

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

## SEPTEMBER 2022

Hello Friends and Members -

September is finally here and along with it is our first branch meeting of FY 2023 that we will hold on **Tuesday, September 13 at 4 pm at Bertucci's Restaurant**. Our speaker will be Tracy Lantz, newly elected president of AAUW Maryland, who will talk about AAUW National and State priorities and how we might support them at the local level. More details follow below.

Included in this newsletter is the FY 2023 Budget that was approved by the Board and will be presented to members at our September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. Questions are welcome.

Last month, Suzanne Soules, Diane Roca and I introduced our branch in a meeting with Howard Community College's president, Daria Willis, PhD, who is very supportive of our organization and is willing to help us with student recruitment on campus and providing a room for some of our branch meetings.

Back by popular demand—we are planning a fundraiser at Toby's Dinner Theater for an afternoon performance of *Ghost* on **October 23<sup>rd</sup>**! Please contact me by **September 13<sup>th</sup>** for tickets (\$85) so that I can reserve our group seats. Note that \$13.70 of each ticket will go towards our scholarship fund. We need 10 more people to sign up to get the reduced senior group rate; so, don't hesitate and sign up today.

I hope to see many of you at our September meeting!

Beth Hayden, President

[BHayden52@aol.com](mailto:BHayden52@aol.com)

## Programs Susan Hailman, VP

***September Branch Meeting***

***Tracy Lantz, Newly Elected State President, Visits Howard County!***

**Tuesday, September 13 4:00 – 7:00 pm**

**Bertucci's Italian Restaurant, 9081 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia**

### **'Planning Branch Activities with State and National Priorities in Mind'**

Our kick off meeting for the fall will be an in-person meeting on **Tuesday, September 13 at Bertucci's at 9081 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia.**

**Our speaker will be Tracy Lantz, the new state AAUW President.** She plans to visit all the Maryland branches and we are delighted to be her first visit. As you may have read in the *Marylander*, her focus will be exploring inequities faced by women and girls and how we can work to make change at the local, state and national level. It will be an informal presentation and she will join us for dinner, so lots of time to get to know her.

**We have the room from 4-7 pm, so plan on coming early** to catch up with friends and peruse the menu. We're planning to order our food before our program starts, so all dinner orders should be given to servers by 4:30. **Our business meeting will start by 4:45 pm. Every committee has plans to share for the coming year-- this is your opportunity to learn more, offer your input and sign up if interested. Dinner will be served close to 6 pm after Tracy finishes her presentation.**

Since having our meetings with an option for a meal afterwards-popular with our members, we will look for more opportunities using this format. We are so fortunate to be able to use this facility free-of-charge -- we want to be able to return!

Let's get off to a strong start! Hope to see you there!

Please contact Connie Palmieri and let her know that you will attend.

([Conniempalmieri@yahoo.com](mailto:Conniempalmieri@yahoo.com) or 410-489-5654)

*Susan Hailman, Program VP*

Help our student neighbors! The **Fueling Dragons** Food Pantry provides access to food for students at Howard Community College. Please bring a non-perishable food item to the September meeting.

## Branch Members Volunteer in the County



At the Food Pantry in August (left to right) Beth Hayden, Jeanne Parr, Suzanne Soules and Laura Violand.

Branch members volunteer once a month at the Howard County Food Bank. Interested in joining them? Contact Jeanne Parr at (410) 381-6351 or [jean\\_parr@yahoo.com](mailto:jean_parr@yahoo.com)

## AAUW Maryland Summer Meeting

Four branch members attended the AAUW Maryland Summer Leadership Meeting in Rockville on August 20 and came away informed about the problems that women face in access to health care. Beth Hayden, Bea Dane, Diane Roca and new member Cindy Graham represented our branch. Three obstetricians/gynecologists from Johns Hopkins Medicine discussed absorbing statistics and individual stories on the topic *Inequalities in Health Care Affecting Women and Girls*. Learn about the principal factors through watching the YouTube video, *The Gender Health Gap*, link is below.

Then, mark your calendar for the AAUW Maryland Fall Conference on October 15 in Gaithersburg. Plan to attend - Details coming in the Fall issue of the *Marylander*.

<https://www.youtube.com/watch?v=Z5IPshBl06Y>



## Education Suzanne Soules VP

Education is one of the most vital ways we can support women and girls. Our education activities this year will include:

- Supporting the Howard Community College food bank (called Fueling Dragons)
- Donating scholarship funds for the 2022-23 academic year
- Participation in Girl Power at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab if it is held in person in March
- Offering scholarships to AAUW 's leadership conference in May.

There are more ideas we can develop for supporting girls and women with their educational interests and goals. I invite members to contact me if you are willing to work with me on the above or other projects.

The President's Gala Welcoming Dr. Daria Willis will be :

Saturday, October 15, 2022, from 7-10 p.m. at The Kossiakoff Center at The Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Laboratory

Please consider attending this special event. There are several members who have indicated they will go and would like to sit at a table with our branch's members. Individual tickets for dinner and dancing are \$100. Part of the ticket price will go into the Education Foundation for scholarships and is tax-deductible. See me or Diane Roca [dbroca@comcast.net](mailto:dbroca@comcast.net) .

*Suzanne Soules, Education VP* [Suzanne.soules@gmail.com](mailto:Suzanne.soules@gmail.com)

## AAUW HOWARD COUNTY FY 2023 BUDGET

	PROPOSED BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR (2021-2022) BUDGET	PRIOR YEAR (2021-2022) ACTUALS	
<b>INCOME</b>				
DUES	715	755	715	55 members @ \$13
PINOT'S PAINT	300	300	325	
TEA (Net)		1500	0	
FASHION SHOW (Net)		2000	0	
HOLIDAY EVENT - TOBY's Theater	500	600	905	
TINO'S/OTHER RESTAURANTS	100	0	0	
OTHER INCOME/ DONATIONS	3400	0	421	Includes a member's \$3K donation in July direct to HCC Educ Foundation Reserve amt needed depends upon fundraising budget
RESERVE/SAVINGS	1850	2050	2343	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>6865</b>	<b>7205</b>	<b>4709</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
ROOM RENTAL	100	200	0	
ZOOM ACCOUNT	0	150	0	
PROGRAM	100	100	23	
NEWSLETTER	50	50	0	
MEMBERSHIP/DIVERSITY	200	275	21	
EDUCATION	200	200	0	
WEBSITE	120	120	0	
SOCIAL - MEETINGS	50	150	0	
PUBLIC POLICY/MLAW	75	100	75	Includes MLAW dues of \$75
PRESIDENT	50	50	0	
TREASURER	20	20	0	
INSURANCE	200	190	200	
MARKETING/PUBLICITY	100			
<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1265</b>	<b>1605</b>	<b>319</b>	
HCC EDUCATION FUND	4000	4000	4000	\$3K member donation given directly to HCC in July 2023 Depends upon NCCWSL happening in person
NCCWSL - 2 STUDENTS	1100	1100	390	
NATIONAL UNRESTRICTED	250	250	0	Depends upon State AAUW decision
MD WOMAN OF DISTINCTION FUND	250	250	0	
<b>SUBTOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>5600</b>	<b>5600</b>	<b>4390</b>	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>6865</b>	<b>7205</b>	<b>4709</b>	

Cash balances as of 6/30//2022

Checking	\$2,992.97
Savings	<u>\$4,502.64</u>
<b>TOTAL</b>	<b>\$7,495.61</b>

## Interest Groups

### GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions is a foreign policy discussion program. We meet monthly on the third Monday of the month from 2:00 – 4:00 PM.

**Monday, September 19** at 2:00 pm  
Topic #6: *No End in Sight: A Century of Drug Wars*

Location: Brightview Senior Living,  
6670 Martin Rd, Columbia, MD 21044  
The meeting will start with viewing the related Master Class on the Great Decisions DVD.

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

### ADVENTURES IN DINING

Our group will not meet on the usual night in September. Instead, come to the Branch meeting at Bertucci's on September 13 and enjoy time together. In October we will meet on Thursday, October 6 (due to Tuesday holiday) at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill on Gateway Drive at 5:00 PM.

November 1 we will plan to meet at Hudson Coastal in Maple Lawn at 5:00 PM And Dec 6 Location TBD...

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

### LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch is ready to start meeting again! We meet on the last Thursday of the month. Looking forward to seeing you on Thursday, September 29, 11:30 am at Nordstrom Café.  
Contact: Gail Rust [ggrust@comcast.net](mailto:ggrust@comcast.net) or 443-864-4189.

### AAUW READERS

Meetings take place on Thursdays at 10:30 am. Our in-person meetings have been taking place at the 50+ Center at the East Columbia Branch Library.

#### **2022**

September 15 - **Free Love** by Tessa Hadley

November 17 - **The Lincoln Highway** by Amor Towles

#### **2023**

January 18 - **The Midnight Library** by Matt Haig

March 16 - **You Don't Belong Here: How Three Women Rewrote the Story of War** by Elizabeth Becker

May 18 - **Grandmothers Who Inspired Us Across the World** by Merry Adler

July 20 - **The Clockmaker's Daughter** by Kate Morton

Anyone with questions should feel free to email me.

Contact: Roberta Rood  
[robertarood@earthlink.net](mailto:robertarood@earthlink.net)

**2022-2023 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers**

*President: Beth Hayden (410)-707-2018*

*First Vice President: Position open*

*Financial Officer: Bea Dane (410) 299-8403*

*Vice President, Programs: Susan Hailman  
(443) 994-5453, [shailman@comcast.net](mailto:shailman@comcast.net)*

*Vice President, Philanthropy: Position open*

*Co-Vice Presidents, Meetings/Social: Carol Phelps  
(410) 381-7076; and Connie Palmieri (410) 489-5654*

*Secretary: Jean Parr (410) 381-6351;*

*Alt: Bobbi Brooks (443) 545-5642*

*Vice President, Education: Suzanne Soules (410) 872-8603*

*Vice President, Public Policy: Position open*

*Vice President, Membership and Diversity:*

*Debra Wade (410) 531-2072*

*Vice President, Communications:*

*Diane Roca (410) 964-3523*

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*Website Manager: Position open*

*Adventures in Dining: Carol Phelps (410) 381-7076*

*AAUW Readers: Roberta Rood (410) 461-0017*

*Great Decisions: Diane Roca (410) 964-3523*

*Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust (443) 864-4189*

Have you looked at the branch website lately? Did you know that you can look up a member's name and contact information on our website?

Go to [howardcounty-md.aauw.net](http://howardcounty-md.aauw.net). The password to enter the Members Only section is at the bottom of each page of every newsletter! (PS. Those are zeroes.)

## 2022-2023 Branch Calendar

Planned events are tentative and will be confirmed closer to the date

### 2022

#### AUGUST

- 5 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 8 -- Publish Branch Newsletter
- 10 -- Early Registration Deadline for AAUW MD Summer Conference
- 15 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 18 -- Meeting with HCC President, Dr. Daria Willis; 10 a.m. on campus
- 20 -- AAUW MD Summer Conference; 9 am to 3:30 pm, Rockville
- 26 -- Women's Equality Day

#### SEPTEMBER

- 2 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 7 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm at Susan Hailman's house
- 13 -- Branch Meeting; 4:00 pm; Bertucci's Restaurant; speaker-Tracy Lantz, President of AAUW MD
- 15 -- AAUW Readers; 11:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 19 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
- 21 -- Black Women's Equal Pay Day
- 29 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café



## OCTOBER

- 5 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 7 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 11 -- Branch Meeting; 2 pm; E Columbia Library
- 15 -- AAUW Maryland Fall Conference, Gaitherburg
- 17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 23 -- Toby's Dinner Theater; *Ghost*
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

## NOVEMBER

- 4 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 9 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm location TBD
- 17 -- AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 21 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; location TBD
- ?? -- Pinot's Palette; alternate date in January
- ?? -- MLAW Conference

### **No Branch Meeting**

## DECEMBER

- 2 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 6 -- Holiday Dinner, Branch Meeting and Silent Auction

## JANUARY 2023

- 6 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 16 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 18 -- AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 26 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe
- ?? -- League of Women Voters Legislative Briefing
- ?? -- Pinot's Palette alternate date

### **No Branch Meeting**

## FEBRUARY

- 1 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 3 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 11 -- Branch Meeting; location TBD, Women's Heritage Center speaker
- 20 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 23 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe

## MARCH – Women's History Month

- 3 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 7 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 14 -- Book Bash and Branch Meeting at Union Jack's restaurant; 11:30 am
- 16 -- AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 20 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 30 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe
- ?? -- Girl Power; John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; Laurel

## APRIL

- 4 -- Adventures in Dining; LaPalapa 2 restaurant; Laurel
- 6 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 7 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 11 -- Branch Meeting – Diversity: Latin community; location TBD
- 17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe
- ?? -- AAUW Maryland Annual Meeting

## MAY

5 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia

7 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

9 -- Branch Meeting, Pot Luck, New Officers; location TBD;

15 - Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD

18 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library

25 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

?? -- NCCWSL, U of MD, College Park, MD