

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

APRIL 2018

As I write this message it seems that Spring is coming in like a lion. Let's hope that April brings true spring weather! We have some big events coming up in April – our Annual Meeting on April 10th, at which we will elect new officers and have a Chinese food tasting and program; the AAUW State Convention on April 14th; and our big fundraiser Fashion Show on April 28th. Please remember that our fashion show is our biggest fundraiser for scholarships, so sell tickets to your friends and neighbors, or buy them yourselves as a donation to a great cause!

As reported last month the following officers will be voted on at the April meeting:

President: Beth Hayden

1st VP/Co-Pres: Position available

Program Co-VPs: Susan Hailman and Barbara Parker

Education VP: Suzanne Soules

Membership VP: Zeli Castella

There are some very important National by-law amendments that are currently being discussed and you will be given the opportunity to vote on them via on-line voting from April 25th through June 9th. These amendments are:

- 1) Having a staggered 3-year term for National Board members on a rotation basis, so that there is overlap in experience
- 2) Allowing non- AAUW members to be on the National Board of Directors
- 3) Eliminating the degree requirement for AAUW membership

These are some very controversial changes (at least 2 and 3), so I would highly recommend that you log into AAUW.org and read the comments – there are many both pro and con. And when the time comes, I hope EVERYONE will log in and VOTE on these amendments!!

Meanwhile, let's continue to be the great Branch that we are by our continued advocacy and support for women and girls in all aspects of their lives.

Bea Dane, *President*

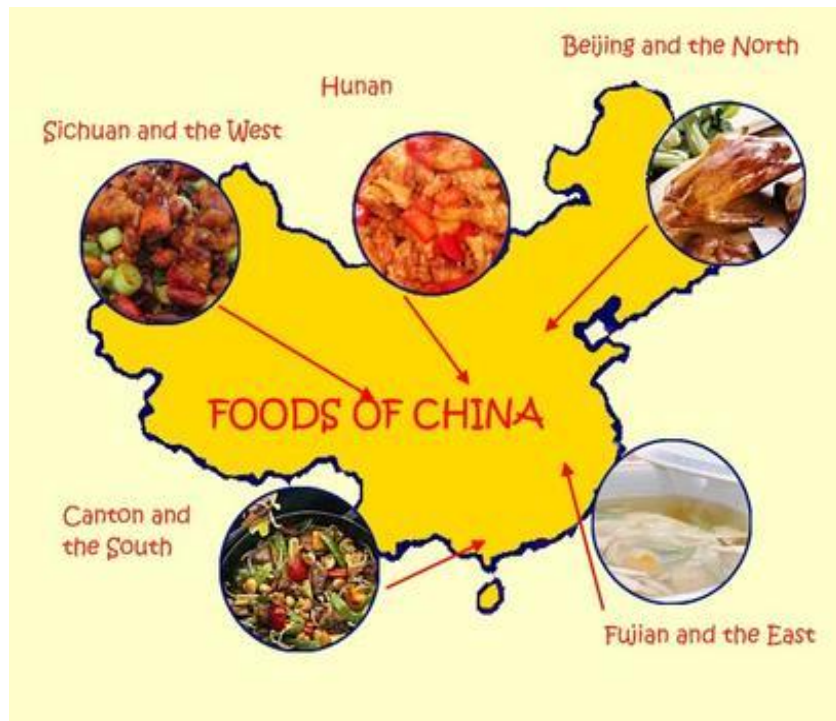


APRIL PROGRAM A TASTE of CHINA

On April 10th, we return to evening Branch meetings at First Evangelical Lutheran Church located at 3604 Chatham Road in Ellicott City (the corner of Chatham Road and Frederick Road-Rte. 144).

The Diversity Committee will be holding a tasting (not a dinner) of Chinese foods from various areas of China. These foods are "actual" Chinese foods, not American Chinese foods. We are certain that everyone will enjoy them. There will be a vegetarian dish, gluten free rice noodles, chicken and seafood. Something for everyone! In addition, we will give a short talk about the changing roles of women in China.

After the program, there will be a business meeting to elect officers for 2018-2020.



Do you have an idea for a branch meeting program or a guest speaker you would like us to invite? Please contact our Program VP, Barbara Parker at 434-962-8439 or bparker@virginia.edu with your ideas.

FASHION SHOW "SPRING INTO ACTION"

FUNDRAISER FOR BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

APRIL 28, 2018

Vantage House

5400 Vantage Point Road, Columbia, MD 21044

12:30 PM Accessories sale

1:00 PM Fashion Show

This year's fashion show "Spring into Action" is Saturday, April 28, at Vantage House. This is our largest fundraiser of the year that supports our branch scholarship fund. Tickets are being mailed to members. Please purchase your tickets by April 16. Bring your friends or a prospective member. Even if you can't attend, please purchase your tickets as the sales go directly to the scholarship fund. We have fabulous door prizes, a light lunch donated by Vantage House, and a fun show with spring fashions for the active woman provided by Lord & Taylor. WE NEED YOUR SUPPORT!

Kathy McCarthy (katmac200@yahoo.com)

Caroline Tunison (redcat1977@verizon.net)

Co-Chairs Fashion Show



SAVE THE DATE

April 3 (Tues) – Adventures in Dining

April 5 (Thurs) – Great Decisions Daytime Group

April 10 (Tues) – Branch meeting hosted by Diversity Committee; Election of Officers, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City

April 14 (Sat) – AAUW Maryland Convention – Baltimore

April 16 (Mon) – Great Decisions Evening Group

April 26 (Thurs) – Lunch Bunch

April 28 (Sat) – AAUW Fashion Show and Scholarship Fundraiser

May 3 (Thurs) – Diversity Book Discussion

May 10 (Thurs) – AAUW Readers

June 12 (Tues) – 6:30 PM Salad Supper and Installation of Officers, First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City

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

Monday, April 16 7:00- 9:00 PM

Host: Peg O'Rourke

Refreshments: Jean Parr

Topic 4: *Media and Foreign Policy*

Diane Roca, Evening Group Contact

dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions group will meet on Thursday, April 5, at 1:00 pm. We will discuss Chapter 3: *China and America: The New Geopolitical Equation*. We will meet at the home of Donna Levinson at 11436 Ellington Street, Fulton. Please let Donna know if you plan to attend. 301-490-0294 or donna311@optionline.net

Lorraine Tropf, Daytime Group Contact

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

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at Stella Notte in the Triangle Shopping Center on Route 40 in Ellicott City at 6:30 PM on Tuesday, April 3. An email for RSVP's will be going out prior to the date.

Carol Phelps, Chair

carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The **LUNCH BUNCH** will meet on **Thursday, April 26th, in Nordstrom's Cafe, at 11:30 am , Columbia Mall. Come as you are; no reservations needed.**

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

ggrust@verizon.net

READER'S GROUP

AAUW Readers will meet next on Thursday, May 10, at 11 AM at the East Columbia Senior Center. This is a planning session, so we'd like each person to come with a book that she'd like to recommend to the group.

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Education Committee News

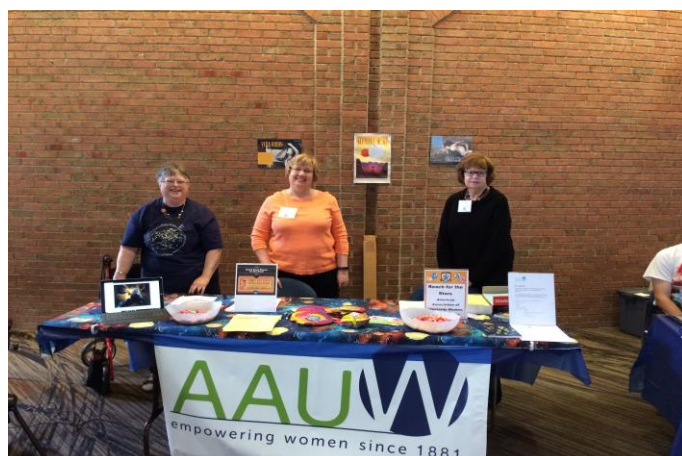
Suzanne Soules, VP

On Sunday, March 11, Girl Power took place at the Kossiakoff Center of Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, MD. As it has been in past years, this year was a great success with over 650 girls attending with their families or scout troop. Our table had the theme of “Reach for the Stars.” We had a big poster showing the universe, a telescope, handouts of outer space word search and crossword puzzle and even Starburst candies. We also handed out the popular self-inflating balloons donated by the American Chemical Society thanks to Jeannie Parr.

Thanks go to Jeannie, Sethanne Howard, Cathy Pelsinsky, and Marcia Posner who engaged the girls and handed out materials.



Sethanne Howard, Cathy Pelsinsky and Suzanne Soules ready to meet girls at Girl Power.



Sethanne Howard, Jeannie Parr and Cathy Pelsinsky with AAUW Howard County's astronomy display.

(Education News, continued)

Thanks to Schnell Garrett, Director of Student Life at Howard Community College, we have scheduled the Start Smart seminar for Wednesday, April 25. Debbie Munley will facilitate. The two-hour seminar had to be rescheduled from March 21 due to the snowstorm! As of that time we had at least 11 students registered. Thanks to Penny Zervos for providing some home baked refreshments, which are now in the freezer waiting for April 25th!

*Suzanne Soules
VP Education*

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

On February 21 and 22, the Maryland House and Senate respectively held hearings on our bill to extend to age 23 the court's jurisdiction for child support for post-secondary education. As described in last month's newsletter, we were very disappointed that the bill had been changed at the last minute without our knowledge, although retaining some of what we had proposed. The comments at the hearings were not favorable, so it came as no surprise that we found that the House Judiciary unanimously voted unfavorably on March 8. Senator Lee's office notified us that on March 14, it was subsequently withdrawn in the Senate committee (which apparently automatically is an unfavorable vote). This is sad news but may also be an opportunity to redirect its focus correctly in the future. The other AAUW bill on the patient's bill of rights was also withdrawn.

Our Howard County Advocacy Committee will have its regular monthly meeting on March 27 at 10 a.m. to debrief. AAUW state policy officers also want to meet after the MD Assembly is over (after April 9th) to debrief and discuss future directions and strategies. We want to thank our fellow AAUW HoCo members for your support. It really helps. In fact, AAUW Maryland state officers reported that over 200 letters were sent in support of our bill from around the state.

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

Diversity Committee News

Marcia Posner, Chair

On May 3, at 11:30 AM, we will discuss The Leavers by Lisa Ko at a restaurant to be determined. It will be a Chinese restaurant, probably one that specializes in authentic dishes, as well as American Chinese food. Watch for more information to be sent out within a few weeks. Anyone who has an interest in joining us, please e-mail marciaposner@aol.com.

Marcia Posner
Chair, Diversity Committee

March Branch Meeting



Author Edith Cord and Branch President Bea Dane

At the March branch meeting, Edith Cord, author and Holocaust survivor, shared the dramatic and compelling story about her childhood spent hiding from the Nazis during World War II. Her remarks about tolerance inspired all who heard her speak. Edith's book, *Becoming Edith: The Education of a Hidden Child*, is available at the Howard County Library or can be bought online.

AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS

BRANCH MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Program</i>
Tues, April 10	7 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Diversity/Election of officers
Sat, April 28	1 pm	Vantage House	Fashion Show
MAY	n/a	n/a	No meeting
Tues, June 12	6:30 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Salad Supper/Install officers

BOARD MEETINGS

April	n/a	no Board meeting
Tues, May 22	7 pm	TBD – incoming and outgoing officers
Tues, June 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 Count Branch Officers

President: Bea Dane 410-299-8403

1st Vice President: position open

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