

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

JUNE/JULY 2018

It is hard to believe that I am ending my fourth year as President of this wonderful branch of AAUW! It has truly been an honor to lead the Howard County Branch for these past years. I hope you are as proud as I am of all the things we have done: raising thousands of dollars for scholarships; sending students each year to the National Conference for Women Student Leaders; working with the State Legislature on bills supporting women in numerous ways; lobbying in Annapolis and Washington, DC; participating in Girl Power and other STEM events; educating ourselves through Great Decisions, Reader's Group and many Diversity activities; supporting State and National AAUW by attending their meetings and donating to their funds; and meeting new friends through our social activities. It has really been a great 4 years for me! Don't worry, you will still be seeing me at many meetings and events.

I wish to thank everyone who served on the Board over the past four years, and those who chaired events, hosted activities, and attended meetings. I couldn't have done it without you! I know you will continue to support the new officers in the upcoming year. Please come to the June 12th Salad Supper meeting to see them getting installed. We have lots of room at the 1st Lutheran Church where we meet, and guests are always welcome. We will also be meeting our scholarship winners, who are always so appreciative of our financial help.

I hope to see many of you over the summer at our Dining Out, Lunch Bunch, Reader's Group, or other activities that may be set up. If I don't see you, have a wonderful summer! We will come recharged to our September meeting, ready to continue our efforts to advance equity for women and girls and support AAUW at not only our branch level, but also at the State and National level. 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 your payment to Carol Phelps at any event, or mail to her at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045. You also should have received an email invoice in case you find renewing on-line is easier.

Bea Dane, President
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A graphic that says 'THANK YOU' in a bold, blue, sans-serif font. The letters are slightly slanted. Below the text is a thick, blue, wavy line that curves under the words.

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 -
Update on 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.

SAVE THE DATE

June 5 (Tues) – Adventures in Dining

June 7 (Thurs) – Great Decisions Daytime Group

June 9 (Sat) – Last Day to Vote on Proposed AAUW Bylaws

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

June 12 (Tues) – Diversity Book Discussion

June 18 (Mon) – Great Decisions Evening Group

July 19 (Thurs) – AAUW Readers

July 21 (Sat) – AAUW Maryland Leadership Conference

Sep 20 (Thurs) - Potluck Supper, First Evangelical Lutheran Church

[Proposed New By-Laws! - There Still Is Time to Vote – Last Day June 9!](#)

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. 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.

Membership News **Zeli Castella, VP**

Welcome

We would like to welcome Mary O’Dea, a former branch member, who renewed her membership at the Fashion Show.

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.

Remembering an AAUW Friend

We are saddened to learn that member Mary Befacchia passed away on March 15 at the age of 90. Mary was a lifetime member of AAUW and had been co-President of the Howard County branch from 2006-2008. Mary received her undergraduate degree in English Literature from American University, and her master's degree in Library Science from The University of Maryland. During her career, Mary worked as a Librarian at The Library of Congress in Washington, D.C. and The U.S. Defense Document Center in Arlington, Virginia. Mary and her husband resided in Columbia, Maryland during the greater part of their marriage, where Mary was a member of several societies dedicated to promoting higher education for women.

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, June 18 7:00- 9:00 PM

Host: Beth Hayden, 7117 Rivers View Court, Columbia 21044

Refreshments: Beth and Carol Phelps

Topic 6: *US Global Engagement and the Military*

No meeting in July. Next meeting August 20.

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

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions group will meet on Thursday, June 7, at 1:00 pm. We will discuss Chapter 5, *Turkey: Partner in Crisis*. We will meet at the home of Suzanne Soules. Please let Suzanne know if you plan to attend at Suzanne.soules@gmail.com or 410872-8603.

We will not meet in July and August but will return on Thursday, September 6.

Lorraine Tropf, Daytime Group Contact
lmerdon@verizon.net or 301-617-2785.

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meeting at the new Food Plenty restaurant in Clarksville (near the Wendy's) at 6:30 on Tuesday, June 5th. I will send information about the July and August plans by email to members of the group.

Carol Phelps, Chair

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LUNCH BUNCH

In June we will meet on Thursday, June 28th. We will NOT meet in July this year. I will be out of town and I assume others will be too. We will meet in August at our usual time, Thursday, August 30th. We always meet at 11:30 AM in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. No reservations are necessary.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

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READER'S GROUP

AAUW Readers will meet on July 19, 11:00 AM, at the East Cradlerock Senior Center Cardroom. At the meeting we will be discussing "ALL BOOKS OR FILMS ROYAL." This includes any book, movie, TV program, etc. that relates to the Royal Family--past, present, future. This could include Victoria and Albert, The Crown, Wallis Simpson, Diana, Harry and Meghan's wedding, etc. Of course, the discussion will be followed by a yummy lunch to be decided at the meeting. Hope you can join us

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Diversity Committee

Deb Wade, Chair

The Diversity Committee will meet at Hunan Taste, 718 N Rolling Road, Catonsville, on June 12, at 12:00 PM, to discuss the book *The Leavers* by Lydia Ko. Debi Wade will be taking over as Chair of the committee on July 1. We look forward to getting many new members for our committee at the Salad Supper.

Marcia Posner
Retiring Chair

AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2018 CALENDER OF EVENTS

BRANCH MEETINGS

<i>Day/Date</i>	<i>Time</i>	<i>Location</i>	<i>Program</i>
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, 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

BRANCH NEWSLETTER DEADLINE

There will be no August issue of the branch newsletter. The next issue will be September 2018. Deadline for articles is August 20. Send articles and photos to Diane Roca at dbroca@comcast.net.

2018-2019 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

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