

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

## SEPTEMBER 2018

I hope everyone is enjoying the summer, which is rapidly coming to an end, and ready for an exciting year of branch activities. The Board has been busy planning a number of activities, updating our branch website, adding a calendar, drafting a budget, and developing our goals for the next two years. We will share our plans at our first Branch meeting, the **September 20 Potluck Dinner** at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church on the corner of Route 144 (Frederick Road) and Chatham Road in Ellicott City. Social time and set up will start at 6:30 p.m. and dining will be at 7 p.m. followed by our business meeting.

Bea Dane has arranged for AAUW MD Co-Chair Kate Campbell Stevenson to kick off the year at the Potluck dinner, and Kate always has entertaining stories! So, I hope many of you will turn out. Guests are always welcome. Debbie Munley will be coordinating what food everyone should bring.

We would like members' input on our goals, so that they reflect what the Branch wants to do. We hope to provide copies at our September 20th meeting and email it to all members for comment.

Kudos to Diane Roca for keeping up with communications and getting our website in good shape while trying to get some summer vacation time! Bea has also been very helpful in getting me up to speed on the President's duties.

Please remember to renew your dues. They are \$82, payable to AAUW Howard County (\$59 for National, \$10 for State, and \$13 for Branch dues). You can give a check to Carol Phelps at the September 20 meeting or mail one to her at 6680 Star Path, Columbia, MD 21045.

See you September 20th!

Beth Hayden, President [bethhayden@verizon.net](mailto:bethhayden@verizon.net)

### **SAVE THE DATE**

**September 4 (Tues)** – Adventures in Dining  
**September 6 (Thurs)** – Great Decisions Daytime Group  
**September 24 (Mon)** – Great Decisions Evening Group  
**September 20 (Thurs)** – AAUW Readers  
**September 20 (Thurs)** - Potluck Supper, First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
**September 27 (Thurs)** – Lunch Bunch  
**October 20 (Sat)** – AAUW Maryland State Fall Board Meeting, Bethesda  
**November 27 (Tues)** – Tino's Italian Bistro Fundraiser  
**December 9 (Sat)** – Holiday party

## September Program Potluck Supper

**JOIN US AS WE KICK OFF AAUW HOWARD COUNTY BRANCH'S  
2018-2019 YEAR with our annual POTLUCK SUPPER**

**When:** Thursday, September 20, 2018  
6:30 PM Set up and Social Time  
7:00 PM Dinner

**Where:** First Evangelical Lutheran Church  
Corner of Route 144 (Frederick Rd) and Chatham Rd  
Ellicott City, MD

**Guest Speaker:** Kate Campbell Stevenson, Co-President AAUW Maryland and  
Recipient of *Woman of Distinction Award*, June 2018

A short branch business meeting will follow dinner.



**Roasted chicken and beverages will be furnished by the Branch.**

Please bring a ready-to-serve dish for 8-10 people. Please bring a serving utensil and put your name on the dish and utensil.

***If your last name begins with A to J, please bring a salad (green salad, pasta/rice salad, fruit salad).***

***If your last name begins with K to S, please bring a side dish (casserole, vegetables).***

***If your last name begins with T to Z please bring a dessert.***

**Please RSVP by Tuesday, September 18, and let us know what you are bringing. Guests and prospective members are welcome to attend.**

Debbie Munley Email: [debbiemunley@verizon.net](mailto:debbiemunley@verizon.net) or call 301-776-7388



Thank you for your help in making this an event to remember!

*Debbie*  
**Vice President - Social Committee**

## 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, September 24 7:00- 9:00 PM

Host: Trent Kittleman

Refreshments: TBD

Topic 7: *South Africa's Fragile Democracy*

Note change of date for this month only.

*Diane Roca, Evening Group Contact*

[dbroca@comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) or 410-964-3523

#### **DAYTIME GROUP**

The Daytime Great Decisions group will meet on Thursday, September 6 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss Chapter 6, *U.S. Global Engagement and the Military*. Inge Stocklin graciously offered her house for the discussion. Please contact Inge if you plan to attend. 301-490-3544 (H); 301-346-6226 (C); [ingestocklin@verizon.net](mailto:ingestocklin@verizon.net)

Looking forward to seeing everyone after our summer break!

*Lorraine Tropf, Daytime Group Contact*

[lmerdon@verizon.net](mailto:lmerdon@verizon.net) or 301-617-2785.

#### **ADVENTURES IN DINING**

We will be meeting at The Ale House, 6480 Dobbin Center Way, Columbia at 6:30 on Tuesday, September 4th.

*Carol Phelps, Chair* [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net)

### LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, September 27th, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. Any and all members are welcome to attend, no reservations needed.

*Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch*

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

### AAUW READERS

We meet on the third Thursday of the month at the East Columbia Senior Center at 11:00 am. Lunch at a local restaurant follows the discussion.

#### **2018**

- September 20: *KILLERS OF THE FLOWER MOON* by David Grann, presenter is Suzanne Soules. *Killers of the Flower Moon* was a finalist for last year's National Book Award and winner of the 2018 Edgar Award for Best Fact Crime:
- November 15: *THE FEMALE PERSUASION* by Meg Wolitzer, presenter is Doris Raytkwich.

#### **2019**

- January 17: *THE LIGHT WE LOST* by Jill Santopolo, presenter is Debbie McLaughlin.
- March 21: *THE LEAVERS* by Lisa Ko, presenter is Peggy Wong.
- May 16: *PLANNING MEETING* for 2019-2020.

Contacts: *Doris Raytkwich*

[dwhitespring@verizon.net](mailto:dwhitespring@verizon.net) or

301-776-1392

*Barbara Parker* [bparker@virginia.edu](mailto:bparker@virginia.edu)

or 410-796-9019

## **Public Policy Committee** **Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch, Co-VPs**

The public policy committee has been meeting to assess our current bill status and identify obstacles and future options. We have involved the current and past state policy representatives in the discussion. We will be meeting with Senator Lee's Chief of Staff on September 6th to obtain his good advice and perspective about alternatives going forward, and the larger legislative and political context of the upcoming year. In order to be successful, we will need to deepen and broaden support and assistance. Anyone interested in working on this and other public policy issues, we welcome your participation. Just contact Bev ( [bevfallik@gmail.com](mailto:bevfallik@gmail.com)), Joan ( [joclin1939@gmail.com](mailto:joclin1939@gmail.com)) or anyone on our team (Marcia, Penny, Beth), and we will add you to our membership. Thanks in advance!

*Bev Fallik*  
*Co-Vice President*

## **Branch Website Update** **and Membership Directory**

Did you know that our branch has a website? During the summer, the board has written new articles and set up an email address so any visitor to the website who wants information about the branch can send us a message. In the Members Only section, look for the latest newsletter, past issues and a directory of all branch members. Wondering when an Interest Group plans its next meeting? A calendar of all activities from September 2018 to June 2019 is also on the website.

You can access the website via the URL and password shown at the bottom of each page of this newsletter.

## **AAUW Strategic Plan**

With the arrival of AAUW's new CEO, Kimberly Churches, the national board has reviewed all aspects of AAUW and created a new Strategic Plan. It focuses on three goals that have long been the hallmark of AAUW – Education and Training, Economic Security and Leadership.

Click on this link to see the entire Strategic Plan on the AAUW website.  
<https://www.aauw.org/who-we-are/strategic-plan>

## AAUW Bylaws Voting Results

The AAUW National Governance Board presented three proposed bylaws to the membership for a vote last spring. The one that drew the most attention, Proposal 3, would eliminate that educational degree requirement for membership in AAUW. As shown in the table below, it did not pass.

### AAUW Bylaws Voting Results

Proposal Topic	Pass	Percent Affirmative	Yes	No	Abstain	Did Not Vote
Proposal 1. re: Staggered Terms	Yes	96.61%	13584	477	550	113
Proposal 2. re: non-AAUW Members on Board	No	54.47%	7110	6188	1310	116
Proposal 3. re: Degree Requirement	No	47.73%	6503	7121	997	103

### How Many Members of AAUW Maryland Voted?

Eligible voters	Online Votes	Paper Votes	Total Voted	Percentage
1462	262	12	274	18.74%

### Introducing AAUW's New Governance Forum

AAUW's Governance Committee has responded to many of the questions raised last year when bylaws amendments were presented for a vote in a non-convention year. It's quite informative to read the information now posted on the AAUW website, and the AAUW Governance Committee is encouraging members to submit comments and questions for an ongoing dialogue.

Comments are currently posted in response to the following questions:

- Why were bylaw amendments presented for vote in 2018?
- Is voting every year going to be the new tradition?
- Why did the AAUW Governance Committee reintroduce a motion that failed the prior year?

Here's the link to view the Governance Committee's replies:

<https://www.aauw.org/resource/aauw-governance-question-forum/>

And here's an e-mail address for submitting questions and comments to the Governance Committee about AAUW bylaws, policies, and voting:

[aauwgovernance@aauw.org](mailto:aauwgovernance@aauw.org)

## AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2018 - 2019 BUDGET

<b>INCOME</b>	
Dues (80)	1040
Fashion Show (Net)	4000
Holiday Party (Net)	500
Tino's fundraiser	500
Reserve	1535
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>7575</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>	
Room Rental	375
Program	150
Newsletter	50
Membership	100
Social	200
Education	250
Website	120
Public Policy	250
Diversity	175
President	100
Treasurer	20
Insurance	185
Convention	0
<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATING EXPENSES</b>	<b>1975</b>
HCC Scholarships	2000
HCC Local Students - 2	1500
MD Woman of Distinction	250
National Unrestricted Fund	250
Hammond Diamonds	500
NCCWSL - 2	1100
<b>SUBTOTAL EDUCATION</b>	<b>5600</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>7575</b>

Branch members will vote on the budget during the business meeting at the September Pot Luck.

## AAUW HOWARD COUNTY 2018 - 2019 CALENDAR OF EVENTS

### SEPTEMBER

- 4 -- **Adventures in Dining** – Columbia Ale House
- 6 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm; *U.S. Global Engagement and the Military*
- 12 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library
- 20 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, *Killers of the Flower Moon* by David Grann
- 20 -- **Branch Potluck Supper** @ 6:30 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church; speaker Kate Campbell Stevenson
- 24 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm, Trent Kittleman's house; *South Africa's Fragile Democracy*
- 25 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's
- 27 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

### OCTOBER

- 2 -- **Adventures in Dining** – Place TBD
- 4 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm; *South Africa's Fragile Democracy*
- 15 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7pm, Bev Fallik's house; *Global Health: Progress and Challenges*
- 16 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library
- 20 -- **AAUW Maryland State Fall Board Meeting**, Bethesda
- 23 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's
- 25 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

### NOVEMBER

- 1 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm; *Global Health: Progress and Challenges*
- 6 -- **Adventures in Dining** - Place TBD
- 13 -- **Branch Meeting** @ 7 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 15 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer
- 17 -- **MLAW Conference**
- 20 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library
- 27 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's
- 27 -- **Tino's Italian Bistro** Fundraiser - All day; Columbia
- 29 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBD- **Start Smart**



**DECEMBER**

- 4 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:30 p.m.; King's Contrivance  
 9 -- **Holiday Party & Silent Auction**, Barbara Parker's House  
 18 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library  
 TBD - **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's  
 27 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

**JANUARY**

- 8 -- **Adventures in Dining** – Place TBD  
 15 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library  
 17 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, *The Light we Lost*, by Jill Santopolo  
 21 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm  
 22 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's  
 24 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café  
 TBD - **League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon**  
 TBD – **Women's Legislative Briefing**

**FEBRUARY**

- 5 -- **Adventures in Dining** – Place TBD  
 7 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm  
 TBD--**Book Bash**, Union Jack's  
 18 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm  
 19 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library  
 26 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's  
 28 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

**MARCH – Women's History Month**

- 5 -- **Adventures in Dining** – Place TBD  
 7 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm  
 12 -- **Branch Meeting** @ 7 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church  
 18 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm  
 19 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library  
 21 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, *The Leavers* by Lisa Ko  
 26 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10 am; Wegman's  
 28 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café  
 TBD -- **Girl Power** @ John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab  
 TBD -- **Diversity Event**

**APRIL**

- 2 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD**
- 4 -- Great Decisions @ 1 pm**
- 9 -- Branch Meeting @ 7 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church**
- 15 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm**
- 16 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library**
- 23 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 10 am; Wegman's**
- 25 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café**
- TBD--Fashion Show @ Vantage House**
- TBD-- HCC STEM Festival**

**MAY**

- 2 – Great Decisions @ 1pm**
- 7 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD**
- 16 -- AAUW Readers @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, planning meeting for 2019-20**
- 20 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm**
- 21 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library**
- 30 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café**

**JUNE**

- 4 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD**
- 6 – Great Decisions @ 1pm**
- 11 -- Branch Salad Supper @ 6:30 pm; 1<sup>st</sup> Evangelical Lutheran Church; install officers; meet scholarship winners**
- 17 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm**
- 18 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library**
- 25 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 10 am; Wegman's**
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café**



**2018-2019 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers**

*President: Beth Hayden 410-707-2018*

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*AAUW Readers: Doris Raytkwich 301-776-1392,*

*Barbara Parker 410-796-9019*

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