

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

NOVEMBER 2018

As the weather gets cold and Thanksgiving nears, thoughts start turning to fall activities, and I hope you will enjoy those we have planned for you. Remember committees always need help, so consider signing up and feel good working as a team. Two fundraisers are coming up:

1) Mark your calendars and spread the word about **Tino's Bistro on November 27th** where we will earn 10% of all receipts from that day. That's both dine in and carryout. We likely will have had enough turkey by then, so bring your family and friends for some great Italian food!

2) Our **Silent Auction** at our Holiday Party December 9th needs your help. **Over the next few weeks, I encourage everyone to try to obtain items donated by local businesses or donate something yourself!** Gift cards, certificates, services, merchandise, tickets, memorabilia, homemade crafts and any other donation is needed to help fund our scholarships. Attached to this newsletter is a letter you can give to merchants. This can help us get our name out in the community and help merchants to expand their customer base. Silent auctions are a fun way to help support our scholarship fund for women.

In other news:

- We are proceeding with plans for our annual Fashion Show at the Vantage House with Lord and Taylor assuring me they will be our sponsor once again.
- The idea for having a tea is being fleshed out by the Philanthropy Committee and we will make a final decision on whether to hold it in the fall after the details are presented.
- The Public Policy Committee is working to submit a draft bill for extending child support for children of divorced parents until the age of 21 to be considered by the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women at their November 17 conference.
- The Diversity Committee will focus on Korea for their program this year.
- The Education Committee is looking to conduct a Start Smart workshop at HCC this fall.

We hope everyone plans to continue their membership, however, failure to pay dues will result in your name being removed from our list of members in November. If you haven't already done so, please remember to renew your membership!

Our next branch meeting is November 13 where we will hear a presentation on Transition Howard County -- how repair rather than replacement of household goods and sharing of skills can have a positive impact on our community and connectedness to each other. Bring a friend and I'll see you there.

Beth Hayden, President
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Program

Susan Hailman, VP

Topic: *Transition Howard County*

Date: November 13

Time: 7:00 PM – 9:00 PM

Location: First Evangelical Lutheran Church, located at 3604 Chatham Road in Ellicott City (the corner of Chatham Road and Frederick Road- Route 144).

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



- Repair Café
- Maryland Fibershed
- Easy Gardening
- And MORE

Live Local and Prosper!

Holiday Party and Silent Auction

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

For details of the cost, what food to bring and directions, see the flyers sent with this newsletter.

In addition to celebrating the holiday season with friends, food and cheer, we hope to maximize fund raising efforts by bringing back the Silent Auction. We announced this at the September Branch meeting and in the October Newsletter to provide time for members to begin thinking about what they may be able to donate. For members with business connections they feel comfortable soliciting a donation from, we will have attached a brief letter to assist with this effort. At this time, we would like to begin collecting intended donation information. Please email or call Debbie Munley by December 5th with the name(s) of any items(s), a brief description, if necessary, and a suggested price so we can adequately plan for space requirements. If the donation is from a merchant, please include name of facility and contact information.

If you are unable to attend the event, Debbie is happy to make arrangements to secure donated items from you before the party.

Debbie Munley

Social Vice-President

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AAUW's Bold Goal

Train 10 million women how to negotiate with Work Smart

One of AAUW's goals is to close the pay gap between men's earnings and women's. One way to do that is by offering Work Smart training online. Work Smart teaches how to negotiate for the best salary. Most of the time, men take it as a given that they will ask for more than is offered in a salary negotiation, but women do not negotiate at all. Let's change that! Take the online training yourself – it takes about 1 1/2 hours, easy to leave and return as you prefer. Then tell your daughters, granddaughters and neighbors to try it. Work Smart is a powerful tool for everyone – boys, too! Here is the link: <https://salary.aauw.org/>

Public Policy

Joan Clinch and Bev Fallik, Co-VPs

The past month has been focused on planning. We've had several fruitful conversations with Delegate Terri Hill's legislative director and Senator Susan Lee's chief of staff. A meeting has been scheduled with Delegate Hill and Senator Lee on Nov. 8th after the election. We are hoping to attend as well. Discussion will center on recommended changes to the bill to extend child support for post-secondary education and related topics, such as working with members of the Assembly's education committees. Our committee has a formidable agenda for the upcoming months. We are updating the bill to submit a proposal for presentation at the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Conference (MLAW) scheduled for Nov. 17th. We need to contact and expand our supportive network especially AAUW and NOW branches, University and Community College Administrators, student organizations and other potential allies. We also need to dialogue with groups that opposed the bill to see if their issues can be addressed. We are hoping that more members of our branch will join us. For example, we are hoping that someone will want to cover the county council and BoEd meetings to assure women's rights (e.g. title IX) are strong.

Our next meeting is Tuesday, October 30th at 10:30 at Wegmans. Please join us!

Bev Fallik
Public Policy Co-Vice President

Philanthropy

Chizoba Ebinama, VP

Afternoon Tea Party

The Afternoon Tea Party is a new event. It will not replace our Fashion Show; it is just to have another way to raise money for scholarships. The board has discussed the idea and asked for a more detailed plan before making a final decision. It was suggested that if we hold a tea, we should look to hold it next fall.

I am pleased to have five ladies who volunteered to join the committee for the Tea, and more are needed.

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
Philanthropy

News from AAUW Maryland Fall Conference



(From left) Diane Roca, Barb Carter, Bea Dane and Suzanne Soules represented Howard County branch at the AAUW Maryland Fall Conference.

Members of AAUW Maryland met in Bethesda for the Fall Conference on October 20. Kensington-Rockville, the host branch, arranged an interesting day about topics of current interest to AAUW – Getting Out the Vote, encouraging activities at colleges and universities, and building connections within AAUW MD.

Ralph Watkins, a member of the League of Women Voters, discussed ways to encourage people to vote. In conversations, people mention two problems that are the two main barriers to voting: 1) People don't know who is running or what their positions are on the issues and 2) People forget to update their voter registration, especially to enter a new address when they move. He introduced us to websites that solve these problems – the League's **VOTE411.org** for candidate information and **Elections.maryland.gov** to verify registration and update an address.

Students from Frostburg State talked about their brand-new chapter of AAUW. They are putting their energy into useful efforts on campus, particularly addressing sexism and sexual assault issues. Then Kaitlin Risz, NCCWSL attendee, introduced us to her new company *Stempower* that mentors young girls in self-confidence and STEM projects.

To help us get to know fellow AAUW Maryland members, state Co-Presidents Kate Campbell Stevenson and Susan Wierman introduced a new feature for meetings – getting to know a member. Starting this idea off, Carol Mueller of Harford County branch told us about her project to support schools in Kenya.

Remember to vote on Tuesday, November 6.



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

The Evening Great Decisions Group has finished the 2018 meetings. We will start with the first topic of the new year on Monday, January 21, 7:00 PM, at the home of Diane Roca.

Contact: Diane Roca

dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions group will meet on Thursday, November 1 at 1:00 PM to discuss Chapter 8, *Global Health: Progress and Challenges*. We will meet at the home of Donna Levinson. This will end the 2018 series. We resume meeting in January 2019.

Happy Holidays.

Contact: Lorraine Tropic - H (410)465-6507 or baywatch333@verizon.net

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining will be meeting at Pepino's Trattoria in Burtonsville at 6:00 PM on Nov 6, 2018. We are also planning to have our annual Holiday dinner at Kings Contrivance at 6:00 PM on December 4th. Please RSVP so I can make reservations for the correct number.

Carol Phelps. Chair

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, November 29th, at Nordstrom's Cafe, 11:30 AM, in the Columbia Mall. November has FIVE Thursdays this year. We always meet on the LAST Thursday of the month, which is one week after Thanksgiving this time. Any and all members are welcome to attend, no reservations needed.

Gail Rust, Chair, Lunch Bunch

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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.

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In October, Adventures in Dining members enjoyed good food and good company at Seasons 52.

2018 - 2019 Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 1 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm; *Global Health: Progress and Challenges*
- 6 -- **Adventures in Dining** - 6 pm; Pepino's Trattoria, Burtonsville
- 13 -- **Branch Meeting** @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 14 -- **Start Smart** @ Howard Community College
- 15 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, *The Female Persuasion* by Meg Wolitzer
- 17 -- **MLAW Conference** 9:30 am, Notre Dame of Maryland University, Baltimore
- 20 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; Central Library, Mosaic Room
- 27 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10:30 am; Wegman's
- 27 -- **Tino's Italian Bistro** Fundraiser - All day; Columbia
- 29 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

DECEMBER

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

JANUARY

- 8 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6 pm; 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
- 19 -- Women's Legislative Briefing
- 21 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm; Diane Roca's house
- 22 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 10 am; Wegman's
- 24 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBD - League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon

FEBRUARY

- 5 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6 pm; 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 @ 10:30 am; Wegman's
- 28 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

MARCH – Women's History Month

- 5 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6 pm; 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 @ 10:30 am; Wegman's
- 28 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBD -- Girl Power @ Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab
- TBD -- Diversity Event

APRIL

- 2 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6 pm; 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** @ 10:30 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** @ 6 pm; 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** @ 6 pm; 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** @ 10:30 am; Wegman's
- 27 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café





Hello

We are members of the Howard County Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), a national organization dedicated to advance the status of women through advocacy, education and philanthropy. Every year, we hold various fund raisers for our scholarship fund, such as diversity and cultural events.

Our fund-raising silent auction will be held on Dec. 9 in Ellicott City. We are asking for donations from local businesses such as gift certificates, discount cards or free merchandise. We would love to include a donation from your business. We're sure you are aware that women drive many purchasing decisions. Our members notice and frequent those businesses that contribute to causes they support – and they spread the word to family and friends. This is an inexpensive way to advertise your business to new customers.

The funds that we have raised have enabled us to award multiple scholarships each year to deserving students that allow them to complete their studies and pursue degrees beyond community college. Many of these women have been non-traditional students whose family obligations interrupted their educations and who could not continue to pursue their career goals without financial assistance.

Won't you help us by contributing \$25 to \$50 worth of goods or services to help determined and motivated students to complete their education?

Thank you in advance for your donation.

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