

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

FEBRUARY 2020

Hello members,

We are starting a very busy new year and I hope everyone is ready to dive into the many activities planned! We've made great strides with Howard Community College in our scholarships and plans to sponsor a table at Girl Power again this year. The Paint and Sip fundraiser provided a lot of fun and I am sure successfully raised a substantial amount of money for our scholarship fund. The following day at Tino's Bistro, business appeared brisk and should net additional funds for our educational scholarships. Of course, our Fashion Show scheduled for April 25th is our premiere fundraiser, so I encourage you, your friends and family to attend for an enjoyable afternoon, checking out the latest fashions from Lord & Taylor while enjoying light refreshments at the Residences of Vantage Point. And speaking of a fun event, plan to come to our Book Bash on February 8th at Union Jack's of Columbia. More details on these and other events are provided in this newsletter.

Thanks for your continued support and efforts to pull off all these great activities that ultimately help women complete their college degrees and prepare for successful careers. We have many reasons to celebrate and they are all because of you!

Beth Hayden, President

FOR YOUR CALENDAR

- ✓ **Saturday, February 8** 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM Book Bash at Union Jack's
- ✓ **Tuesday, March 10** 7:00 PM "Women in Portraiture" – Speaker from National Portrait Gallery at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City
- ✓ **Saturday, March 21** AAUW Maryland Annual Convention, Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401
- ✓ **Tuesday, April 14** 7:00 PM – Diversity Evening "Celebrating Japan" – Speaker and Sushi Tasting at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City
- ✓ **Saturday, April 25** 2:00 – 3:30 PM – Fashion Show "We've Come a Long Way: 1920 – 2020" at The Residences at Vantage Point, Columbia
- ✓ **Tuesday, May 12** 7:00 PM Salad Supper at First Evangelical Lutheran Church, Ellicott City

February Program

Book Bash - Saturday, February 8

For a fun winter outing plan to attend AAUW Howard County's Annual Book Bash! You will enjoy excellent presentations, dine on a delicious lunch and perhaps leave with a new, exciting book to read. Friends and prospective members are welcome! It's Saturday, February 8 at 11:30 AM at Union Jack's.

THEME: BOOKS I CAN'T PUT DOWN

Presenters and the books they will review:

Barbara Parker	"Night of Miracles" by Elizabeth Berg
Bea Dane	"Receive Me Falling" by Erika Robuck
Susan Hailman	"Since We Fell" by Dennis LeHane
Roberta Rood	"The Bomb Maker" by Thomas Perry
	"The Turn of the Key" by Ruth Ware
	"The White Darkness" by David Grann
	"The Spy and the Traitor" by Ben Macintyre

BOOK SWAP

Always a popular part of Book Bash! Bring in a book that you have read and want to give away and give a 30-second synopsis. Each person who brings a book will be entitled to select a new book. We will draw numbers to determine the order that each person gets to choose a book.

BOOK DONATIONS

Please bring in any books that you would like to donate to the AAUW Gaithersburg Branch for their annual book sale. Bobby Brooks is the point person for collecting the books. If you have a lot of books, please put them in a box for easier transport. Thanks!

TIME: 11:30 a.m. to 2:30 p.m.

LOCATION: Union Jack's Restaurant, 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD (across from the south entrance to the Columbia Mall)

COST: \$27.25 per person, which includes tax and gratuity, non-alcoholic drinks, mixed green salad, entrée and dessert. Bar drinks available for purchase at the restaurant.

ENTRÉE CHOICES:

Petite Salmon with rice and asparagus (Gluten Free)
Chicken Quesadilla
Reuben Sandwich with fries
Hamburger with fries
Penne Pasta with vegetables (Vegan)

RSVP to Beth Hayden by February 2 with your entrée choice. Bhayden52@aol.com or 410-707-2018

Education and Scholarships

Suzanne Soules, VP

Here is a report from the Education and Scholarships Committee about their meeting on January 8th. There is a lot going on and several ways that you can help.

1. Girl Power

The committee decided to again sponsor a table. It will be on the Astronomy and Space theme again. Date is March 15, 2020 at the Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, 11100 Johns Hopkins Road, Laurel, MD 2 – 5 p.m. (Set up begins at 12:30)

2. Scholarships

Education Scholarships: A contract has been signed and monies have been given to the Education Foundation. There will be four \$750 awards for ongoing Howard Community College students. There will be one award of \$2,000 to a student transferring to a 4-year college and one for \$1,000 for a second transfer student. All will be chosen from HCC Career Links students. We will be notified of the recipients and will send a congratulatory letter to each. We will invite them to come to and model at our fashion show and also invite them to the Salad Supper in May.

Applications for **NCCWSL scholarships** are submitted directly to the committee. The women are sending their applications to our email AAUW.HowardCty@gmail.com. We will choose two women based on:

1. Leadership positions in high school, if mentioned, and at HCC
2. Focus on a STEM major
3. Ability to commit to attending
4. Stated reason for wanting to attend the conference

We will also consider the quality of the writing in the application, and perhaps consider if the applicant is from a minority group.

The deadline for applications is January 31 and the AAUW national deadline for registering each student for the early-bird fee is February 16. We have budgeted money to help them pay for dinner on the Thursday night out in DC. We will get prepaid cards for them to use.

3. Room naming opportunity at HCC

Beth Hayden, Bea Dane and I met with Missy Matthey, Director of Development/Executive Director, Educational Foundation, and committed to a naming plaque at the Allied Health chemistry lab in the new Science, Engineering and Technology Building. It requires a \$15,000 commitment over the next 5 years. We have funded \$6,000 for this year's scholarships, and have the \$5,000 from the Horizon Foundation, so at a minimum, we only have to find another \$4,000 over the next 4 years. We think this lab is appropriate since so many of our scholarship recipients are in the Health Sciences. This is the lab they will use for their studies.

Suzanne Soules, Scholarship and Education VP

LWV Legislative Day



AAUW Howard County partnered with the Howard County League of Women Voters to present the annual Legislative Day on January 11. Howard County Delegates and Senators discussed issues they are supporting in the current Maryland Legislative session. Pictured seated left to right: Lucie Geinzer, Connie Palmieri, Susan Hailman, Suzanne Rothwein. Standing, left to right: Beth Hayden, Debra Wade, Jean Salkeld, Roberta Rood, Joan Clinch, Delegate Trent Kittleman, Diane Roca, Pat Reber.

Paint and Sip at Pinot's Palette

There was a full house on January 26 when our branch hosted a fundraiser at Pinot's Palette in Turf Valley. The painting was, most appropriately, "Japanese Winter" in keeping with the Membership/Diversity Committee's study of Japan. Proceeds from admission fees and a basket raffle will be added to our scholarship fund.



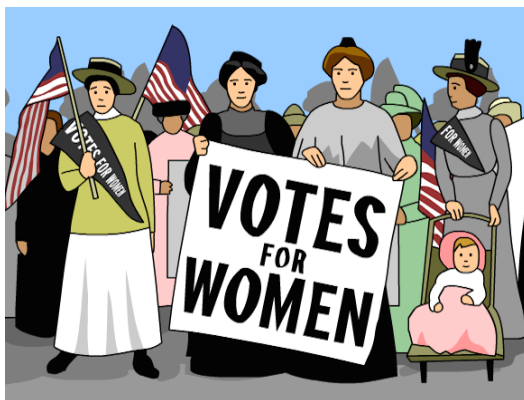
Fashion Show

This year, the Fashion Show theme is “We’ve Come a Long Way: 1920-2020.” It is scheduled for Saturday, April 25, 2:00-3:30 PM, at The Residences at Vantage Point with Lord & Taylor providing the fashions. This is the largest fundraiser for the year. We need your help and support to continue funding our branch’s successful scholarship program.

- ✓ Volunteer to model in the fashion show: New members, this is a fun way to get involved in a branch activity and meet other members.
- ✓ Donate a door prize for the show: Suggestions include a gift card, an accessory, even tickets to a show. All donations are greatly appreciated!
- ✓ Buy your tickets to the show: Tickets will be sent to all members in March.
- ✓ Please bring a friend, a prospective member, your daughter or granddaughter.

If you cannot come, please buy your tickets anyway, and give them to friends, or as a donation, as ticket sales go directly into the scholarship fund.

To volunteer, or ask any questions, please contact: Suzanne Soules (suzanne.soules@gmail.com) or Debra Wade (deb_wade@yahoo.com) Co-Chairs Fashion Show.



AAUW National Convening Webinar

Kim Churches, AAUW CEO, has announced that there will not be an in-person national convention this year. Regrettably, the last convention in 2107 lost \$1 million dollars; several earlier conventions also operated at a loss. As a fiscally responsible option for members to learn what the national office is doing, there will be a series of webinars during the year. The first one was held January 28 in which Ms. Churches discussed Public Policy plans for the year, Start Smart and Work Smart initiatives and other topics. You can watch the one-hour webinar on the AAUW website at any time that is convenient. The next one will be on April 14 at 3:00 PM.

Holiday Party and Dinner

The Holiday Party was held at Barbara Parker's historic home, Rockburn, on December 8. Many thanks to Barbara for hosting and to the Social Committee for arranging the event.



Conversations over a fine meal



Barbara Carter



Suzanne Soules

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 members of the Evening Great Decisions Group will continue to meet in the evening on the third Monday of the month. Our next meeting will be Monday, March 16, at 7:00 PM at the home of Lee Ann Hartman. Topic: *India and Pakistan*. NOTE NO MEETING IN FEBRUARY. Contact: Diane Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

DAYTIME GROUP

The Daytime Great Decisions Group will meet on Thursday, February 6, at 1:00 pm to discuss *India and Pakistan*. We will meet at the home of Mary Ann Crosby. If you plan to attend, please contact Mary Ann at 410-463-9428 or baywatch33@verizon.net.

Contact: Lorraine Tropf - H 301-617-2785 or lmerdon@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet on THURSDAY, FEBRUARY 27TH, 11:30 AM, at Nordstrom's Café at Columbia Mall.

Contact: Gail Rust

ggrust@comcast.net or 443-864-4189.

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We will be meeting at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill on Columbia Gateway Drive on Tuesday, Feb. 4th at 6:00 pm. They have a very nice Happy Hour offer if you are interested in coming a bit early...an appetizer at no cost when you order a drink from the bar. Please RSVP to me if you do plan to attend so that I may make reservations by Feb 2. As in the past, if there is bad weather, we follow the Howard County public school's cancellation policy. If schools are closed or evening programs cancelled, so are we.

Contact: Carol Phelps,

carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

AAUW READERS

Thursday March 19: Discussion of BORN A CRIME: STORIES FROM A SOUTH AFRICAN CHILDHOOD by Trevor Noah

Thursday May 21: Planning session. Meetings are held at the East Columbia Senior Center at 11 AM.

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Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust 443-864-4189

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



2020 Branch Calendar

FEBRUARY

- 4 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:00 pm Rudy's Mediterranean Grill in Columbia Gateway
- 6 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm
- 8 -- **Book Bash** @ 11:30 AM – 2:30 PM, Union Jack's, Columbia
- 17 -- **NO Evening Great Decisions**
- 18 - **NO Board Meeting**
- 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; **Presentation on Women's Portraits in the National Portrait Gallery**
- 15 -- **Girl Power** @ Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Laurel
- 16 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm
- 19 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; E. Columbia Library; **Note Date Change,**
- 19 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; E. Columbia Sr. Ctr,
- 20 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 21 -- **Diversity Event** – Cherry Blossom Opening Festivities
- 21 -- **AAUW Maryland Annual Convention** , Hosted by Anne Arundel County Branch at Unitarian Universalist Church, 333 Dubois Rd, Annapolis, MD 21401
- 26 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

APRIL

- 2 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1 pm
- 7 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:00 pm Place: Sushi King, 6490 Dobbin Rd, Columbia
- 14 -- **AAUW National Webinar** @ 3:00 pm
- 14 -- **Branch Meeting** @ 7 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church; **Sushi Tasting and Speaker on Japan**
- 17 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 20 - **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm
- 21 - **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; Place TBD
- 25 -- **Fashion Show** @ 2:00 – 3:30 pm; **Theme: "We've Come a Long Way: 1920-2020;"** Residences at Vantage Point in Columbia
- 30 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café

MAY

- 5 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:00 pm Place TBD
- 7 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1:00 pm
- 12 -- **Branch Salad Supper**, @ 6:30 pm; 1st Evangelical Lutheran Church; **Install officers; meet scholarship winners**
- 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

JUNE

- 2 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:00 pm Place TBD
- 4 – **Great Decisions** @ 1:00 pm
- 15 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7:00 pm
- 16 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7:00 pm; Place TBD
- 19 - **Public Policy Meeting** @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill
- 25 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café