

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

MARCH 2019

March is National Women's History Month

Our annual **Book Bash on February 9th** at Union Jack's was a hit! We learned about books featuring exceptional women thanks to our exceptional women: Susan Hailman, Diane Roca, Roberta Rood, Debra Wade, Barbara Parker, Jean Salkeld, and Sethanne Howard.

We have a full agenda for the next couple of months. I hope many of you will get engaged in some of our biggest events of the year including our Fashion Show Fundraiser for scholarships April 27. Come listen to the Woman's History Program March 12 with our very own Bea Dane! There is something for everybody. The key upcoming events are listed below and described in more detail in this newsletter.

Save The Date for these Spring Events

March 7, 1 pm	House Judiciary Committee Hearing on Child Support Bill (HB 937) Annapolis
March 10, 2 pm	Girl Power -- Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab
March 12, 7 pm	Branch Meeting, Women's History Program – 1 st Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 9, 7 pm Officers	Branch Meeting, Diversity Event (South Korea) and Election of At 1 st Evangelical Lutheran Church
April 13	AAUW Maryland Annual Convention, Wisp Resort, McHenry, MD
April 27, 1 pm	Fashion Show and Fundraiser, Vantage House

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Programs

Susan Hailman, VP

MARCH PROGRAM - March 12 at 7:00 PM

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

Women's Suffrage in Maryland - a story map presentation

On March 12 we will have two of our members, Diana Bailey and Bea Dane, presenting "The History of Women's Suffrage in Maryland" using an intriguing "story map" that was researched through support by a grant from the Maryland Historical Trust. This grant funded the documentation of 50 previously unrecognized sites in Maryland where women demonstrated, lobbied and were jailed in support of women's right to vote. This interactive tour provides names we haven't heard, as well as forgotten and familiar places that played important roles in the 70-year struggle for women's suffrage in Maryland. We'll also get a preview of plans to commemorate our suffrage, planned for 2020.

Diana Bailey is the Executive Director of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center and Bea Dane serves on the Center's Executive Board.

APRIL PROGRAM - April 9 at 7:00 PM

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

Talk and food tasting

South Korean Women - Life in Howard County

On April 9, the Diversity Committee, which has focused on South Korea this year, will sponsor a presentation by Sue Song and several other members of the Korean American Association on the conflicting roles and responsibilities of Korean American women. Korean Americans make up over 4% of the Howard County population, yet many remain quite separate from mainstream culture, even after residing here for many years, and may have difficulty connecting with available community resources. Ms. Song has been instrumental in bridging these cultural gaps. Come learn about what's been accomplished, what still needs to be done, and opportunities to work together in the future. Typical Korean desserts will give us a "taste" of the rich traditions of this country.

Philanthropy - Fashion Show

FASHION SHOW FUNDRAISER FOR BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAM

Date: **APRIL 27, 2019**

Place: Vantage House at 1:00 PM

Please support this year's fundraiser for the branch scholarship fund. If you've heard one of our past recipients speak about how much they appreciate our support, it makes all of our hard work worthwhile!

You can help by volunteering to model in the fashion show. Lord & Taylor is providing the fashions again, plus will do your makeup for the show. If you're a new member or on the fence, Connie Palmieri, a long-time branch member who models each year, says, "It is an easy and fun way to contribute to the success of the show! Honest!"

Buy your tickets and bring a friend, prospective member, or family member. Tickets will be sent to members at the end of March. Please consider purchasing all your tickets as a donation to the scholarship fund.

Donations of door prizes gratefully welcomed.

To volunteer, or any questions, please contact either:

Caroline Tunison (redcat1977@verizon.net)

Debbie Munley (debbiemunley@verizon.net)

Co-chairs, Fashion Show



Public Policy

Joan Clinch and Bev Fallik, Co-VPs

The Maryland Assembly is now in high gear. We now have two somewhat different versions of the bill. The Senate version (SB 264) is simpler and the Hearing Date was February 13. We do not yet know the outcome of their vote. The House version (HB 937) adds factors for courts to consider. The House hearing is March 7th at 1:00 PM. Marcia Posner and I testified at the Senate hearing along with Kate Stevenson, AAUW Maryland State Co-President, and Linda Mahoney, ex-President of Maryland NOW.

WE NEED YOU! We look for a bigger turnout for the House hearing to positively impact legislators. Please help us 1) spread the word to other AAUW branches, 2) garner support (calls and letters to the committees and other delegates and provide real people to testify in Annapolis if possible) wherever you can, and 3) attend the hearing. If you need a ride to the hearing, please let me (bfallik@gmail.com) or Beth Hayden (Bhayden52@aol.com) know. Thanks in advance!

Bev Fallik, Co-Vice President

Status of the Equal Rights Amendment

The Equal Rights Amendment (ERA) to the U.S. Constitution would guarantee constitutional equality between men and women — a concept a majority of Americans agree is necessary. First proposed in 1923, the ERA was ratified by 35 of the necessary 38 states by 1977. However, Congress imposed a deadline to complete ratification by 1982. In 2017 and 2018, Nevada and Illinois became the 36th and 37th states, respectively, to ratify the ERA. Now several states are striving to be the 38th. A particularly robust campaign is underway in Virginia where AAUW of Virginia advocates are leading the charge. If Virginia, or another state, ratifies the amendment further action from Congress would be necessary to complete the process. [Editor's Note: After this article was written, Virginia delegates voted against ratification. You may be interested to know that Maryland ratified the ERA on May 26, 1972.]

Meanwhile, other states are working to add similar protections to their state constitutions. In January, with the support of AAUW of Delaware members, Delaware lawmakers amended their state constitution to include: "Equality of rights under the law shall not be denied or abridged on account of sex." A similar measure is moving forward in the Minnesota legislature.

Excerpt from AAUW in the Statehouse February 20, 2019

Membership

Zeli Castella - VP

NEW MEMBER

We extend a warm welcome to a new member, Friedel Warner. Friedel is a retired elementary school principal and lives in Columbia. She earned her bachelor's and master's degrees and Doctorate in Education from the University of Maryland, College Park. Friedel spent 29 years in the Howard County School System and principal at Centennial Lane and Dasher Green Elementary Schools. After she retired, she and her husband traveled extensively to Russia, China and Romania. She has joined two of our branch Interest Groups – Adventures in Dining and Evening Great Decisions.

FAREWELL

Jennifer Ingram is moving from Maryland to Louisiana to be near her family. She has been an active and enthusiastic Membership Chair for our branch and served a term on the national Membership Board. Once settled in her new home, Jennifer plans to join the local AAUW branch.

CONDOLENCES

We extend our sincere sympathy to Catherine Asaro and Gail Rust on the passing of their husbands.

AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

April 12

REMINDER

Plan to attend the AAUW Maryland Convention on Saturday, April 12, at Wisp Resort, hosted by the Garrett County Branch. The very timely topic of the one-day program is *“Making Ends Meet: Financial Women Security for All Ages.”* At convention you will meet dynamic women from all over the state and come home with new ideas for action. Discount room rates at the Wisp Resort end March 13. Early bird conference registration ends April 1.

A file with registration information are sent with this newsletter.

Book Bash Photos “*Exceptional Women*”



From the left in both photos: Diane Roca, Roberta Rood, Jean Salkeld, Deb Wade, Barbara Parker and Sethanne Howard.

At the February 9 branch meeting, members enjoyed a fine lunch at Union’s Jack’s restaurant while six members presented a book about an “Exceptional Woman.” The presenters, book titles and the exceptional women are:

Deb Wade - *The Mother of Black Hollywood* (memoir by Jenifer Lewis)

Barbara Parker- *Becoming* (by Michelle Obama)

Jean Salkeld - *The Fabulous Bouvier Sisters* (about Lee and Jacqueline Bouvier by Sam Kashner)

Sethanne Howard- *The Hidden Giants* (Women in Science by Sethanne Howard)

Roberta Rood – *In Byron’s Wake* (about Lord Byron’s wife and daughter – Annabella Milbanke and Ada Lovelace - by Miranda Seymour)

Diane Roca - *West with the Night* (memoir by Beryl Markham)

Susan Hailman, Program VP, earned kudos for her excellent work in planning and organizing the meeting.

Everyone found a book or two that they want to add to their reading lists. For more about these books, click on the link below to Roberta’s blog.

https://robertarood.wordpress.com/2019/02/12/book-bash-aauw-howard-county-branch-members-celebrate-the-written-word/?fbclid=IwAR1pYnIAJ3WmLf-ftECamkN_n1djk5nC2M6Fsqq4cTppEmhY89D7WI4dZYI

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

We will discuss Topic #3 *Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?* on Monday, March 18, at 7:00 PM.

Hostess: Beth Hayden

Contact: Diane Roca

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DAYTIME GROUP

The daytime Great Decisions Group will meet on Thursday, March 7 at 1:00 PM to discuss Chapter 3, *Nuclear Negotiations*. We will meet at the home of Lorraine Tropf. Caroline Tunison will host. Please tell Caroline if you plan to attend at redcat1977@verizon.net or 301 346-1750. Contact: Lorraine Tropf - H 301-617-2785 or lmerdon@verizon.net

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meeting at Kelsey's in Normandy Plaza on Route 40 at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, March 5th. Please let me know if you will be attending so that I may make reservations for our group. Hope to see you there!

Contact: carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 28th, at 11:30 AM, Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall.

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.

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- March 21: *THE LEAVERS* by Lisa Ko, presenter is Peggy Wong.
- May 16: *PLANNING MEETING* for 2019-2020.

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2019 Calendar March - June

MARCH – Women’s History Month

- 5 -- **Adventures in Dining** @ 6 pm; Place: Kelsey’s Pub
- 7 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm; *Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?*
- 7 -- **House Judiciary Hearing** @ 1 pm; Annapolis, MD
- 10 -- **Girl Power** @ 2 pm; John’s Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel
- 12 -- **Branch Meeting and Women’s Suffrage Program** @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church; Women’s History Presentation
- 18 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm; *Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?*
- 19 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; Central 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

APRIL

- 2 -- **Adventures in Dining** @ 6 pm; Place TBD
- 4 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm; *The Rise of Populism in Europe*
- 9 -- **Branch Meeting and Diversity Event** @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 13 -- **AAUW Maryland Annual Convention**, Wisp Resort, McHenry, MD
- 15 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm; *The Rise of Populism in Europe*
- 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
- 27 -- **Fashion Show** @ 1:00 PM; Vantage House

MAY

- 2 -- **Great Decisions @ 1pm**; *Decoding U.S. – China Trade*
- 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 *Decoding U.S. – China Trade*
- 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; *Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics*
- 11** -- **Branch Salad Supper** @ 6:30 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church; install officers; meet scholarship winners
- 17** -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm; *Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics*
- 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



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