

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

DECEMBER 2022

Happy Holidays Members and Friends!

We are now in high holiday season and I'm sure everyone is busy with a zillion things on their plates. However, we have a couple of things planned for you that I hope you will take time out to relax and enjoy with us.

Our **Holiday Dinner (and very brief branch meeting) is planned for Tuesday, December 6 at 5 pm at Bare Bones Restaurant in Ellicott City.** Please RSVP to Carol Phelps carolmcauliffe@verizon.net as soon as possible so you don't get left out. Let's make this the best holiday dinner yet! And in the spirit of giving, please bring non-perishable food for the Howard Community College food pantry.

On **Saturday, December 17th from 1 to 4 p.m.**, Laura Violand has put together a wonderful art gallery tour and fundraiser where we will meet one of the artists whose creations (as well as other artists' works) are on display at the **HorseSpirit Arts Gallery at Savage Mill.** We are asking for a \$20 donation (more if you like) all of which will go to our HCC Scholarships. There will be wine and food 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. Details can be found later in this newsletter.

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women held their annual conference November 12 that identified 15 legislative proposals affecting women. MLAW is asking for AAUW Maryland Branches to rank them to determine which ones will be supported for the Maryland General Assembly's consideration this year. I sent an email to everyone last week asking for your ranking by December 2 that I will then tabulate and send to AAUW Maryland for further evaluation before going to MLAW.

Please check the calendar in this newsletter for a number of important activities that are coming up in the next few months. I hope to see many of you December 6th at Bare Bones, but for those I miss, please have a HAPPY HOLIDAY!

Beth Hayden, President

BHayden52@aol.com

Programs Susan Hailman, VP

Mark your calendar for December 6 at 5:00 PM

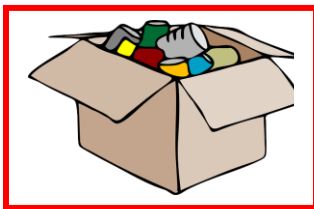
Holiday Dinner and Branch Meeting

at Bare Bones restaurant.



We are planning to meet at Bare Bones restaurant located at 9150 Baltimore National Pike (Route 40) in Ellicott City on Tuesday, December 6th at 5 pm. We will be in the room behind the bar; when you go in, let them know you are with the AAUW group. You will be able to order off the menu, so choices are not limited.

We will also have a short business meeting to share some of the upcoming events that are happening with our branch.



In the holiday spirit, we are asking members to bring non-perishable food items which will be donated to the HCC Student Food Pantry. Suzanne Soules will deliver the contributions.

Kindly RSVP to me at carolmcauliffe@verizon.net so that we can make the appropriate number of reservations. I really hope to see you all there!

Carol Phelps
Meetings and Social Co-Vice President

Education Suzanne Soules VP

Girl Power Planning

I invite all those who are on the Education Committee and any who would like to be on the Education Committee to come to a meeting on Thursday, January 5th, at my home at 10 am. We will plan Girl Power participation and brainstorm for other ideas supporting girls' and women's education goals.

RSVP to my email address, and I will send a confirmation email closer to the date.

Thank you!

suzanne.soules@gmail.com

HCC Food Pantry Donations

I recently received this note from the Howard Community College food pantry.

Everyone can help fight food insecurity by hosting a food drive or donating to support the food pantry. Items currently needed:

- Whole grain breakfast cereals (preferably with less than 6g of sugar)
- Shelf-stable low-fat dairy and non-dairy milk
- Dried lentils and beans
- Olive and vegetable oil
- Baking and pancake mixes

Please remember to bring non-perishable food items for the HCC student food bank to our meeting at Bare Bones on December 6th. I will be taking them to the school that week.

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

HorseSpirit Arts Gallery Fundraiser

We've got an exciting fundraiser that Laura Violand arranged. The date is **Saturday, December 17th from 1 to 4 pm** at the HorseSpirit Arts Gallery in Savage Mill. It will take place at 8600 Foundry Street, the Cotton Shed Building.

The cost of admission is a \$20 donation. If you are in the holiday spirit and would like to give more, please do so! You can mail a check in advance or pay at the door (cash or check only). **100%** will go to our HCC scholarship fund! So come and have some fun while learning about the art and enjoy free food and libations.

You will enjoy an eclectic, up-lifting collection of the original creations of over 45 local artists at Savage Mill

- *Talk to the artist, [Deborah Maklowski](#)*
- *Special tour and demo at the gallery*
- *Complimentary wine, cheese and desserts*
- *Gift Card Drawings*
- *Early holiday gift shopping*

\$20 Donation for Admission Free Parking

100% goes to our HCC Scholarship Fund!!!

For advance donations, make your check out to "AAUW-Howard County" and mail to Bea Dane, 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737. If you need a ride, please let Beth Hayden bhayden52@aol.com know. We would like as many members as possible to attend this event.

For information about the event, contact: Laura Violand violand123@gmail.com

Don't miss out on the fun!

Save the Date/Event Alert – Artists 4 ERA!

Three Maryland branches have come together to organize a fundraising event that will raise money for the effort to finally get the ratified Equal Rights Amendment enshrined into law as the 28th Amendment to the Constitution. They are working through VoteEquality.org, a national organization whose mission is to advocate for the ERA to be certified by the National Archivist. This would be the last step in solidifying gender equality as law across the United States. Other supporting organizations include the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center, the Dismantling Racism Committee of Catonsville, and the League of Women Voters.

The Baltimore, Howard and Anne Arundel branches successfully applied for a ‘mini grant’ which will be used to set up an exhibit of ERA-related posters in Catonsville, MD in late February/early March 2023.

Artists 4 ERA will be a unique event with posters by well-known artists, including one by Shepard Fairey, who created President Obama’s “HOPE” poster. These works of art visually heighten awareness of the need to finalize the ERA. The signed posters will be sold through a silent auction and a raffle to raise money to advocate for the ERA. All of the posters can be seen at Artists4ERA.org. As stated on their website:

“Through partnerships with well-known artists, this project depicts diverse groups and communities, including LGBTQIA+, Black women, women of color, Indigenous peoples, and young people, to help them see themselves in the struggle for equal rights in the Constitution. The art created for the project will financially support VoteEquality’s work to ensure gender equality is part of our Constitution through online and live releases of limited edition, signed ERA art prints.”



One example of the posters, created by Hannah Rothstein, 2021

The Garrett County branch held a very successful reception and fundraiser with the Artists 4 ERA posters, and other items, earlier this year. AAUW Maryland President, Tracy Lantz, said she was “inspired by AAUW Garrett’s work in collaboration with other local women’s organizations to host such a successful event. The art work is beautiful, and it, along with the testimony of those involved, was a reminder that our work towards equal rights is not done.”

In addition to raising funds with the posters, there will be two discussion panels with women of different ages highlighting their experiences of incurring discrimination and overcoming gender bias.

LOCATION: Baltimore County Arts Guild Clubhouse - 10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville
EXHIBIT DATES: February 27 – March 5
RECEPTION/SILENT AUCTION/RAFFLE/PANEL DISCUSSION: Friday, Mar 3, 6:30-9:30 pm

SAVE THESE DATES AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE BY ATTENDING THE RECEPTION!

Contact [Beth Hayden](mailto:beth@aauw.org) or [Diane Roca](mailto:diane@aauw.org) if you would like to help with this event.

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.

No meeting in December. The next meeting will be January 16, 2023, if the discussion books arrive in time.

Contact: Diane Roca
dbroca@comcast.net or
410-964-3523

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Our group will meet on December 6 at 5:00 PM, at the Holiday Party at Bare Bones restaurant on Route 40 in Ellicott City.

Contact: Carol Phelps,
carolmcauliffe@verizon.net



LUNCH BUNCH

We will next meet on Thursday, December 29th, at 11:30 am in Nordstrom's Cafe.

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.

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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Alt: Bobbi Brooks (443) 545-5642

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Vice President, Public Policy: Position open

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Debra Wade (410) 531-2072

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Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

Website Manager: Position open

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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

NOVEMBER

- 4 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 9 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; Beth Hayden's house
- 12 - MLAW Conference; 9 am – 1 pm; Silver Spring Civic Building, Great Hall
- 14 - Great Decisions; 2 pm Brightview Senior Living, Columbia (Date changed 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; 5 pm; Bare Bones Restaurant, Ellicott City
- 17 – HorseSpirit Arts Gallery Fundraiser; 1 - 4 pm; Savage Mill, 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
- 7 -- League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast; 10 am to 12 pm; St. John's Episcopal Church, Ellicott City
- 10 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 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 Café

29 – 43rd Annual Women’s Legislative Briefing, Montgomery County Commission for Women;
VIRTUAL; 12:30 - 5 pm

?? -- 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

15 -- Branch Meeting; 2 pm; 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 – March 5: Artists 4 ERA Exhibit; 6:30 – 9:30 pm; Catonsville Arts District

MARCH – Women’s History Month

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

3 – Reception for Artists 4 ERA Exhibit; 5 – 8 pm; Catonsville

7 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

11 – Book Bash and Branch Meeting; 11:30 am – 2:30 pm; Union Jack’s restaurant

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; 5:00 pm, LaPalapa Too 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 MD Annual Convention; 9 am – 4 pm; HCC Kittleman Rm.; Host, Howard County Branch

17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; location TBD

27 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe

MAY

2 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

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

9 -- Branch Meeting, Pot Luck, New Officers; 2 - 4 pm; Kittleman Room at 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

31 – June 1 -- NCCWSL; U of MD, College Park, MD