

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

NOVEMBER 2019

Hello Members --

What a smashing success our very first **Howard County Women of Achievement Tea** was a week ago! Although the hostesses and Tea Committee put a lot of time and effort into the Tea, I think we all enjoyed it and had a good time meeting new people as well as socializing with our friends and other members. More details about the surprise \$5,000 donation from one of the honorees are in this newsletter.

We have sent out an inquiry to all branch members to find out how many will be attending our traditional **Holiday Party December 8th** from 2-5 p.m. at Barbara Parker's beautiful, historic house in Elkridge. **Please respond ASAP** to allow our Social-Meeting Committee to properly plan for the party. More details are in this newsletter. We also intend to have a Silent Auction at the Party because it did so well last year and it can help with your holiday shopping!

Plans are starting to come together for the Spring **Fashion Show** with Lord & Taylor and the Residences of Vantage Point. I hope you will help support this very important fundraiser. Debbi Wade and Suzanne Soules welcome your help because we all know, "It takes a lot of members to put on a successful and profitable fashion show."

Suzanne Soules, Bea Dane and I attended a lovely luncheon at **Howard Community College** November 1st for scholarship donors where we had the opportunity to meet some of the student recipients and benefactors. We found out that approximately \$2 million is raised for scholarships and that 48% of the students at HCC receive some sort of scholarship.

Bea and I also attended **AAUW MD's Fall Conference** where we heard about the need for "Civility" from Daniel Buccino, Johns Hopkins Civility Initiative, and *Choose Civility* -- an ongoing community-wide initiative, led by the Howard County Library System since 2006, that initially was inspired by the book, *Choosing Civility: The 25 Rules of Considerate Conduct*, by Johns Hopkins University Professor Dr. P.M. Forni. The conference provided a reminder of positive and respectful behavior needed in a world becoming less civil.

We have a wonderful program planned for our **November 12th branch meeting** during which we will hear from several non-profits about how we can help them, particularly at this time of year with Thanksgiving coming up. I look forward to seeing everyone there at 7 p.m. at the First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City.

Beth Hayden, President

SAVE THE DATE

- ✓ **Tuesday, November 12** 7:00 PM Branch Meeting at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City
- ✓ **Sunday, December 8**:2:00 – 5:00 PM Holiday Party, Barbara Parker's home
- ✓ **Saturday, January 8, 2010** 9:00 AM-Noon League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon, St John's Episcopal Church 9120 Frederick Road, Ellicott City.
- ✓ **Sunday, January 26, 2020** 2:30 – 4:30 PM *Paint It Forward* fundraiser at Pinot's Palette
- ✓ **Saturday, February 8, 2020** 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Book Bash at Union Jack's

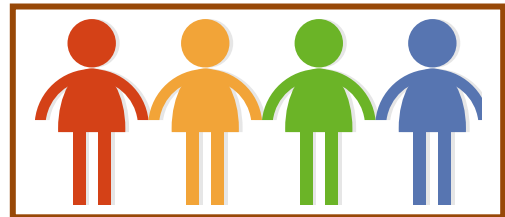
November Program Susan Hailman, Program VP

November Program Meeting: Community Give and Take

Tuesday, November 12, 7:00 PM

First Evangelical Lutheran Church, 3604 Chatham Road, Ellicott City

Our November presenters come from several local non-profits who have overlapping interests with AAUW's. This will be a chance to hear what they are doing, and what they need. It will be an opportunity for each of our committees to think about how AAUW can expand its community presence—as well as learn of some unique personal benefits we can get from some of these organizations. Even those members who think they are pretty familiar with community resources are likely to be surprised! Remember, we also make an impression when we fail to show up for our guests. Please make an effort to attend!



Advance peek at our February Book Bash

THRILLERS!

Our February 8th Book Bash will once again depend on our diverse and well-read members. Our topic will be “**Can't Put It Down**” and we'll be asking you to present on a book that kept you on the edge of your seat, compelled you to stay up too late, made you forget to eat your popcorn -- you get the idea! It can be a mystery, a thriller, or just really suspenseful. We're looking for 8 presenters to each give a 5-minute summary—without spoilers—that's the tricky part! Please contact Susan Hailman shailman@comcast.net if you want to present a book. We might do a brief bibliography if we get too many suggestions.

Susan Hailman, VP Programs

Holiday Party
Connie Palmieri and Carol Phelps, Social and Meetings Co-VPs

Holiday Party and Silent Auction to Support our Scholarship Fund

Sunday, December 8 from 2:00 – 5:00 PM
At “Rockburn,” Home of Barbara Parker
6581 Belmont Woods Road, Elkridge, Maryland

\$10 per person in advance
\$15 for two people in advance
\$5 for each additional guest
Checks payable to AAUW Howard County.

Please bring a substantial hot or cold appetizer to serve 10-12 people, in serving dish with utensil. Dessert and beverages will be provided.

Spouses, guests and friends welcome!



Please complete the form below and mail with your check **NO LATER THAN December 2.**

.....(detach form here)

NAME _____

I plan to bring a guest whose name(s) is (are) (please print):

Enclosed is a check payable to “**AAUW Howard County**” in the amount of \$10.00 for one person or \$15 for two people, \$5 for each additional person.

For the party, I plan to bring the following hot or cold appetizer:

Mail this form with your check to Connie Palmieri, 13870 Kennard Dr., Glenelg, MD 21737

Membership and Diversity

Debra Wade, Membership and Diversity VP

Women of Achievement Tea

Our first annual Women of Achievement Tea was a success! Honorees Sue Song President, Korean American Senior Association of Howard County, and Nikki Highsmith Vernick, President and CEO of the Horizon Foundation, shared their personal history and passion for community improvement. The Horizon Foundation made a surprise donation of \$5,000 to our scholarship fund. The Tea raised \$1,750 so far before the donation from Horizon. (Some contributions are expected after publication of this newsletter.) In addition to plaques and a single pink rose for appreciation, our honorees received proclamations from our County Executive Calvin Ball naming October 27th, 2019, their own day for their work in the Community. Thanks to the Tea Committee for their hard work in making our first Tea a success! The ideas of two members Lucie Geinzer and Chizoba Ebinama were combined for this effort. Keep those great ideas coming!

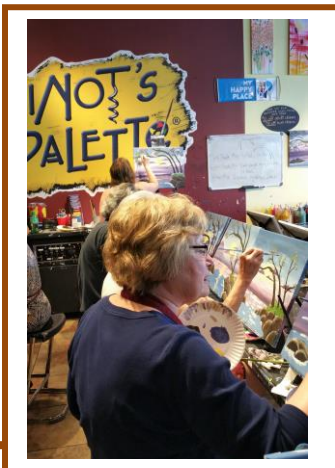
See photos of the Women of Achievement Tea on page 7 below.

Painting It Forward

Back by popular demand! Paint and Sip at Pinot's Palette! Come join us for another *Painting It Forward* Event on Sunday, January 26, 2020 from 2:30 to 4:30 p.m. at 11105 Resort Road, Suite 105, Ellicott City, MD 21042

Reserve your seat early at this website:

<https://www.pinotpalette.com/ellicottcity/event/378493>



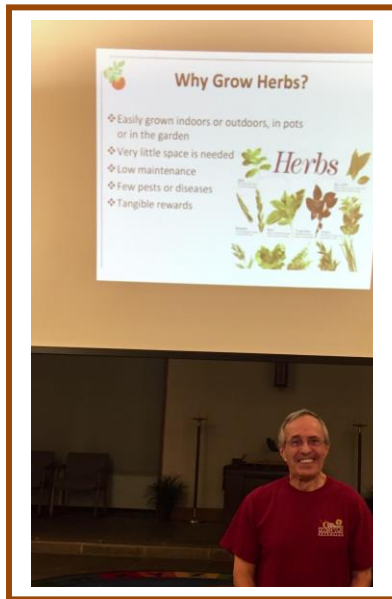
Our picture is called "Japanese Winter" in keeping with the Membership/Diversity Committee's study of Japan. How perfect is that!

Members at Pinot's Palette in June

Public Policy
Bev Fallik and Lucie Geinzer, Co-VPs

The Public Policy Committee welcomes our new member, Suzanne Rowein. We continue to be actively gathering information on the topics we are considering as our prime objectives for this 2019-2020 year. Our planned Oct. 25th meeting w/ Delegates Terri Hill and Vanessa Atterbear is being rescheduled due to the sad passing and funeral of our Congressman Elijah Cummings. The meeting is rescheduled for December 1st. We are all attending the MLAW conference on November 23rd and are interested in following the MLAW priorities. One of these, human trafficking, is also all too evident in Howard County. Marcia and Bev will be attending the Howard County Human Trafficking conference on Nov. 8th to learn more about it and what, if any, supportive role HoCo AAUW may assume. We are also looking into how Title IX is being enforced in Howard County and what information is available. Unfortunately, the Title IX coordinator has thus far not been available to speak with our branch, nor is any reports or data available. This is perplexing and we are following up. Bev also had a preliminary discussion with the education committee of the Howard County Indivisible Group. They are very interested in collaborating with us for the 2021 Legislation session to improve our student's access to higher education and had a number of interesting ideas regarding approaches. We will continue to share information and explore possibilities. Lucie will participate on the state monthly calls in the future. Our regular meetings are scheduled for the 3rd Friday of every month at 1:30 at the River Hill Bagel Bin. Feel free to join!

Bev Fallik, Co-VP Public Policy



October Branch Meeting Notes

Master Gardener, Sid Abel shared information about a wide variety of herbs - those that are most suitable for indoor cultivation as well as the soil, light and other requirements that make it easy to grow and harvest fresh herbs all winter long. Tidbits that Sid shared: - Garlic has traditionally been used to reduce high cholesterol; - Put herbs in ice cube tray compartments (no water), cover loosely and freeze until needed; - A plant with brown tips suffers from too much chlorine in the water; use filtered water. Master Gardeners will answer your questions. <https://extension.umd.edu/ask>

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 Group is considering a change to a daytime meeting. Information will be sent to group members when a consensus has been reached. First meeting of 2020 will be in January, date TBD.

Hostess: Diane Roca

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

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions Group completed the 2019 book concluding the year. The new books have been ordered and should arrive later in the year. Our first meeting for the 2020 year is Thursday, January 9 at 1:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the home of Lorraine Trof and hosted by RoseMarie Deming.

I wish everyone a healthy and happy holiday season.

Lorraine

Contact: *Lorraine Trof* lmerdon@verizon.net

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meeting on Tuesday., November 5 at 6:00 PM at the Ale House off of Dobbin Road. Please let me know if you will be attending by November 3.

Also, we will have our December dinner at Kings Contrivance on Tuesday, December 3 at 6:00 PM. Due to the many holiday bookings they have, I would like to know if you plan to attend the December dinner by November 3 as well so that I have an idea of which room to have them set aside for us.

Contact: Carol Phelps

carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

Due to Thanksgiving being on the last Thursday of November, the Lunch Bunch will meet on the **THIRD Thursday this month, November 21st.** We meet at 11:30 AM, in Nordstrom's Cafe at Columbia Mall. Come for lunch and stay to do holiday shopping.

Contact: *Gail Rust*

ggrust@verizon.net or 443-864-4189

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

- November 21: CLOCK DANCE by Anne Tyler

2020

- January 16, 2020: COURTING MR. LINCOLN by Louis Bayard

- March 19, 2020: BORN A CRIME: STORIES FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDHOOD by Trevor Noah

- May 21, 2020: Planning Session

Contacts: *Doris Raytkwich*

dwhitespring@verizon.net or

301-776-1392

Barbara Parker bparker@virginia.edu

or 410-796-9019



Women of Achievement Tea



Women of Achievement Awards presented by President Beth Hayden to Sue Song (left) and Nikki Highsmith Vernick (right.)



Branch members and guests enjoying treats provided by the hostesses.



Winners of the Most Beautiful Hat Contest with Master of Ceremonies Chizoba Ebinama (far right.)

2019-2020 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Beth Hayden 410-707-2018
bhayden52@aol.com

First Vice President: Position open

Financial Officer: Bea Dane 410-299-8403

Programs Vice President: Susan Hailman
shailman@comcast.net

Philanthropy Vice President: Chizoba Ebinama
240-264-7824

Social and Meetings Co-Vice President:
Carol Phelps 410-381-7076;
and Connie Palmieri 410-489-5654

Secretary Co-Vice Presidents: Jean Parr 410-381-6351
Co-VP position open

Education Vice President: Suzanne Soules 410-872-8603

Public Policy Co-Vice Presidents:
Bev Fallik 301-596-6208 and Lucie Geinzer 410-978-8310

Membership and Diversity Vice President:
Debra Wade 301-776-7388

Communications Vice President:
Diane Roca 410-964-3523

Fashion Show Co-Chairs: Suzanne Soules 410-872-8603
and Debra Wade 301-776-7388

Website Manager: Position open

Adventures in Dining: Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

AAUW Readers: Doris Raytkwisch 301-776-1392
and Barbara Parker 410-796-9019

Great Decisions: Daytime - Lorraine Tropf 301-617-2785

Evening - Diane Roca 410-964-3523

Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust 443-864-4189

Hand Crafters and Movies: Anne Tarantino 410-740-1285

2019-2020 Branch Calendar

NOVEMBER

- 5 -- Adventures in Dining @ 6:00 pm, Columbia Ale House
- 12 -- Branch Meeting @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 15 - Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 19 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Central Library, Columbia
- 21 -- AAUW Readers @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr
- 21 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- 23 - MLAW Conference, Chesapeake Arts Center in Brooklyn Park, Maryland
- TBD- Start Smart

DECEMBER

- 1 -- Public Policy Meeting with Delegates @
- 3 -- Adventures in Dining – @ 6:00 p.m.; King's Contrivance
- 8 -- Holiday Party & Silent Auction, 3:00 – 5:00 PM Barbara Parker's Home
- 17 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Central Library, Columbia (Tentative)

JANUARY 2020

- 7 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD
- 11 - League of Women Voters Legislative Luncheon 9 AM-noon, St John's Episcopal Church
9120 Frederick Road, Ellicott City.
- 16 -- AAUW Readers @ 11:00 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr
- 17 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 21 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm Place TBD
- 20 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm
- 26 - Pinot's Palette Fundraiser, 2:30 pm, Ellicott City
- 26 -- Women's Legislative Briefing, Montgomery County Commission for Women, Place TBA
- 30 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

FEBRUARY

- 4 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD
- 6 -- Great Decisions @ 1 pm
- 8 - Book Bash, 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Union Jack's
- 17 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm
- 18 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Place TBD
- 21 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

MARCH – Women's History Month

- 3 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD
- 5 -- Great Decisions @ 1 pm
- 10 -- Branch Meeting @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 16 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm
- 17 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Place TBD

- 19 -- AAUW Readers @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr,
- 20 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 21 -- AAUW Maryland Annual Convention , Hosted by Anne Arundel County Branch
- 26 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBD - Girl Power @ John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab
- TBD -- Diversity Event**

APRIL

- 2 -- Great Decisions @ 1 pm
- 7 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD
- 14 -- Branch Meeting @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 17 -- Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 20 - Great Decisions @ 7 pm
- 21 - Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Place TBD
- 30 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBD-- Fashion Show @ Residences at Vantage Point**
- TBD -- HCC STEM Festival**

MAY

- 5 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD
- 7 -- Great Decisions @ 1:00 pm
- 12 - Branch Meeting @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church
- 15 - Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 18 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm
- 19 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Place TBD
- 21 -- AAUW Readers @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr, planning meeting for 2020-21
- 28 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café
- TBD- Branch Salad Supper** @ 6:30 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church; install officers; meet scholarship winners

JUNE

- 2 -- Adventures in Dining – Place TBD
- 4 -- Great Decisions @ 1:00 pm
- 15 -- Great Decisions @ 7 pm
- 16 -- Board Meeting @ 7 pm; Place TBD
- 19 - Public Policy Meeting @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 25 -- Lunch Bunch @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café