

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

FEBRUARY 2022

Hello, Members,

It has been a while since we issued a newsletter, but as the pandemic starts to subside, we are beginning to plan activities for early spring and summer and feel it's a good time to catch everyone up on the latest. Although we only had 11 people show up to see *White Christmas* at Toby's Dinner Theater January 9th, we had a good time and sold 24 tickets that resulted in a \$905 contribution to our scholarship fund! Our Book Bash, originally scheduled for February 19th is being postponed until mid-March and will likely be at Union Jack's Restaurant.

I want to welcome Susan DeMar to our branch who was previously instrumental in establishing an AAUW branch in Arizona. Please reach out and get to know her as we navigate through Covid land and gradually have more in-person activities.

I encourage you to attend the AAUW Maryland Annual Meeting on March 26th that will be held in Annapolis from 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM. It's a good way to network, exchange ideas with other Maryland branch members and hear from dynamic speakers on topics of interest to us. Details are later in this Newsletter and *The Marylander*.

February 3rd is the date for interested members to contact their legislators to support those bills that the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women are trying to get passed this year. A separate email with details was sent earlier to all branch members.

This year's Woman of Distinction is Dr. Pat Stocker (active AAUW officer) and all contributions are welcome; they are fully tax-deductible. See more details on page 3.

Take a look at our website that has recently been updated as improvements continue to be made. Lastly, check out the calendar at the end of this Newsletter. So, stay warm, stay safe and stay engaged in AAUW activities!

Beth Hayden, President

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Programs Susan Hailman, VP

March Branch Meeting

THE BOOK BASH!

Saturday, March 12

11:30 AM

In-person at Bertucci's

Menu details will be sent when available

**THIS MEETING POSTPONED FROM
FEBRUARY TO MARCH**

Faves and Raves - Your Favorite Book of 2021

This year's Book Bash theme is ***Faves and Raves - Your Favorite Book of 2021***.

Since we haven't seen each other much, this is a chance to catch up and get some reading suggestions as varied as we are! Your book could be a new release, or just new to you. Whether it was a cozy story, thriller, sci-fi adventure, romance, or biography please share with us. Each presenter will be asked to make a 5-minute presentation.

Please email Susan, shailman@comcast.net by [March 5](#) if you are willing to present. Include the title and author so we can offer members a list.

Susan Hailman, Program VP



A Challenge to the Branch

AAUW Maryland Challenge to Branches

To raise funds for the AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction Honoree, Dr Pat Stocker, AAUW Maryland is challenging each branch to have all its Board members and fifty percent of Branch members contribute to the Maryland Woman of Distinction Fund.

Dian Belanger wrote an excellent article in the Fall Marylander which gives details about Pat and how to donate. [2021-12-Marylander.pdf \(aauw.net\)](#) (page 3)

Bea Dane, our Finance Officer, has been designated to keep a record of the board and branch members who donate. **Be sure to notify Bea when you make a donation.**

Her email is bea_dane@comcast.net Her phone number is 410-299-8403.

Pay online through the AAUW website (specify Women of Distinction fund #4355) or make your check payable to **AAUW** with **Fund #4335** on the memo line.

Mail to AAUW, 1310 L Street, Suite 1000, Washington DC 20005

The deadline for donations is March 31st. Branches who meet the goal will be recognized at the AAUW Maryland Summer Conference.

AAUW Maryland decided to make this challenge to give Branch members a larger sense of belonging to AAUW beyond their Branch. By donating to the Women of Distinction Fund each member is participating in an Association and State AAUW Project. The Association project is the sponsorship of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) which takes place in Washington, DC in early June. The State project is raising the sponsorship money of \$20,000 to honor our Maryland Woman of Distinction. If we make our \$20,000 goal (platinum sponsorship of Women of Distinction), Pat will be recognized at NCCWSL as the Maryland Woman of Distinction and will have the significant opportunity to address the conference attendees.



Dr. Pat Stocker, 2022 Maryland Woman of Distinction, is President of the Bethesda/Chevy Chase Branch and Co-VP for Programs for AAUW Maryland. She has also served as President of AAUW Maryland.

Member News

Welcome to new member Susan De Mar! She joins us from Arizona where she was an active AAUW member and started a new branch. Susan lives in Laurel. We look forward to meeting her soon when conditions allow.

Education Suzanne Soules, VP

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders will be held May 24 – 26, 2022. As it was last year it will be virtual. National has recently hired a person to lead this program, so all the information has not yet been published. Going on faith, we will recruit up to 5 students from Howard Community College to attend.

Girl Power, the program hosted by Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Laurel, will be held virtually again this year. This program for elementary and middle school girls will be Sunday, March 13 from 2 p.m. to 6 p.m.

It will be accessible through a Zoom webinar. Participants do not need to register. The link is <https://jhuapl.zoomgov.com/j/1609530006?>

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Pass this along to any of your friends, daughters or granddaughters.
Suzanne Soules, Education VP

AAUW Maryland 2022 Annual Meeting

Come to the Maryland state annual meeting, celebrating the 50th anniversary of Title IX. It will be held in person on Saturday, March 26, from 9:00 AM to 4:30 PM in Annapolis. Register by March 4 for reduced registration fee. Regular registration deadline is March 23.

Click on this link to be taken to information about meeting plans and registration forms.



[2021-12-Marylander.pdf \(aauw.net\)](#) (see page 9 - 11)

Interest Groups

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program. One group that meets monthly on the third Monday of the month from 7:00 – 9:00 PM.

We will meet via videoconferencing for the first discussion of the year on Monday, February 21, at 7:00 PM.

Topic #1: *Demographics*

The meeting will start with the related Master Class on the DVD that the group purchased.

Group members will receive an emailed invitation to the meeting a few days before. Contact: Diane Roca dbroca@comcast.net or 410-964-3523

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Since we are not able to meet together for our dinners, 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. Please stay safe and hope to see you soon!!!

Contact: Carol Phelps, carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will not meet until conditions are safe. Contact: Gail Rust ggrust@comcast.net or 443-864-4189.

AAUW READERS

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 11:00 AM. Of course, the big question at the moment is how soon we can get back to in-person meetings. Our in-person meetings have been taking place at the 50+ Center at the East Columbia Branch Library. We've been waiting until closer to the date to make that decision as to where and how to meet.

March 17 - GIFT FROM THE SEA by Ann Lindbergh

May 19 -THE DARKEST EVENING by Ann Cleeves

July 21 - ANIMAL, VEGETABLE, JUNK by Mark Bittman

Anyone with questions should feel free to email me.

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2021-2022 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Beth Hayden (410)-707-2018

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Financial Officer: Bea Dane (410) 299-8403

Vice President, Programs: Susan Hailman

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Alt: Bobbi Brooks (443) 545-5642

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Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

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Great Decisions: Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust (443) 864-4189

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

2022 Branch Calendar

More events will be added as they are scheduled.

FEBRUARY

- 1** – Board Meeting 2:00 PM; President's home and virtual
- 3** – MLAW Briefing 5:00 PM to 7:00 PM; virtual
- 4** – Help at Howard County Food Bank; 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 21** – Great Decisions 7:00 PM via Zoom

MARCH

- 4** – Help at Howard County Food Bank; 10:00 AM to 12:00 PM
- 6** – AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction Tea; 2:00 to 4:00 PM; Anita Rosen's home
- 12** - Book Bash 11:30 AM; Union Jack's Restaurant, Columbia
- 17** – AAUW Readers; 11:00 AM
- 21** - Great Decisions 7:00 PM via Zoom
- 26** – AAUW Maryland Annual Meeting; 9:00 AM – 4:30 PM; Annapolis. Details on website. <https://aauw-md.aauw.net> Register by March 4 for reduced fee. Regular registration ends March 23.

TBD—Board Meeting

APRIL

- 1** -- Help at Howard County Food Bank; 10 AM to 12 PM
- 10** --Sip & Paint Fundraiser; host- Pinot's Palette; 3-5 PM; in person & virtual; Ellicott City (tentative)
- 12** -- Branch meeting; 5 PM; Bertucci's Restaurant
- TBD** – Board Meeting

MAY

17 -- Branch Meeting; 5 PM; Aida Restaurant; Columbia (**tentative**)

24-26 -- National Conference for College Women Student Leaders; Univ. of MD;
College Park, MD

TBD – Board Meeting

JUNE

13 – Branch Meeting and Salad Supper; 5 PM; Carol Phelp's House (**tentative**)

TBD – Board Meeting