

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

OCTOBER 2022

Hello Members and Friends –

Our September branch meeting at Bertucci's was a wonderful way to kick off our new year where I think everyone enjoyed themselves not only learning about AAUW's priorities this year but being served dinner – better than dragging our pot luck dishes to a meeting room! Our next **Branch Meeting is coming up quickly on October 11 at 1:45 pm at Miller Library in the Patapsco Room.** If you've ever gotten an email, text or phone call that looked or sounded like a scam, our next meeting's speaker will help you sort that out while staying safe from fraud.

Seventeen of us will be off to see **Ghost at Toby's Dinner Theater on October 23rd** – just in time for Halloween!

As a reminder, the **AAUW Maryland Fall Conference will be held Saturday, October 15th** starting at 9:30 p.m. in Gaithersburg at the Casey Community Center. The Gaithersburg Branch will be celebrating its 50th Anniversary. Sign up and have a good time with your friends for \$35 (breakfast and lunch included).

Note that the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW), one of our partners, is calling for submission of 2023 legislative proposals by November 1st and will be considered at the **MLAW Conference on November 12th** for the upcoming MD General Assembly. I am not aware of anyone in our branch developing a proposal, but if so, please contact me.

Bea Dane has been keeping us keenly aware of the many events planned by the MD Women's Heritage Foundation (another partner of ours), so watch your email. If anyone would like to lead or become involved in our Public Policy (Advocacy) Committee, please contact me.

Mark your calendars for **December 6th for our Holiday Dinner and Branch Meeting** and start putting together silent auction items. Carol Phelps is trolling venues for this event. Stay tuned for details. Also, Gail Rust is re-establishing the Lunch Bunch on September 29th at 11:30 a.m. at Nordstrom Café.

I hope to see many of you at our October meeting! And yes, there will be light refreshments served there.

Beth Hayden, President
BHayden52@aol.com

Programs

Susan Hailman, VP

The upcoming program of our Branch meeting to be held at on **Tuesday, October 11 from 1:45-3:45 pm at the Miller Library** (Patapsco Room) will focus on Cybersecurity & Online Safety. It seems like we hear of a different scam and online-risk every week. It's hard to stay ahead of all the ways thieves have of stealing our money or identity. Can you tell what's a scam and what is not? We are fortunate to have Tracy Rezvani, the Administrator for the Howard County Office of Consumer Protection, presenting this month. She leads the office that deals with the many consumer issues that are reported to the county. Her presentation covers online safety, online shopping safely, social media scams and cybersecurity tips. We look forward to seeing you there.

Susan Hailman, Program VP

Branch Members Volunteer in the County

Branch members volunteer once a month at the Howard County Food Bank and we're always looking for volunteers. Interested in joining them? Contact [Jean Parr](#) at (410) 381-6351 or jean_parr@yahoo.com

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. The password to enter the Members Only section is at the bottom of each page of every newsletter! (PS. Those are zeroes.)



September Meeting at Bertucci's with Tracy Lantz-AAUW MD President

Education Suzanne Soules VP

At the September 13 branch meeting members generously donated items for the Howard Community College Students' Food Pantry. It is part of the schools "Fueling Dragons" efforts to help students in need. Last year, when we donated non-perishable items, the pantry was serving 100 students per month. Last week they served 158! Members Paula Rasera, Caroline Tunison, and Suzanne Soules delivered the donations to Tiffany Holtzman, who is the Fueling Dragons Coordinator.

The need for food over the holiday break in December will be high, so plan on another opportunity to share our abundance.



Pictured: Paula, Suzanne and Tiffany.

Suzanne Soules, Education VP Suzanne.soules@gmail.com

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, October 17 at 2:00 pm

Topic #7: Foreign policy, economic power and U.S. industrial policy

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 or
410-964-3523

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We are planning to meet at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill on Gateway Drive on Thursday, Oct 6th @5pm. If you would like to join some of us for Happy Hour, I will be there around 4:30. We will probably be using our little pay forms with one bill as that is easiest for this restaurant with a group--cash or checks are fine. **Please let Carol know if you are planning to attend by Sept 30th** so that she may confirm our reservation. Hope to see you there. We are tentatively hoping for Hudson Coastal in Maple Lawn on Tuesday, Nov. 1 and our traditional holiday dinner on Tuesday, Dec 6 - place TBD.

Contact: Carol Phelps,

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch meets on the last Thursday of the month. Reservations are not required. Looking forward to seeing you on **Thursday, October 27th, 11:30 am at Nordstrom Café.**

Contact: Gail Rust 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 Books

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.

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2022-2023 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Beth Hayden (410)-707-2018

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Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust (443) 864-4189

2022-2023 Branch Calendar

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

2022

OCTOBER

- 5 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; (tentative)
- 7 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 11 -- Branch Meeting; 1:45 pm; Miller Library in the Patapsco Room
- 15 -- AAUW Maryland Fall Conference, Gaithersburg
- 17 -- Great Decisions—Drug Wars; 2 pm, Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
- 23 -- Toby's Dinner Theater; *Ghost*, doors open at 10:30 am, Columbia
- 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
- 12 -- MLAW Conference; 9 am – 1 pm; Silver Spring Civic Building
- 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

No Branch Meeting

DECEMBER

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

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
- 15 -- AAUW Maryland Annual Meeting, HoCo Branch host; location TBD
- 17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 27 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe

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