

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

## MAY 2020

Greetings Members and Friends,

We have had some challenges with the Coronavirus but we will get through this because we are smart, strong, adaptable, and determined. The stories of those I have been in touch with are much the same – we are staying at home and taking precautions such as social distancing, and wearing masks and gloves when we need to go out or ordering food and supplies that are delivered to our doors. Thankfully, as far as I know, our members have been spared the health ravages of this virus. Keep up the vigilance in this “state of emergency” and although April may have been the “lost month,” May promises to be a brighter month. In the meanwhile, let’s reach out and check on each other’s well-being.

**Branch Activities** --In keeping with national AAUW recommendations, we will have no more Branch meetings through June. We may try an in-person Board meeting sometime in July and hopefully resume our Branch meetings with our traditional Pot Luck Dinner on September 22. Two fundraiser events on our calendar that are tentative, depending what direction the virus takes, are the Fashion Show on September 12 and our Honorary Tea on either October 25 or a Sunday in November.

**Branch Elections**—This year we need to elect four new officers to the Board. Please send your votes to Jeannie Parr ([Jean\\_Parr@yahoo.com](mailto:Jean_Parr@yahoo.com)) by May 17<sup>th</sup> on the following new branch officers whose 2-year terms will begin July 1, 2020. We need at least 11 votes to finalize. Any additions should be sent to me by May 10<sup>th</sup>. **President-** Beth Hayden; **Program VP-** Susan Hailman; **Education VP-** Suzanne Soules; **Membership & Diversity VP-** Debra Wade and **1st VP-** position open. Since we have lost 2 secretaries, Barbara (Bobbie) Brooks has kindly offered to serve as a backup secretary to Jeannie.

**State Officer Elections** – You might want to consider volunteering to be a Branch delegate to vote in the upcoming AAUW Maryland election May 26<sup>th</sup> for six state officers: **President-** Erin Prangley; **Co-VPs for Programs-** Tracy Lantz and Pat Stocker; **Co-VP for Public Policy-** Roxann King; and **Co-VPs for Communications-** Eileen Menton and Susan Wierman. Please let me ([BHayden52@aol.com](mailto:BHayden52@aol.com) or Diane Roca ([DBroca@comcast.net](mailto:DBroca@comcast.net)) know by **May 8<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to be a delegate.

**National AAUW Committees** --There are openings on several national AAUW committees that could provide you an opportunity to help shape the future of women and girls, learn more about the work of the national office, network with other dedicated AAUW leaders, and gain leadership experience. Please consider applying by May 8 at [www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/committees](http://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/committees)

**Membership Dues** – Invoices are being sent out for payment of membership dues for the next year that starts July 1, 2020. Many thanks to those of you who have already renewed. Bea Dane is sending invoices by email for easy renewal by clicking on a few links and following instructions. This method is far easier than sending a check, so we encourage online renewal.

**Branch Survey** – Watch your mailbox for a survey we will be sending out in June to obtain members input for improving participation in Branch Meetings and other events.

Stay safe and be well until we meet again!

Beth Hayden, *President*

## **Program and Social Connie Palmieri and Carol Phelps, Co-VPs**

The Salad Supper, scheduled for May 12, has been cancelled. We look forward to getting together for a branch meeting when stay-at-home restrictions are lifted.  
*Connie Palmieri, Co-VP, Programs and Social*

## **Dues for 2020-2021**

### **Reminder from your treasurer:**

Dues for the 2020-21 year are now due. The amount is \$82 (\$59 National; \$10 State; \$13 Branch). You may renew on line using the link that will come to your email in mid-May, or you may send a check made out to AAUW Howard County and mail to: Bea Dane, 4050 Hobbs Hill Rd, Glenelg, MD 21737. Thank you to the many members who have already renewed!!

## Election of Officers

**Branch Elections**—We need your vote on new officers for a two-year term beginning July 1, 2020. The Board has agreed on the following proposed candidates. If any member would like to be a candidate for any of the positions, her name needs to be forwarded to Beth Hayden no later than May 10<sup>th</sup>. Here is the slate of officers for this year's election:

**President**-- Beth Hayden  
**Vice President** – Position Vacant  
**Program VP**-- Susan Hailman  
**Education VP**-- Suzanne Soules  
**Membership & Diversity VP**-- Debra Wade  
**Secretary (Backup)**-- Barbara (Bobbie) Brooks

Please send your vote to Jeannie Parr ([Jean\\_Parr@yahoo.com](mailto:Jean_Parr@yahoo.com)) by May 17<sup>th</sup>. We need at least 11 votes to finalize.

## National and AAUW Maryland News

Susan Weirman and Kate Campbell Stevenson, Co-Presidents of **AAUW Maryland**, have announced that the State Board decided that the 2020 convention will not be held in Annapolis on June 27, as had been planned. The board hopes to hold the convention in September.

Anyone who registered and paid for the convention will receive a refund.

A Zoom conference call will be held on May 26 to elect officers to AAUW Maryland. Each branch president has a vote, and each branch has voting delegates in proportion to the number of members. Howard County is allotted 7 delegates. Those on the AAUW Maryland slate of officers are: **President**- Erin Prangley; **Co-VPs for Programs**-Tracy Lantz and Pat Stocker; **Co-VP for Public Policy**-Roxann King; and **Co-VPs for Communications**-Eileen Menton and Susan Wierman. Please let Beth Hayden ([BHayden52@aol.com](mailto:BHayden52@aol.com)) or Diane Roca ([DBroca@comcast.net](mailto:DBroca@comcast.net)) know by **May 8<sup>th</sup>** if you would like to be a delegate and vote via Zoom.

There are several opportunities to join **national AAUW committees**. Some AAUW Maryland members have served on these committees and unanimously agree that they enjoyed the experience. Please consider applying for one. Your experience will be a valuable benefit to AAUW.

The committees for which members are being recruited include the following: Advancement, Audit, Executive, Finance, Governance, Investment, Nominating, Inclusion & Equity, Legal Advocacy and Public Policy. Applications can be made at:

[www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/committees](http://www.aauw.org/resources/member/governance-tools/committees)

## Philanthropy Debra Wade, VP

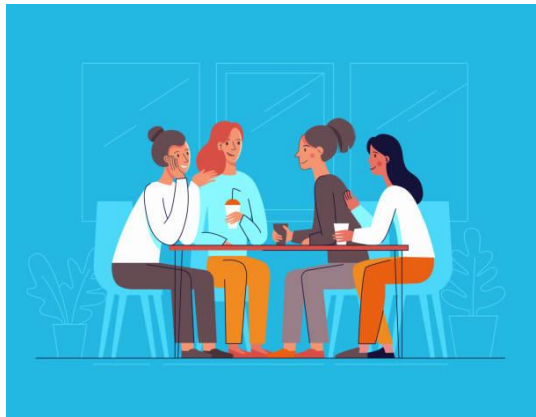
Please stop by Tino's and pick-up some lunch or dinner. They have been there for our fundraiser every year so we should be there for them during these difficult times. You can place your order online at this link: <https://www.tinositalianbistro.com/>

Pinot's Palette is offering Live Virtual Painting Classes that allow you to participate from home. Once you register, they provide a link and instructions for Zoom, where you can see and ask the studio artist questions as they work step by step with you. You will need to pick-up the kit that includes one 16 x 20 canvas, self-guided instructions for the painting you selected, brushes, plastic paint palette, acrylic paints pumped in to-go cups with lids, disposable apron, and disposable cup for water.

Pinot's Palette also has Cabin Fever Kits for Adults and Kids you can purchase for painting at home, believe it or not. Their painting kits include all the supplies you need and are fun for all ages. Register in advance for the painting kit. Your kit will be ready for pick ONLY between the hours of 12:00-5:00 PM. PLEASE ALLOW TWO HOURS FROM ORDER UNTIL PICK UP! Please come to the front door, mention the reservation name and it will be handed to you. So, if you want something fun to do after you finish your 8th puzzle, why not support Pinot's Palette? At the link make a selection from the calendar Virtual Event or Cabin Fever Kit. <https://www.pinotpalette.com/ellicottcity/events>

### Fashion Show

Our Fashion Show is a No Show for now. The Residences at Vantage House has cancelled all events until further notice. We do have a tentative date of September 12, 2020. Please stay tuned for further updates. Many thanks to our Committee members for their work on the Fashion Show thus far. *Debra Wade* ([deb\\_wade@yahoo.com](mailto:deb_wade@yahoo.com)) *Fashion Show Chair*



## 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 will meet via Zoom videoconferencing on Monday, May 18, at 7:00 PM. Topic #4: *Modern Slavery and Human Trafficking*. Group members will receive an emailed invitation to the meeting in advance.

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

### **DAYTIME GROUP**

The Daytime Great Decisions Group has temporarily suspended meetings until it is safe for us to meet.

Contact: Lorraine Tropf  
[lmerdon@verizon.net](mailto:lmerdon@verizon.net)

### **LUNCH BUNCH**

The Lunch Bunch will have no scheduled lunches until further notice.

Contact: Gail Rust [ggrust@comcast.net](mailto:ggrust@comcast.net)  
or 443-864-4189.

### **ADVENTURES IN DINING**

Since we are not able to meet together for our dinner in May, I suggest that we individually pick up or have delivered carryout from a favorite close-by restaurant in order to show our support for the restaurants in our community. Hope you enjoy your dinner and I look forward to when we can meet in person!! Please stay safe and hope to see you soon!!!

Contact: Carol Phelps,  
[carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net)

### **AAUW READERS**

Thursday May 21 [if conditions permit:] Planning Session. Meetings are held at the East Columbia Senior Center at 11:00 AM.

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301-776-1392

*Barbara Parker* [bparker@virginia.edu](mailto:bparker@virginia.edu)  
or 410-796-9019

**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

Vice President, Programs: Susan Hailman shailman@comcast.net

Vice President, Philanthropy: Chizoba Ebinama 240-264-7824

Co-Vice Presidents, Social and Meetings: Carol Phelps

410-381-7076 and Connie Palmieri 410-489-5654

Co-Vice President, Secretary: Jean Parr 410-381-6351

Vice President, Education and Scholarships: Suzanne Soules

410-872-8603

Co-Vice Presidents, Public Policy:

Bev Fallik 301-596-6208 and Lucie Geinzer 410-978-8310

Vice President, Membership and Diversity:

Debra Wade 410-531-2072

Vice President, Communications:

Diane Roca 410-964-3523

Fashion Show Co-Chairs: Suzanne Soules 410-872-8603

and Debra Wade 410-531-2072

Website Manager: Position open

Adventures in Dining: Carol Phelps 410-381-7076

AAUW Readers: Doris Raytkwich 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

## 2020 Branch Calendar May and June

### MAY

- 5 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:00 pm Order take-out dinner to support a local restaurant
- 7 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1:00 pm **Cancelled**
- 12 -- **Branch Salad Supper**, @ 6:30 pm; **Cancelled**
- 15 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 1:30 pm; **Cancelled**
- 18 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7 pm via Zoom videoconferencing
- 19 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; **Cancelled**
- 21 -- **AAUW Readers** @ 11 am; **Cancelled**
- 28 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; **Cancelled**

### JUNE

- 2 -- **Adventures in Dining** – @ 6:00 pm Place TBD
- 4 -- **Great Decisions** @ 1:00 pm if conditions permit
- 15 -- **Great Decisions** @ 7:00 pm via Zoom videoconferencing
- 16 -- **Board Meeting** @ 7 pm; **may use Zoom videoconferencing otherwise meet in early July**
- 19 -- **Public Policy Meeting** @ 1:30 pm; Bagel Bin, River Hill if conditions permit
- 25 -- **Lunch Bunch** @ 11:30 am; Nordstrom's Café if conditions permit

