

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

MARCH 2023

Hello Members and Friends --

I'm sure everyone has started getting spring fever with some of the warmer weather we've been having. So get out and come to several activities and events we have planned and worked hard on to bring to you. Take a look at what's going on and jump in the fun! More details are provided in this newsletter.

March 3 -- Artists4ERA Reception (6:30-9:30 pm) and Exhibit (2/27-3/5) in support of the Equal Rights Amendment being added to the U.S. Constitution; Catonsville location.

March 11-- Book Bash at Union Jack's from 11:30 to 2 pm.

March 12 -- Girl Power at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab from 2-5 pm.

April 15 -- AAUW MD Annual Convention from 9 am to 12 pm at HCC Duncan Hall in the Kittleman Room.

We still need three volunteers to take over as President, Education VP and Membership/Diversity VP for the next 2-year term starting July 1. It is a great opportunity to grow and learn new skills in leadership as well as make new connections in the community, with those in other Maryland Branches as well as AAUW MD. Please let me or other Board member know of your interest.

Beth Hayden, President
BHayden52@aol.com

Programs - Susan Hailman, VP

March meeting - Our Book Bash will be held on Saturday, March 11 at 11:30 AM at Union Jack's. Sign up by Monday, March 6. Reservation form sent separately.

“Make Me Smile”



After yet another tough year, March 11's Book Bash's theme will focus on books that made you laugh, lifted you up or inspired you. The end result is you closed the book with a smile that returned each time you thought about it. Hopefully, this broad theme will give more of us a chance to share a 5-minute summary that includes one incident or example with our members. And leaves us all smiling!

More Presenters Needed: If you have a book that you would like to talk about for just 5 minutes, contact Susan Hailman. shailman@comcast.net

Bring your unwanted books for donation to the annual AAUW Gaithersburg Branch Book Sale. Bobby Brooks will once again collect the books.

Book Swap – We'll have a book swap so bring your best ones with you!

Bring contributions for HCC Fueling Dragons Food Pantry

Shelf stable low-fat dairy and nondairy milk

Baking & pancake mix

Dried lentils and beans

Olive & vegetable oils

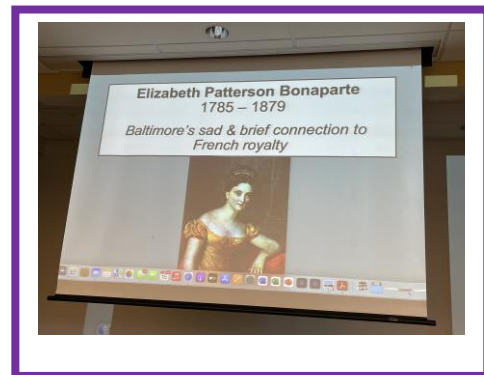
Whole grain breakfast cereal (preferably with less than 6 grams of sugar)

February Meeting - Maryland Women's Untold Stories

At the February meeting we heard Kathi Santora, President of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, our guest speaker, relate stories about women in Baltimore history.



Kathi Santora and a photo of one of the fascinating Baltimore women that she introduced: Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte.



Education - Suzanne Soules VP

Education Committee Meeting

The Education Committee will meet on Thursday March 9, 2023, at my home: 8734 Endless Ocean Way, Columbia at 10 am to review plans for Girl Power, and discuss applicants for the NCCWSL scholarships.

Girl Power

Girl Power is a STEM event for girls ages 6 – 12. It will take place on Sunday, March 12, from 2-5pm. at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab, Fulton, on Sunday March 12. It will be in the new STEM building on the South Campus, from 2 – 5 pm. The target audience is elementary and middle schoolgirls. Our booth will be “*Star Struck: Women in Astronomy and Space*” with member Sethanne Howard serving as our resident astrophysicist. She will project images from the new James Webb Telescope and answer any questions the girls have about being an astronomer. We will hand out self-inflating balloons, crossword and word search puzzles along with Starburst candy.

If any of you want to bring your kids or grandkids, you must register! Attendees need to register in advance this year - all information can be found on the Girl Power website: <https://secwww.jhuapl.edu/stem/stem-in-the-community/girl-power>

NCCWSL Scholarships

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) will be held in person at the University of Maryland, College Park, May 31 to June 2, 2023. Women from all over the country come together to attend workshops, hear motivational speakers and network with other students. We have put out flyers on the HCC campus to solicit applicants who would like a full scholarship to attend. Students will apply with a resume and short statement of why they would like to attend. We will collect these and review them by mid-March. Deadline to apply for our scholarships is March 3. Registrations to attend NCCWSL must be submitted to national AAUW by April 3.

Fueling Dragons Food Bank Needs Donations

Please support the students at HCC by donating food for the Fueling Dragons food bank on campus. The most needed items at the moment are: Cooking oil, salad dressing, laundry detergent, shaving razors, healthier snacks. Non-perishable food is a standard request and always welcome: Whole wheat pasta, gluten free pasta, sugar free pasta sauce, low sodium canned vegetables, canned fruits in juice etc. Donations will be collected at the Book Bash on Saturday, March 11.

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

Artists 4 ERA Exhibit

[Artists4ERA](#), an art exhibit developed to bring a renewed awareness to the Equal Rights Amendment (ERA), is open at the Baltimore County Arts Guild now! Our branch is one of the sponsors of this event that is in support of [VoteEquality](#). The goal is to see the Equal Rights Amendment become a part of the US Constitution. Come see the wonderful, colorful posters. The exhibit is open Monday to Sunday this week. Weekdays the hours are 6-8 pm and on Saturday and Sunday it's open from 12-5 pm. **Most exciting will be the reception on March 3rd including speakers, panelists, a raffle and a silent auction. It takes place Friday evening 6:30-9:30 pm and will offer light refreshments and a cash bar.**

Tickets for the March 3rd reception at the Baltimore County Arts Guild, located at 10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville, are free but since space is limited you must reserve your place through the Eventbrite invitation (link below.)

Register today >>> <https://bit.ly/3ZRMotQ>.



Pictures from exhibit setup day. Top left: The poster to be raffled off at Friday's reception. Top right: Roxann King of AAUW Anne Arundel branch fearlessly climbs the ladder to hang a poster. Bottom left: Beth Hayden, branch President, and Tracy Lantz, AAUW MD President, enjoy the finished display.

Support our Maryland Woman of Distinction

Susan Lee, MD Secretary of State

New Year, New Info from your AAUW Howard County Branch Treasurer!

By Bea Dane

I hope everyone is having a good new year so far! Many of you may not be aware that in addition to being your branch treasurer, I am also on the Board of AAUW Maryland as the Vice President for Funds. One of my major duties has been to coordinate the selection of our 2023 Woman of Distinction. AAUW Maryland has sponsored a Woman of Distinction at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) for many years. Our selection for this year is Maryland Secretary of State Susan Clair Lee. Below is information on this very talented woman who is now in a very prominent position in Maryland. I have also included information on how to donate to our Woman of Distinction fund. Donations to this fund are tax deductible. **This is also an excellent way to get your online AAUW account updated if you have not already done so.** There were many issues with the new database last year, but hopefully things will work better now. Let me know if you need help getting set up online.

Support our 2023 Maryland Women of Distinction! Maryland Secretary of State Susan Clair Lee

Last fall, AAUW Maryland chose then State Senator Susan C. Lee as our 2023 Woman of Distinction. Susan now is the Maryland Secretary of State, having been appointed on January 18, 2023, by Governor Wes Moore. She will be honored at 2023 NCCWSL (National Conference of College Women Student Leaders) on June 2nd at the University of Maryland, College Park.

Susan was a member of the Maryland State Senate from January 2015 through January 2023 and served as the Majority Whip from 2019-2022. She previously served in the Maryland House of Delegates from 2022-2015. She is the first Asian American elected to the Maryland State Senate and was the first Asian American Woman and first Chinese American to be elected to the Maryland legislature.

Throughout her long legislative career, Susan Lee has been a champion for women and youth rights. She was elected to serve two terms as president of the Women Legislators of Maryland (Women's Legislative Caucus.)

She has a BA in Political Science from the University of Maryland, College Park, and a J.D. from the University of San Francisco School of Law. She is a member of two Maryland AAUW branches – Bethesda-Chevy Chase and Kensington-Rockville.

Our goal is to raise \$20,000 to be a Platinum Sponsor for the event – any amount is appreciated! Although our branch will donate \$250 to the WOD fund, please consider personally donating to show your support for our new Maryland Secretary of State!! The donation is fully tax deductible.

Directions for donations to the Maryland of Distinction Fund in honor of Susan Lee, Maryland Secretary of State

To Donate Online:

Go to aauw.org

Click on the big red Donate button on the upper right corner

Scroll down until you see:

4355-Maryland Woman of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

Click on **Count Me In**

You will then be asked to login or create a new account if you don't have one

This should bring you to the donation page

Choose the amount you wish to donate

Complete the other required information and **Checkout**

To donate by check:

Make your check out to **AAUW**

On the check put the fund name and number: 4355 – Maryland Woman of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

Mail to: AAUW

1310 L Street, NW

Washington, D.C. 20005



**Susan Lee, Maryland Secretary of State and
2023 Maryland Woman of Distinction**

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.

The next meeting will be March 20 at 2:00 PM at Brightview Senior Living 6670 Martin Road in Columbia.

Topic #3: *China and America: Back To The Future?*

Refreshments: Carol Phelps

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

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining will meet at 5:00 pm on Tuesday, March 7, at Kelsey's Pub on Rt 40, Ellicott City. In April we will meet on Tuesday, April 4, at La Palapa - most likely the Ellicott City location again at 5:00 pm. I will be sending out an email to all beforehand to ask for reservations.

Contact: Carol Phelps,
carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, March 23rd, at Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall.

No reservations needed.

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

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: Susan Hailman
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2022-2023 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

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Lunch Bunch: Gail Rust (443) 864-4189

2023 Branch Calendar

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

FEBRUARY

- 1 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; Cancelled
- 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; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
- 23 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café
- 27 -- March 5: **Artists 4 ERA Exhibit**; Weekdays 6:00 – 8:00 pm; Weekend 12 – 5:00 pm
Catonsville Arts District; Baltimore County Arts Guild, 10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville

MARCH – Women's History Month

- 3 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 3 -- **Artists 4 ERA Reception; 6:30 – 9:30 pm**; Baltimore County Arts Guild,
10 St. Timothy Lane, Catonsville
- 7 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; Central Library, Collage Conference Room
- 11 -- Book Bash and Branch Meeting; 11:30 am – 2:30 pm; Union Jack's restaurant, Columbia
- 12 -- Girl Power; 2-5 pm; John's Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; Laurel
- 16 -- AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 20 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
- 30 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

APRIL

4 -- Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm, La Palapa Restaurant; Old Ellicott City (to be confirmed)

6 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

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

**15 – AAUW MD Annual Convention; 9 am – 4 pm; HCC Duncan Hall, Kittleman Room;
Host, Howard County Branch**

17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia

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MAY

2 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

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

9 -- Branch Meeting, Potluck, New Officers; 4:00 – 6:00 pm; Kittleman Room at HCC

15 - Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia

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

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

31 – June 3 -- NCCWSL; U of MD, College Park, MD

JUNE

June 2 -- Women of Distinction Evening at NCCWSL; U of MD, College Park, MD