

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

MAY 2018

Congratulations and a huge thank you to our newly elected officers for the 2018-20 term, which starts on July 1st.

President: Beth Hayden

Program Co-VPs: Susan Hailman and Barbara Parker

Education VP: Suzanne Soules

Philanthropy VP: Chizoba Ebinama

Membership VP and 1st VP positions are still open!

Officers who will continue in their current term of office are: Advocacy VP's Joan Clinch and Bev Fallik; Communications VP Diane Roca; Finance VP Carol Phelps; Social VP Debbie Munley, and Secretaries Donna Levinson, Mary Ann Crosby and Jeannie Parr.

New officers will be installed at our June 12th Salad Supper meeting – our last Branch meeting of the AAUW year, so hope many of you will turn out. We have lots of room at the 1st Lutheran Church where we meet, and guests are always welcome.

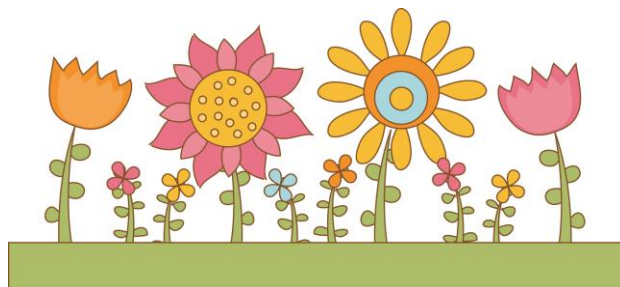
Thanks to the Diversity Committee for the excellent April meeting with authentic Chinese food and a great program given by Marcia Posner and Shigeyo Ibrahim on some history of China and women's evolving roles.

We continue in May with many of our activities, although there is no Branch meeting. Great Decisions, Lunch Bunch, Adventures in Dining, and Reader's Group give us a chance to meet other members in a smaller setting. Please join in!

Please remember to renew your dues! They are \$82 and payable to AAUW Howard County (\$59 for National, \$10 for State, and \$13 for Branch dues). You can give it to Carol Phelps at any event, or mail to her at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045. If you would prefer to renew on-line with a credit card, send me an e-mail and I will generate the invoice to be sent to you electronically.

Bea Dane, President

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SAVE THE DATE

May 3 (Thurs) – Diversity Book Discussion
May 3 (Thurs) - Great Decisions Daytime Group
May 8 (Tues) – Adventures in Dining [Note: second Tuesday in May only]
May 10 (Thurs) – AAUW Readers
May 21 (Mon) – Great Decisions Evening Group
May 31(Thurs) – Lunch Bunch
June 12 (Tues) – 6:30 PM Salad Supper and Installation of Officers, First Evangelical Lutheran Church
Sep 20 (Thurs) - Potluck Supper, First Evangelical Lutheran Church

Proposed New By-Laws! - Time to Vote!

The AAUW Governance Board has proposed three new bylaws which we discussed at the April branch meeting. Information on how to vote was sent out via email or by U S Postal Service mail if you do not have an email address on file with the AAUW National Office. You should have received it last week. Each member received their own membership number and unique PIN number. Save that information. Both numbers are required to vote. Instructions for online voting are included in the email and Outlook magazine. Voting is also available by paper ballot. If you did not receive one, call AAUW at 800-326-2289 and request a paper ballot to be mailed to you. You will need to provide your membership number. Voting began April 25 and will end June 9th at 9 p.m. Results will be announced on June 10 at the annual meeting of the AAUW Board of Directors.

JUNE PROGRAM SALAD SUPPER

The very popular Salad Supper wraps up the branch program year on Tuesday, June 12 at 7:00 PM at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 3604 Chatham Road in Ellicott City (the corner of Chatham Road and Frederick Road- Rte. 144).

This is a great time to bring a prospective member. On the agenda:

- Officer Installation
- Scholarship Winners
- Delicious salads and desserts
- What's happening in the branch: activities and committees

RSVP to Debbie Munley (301) 776-7388 or debbiemunley@verizon.net by Saturday, June 9. Please let her know what you plan to bring.

Last name begins with A – J, bring an entree salad (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)

Last name begins K – S, bring a side or green salad (i.e. potato, pasta, fruit, bean, spinach, Caesar, etc.)

Last name begins T – Z, bring a dessert

Important note! All dishes should serve 8 – 10 people. Please bring your own serving utensils.

FASHION SHOW "SPRING INTO ACTION"

April 28, 2018



Congratulations to the fabulous fashion show models!

The branch's annual fundraiser for our scholarship fund was held April 28 in the newly renovated auditorium of Vantage House. This year's theme was "Spring Into Action" and featured 18 models sporting colorful spring fashions provided by Lord & Taylor, Columbia Mall, suitable for the active woman who works, goes to school, travels, volunteers, or socializes with friends. Besides branch members, among the models were three granddaughters of members (one of whom is 9 months old), and the two recipients of the 2018 scholarships from Howard Community College. Before the show, attendees shopped at our boutique accessory sale and bought raffle tickets to win either a fabulous wine picnic basket or a lobster feast to be shipped from Maine. Both of the raffle prizes were donated by branch members. We also awarded 12 exciting door prizes to attendees during the show, including gift cards for restaurants and stores, plus jewelry, beauty and hair products. All of the door prizes were generously donated by branch members and local businesses.

Such a successful event requires the hard work of a number of people plus the generous support of community partners.

We offer our profuse thanks to:

- Lord & Taylor Columbia Mall
- Vantage House
- The Fashion Show Committee: Beth Hayden, Linda Martin, Roberta Rood, Debbie Munley, Peggy Wong, and Rosemarie Deming, and Carol Phelps
- Our awesome models
- Suzanne Soules
- Bea Dane, President
- Members who donated door prizes, accessories for the sale and bought tickets for the show.

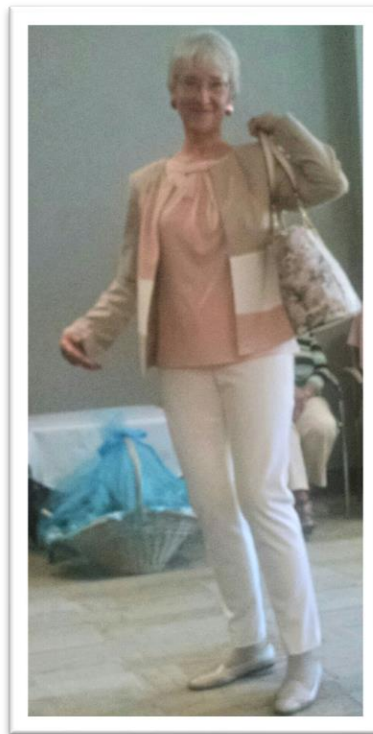
Thanks again for your help and continued support!

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 Caroline Tunison (redcat1977@verizon.net)

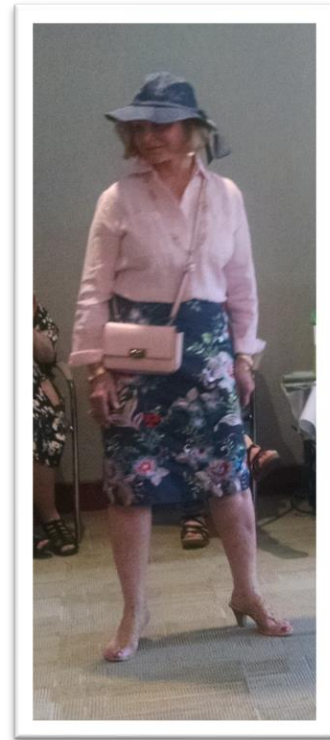
Co-Chairs, Fashion Show



Cookie Cogan



Bobbie Brooks



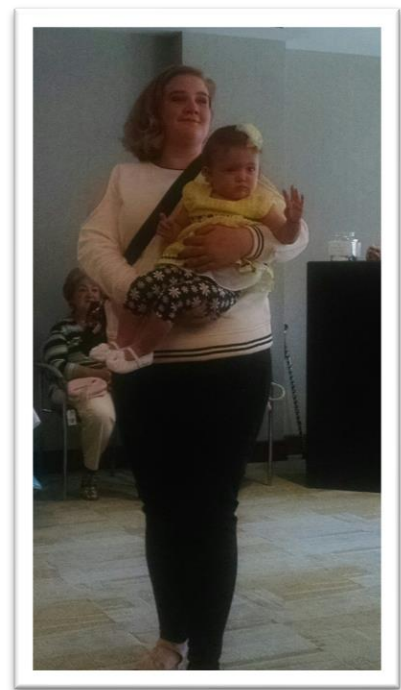
Doris Raytkwitch



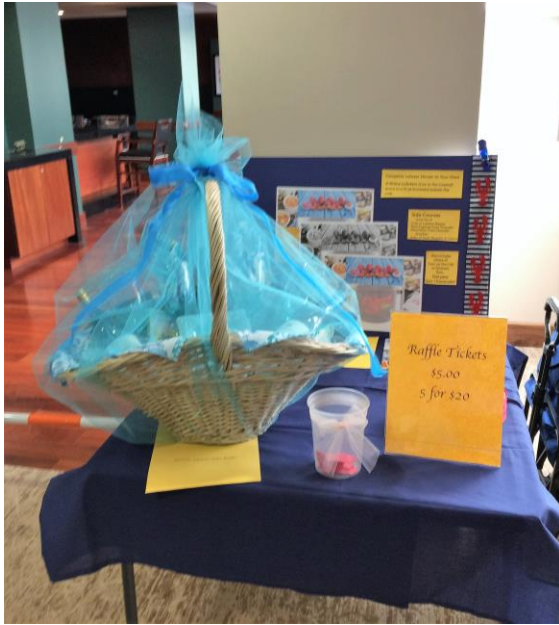
2018 scholarship winner
Marquita Brown



2018 scholarship winner
Oretta Timmons



Baby Eva Vega (9 months old)
carried by her big sister Heidi
Waterstadt. Both are granddaughters
of our member Linda Martin who also
modeled.



A highlight of the afternoon was a drawing for two raffle baskets. The Welcome Summer Wine Basket held wine, nuts, dessert syrup for ice cream, wine glasses, napkins and appetizer plates on a summery, beach theme.

The Lobster Dinner Basket for four people included four 1.5 lb. lobsters, 4# clams, vegetables and dessert. It is shipped out of Brewer, Maine, with an enamel cooking pot, bibs, hand wipes, shell crackers and picks. Yum!

Membership News

Zeli Castella, VP

We would like to welcome several new members. Laura Smit has a Master's in Public Health from Columbia University and works for the Columbia Association in the International Exchange and Multicultural Program. Susan Childers is a retired Systems Engineer with an MA from Penn State University. Nora Putt has an MBA from University of Phoenix and joined our Branch at the recent State Convention, where she was installed as a Maryland State Co-VP of Programs.

Speaking of membership – it's time to pay your dues!

Dues for 2018-2019 are \$82.00. This amount includes your national, state and branch memberships. Please make your check payable to *AAUW Howard County* and mail to Carol Phelps, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

Effective March 16, 2018, AAUW National Membership dues increased from \$49 to \$59, the first increase in ten years. Of the \$59, \$56 is tax deductible as a charitable contribution. The remaining \$3 is not tax deductible because it supports the AAUW Action Fund's section 501(c)(4) Capitol Hill Lobby Corps and get-out-the-vote activities. Maryland AAUW and Howard County Branch dues have not increased.

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, May 21 7:00- 9:00 PM

Host: Peg O'Rourke, 11150 Chambers Court, Unit K, Woodstock.

Refreshments: Diane Roca

Topic 5: *Turkey: Partner in Crisis*

Diane Roca, Evening Group Contact

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DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions group will meet on Thursday, May 3 at 1: pm. We will discuss Chapter 4, *Media and Foreign Policy*. 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@optonline.net

Lorraine Tروف, Daytime Group Contact

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

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be dining at Chapala's at 15530 Old Columbia Pike in Burtonsville (near intersection of 29 and 198) on Tuesday, May 8th at 6:30. Please let me know if you plan to attend so that I may make reservations. If anyone needs to carpool, please let me know and I'll see what might be arranged. Hope to see you there!!!

Carol Phelps, Chair

carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, May 31st, at 11:30 in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. We always meet on the last Thursday of the month, and May has five Thursdays this year.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

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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

Update on our Partnership with Howard Community College

On Tuesday, April 17, 2018, Cheryl Nitz, Assistant Professor of Health Sciences and Maureen Marshall, Associate Director of Career Links conducted an enthusiastic tour of the Health Sciences building for members Phyllis Rudz and Suzanne Soules. The new building hosts state-of-the-art facilities including a full dental hygiene lab where students or the public can get their teeth cleaned for about \$15. There is a replica EMS ambulance for emergency responder training. In all departments students practice on mannequins with internal computerized equipment so the instructors can simulate conditions like a heart attack or seizure or stroke in the patient. Students can focus on any one of 10 specialties:

- Cardiovascular Technology
- Dental Hygiene
- Diagnostic Medical Sonography
- Emergency Medical Services
- Health Promotion and Human Performance
- Medical Laboratory Technician
- Nursing
- Physical Therapist Assistant
- Radiologic Technology
- Mid-Maryland Allied Healthcare Consortium

Many of our scholarship recipients come from the Allied Health fields. It is encouraging to witness the excellent resources available to them, and to feel we are supporting well educated nurses and technicians who, in fact, may be taking care of us!

Salary Negotiation Training

The Start Smart Seminar, which was postponed from March due to snow, will be conducted on Wednesday, April 25 in the Science, Engineering and Technology building. Debbie Munley will facilitate and I will support. There are 10 students enrolled. AAUW National has set the ambitious goal to train 10 million women by 2022.

Seminars are being conducted all over the country at colleges, universities, churches and community or government centers. The program is designed to teach women how to negotiate salaries for a new job. The content includes:

- How to identify and articulate your personal value
- How to develop an arsenal of persuasive responses and other strategies to use when negotiating
- How to conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits
- Learn about the pay gap, including its long-term consequences

Suzanne Soules
VP Education

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. Anyone who has an interest in joining us, please e-mail marciaposner@aol.com.

Marcia Posner
Chair

AAUW Maryland Convention

“Moving Forward with Focus, Relevance and Impact”

AAUW Maryland held the annual convention on April 14 at the Catonsville Campus of Community College of Baltimore County. Deborah Vagins, Senior Vice President for Public Policy and Research, gave an update of AAUW’s Strategic Plan for the future. Our Branch president, Bea Dane, was elected as VP for Funds and Nora Putt, a new member of the branch, as Co-VP for Programs. Congratulations to the new officers!

Incoming State Officers

Two-year terms beginning July 1, 2018

- Kate Campbell Stevenson (Kensington-Rockville) and Susan Wierman (Baltimore) - Co-Presidents
- Tracy Lantz (Kensington-Rockville) and Nora Putt (Howard County) – Co-Vice Presidents for Programs
- Eileen Menton (Baltimore) – Vice President for Communications
- Bea Dane (Howard County) – Vice President for Funds

Officers continuing in the second year of their two-year terms:

- Christine Schmitz (Baltimore) - Treasurer
- Mary Anne Williams (Frederick) and Heather Reichardt (Gaithersburg) – Co-Secretaries
- Carol Mueller (Garrett County) - Vice President Membership
- Erin Prangley (Kensington-Rockville) - Vice President Public Policy

APRIL BRANCH MEETING “A TASTE OF CHINA”

At the April branch meeting, the Diversity Committee presented a program about China. Members enjoyed a tasting of traditional foods, information about the changing roles of women in China and a little tutorial about different types of chopsticks. Many thanks to the committee members for a special evening!



Shigeyo Ibrahim displaying her collection of chopsticks



Marcia Posner and Shigeyo with map showing diversity within China.



Marcia shared her research on women in China.



Members enjoyed good food and conversation.

AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS

BRANCH MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Program</i>
May	n/a	n/a	No meeting
Tues, June 12	6:30 pm	1 st Evan Lutheran Church	Salad Supper/Install officers

SAVE THE DATE!

September 20 (Thurs) Potluck Supper at 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church

BOARD MEETINGS

Tues, May 22	7 pm	Central Library – incoming and outgoing officers
Tues, June 19	7 pm	Central Library – incoming and outgoing officers

AAUW MARYLAND STATE-WIDE EVENTS

Sat. July 21 – Summer Leadership Conference at Harford Community College

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