

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

MAY 2019

Hello Members –

I am feeling quite jubilant about the success of our Fashion Show April 27th!! We took in \$6,150 and cleared **\$5,630.83** !!! There was also one signup of a new member and a separate donation of \$100 from one of the guests. The raffle earned about as much as our accessory sales that we've done in past years. We all deserve a round of applause, pat on the back and a little victory dance. Thanks to everyone's hard work and generosity, particularly the three musketeers: Caroline Tunison, Kathy McCarthy, and Debbie Munley! It was so nice to have some of our scholarship winners and HCC staff model this year. Check out the photos in this newsletter.

The State Conference at the Wisp Resort went quite well and we all had fun at the "1940's Dinner" Friday evening before the Saturday conference. There were very interesting speakers from Garrett County and great discussion about financial matters for women. Check out the photos in this newsletter.

Our branch meeting featured Korean-American speakers talking about life in Korea and in America, highlighted by Korean desserts provided by the Diversity Committee. We will not have a branch meeting in May but resume with our Salad Supper June 11 where we will welcome our scholarship winners and have committee signups. So mark your calendars and keep a look out for a flyer for salad signups.

On June 23 you are invited to join in the fun at Pinot's Palette in Turf Valley Towne Square to paint a beautiful photo and enjoy food and drink all while raising funds for our scholarships. Debra Wade has organized this fundraiser that is further explained in this newsletter and separate flyer later in the month. The event is open to the public and you must register at <https://www.pinotpalette.com/ellicottcity/event/313225>.

If you have not already done so, please pay your annual dues for the next year that starts July 1. Pay Carol Phelps at the June 11 Salad Supper, mail a check to her or pay online. It is the same bargain price of \$82 for the entire year!

Have a wonderful Mother's Day and see you in June!

Beth Hayden, President bhayden52@aol.com

SAVE THE DATE

- ✓ **Tuesday, June 11, 7:00 PM** Salad Supper at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City
- ✓ **Sunday, June 23, 3:00 PM** Painting Party at Pinot's Palette, Turf Valley Towne Center

AND Time to pay your dues Details on page 2

Branch website: howardcounty-md.aauw.net Password: h0c0MD

SOCIAL - Salad Supper
Debbie Munley, Social VP

AAUW Howard County Branch
Annual Potluck Salad Supper

DATE: June 11, 2019

TIME: 7:00 PM (Set up starts at 6:30 PM)

LOCATION: First Evangelical Lutheran Church on the corner of Route 144
(Frederick Road) and Chatham Road

PROGRAM

- Officer Installation
- Meet Scholarship Winners
- Sample and enjoy numerous salads and desserts
- Hear from Board members about AAUW activities and Committees

GUESTS AND PROSPECTIVE MEMBERS WELCOME

Please sign up as follows, to participate in the fun:

Last name begins with A – J, bring an entree salad (i.e. chicken, tuna, etc.)

Last name begins K – S, bring a side or green salad (i.e. potato, pasta, fruit, bean, spinach, Caesar, etc.)

Last name begins T – Z, bring a dessert

Important note! All dishes should serve 8 – 10 people. Please bring your own serving utensils.

RSVP to Debbie Munley (301) 776-7388 or debbiemunley@verizon.net by Saturday, June 8. Please let us know what you plan to bring.

MEMBERSHIP
Zeli Castella, Membership VP

DUES FOR 2019-2020

Dues for the 2019-2020 program year are due now. Dues are \$82.00 per year which includes national, state and branch dues. Make your check payable to *AAUW Howard County* and mail to Finance Officer Carol Phelps, 6680 Star Path, Columbia, Maryland 21045.

Dues must be paid by July 1 to ensure that you continue to receive newsletters and other messages.



PHILANTHROPY – “Paint It Forward”

NEW FUNDRAISER FOR BRANCH SCHOLARSHIP PROGRAMS

PAINT IT FORWARD at *PINOT'S PALETTE*



Sunday, June 23 3:00-5:00 PM
11105 Resort Road, Suite 105
Turf Valley Towne Square
Ellicott City

A flyer sent with this newsletter has all the details. *You must pre-register*, so invite friends to come and create your own masterpieces in tempera paint while enjoying conversation and light refreshments. Cost is \$38.00 per painter. A portion of the proceeds go to our AAUW Howard County scholarship fund.

www.pinotspalette.com/ellicottcity/event/313225

2019-2021 Officers



At the April meeting, new branch officers were elected for two-year terms. From the left, Friedel Warner, Co-Secretary; Jean Parr, Co-Secretary; Carol Phelps, Co-VP Social; Connie Palmieri, Co-VP Social; Chizoba Ebinama, VP Philanthropy; Bev Fallik, Co-VP Public Policy; Diane Roca, VP Communications. Also elected to office but not pictured: Bea Dane, Finance Officer; Lucie Geinzer, Co-VP Public Policy.

Education

Suzanne Soules, VP

Salary Negotiation:

At the state convention in April, we were reminded of the AAUW national initiative encouraging all members, supporters, and friends to register and take the free Work Smart program online. To help reach the bold **goal of getting 10 million women trained in salary negotiation by 2022**, AAUW issued a “Members Mobilize a Million” challenge, asking everyone to share the course with at least 20 people in their network. Please sign up and see what we are talking about!

No cost! <https://salary.aauw.org/work-smart/>

The program takes an important step toward closing the gender pay gap. Informed by **reliable research**, both Start Smart and Work Smart workshops are designed to empower women with the skills and confidence they need to successfully negotiate their salary and benefits.

Scholarships:

This year we have been very fortunate to award 8 scholarships to women at Howard Community College. As mentioned in last month’s newsletter, our two transfer scholarship students are **Tsega Amhatsion** and **Yeojeong Kim**. Yeojeong wore a beautiful red jumpsuit in our fashion show last week! The students ongoing with their studies at HCC are:

Marsha Bailey is in the nursing program at HCC within the Health Science curriculum. She is a Certified Nursing Assistant and licensed Phlebotomist. She has worked as a Certified Clinical Medical Assistant for the past 12 years, which allows her to care for and be an example for her two children. Her goal is to earn her Master’s in Nursing.

Her emailed thanks states “I want to genuinely thank the American Association of University Women for selecting me out of the many other well-deserved candidates. I am truly honored and proud to have been chosen. This scholarship will aid me in my journey to become a Registered Nurse. I would be more than delighted to attend the Howard County Brand Meeting on June 11, 2109. Thank you again for your generous donation to my education. I look forward to meeting you.”

Terkiyah Catron is in the nursing program. She already has her Bachelor of Science Degree in Biology from Temple University in Philadelphia, but her ultimate goal is to obtain a Master of Nursing in Midwifery. She has many long-term goals including setting up a birth center in an underserved area perhaps in Washington D.C.

Her emailed thanks said *“Thank you so much. I am so grateful and excited. I feel so honored to receive this scholarship.”*

Josephine Gross is already an accomplished Administrative Assistant with many years’ experience in executive and administrative support. Her goal, however, is to earn degrees in both music and business so she can create a startup music business. With her strong religious faith, she already has recorded and distributed children’s songs and would like to establish a children’s choir.

Her emailed note of thanks reads, *“When I received this email, my heart was touched greatly. Thank you so much for awarding me this scholarship. It arrived at the perfect time. I had been asking the Lord to make a way for me to be able to make it through school this spring 2019 semester and just as surely as I had been praying, I turned on my computer and guess what, your email had arrived. You have blessed me greatly and my prayer had been answered. I thank the Lord for placing me on your hearts. You are indeed a blessing unto me. I will send my information to your Treasurer, Carol McAuliffe Phelps. Once again, thank you.”*

Philly Peterson wants to work in the field of Forensic Science after she earns her Bachelor of Science degree. She is a determined mother of 4 who earned her high school diploma at HCC and plans on finishing her associates in May of 2020. Then she will transfer to University of Baltimore to earn her Bachelor of Science. Philly wants to work in a lab in Washington D.C. and maybe even get a guest spot on CSN. In her spare time, she has created a modeling portfolio and has a commercial on YouTube called “Philly Model Reel.” Anyone who saw her model the gorgeous gown at our fashion show knows she has what it takes to model beautifully.

Our two young leaders who will attend the **National Conference of College Women Student Leaders** (NCCWSL) at the end of May are:

Shantavia Hart-Green is pursuing a degree in the Social Sciences. While at HCC she has been in the Dragon Leadership Program, attending a number of workshops for skills development, and working as a volunteer in the community. Her longer-term goal is to transfer to St. Mary’s College for her Bachelor of Arts Degree in Psychology.

Brittany McNair already has leadership experience as a Non-Commissioned Officer in the Army at Fort Bliss, Texas. She is a member of the Student Veteran’s Organization and works as an office assistant in the Office of Student Life. She is a member of the Dragon Leadership Program which she feels helps improve her leadership skills. Her goal is to transfer to Coppin State University and earn her degree in Accounting.

Public Policy

Joan Clinch and Bev Fallik, Co-VPs

The Public Policy committee met for a celebratory lunch April 30th after the legislative session ended. Given another bill defeat, we decided to take a sabbatical from our focus on a bill targeting higher ed support. During this next year, we will focus on other, more local activities e.g. county council and board of education. We will also consider past bill obstacles and if we want to revisit, using other perspectives.

Bev Fallik, Co-Vice President



The Public Policy team: From the left, Lucie Geinzer; Marcia Posner; Beth Hayden; Joan Clinch; Linda Mahoney, Past President of NOW of Maryland; Bev Fallik.

Fashion Show

CRUISE INTO SPRING

Fashion Show Fundraiser for Branch Scholarship Program
April 27, 2019

Thanks to everyone who supported our annual major fundraiser for the branch scholarship program. We had a very successful event!

This year's theme "Cruise Into Spring," lent itself to a variety of colorful spring fashions provided by Lord&Taylor, that ranged from casual looks to dressy and formal. Twenty models paraded through the auditorium of The Residences at Vantage Point (formerly Vantage House) as attendees enjoyed an assortment of delicious treats generously donated by Vantage Point. Modeling this year were branch members, their daughters, granddaughters, and one son. We also had two of this year's scholarship recipients from HCC. Eight lucky attendees won door prizes drawn during the show. This year we also raffled 8 beautiful gift baskets with items donated by Lord&Taylor and various branch members.

Special thanks to:

- Lord&Taylor Columbia Mall
- The Residences at Vantage Point
- Our hard-working committee: Linda Martin, Roberta Rood, Carol Phelps, Suzanne Soules, Rosemarie Deming, Diane Roca, Beth Hayden, President
- Our fantastic models
- Everyone who bought tickets, brought guests, and donated items for the raffle.

*Caroline Tunison
Debbie Munley
Co-Chairs Fashion Show Committee*



The fantastic models

Maureen Marshall



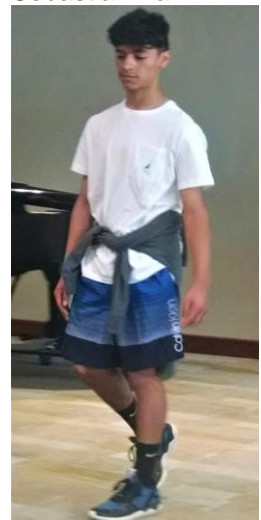
Barb Carter



Cookie Cogan



Sebastian Parr



Bea Dane



Bobbi Brooks



Linda Martin escorting her granddaughter Eva Vega



Marcia Posner



Yeojong Kim
Scholarship Winner



Philly Peterson
Scholarship Winner



Heidi Waterstradt



April Branch Meeting

Thanks go to Susan Hailman, Program VP, who invited a panel of local Korean residents to the April branch meeting. They told us about their life in Howard County. Their experiences and efforts to adapt to American culture while maintaining the traditions of their homeland made an interesting discussion. It was an insightful evening made more so by a display of Korean clothing and decorative objects. Thanks go also to Marcia Posner who brought typical Korean snacks for us to enjoy.



Deb Wade (left) and Susan Hailman (right) with speakers Young Oh, Kwang Park, In Jung Lee and Sue Song.

AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

The AAUW Maryland Annual Convention was hosted by the Garrett County Branch on April 13 at Wisp Resort. The theme of the day was *Making Ends Meet: Financial Security for All Women*. Six members of the Howard County Branch attended and learned about pay equity work that national AAUW office is doing, particularly through the Work Smart program, data on financial security for women and remarks by women who work to assist women in financial need.

On Friday night before the convention started, Garrertt County members through a big party to celebrate their branch's 70th anniversary. Harkening back to the 1940's, everyone wore costumes of the era.

Beth Hayden, Suzanne Soules, Barb Carter, Diane Roca, Bobbi Brooks and Phyllis Cook laughing it up at the party in honor of AAUW Garrett County's anniversary.



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 #5.

Decoding U.S.-China Trade

on Monday, May 20, at 7:00 PM.

Hostess: Friedel Warner, 6385 Windharp Way, Columbia, MD

Refreshments: Friedel

Contact: Diane Roca

dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

DAYTIME GROUP

The daytime Great Decisions Group will meet on Thursday, June 6 at 1:00 PM to discuss Chapter 6, *Cyber Conflicts*. We will meet at the home of Donna Levinson. Please tell Donna if you plan to attend at: donna311@optonline.net or 301-490-0294.

We do not meet in July and August but will resume on September 5.

Contact: Lorraine Tropic

lmerdon@comcast.net

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meeting at 6:00 PM on Tuesday, June 4 at Pappas in Glen Burnie. Carpools will be arranged. Contact me for details. Carol Phelps carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 25, at 11:30 AM, Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall.

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.

- May 16: *PLANNING MEETING* for 2019-2020.

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2019 Calendar May - June

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*
- 30 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

JUNE

- 4 -- **Adventures in Dining** @ 6 pm; Place Pappas, Glen Burnie
- 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
- 23 -- **“Paint It Forward”** @ 3 p.m; at Pinot's Palette in Turf Valley Towne Center, Ellicott City
- 25 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 10:30 am; Wegman's
- 27 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBA -- Howard Community College STEM Festival

2018-2019 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

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Bev Fallik 301-596-6208 and Joan Clinch 443-995-8799

Vice President, Membership: Zeli Castella, 443-542-9568

Vice President, Communications: Diane Roca

410-964-3523

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