:** Union Jack’s Restaurant, 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD (across from the south entrance to the Columbia Mall)

**COST:** \$26 per person, which includes tax and gratuity, non-alcoholic drink & mixed green salad, entrée and dessert.

Choose from following menu items:

### *Second Course*

Petite Salmon with rice and asparagus (Gluten Free)

Petite Bangers and Mash

Reuben Sandwich with fries

Penne Pasta with Vegetables (Vegan)

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Name \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Email \_\_\_\_\_

Luncheon Selection: *Second Course* \_\_\_\_\_

Please mail the above with your selection and check for \$26 payable to

### **Howard County AAUW to:**

Bea Dane

4050 Hobbs Hill Rd

Glenelg, MD 21737

**RSVP no later than Monday, February 5<sup>th</sup>.**

## SAVE THE DATE

**February 1 (Thurs)** – Great Decisions Daytime Group  
**February 6 (Tues)** – Adventures in Dining  
**February 7 (Wed)** – Bridge  
**February 10 (Sat)** – Book Bash branch meeting, Union Jack's  
**February 19 (Mon)** – Great Decisions Evening Group  
**February 22 (Thurs)** – Lunch Bunch  
**April 14 (Sat)** – AAUW Maryland Convention - Baltimore  
**April 28 (Sat)** – AAUW Fashion Show and Scholarship 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.

#### **EVENING GROUP**

**February Meeting** – Monday, February 19  
7:00- 9:00 PM

Host: Lee Ann Hartman

Topic: *Russia's Foreign Policy*

Diane Roca, Evening Group Contact  
[dbroca@comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523

#### **DAYTIME GROUP**

The Daytime Great Decisions group is ready for our first meeting of the new year on February 1 at 1:00 PM. We will meet at the home of Bea Dane, 4050 Hobbs Hill Rd. Glenelg. Please let Bea know if you plan to attend. 410 299-8403 or

[Bea\\_dane@comcast.net](mailto:Bea_dane@comcast.net)

I am looking forward to discussing the new topics and seeing everyone again. Lorraine Tropf, Daytime Group Contact  
[lmerdon@verizon.net](mailto:lmerdon@verizon.net) or 301-617-2785.

### ADVENTURES IN DINING

On February 6, we will meet at 6:30 PM at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill at 7185 Columbia Gateway Drive in Columbia.

*Carol Phelps, Chair*

[carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net)

### LUNCH BUNCH

**The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, February 22nd, at 11:30, in Nordstrom's Cafe, Columbia Mall. No reservations are needed.**

*Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch*

[ggrust@verizon.net](mailto:ggrust@verizon.net)

### 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.

**Contact:** *Doris Raytkwich*

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*Barbara Parker* [bparker@virginia.edu](mailto:bparker@virginia.edu)  
or 410-796-9019

### 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](mailto:ktang54@verizon.net) or Laura Wilson at [laurawilson3033@aol.com](mailto:laurawilson3033@aol.com).

## Philanthropy News

### *FASHION SHOW*

#### **FUNDRAISER FOR BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM**

APRIL 28, 2018

Vantage House @ 1:00 pm

This is the largest fundraiser for the year. We need your help and support to continue funding our branch's successful scholarship program.

Here's how you can help:

- ✓ Volunteer to model in the fashion show: New members, this is a fun way to get involved in a branch activity and meet other members. Existing members-you are welcome too. Don't be shy - it's for a great cause!
- ✓ Donate a door prize for the show: Suggestions include a gift card, an accessory, even tickets to a show. All donations greatly appreciated!
- ✓ Buy your tickets to the show: Tickets will be sent to all members in mid-March. Please come to the show-bring a friend, a prospective member, your daughter or granddaughter. If you cannot come, please buy your tickets anyway, and give them to friends, or as a donation, as ticket sales go directly into the scholarship fund.



To volunteer, or any questions, please contact:

Kathy McCarthy ([katmac200@yahoo.com](mailto:katmac200@yahoo.com))

Caroline Tunison ([redcat1977@verizon.net](mailto:redcat1977@verizon.net))

Co-Chairs Fashion Show

## Education Committee News

### Suzanne Soules, VP

Each December, the Career Links Department at Howard Community College hosts a networking luncheon for students and staff, especially to honor the students graduating mid-year. This year Debbie Munley, Caroline Tunison and I attended. We were able to meet two of our scholarship winners from spring 2017; Debbie Leib and her two little girls, and Chris Ballou.



Debbie is a nursing major and Chris is specializing in cardiovascular technology. From left to right: Eileen Diggs, Career Links, Debbie Munley, Chris Ballou, Debbie Leib, Maureen Marshall, Career Links, Caroline Tunison, and Suzanne Soules.

January is the time for scholarship application review. We have an excellent winner of the NCCWSL scholarship in Lianne Bruni, President of the Hispanic Student Union. She is an Engineering major and will attend the leadership conference May 30 – June 2 in College Park.

We have identified the two continuing HCC students for scholarships and the transfer candidate. They will be notified in February and will be invited to join us at our Salad Supper in June.



Last year HCC purchased a 3 year license to conduct the Start\$mart and Work\$mart seminars, so this March 21st the Education Committee will host our first seminar to help soon-to-graduate women negotiate the best salary and benefit package when they interview for their jobs.

March 11<sup>th</sup> is Girl Power at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory, from 2 – 5 pm. The Education Committee will have a table focused on astronomy called “Reach for the Stars”. Last year there were hundreds of girls from elementary to high school age, along with their parents and brothers. It is quite an event, and we recommend it for any of your daughters or granddaughters. This is also an opportunity to let people know what AAUW is, and encourage any interested new members.

*Suzanne Soules*  
*VP Education*

## **Membership News**

### **Zeli Castella, VP**

Welcome letters were sent to new members who joined this fall. Recently joining the branch are Lucie Geinzer, Kent University, BA Economy and Political Science, and Boston College, JD Law; and Phyllis Rudz, State University of New York, Buffalo, BA Communications.

*Zeli Castella, VP Membership*

## **Diversity News**

### **Marcia Posner, Chair**

The Diversity Committee is studying China's history, culture and especially the changing roles of women. Come to the Book Bash on February 10 for our discussion about books about China and by Chinese authors. At the April branch meeting, we will host a food tasting.

*Marcia Posner*  
*Chair, Diversity Committee*

## Advocacy/Public Policy News Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch, Co-VPs

The main focus of the committee continues to be active following and support of (2017#HB955) - Family Law – Age of Majority – Jurisdiction of the court – a bill which allows the court' to continue child support beyond the age of majority for higher education. We have significantly expanded the support for this bill including statewide AAUW, a number of AAUW branches (including at UMCP), and several Commissions on Women. We have received a very supportive and detailed opinion from the Attorney General and now have a powerful state Senator, Susan Lee, supporting the bill and ready to cross file in the Senate. The Diamondback (UMCP student newspaper) also included a supportive article about this bill.

In December, the committee met with Del. Ariana Kelly, chair of the Women's Caucus who expressed her support for the bill and gave the committee information on how to proceed to gain the support of the caucus. We have been awaiting the 2018 house and senate bill numbers to share with those who have indicated they would write letters of support. Unfortunately, two days after the 2018 Maryland Legislative session began, committee members met with Del Terri Hill who indicated that, after conferring with several family lawyers, she will be modifying some language. We are hoping the modifications remain allied with our goals. However, this delays the assignment of the new bill number and our ability to share the final bill with our supporters. Both delegate Hill and Senator Lee's Chief of Staff emphasized the importance of house and senate judiciary committee members hearing from their constituents across the state. We have been able to speak with branches in several counties but haven't located anyone in Chairman Vallario's district. If you know someone there, please ask them to help!

*Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch, Co-VPs  
Advocacy/Public Policy*



## AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS

### BRANCH MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Program</i>
Sat, Feb 10	11 am	Union Jack's	Book Bash Lunch
Tues, Mar 13	7 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Evan Lutheran Church	Edith M. Cord
Tues, Apr 10	7 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Evan Lutheran Church	Diversity/Election of officers
Sat, Apr 28	1 pm	Vantage House	Fashion Show
MAY	n/a	n/a	No meeting
Tues, Jun 12	6:30 pm	1 <sup>st</sup> Evan Lutheran Church	Salad Supper/Install officers

### BOARD MEETINGS

Tues, Feb 20	1 pm	home of Suzanne Soules
Tues, Mar 20	7 pm	Central Library
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

### AAUW MARYLAND STATE-WIDE EVENTS

Sat., April 14 – Annual State Convention  
 Catonsville Campus Arts Building of the Community College of Baltimore County  
 800 South Rolling Rd Baltimore, MD

Sat. July (Date TBD) – Summer Leadership Conference



**2018 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers**

*President: Bea Dane 410-299-8403*

*1st Vice President: position open*

*Financial Officer: Carol Phelps 410-381-7076*

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

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