

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

NOVEMBER 2022

Hello Members and Friends,

Happy Halloween! By now we are all probably eating the leftover candy that trick-or-treaters didn't save us from on Halloween night. A good time was had by those of us who saw *Ghost* at Toby's Dinner Theater on October 23rd. We cleared over \$200 for our scholarships and had fun in the process. We are already looking at next year's shows.

Our sympathy goes out to Carol Phelps whose husband passed last weekend. But Carol is a trooper and has arranged for Adventures in Dining to dine at Hudson Coastal in Maple Lawn on Tuesday, November 1st and our **Holiday Dinner (and branch meeting) at Bare Bones Restaurant on Tuesday, December 6**. Mark your calendars and plan to join us for the holidays.

We will not have a branch meeting in November, but I encourage you to sign up and attend the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (**MLAW) Conference on Saturday, Nov. 12th** that will be held in Silver Spring from 9 a.m. to 1 p.m. MLAW will go over the legislative proposals it will support this year.

Laura Violand has put together a wonderful art gallery tour and fundraiser where we will meet one of the artists whose creations are on display at the **HorseSpirit Arts Gallery** at Savage Mill. The event will be held on **Saturday, December 17th from 1 to 4 p.m.**, where wine and cheese will be served, and two door prizes will be awarded. You don't want to miss this event where you can shop for holiday presents throughout the gallery and Savage Mill. An entrance fee will be charged, all of which will go to our scholarships.

We've had 3 women recently join our branch: Joan Tarbell-Plato, Annie Geiermann, and Cynthia Graham. Please reach out to them and make them feel welcome.

In case I don't see you before, have a Happy Thanksgiving!

Beth Hayden, President

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Programs Susan Hailman, VP

There will be no branch meeting in November.

Mark your calendar for December 6, the date for our

Holiday Dinner and Branch Meeting

at Bare Bones restaurant.



Susan Hailman, Program VP

October Meeting – Consumer Protection



Speaker Tracy Rezvani, HC Consumer Protection Office, spoke on *Cybersecurity*.



President Beth Hayden presented Ms. Rezvani with an AAUW tote bag.

Education Suzanne Soules VP

Career Links Department at Howard Community College has the primary pool of students for our scholarships. Recently the college has partnered with the Community Action Council to reduce poverty and promote self-sufficiency. They are working specifically with parents whose children attended the Head Start program. This combined effort is raising \$40,000 to go to the financial aid for these parents. Career Links, like any good educational program, works with students to develop communication skills, improve critical thinking and problem solving. Poverty is more than lack of money!

The Education Foundation recently sent the names of the students who benefitted from our financial help 2020-2022:

Zipporah Swindell	\$750
Lashay Howard	\$750
Jennifer Phillips	\$1,000
Tiffany Williams	\$2,000
Sierra Garnes	\$750

In 2020, two women wrote thank you notes, which were recently received. Each is in the nursing program to get their Registered Nurse certification. Antoinette Broaddus and Erin Blackwood are grateful. After taking the licensing exam and getting licensed by the state, these women can earn an average salary of \$77,000.

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

Please welcome Joan Tarbell-Plato, our newest member to join our branch! She was a math major at the State University of New York at Oswego and her interests are in legislation, community services, and support for Howard Community College.

Branch News



Diane Roca and Suzanne Soules, with Suzanne's daughter Liz Killian, attended the Howard Community College Educational Foundation Gala on October 15th in honor of new HCC President, Dr. Daria Willis. The event raised funds for scholarships at the college.



In October, the Adventures in Dining group enjoyed dinner at Rudy's Mediterranean Grill.

We extend our deepest sympathy to Carol Phelps on the passing of her husband Fred.



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, November 21 at 2:00 pm
Topic #8: *Biden Foreign Policy in the Age of Strategic Competition.*

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

Our group will meet on November 1 at Hudson Coastal in Maple Lawn at 5:00 PM And on December 6, we will be at the Holiday Party at Bare Bones restaurant.

Contact: Carol Phelps,
carolmcauliffe@verizon.net



LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch is meeting again! We meet on the last Thursday of the month. We will NOT meet in November due to Thanksgiving falling on our usual date. We WILL meet, however, on December 29th.

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

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

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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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Debra Wade (410) 531-2072

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Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

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AAUW Readers: Roberta Rood (410) 461-0017

Great Decisions: Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

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; location TBD (Canceled)
- 7 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 11 -- Branch Meeting; 2 pm; Miller Library; Speaker Tracy Rezvani, HC Consumer Protection, on Cybersecurity
- 15 -- AAUW Maryland Fall Conference, Gaitherburg
- 17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm Brightview Senior Living
- 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; Marvin Thomas Room at East Columbia Library
- 12 -- MLAW Conference; 9 AM – 1 PM; Silver Spring Civic Building, Great Hall.
- 14 - Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, 6670 Martin Road, Columbia (Note change of date due to Thanksgiving holiday)
- 17 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
Lunch Bunch; No meeting due to Thanksgiving holiday

No Branch Meeting

DECEMBER

- 2 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 6 -- Holiday Dinner and Branch Meeting at Bare Bones restaurant
- 17 = HorseSpirit Arts Gallery Fundraiser, Savage Mill, 1 – 4 pm; Host, Laura Violand
- 29 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

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 possible date

No Branch Meeting

FEBRUARY

- 1 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm;
- 3 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 11 -- Branch Meeting; Kittleman Room at HCC; Women's Heritage Center speaker
- 20 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 23 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café
- 27 to March 5 -- Artists 4 ERA Exhibit, Catonsville Arts District, 6:30 to 9:30 pm

MARCH – Women's History Month

- 3 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 3 -- Reception for Artists 4 ERA Exhibit, Catonsville, 5 – 8 pm
- 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; Kittleman Room at HCC
- 15 – AAUW MD Annual Convention; HCC Kittleman Room; 9 AM – 4 PM
- 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; Kittleman Room ay HCC
- 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