

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

OCTOBER 2018

It was great to see everyone who attended our September potluck meeting to kick off the year. We are off to a great start! Many thanks to Social VP, Debbie Munley, for organizing an excellent potluck and to all of you for bringing delicious side dishes! Our guest speaker was Kate Campbell Stevenson, Maryland's 2018 NCCWSL Woman of Distinction and Co-President of AAUW MD. She did a brief skit about how women got the vote in Wyoming and spoke about how to get involved in women's issues.

Kate also encouraged members to attend the AAUW Maryland Fall Meeting, that will be held Saturday, October 20, at the Metropolitan in Bethesda, MD from 9:30 a.m. to 12:45 p.m. Check your *Marylander* (recently emailed) for more information, directions and registration.

We are now at 71 paid memberships for the upcoming year, and the 2018-19 budget of \$7,575 was passed unanimously at our September meeting. This budget will allow us to continue to fund our scholarships and maintain operational expenses. We may look into expanding our scholarships if we continue to do well on our fundraisers.

We've had an idea floated to have a tea this year to supplement our traditional fashion show. Anyone wishing to join in this fundraiser, under the Philanthropy Committee should contact Chizoba Ebinama at chizoe@besthomecaremd.com. More details are provided later in this newsletter.

Mark your calendars for November 27th and tell all your friends to come to our fundraiser at Tino's Bistro. Last year we made \$500, so let's shoot for \$1,000 this year for scholarships!

Our Holiday Party and Silent Auction will be held again at Barbara Parker's historic house, that she so kindly agreed to open to us, on Sunday, December 9th. I encourage you to read what the various committees are planning as detailed in this newsletter.

Note there will be NO branch meeting in October, but we will resume on November 13 with a presentation on Transition Howard County. In addition, check out our new branch photo on our website and I will see you in November!

Beth Hayden, President
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SAVE THE DATE

- October 2 (Tues)** – Adventures in Dining
- October 4 (Thurs)** – Great Decisions Daytime Group
- October 15 (Mon)** – Great Decisions Evening Group
- October 20 (Sat)** – AAUW Maryland State Fall Board Meeting, Bethesda
- October 25 (Thurs)** – Lunch Bunch
- November 13 (Tues)** – Branch Meeting
- November 27 (Tues)** – Tino’s Italian Bistro Fundraiser
- December 9 (Sat)** – Holiday Party and Silent Auction

Programs **Susan Hailman, VP**

Photos from the September Potluck



AAUW Howard County members gathered for the Potluck Supper. Look for this photo on our branch website!



(Left) Kate Campbell Stevenson, AAUW Maryland Co-President and Recipient of the 2018 AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction Award, with Beth Hayden, Branch President. Kate spoke about Maryland state division plans for the coming two years, including observance of the 100th anniversary of the Nineteenth Amendment. Then she entertained the group with a little history of the Petticoat Government (1920) in Jackson Hole, Wyoming, which, as a territory, granted women the right to vote in 1869. You can read more about it on Kate's website.

<http://www.katecampbellstevenson.com/crabtree.htm>



Kate in the role of Rose Crabtree, leader of the slate of women elected to office in Jackson Hole in 1920.

More About Programs

No Branch meeting in October.

Our **next AAUW branch meeting will be Tuesday, November 13.** It will feature a presentation by two representatives of **Transition Howard County.** The mission of Transition is to raise awareness, advocate, and implement practical solutions that create and strengthen sustainable communities. Their practical, small steps/big vision approach encompasses energy use, food and nutrition, gardening, fix-it cafes – even a new fiber shed directory for those of us who work with textiles. Come and learn what we can do to make our community more sustainable and what resources are available to help us get there. Feel free to bring a friend!

Susan Hailman
Program Vice President

Save the Date **Holiday Party**

The **Annual Holiday Party/Silent Auction** will once again be held again at Barbara Parker's historic Rockburn House. There is no better location to enjoy friends, fellowship and the holiday spirit.

Date: December 9, 2018 (Sunday)
Time: 2:00 PM to 5:00 PM

More on the Silent Auction:

We've heard from many of you about the need to include scholarship funding sources that create greater opportunities for community involvement. We are proposing a two-pronged approach to this year's **Silent Auction**. The first will involve willing/interested members engaging businesses establishments they regularly frequent with a prepared flyer briefly describing our mission along with requests for donations. Examples include restaurants, shop owners etc. This approach allows for easy, effective marketing while increasing potential funding sources.

For members who prefer to be involved in a different way, we will also be soliciting offers for services to bid on. Examples include members with artistic skills who would be willing to paint a picture or portrait from a photo copy, crafters who could construct a holiday decoration with supplies paid for by the Branch, someone who could tune a piano and so forth. Sharing your time and talent is an excellent way to become more engaged with the Branch while actively fulfilling our mission.

Debbie Munley
Social Vice-President

Philanthropy **Chizoba Ebinama, VP**

There's something new planned for Philanthropy for this Spring!

Afternoon Tea Party

The Afternoon Tea Party is a new event. It will not replace Fashion Show; it is just to have another way to raise money scholarships.

At the last branch meeting I was pleased to have five ladies volunteered to join the committee for the Tea, and more are

The following people signed up to be in the committee:

Chizoba Ebinama - Chair person

Donna Levinson

Deborah Wade

Marcia Posner

Lorraine Tropf

Zeli Castella

Chizoba Ebinama. Vice President



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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, October 15 at 7:00- 9:00 PM

Host: Bev Fallik

Refreshments: Jean Parr

Topic 8: *Global Health: Progress and Challenges*

Contact: Diane Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions group will meet on Thursday, October 4 at 1:00 pm. We will discuss Chapter 7, "*South America's Fragile Democracy*". Mary Ann Crosby graciously offered her house for the discussion. Please contact Mary Ann if you plan to attend; H (410)465-6507 or

baywatch333@verizon.net

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meeting at Seasons 52 outside of Columbia Mall at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, October 2. Please RSVP so I can make the reservation for the correct number.

Carol Phelps, Chair carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will be on Thursday, October 25th, at Nordstrom's Cafe, 11:30 AM, in the Columbia Mall. Any and all members are welcome to attend, no reservations needed.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

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

- 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*

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301-776-1392

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Education

Suzanne Soules, VP

At our September meeting, Kate Campbell Stevenson talked about the economic needs women have to be able to fully support their families, and ways AAUW is actively addressing some of those areas. We here in Howard County are doing very important grass roots support, one woman at a time, specifically with our scholarships. Petrina Miller, our transfer scholarship recipient, attended our meeting and is a wonderful example of a woman with a vision.



(Left) Scholarship recipient Trina Miller and Education VP Suzanne Soules.

Petrina, who goes by Trina, is a mother of two school age children. She works full time at Wilde Lake High School in the teen mother program and takes classes to reach her goal. Not a spare moment in her week!

As a working single mom, she knows first-hand how hard it is to find quality childcare at an affordable price. She knows how hard it is to find childcare for parents who do not work a 9-5 job, but an evening shift or a night job. She knows first-hand the emotional wrench it is to leave a very young child in someone's care, praying that child will be safe, and healthy when she picks the child up.

Her goal is to solve the problem for some parents. Trina wants to own and operate a center that will offer 24-hour care, 7 days a week. She wants a drop -in option for when a parent has a doctor appointment for example, or even better, an interview. She plans on having a sick child infirmary as part of her center. She plans on serving healthy meals that children will eat and love. She plans on hiring only the best trained and qualified teachers and aids.

To make sure she herself is best qualified, she has taken Early Childhood Education classes at Howard Community College. She has taken all the general studies classes, emphasizing business administration. She was granted her Associate of Arts Degree in May 2018. This semester she is taking classes on line through Liberty University. Slowly, but determinedly, she will get her BA and pursue her goal of owning a day care center. She is ambitious, and with any luck, she will own many of them in the least served communities.

All best wishes to Trina.

Suzanne Soules

Public Policy Committee

Bev Fallik and Joan Clinch, Co-VPs

The arrival of Fall is a reminder that the 2018 year is getting closer to its end. This means that the 2019 Legislative Session of the Maryland General Assembly is getting closer.

This also means that the Advocacy Committee of the Howard County Branch of AAUW in Maryland has begun to gear up for round four of efforts to work for passage of a bill to extend child support beyond the age of majority (18) for higher education.

The outlook is good! Collaboration between the offices of Senator Susan Lee and Delegate Terri Hill is underway to have a draft by the end of October. Michael Lore from Sen. Lee's office has been particularly helpful. Linda Mahoney from NOW has joined our effort and her experience with legislative issues is a real asset. There will be time to review the bill and garner support for the bill. We are very optimistic.

The committee has an action list that involves research, visits to potential supporters, and outreach. **We need your help.** This is a great way to see the state government at work! Please contact Bev Fallik 301-596-6208, bevfallik@gmail.com or Joan Clinch 443-995-8799, joclin1939@gmail.com to volunteer or ask any questions.

Joan Clinch
Co-Vice President

Membership

Zeli Castella, Vice President

I received an application from a potential member from Beth Hayden. I have contacted the applicant twice and have received no response. I will send her a letter of welcome in which I will explain about our organization and dues. I am hoping she will respond.

Zeli Castella
Vice President

2018 - 2019 Calendar

OCTOBER

- 2 -- **Adventures in Dining** – Season's 52, Columbia Mall
- 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; 1st 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; 1st 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; 1st 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; 1st 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**



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