

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

## DECEMBER 2018/JANUARY 2019

We are quickly approaching the end of the calendar year but still have lots to celebrate, especially our annual **Holiday Party and Silent Auction on December 9th!** Although attendance was a bit low this year, those who were there had a wonderful time socializing and trying to outbid each other for cool items at the auction. **We cleared over \$1,000 from the auction alone that will go towards our scholarship fund! Way to go members and thanks for your donations!!!**

Once again thanks to Barbara Parker, fellow AAUW member, for opening her historical house in Rockburn to our festivities. A special shoutout goes to Debbie Munley and Carol Phelps for making both the party and auction such a success! Check out the photos in this newsletter.

The presentation on Transition Howard County at our last Branch meeting November 20 provided some useful insights and practical solutions to make our community more sustainable. To follow up, I had 4 bags of leaves hauled away last week to provide compost for others. Now if I can just get someone to rake and bag the leaves!

Tino's Bistro night was well-attended and included some of our branch members, the evening of November 27th. We are still waiting to find out how much our branch will receive from that day's receipts.

There will be no branch meeting in January or February. Instead, you might be interested in attending the **League of Women Voters Legislative Brunch January 5th**. More details to follow. Don't forget to join the fun at our annual **Book Bash Saturday, February 9th at Union Jack's**. We will send out a flyer with more information closer to the date. The following month, on **March 12** we will resume our branch meetings and celebrate **Women's History Month**.

The Fashion Show folks, Caroline Tunison and Kathy McCarthy, are gearing up for a late April show and are always looking for more help. Please contact them to sign up for our premiere spring event.

Here are a few dates of note in women's history for this and next month:

### December

1869 - Wyoming is the first territory to give women the right to vote

1938 - Pearl S. Buck receives the Nobel Prize for Literature for *The Good Earth*

- 1955 - Rosa Parks refuses to give up her seat on a bus to a white person; her arrest sparks the modern civil rights movement in the US
- 1961 - President's Commission on the Status of Women is established to examine discrimination against women and ways to eliminate it
- 1993 - Judith Rodin is named president of University of PA, the first woman to head an Ivy League institution

### January

- 1925 - Nellie Ross is inaugurated as the first woman Governor in U.S. history (WY Gov)
- 1926 - Violette Anderson is the first black woman to practice law before the U.S. Supreme Court
- 1932 - Hattie Caraway (D-Arkansas) is the first woman elected to the U.S. Senate
- 1949 - Margaret Chase Smith (Maine) starts her tenure in the Senate, making her the 1st woman to serve in both the House and Senate (before served in the House)

Happy holidays to all and see you next year!

*Beth Hayden, President*  
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## **January Program**

### **LWV Howard County Delegation Legislative Kickoff**

On Saturday, January 5, 2019, the League of Women Voters of Howard County will hold its annual Howard County Delegation Legislative Kickoff. The brunch event, starting promptly at 10:30 a.m., will take place in All Saints Hall, in the St. John's Church Day School building, 9120 Frederick Road, Ellicott City, MD 21042. Senators and delegates who make up our local delegation will discuss the League of Women Voters of Maryland's 2019 legislative priorities. Our newly-elected County Executive and County Council members will also be joining us as special guests.

After opening remarks by officials, questions will be entertained from League members and guests about our representatives' priorities for the 2019 General Assembly. This event offers a unique opportunity to get to know the people who are working for us and what work they are doing on our behalf. Our participation can help ensure our representatives are aware of the issues that matter most to us.

The cost to attend is \$10, but there is no charge for anyone who brings a brunch dish that will serve 8 people. Food assignments are based on the first letter of your last name and are as follows: A - F: Breads, muffins, pastries; G - N: Main dishes; O - Z: Fruit or salad. Parking is located by the school, with additional parking in the church lot behind the school building.

**Programs**  
Susan Hailman, VP

# AAUW 2019 Book Bash

February 9, 2019

Trying times call for a shot of inspiration, so the theme of our February Book Bash will be:

**EXCEPTIONAL WOMEN**



What book about an exceptional woman – real or fictional – is your favorite? Only you decide what makes her exceptional— Is it her wit? Her grit? Her smarts? What is the book you press into your friends' hands? The book you can't get out of your mind?

**For our next Book Bash, we're looking for members willing to present a 5-minute introduction to 1 of their favorite books.** We'll offer some prompts to help you focus. We'll compile a listing of favorites to which everyone who's interested can add their candidate, whether it's presented or not.

**Please contact Susan Hailman [shailman@comcast.net](mailto:shailman@comcast.net) by December 20, 2018,** if you are willing to present or if you have favorite books to list. Many thanks for your help in making this event sparkle!

# **Education and Scholarships**

## **Suzanne Soules, VP**

### **Start Smart**

The AAUW is working to close the gender pay gap by 2030! The goal is to train 10 million women to better negotiate their salary and benefit package. AAUW's research shows that, one year out of college, women who were working full time were paid, on average, just 82 percent of what their male peers were paid. And those lost potential earnings add up over a lifetime."

On November 14, our branch conducted a Start Smart seminar at Howard Community College. Debbie Munley and I met with the Director of Student Life, Schnell Garrett, in the new Science, Engineering and Technology building where we facilitated a 2-hour program to help students:

- Identify their skills and strengths
- Be able to articulate their personal value
- Develop persuasive responses to interview questions
- Conduct objective market research to benchmark a target salary and benefits
- Create a personal budget to know when to accept or decline a job offer

Because there was a low turnout for the seminar, we plan to consult with Schnell to determine if a spring seminar is needed.

### **Scholarships**

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) has opened for early bird registration. We are working with Maureen Marshall, HCC Career Links Associate Director, to sponsor students to this conference as we have done in the past. By the beginning of January, students must submit a one-page essay on their educational and career goals and a resume. These students are among those most in need of extra financial support. Colorful handbills for the NCCWSL scholarships are posted around campus, as well as on-line student notices.

Congratulations go to Debbie Leib, one of our recipients in the spring of 2017. A single mother of 4 children, she is graduating from the Nursing program in December with a 4.0 GPA!

### **Girl Power**

Plans for the annual STEM festival held at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab are in the works. If you are an educator, a scientist, or just plain enthusiast for seeing girls get excited about the sciences and math, please join our Education committee and help plan our participation in the March event.

## **Public Policy**

### **Joan Clinch and Bev Fallik, Co-VPs**

We have been supporting a bill to extend child support for post-secondary education until age 21. The bill in amended form was presented by Senator Susan Lee and Delegate Terri Hill at the MLAW Conference on November 17. Preliminary results of MLAW members indicate their support of this bill. We are currently working with legislative staff on the best version of the bill and determine how to proceed.

## **Philanthropy**

### **Chizoba Ebinama, VP**

### ***Afternoon Tea Party***

Philanthropy plans for the Tea:

- The members will pick a date and place
- Need to choose a theme
- We will need a speaker who could be member of AAUW or an outsider
- Each member or members will set a table with their own tea set and food. Two people can join together to set a table. It could be 8-10 people at a table depending on size of tables available at the location.
- The food will be finger foods.
- Our organization will provide dessert.
- Members will sell tickets priced at \$25 each.
- Members will donate door prizes.
- If we want, we can wear hats.



## Report from MLAW Fall Legislative Agenda Conference



(From left) Diane Roca, Marcia Posner, Penny Zervos, Bev Fallik and Barb Carter represented Howard County branch at the MLAW Fall Legislative Agenda Conference. Joan Clinch also attended but not on hand for the photo.

About 200 members of MLAW met at Notre Dame of Maryland University in Baltimore on November 17 for the Fall Legislative Agenda Conference. MLAW is the acronym for the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, an organization that brings together groups and individuals to pass legislation that supports women and families. In 25 years, MLAW has passed 88 of the bills for which it advocated.

In her opening remarks, Delegate Sheree Sample-Hughes, President of the Women Legislators of Maryland, celebrated the large number of women newly elected to office in November. Of 188 legislators in the Maryland House and Senate, 77 are women, a record number. The Women Legislators group has chosen two areas of focus for the 2019 session: women veterans and elderly women.

A six-person panel of notable women discussed current topics including the MeToo movement, the need for incarcerated women to receive training and assistance before they are released, immigration and hurdles for women running for office.

Fifteen bills were presented for consideration. The bill that Howard County branch has supported for the past three years which would increase the age of child support for education to 21 in the case of divorced parents has been revised. It was presented by Senator Susan Lee and Delegate Terri Hill as a bill to increase the age of child support to 21 for education. [Update: Preliminary results of MLAW members voting in December show support for this bill in the 2019 legislative session.]

# Photo Journal of Recent Branch Events

## NOVEMBER BRANCH MEETING



At the November branch meeting, Ann Coren and Margo Duesterhaus of *Transitions Howard County* shared ideas to create a sustainable community. Some of their ideas were Taking something that needs repair to their Repair Café, joining a solar cooperative and buying reusable products.

## DECEMBER HOLIDAY PARTY



Debbie Munley, Social VP, gives hostess Barbara Parker a thank-you gift.



Carol and Fred Phelps with Lou Palmieri

**MORE PHOTOS FROM THE HOLIDAY PARTY**



Barbara Brooks, Barbara Parker and Debbie Munley setting up the Silent Auction table.



Debbie and John Munley with Caroline Tunison



Mary Ann Crosby, Pat Reber and Barbara Parker



Chizoba Ebinama, Diane Roca, Phyllis Cook, Laura Violand, Beth Hayden



## 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**

Delivery of the 2019 Discussion Books is expected about the first of the year. We will discuss the first topic on Monday, January 21, 7:00 PM, at the home of Diane Roca.

Contact: Diane Roca

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

### **DAYTIME GROUP**

We will set a date based on when the books arrive. Hopefully, it will be the first Thursday in January. If not, we will pick another date in January.

Happy Holidays Everyone!

Contact: Lorraine Tروف - H (410)465-6507 or [baywatch333@verizon.net](mailto:baywatch333@verizon.net)

### **ADVENTURES IN DINING**

January Adventures in Dining will be on Tuesday, January 8th. We will meet at the Asian Palace restaurant on Hickory Ridge Rd in Columbia at 6pm. I will be sending the usual email for reservations beforehand.

*Carol Phelps, Chair*

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### **LUNCH BUNCH**

I will be out of town on December 27th, so there will be no Lunch Bunch meeting at that time. However, we will be back on schedule on Thursday, January 31st, 2019. I wish everyone a very Merry Christmas and a Happy New Year.

*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.

### **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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## 2018 - 2019 Calendar

### DECEMBER

18 - Public Policy Meeting @ 10:30 am; Wegman's  
Lunch Bunch will not meet in December.

### JANUARY

- 5 – League of Women Voters Howard County Delegation Legislative Kickoff –  
St. John's Church, Ellicott City
- 8 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6 pm; Asian Palace, Hickory Ridge Road, Columbia
- 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; Diane Roca's house
- 22 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 10 am; Wegman's
- 24 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- 27 – Montgomery County Women's Legislative Briefing, The Universities at Shady Grove, Rockville

### FEBRUARY

- 5 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6 pm; Place TBD
- 7 -- Great Decisions @ 1 pm
- 9 -- 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; 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 @ 10:30 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 @ 6 pm; 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 @ 10:30 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; 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 @ 10:30 am; Wegman's
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

Happy  
Holidays!

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