

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

APRIL 2023

Hello Members and Friends --

What a success and fun time the Equal Rights Amendment Reception on March 3rd turned out to be! Those in our Branch who attended, of the 130 there, can tell you themselves how interesting and informative it was to meet all sorts of people from every walk of life, hear the young women's impressive stories about their experiences related to their rights, and to bid and take home some beautiful art all while enjoying some wonderful food and libations. I'm told \$3,300 was raised in donations for Vote Equality.

As you know, some of us have been busy getting ready to host the **AAUW Maryland Annual Convention on April 15^h** at Howard Community College and you are invited. Even if you just come in the morning (9:30 a.m.- 12:30 pm) to hear the featured speakers talk about women's health care disparities, you will find it an interesting way to spend the morning while enjoying conversation with friends, light breakfast foods and drink followed by lunch. There will be an AAUW MD business meeting after lunch. It's not too late to sign up –

Please use this link to register online for the Convention: <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/2023-aauw-maryland-annual-convention-columbia-md-april-15-2023-tickets-526832278527> . Otherwise send a check for \$50 made out to *AAUW Maryland* to: Bea Dane, Treasurer, 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737-9522. Include your phone number and email address with the check.

Our last Branch Meeting and Potluck Social of the year will be held on Tuesday, May 9th from 4 to 6:30 pm in the Kittleman Room in Duncan Hall at Howard Community College. We will also be electing new officers at this meeting. Please mark your calendars and watch your email for more details coming soon.

Thank you for all your support and donations to our scholarships.
Beth Hayden, President
BHayden52@aol.com

Education - Suzanne Soules VP

Education

Girl Power took place on Sunday, March 12, 2023, in the new STEM building at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Maple Lawn. The format was new with two periods of four workshops that the girls had to pre-register for. The main meeting room had activity tables around the edges and a stage with dramatic science demonstrations for the audience.

Our table was once again called "Reach for the Stars; Women in Astronomy and Space" Sethanne Howard set up her laptop and projected images from the James Webb telescope among others. Joan Plato, Cindy Graham, Liz Killian and I handed out crossword puzzles and word search about space, along with the ever-popular self-inflating balloons from the American Chemical Society.

Elise Buckley, the APL coordinator, reported that we had about 500 girls attending.

Thanks to all who helped!

NCCWSL – National Conference of College Women Student Leaders

We had two applicants for the leadership conference May 31 - June 3 at University of Maryland College Park.

Thanks to RoseMarie Demming, Sethanne Howard, Joan Plato and Debbie Munley for reviewing their applications. Bea Dane has now registered them.

- Nina Randall is a sociology major who plans on transferring to Morgan State University after graduating from HCC in May.
- Maite Inchaussandague is currently a Freshman at HCC with an eye toward law school.

We have asked that they provide a short video to us after the conference with a description of what they found valuable.

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

Women of Distinction

It's not too late to donate to our Women of Distinction Fund for former State Senator and current Secretary of State Susan Lee for 2023. Donations are tax deductible and go towards funding the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders program that will be held May 31-June 3 at the University of Maryland, College Park, where young women will be provided with leadership training, inspiration and networking opportunities. AAUW MD's goal is to raise \$20,000 to be a Platinum Sponsor for the event. Directions for donations can be found on page 6 of our March Newsletter :

<https://howardcounty-md.aauw.net/files/2023/03/2023-March-AAUW-Howard-County-Newsletter.pdf> .

Member News

New Members

A warm welcome to two new members of the Branch who joined at the Book Bash!

- Jeanne Stover
- Ruth Bell

Members on the Move

The Branch is saying goodbye to three members. As they go on to new places, we wish them well.

- Roberta Rood is heading to the Chicago area. A retired librarian and book lover, Roberta started the Book Bash meeting and AAUW Readers Interest Group. Jean Salkeld will take over leadership of the Readers group.
- Gail Rust is moving to Virginia Beach. She has brought friends together each month for Lunch Bunch at Nordstroms Café. Caroline Tunison will replace Gail as organizer for Lunch Bunch.
- Anne Tarantino and her husband Paul have moved to Sun City Center in Florida, near their son. Anne is a talented crafter who has organized craft sessions.

Membership Roster

Wishing to contact a member but don't have her information? The newly revised Membership Roster is on our branch website. [AAUW Howard County \(MD\) Branch](#)
The password for the Members Only section is at the bottom of each page of this newsletter.

News from your Treasurer Bea Dane

This month I want to discuss how our Branch works from a tax standpoint. Our Branch is a 501(c)(4), defined by the IRS as “Civic leagues or organizations not organized for profit but operated exclusively for the promotion of social welfare.” Our branch is exempt from paying Federal and State income tax, but **we are not exempt** from paying the Maryland State Sales Tax on items our Branch buys.

I am not a tax expert, but according to IRS rules, donations to a 501(c)(4) are NOT tax deductible. Donations to a 501(c)(3) ARE tax deductible. **Therefore, if you wish to make a tax-deductible donation for our scholarship fund, we now have it set up directly with the HCC Educational Foundation.**

To ensure that your donation can be tax deductible for income tax purposes or for a distribution from your IRA, make the check out to “HCC Educational Foundation,” making sure to note that it is to go to the “AAUW Howard County” fund. The mailing address is HCC Educational Foundation, 10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD 21044. Our Branch still makes the decision as to how our scholarship funds should be spent. Currently, we support women in the Career Links program.

You may still donate directly to our AAUW Branch if you do not need the tax write off, and we will continue to use that money and other income we get from fundraisers for scholarships. Consult with your tax adviser if you have any questions regarding your personal tax situation.

Membership dues info:

There are numerous changes happening with dues.

- 1) National dues are being increased to \$72 (from \$67), therefore your next renewal of dues will be \$95 (\$72 National, \$10 State; \$13 Branch). Please note that our Branch has not raised dues for at least 10 years!! The Board considered increasing Branch dues at its last meeting to cover our expenses but decided not to do it this year on top of National’s increase in dues. You will receive an email from National regarding dues renewal for the new fiscal year that begins July 1.
- 2) If you wish to upgrade to Lifetime membership (this applies to National dues only), it is \$1340 before June 30, and \$1440 after that. This amount is fully tax deductible. Lifetime members only pay State and Branch dues yearly.

Thanks to everyone for your continued support of our Branch and our Scholarships!

Bea Dane, Treasurer bea_dane@comcast.net

Photo Gallery



AAUW HoCo display at Girl Power



Sethanne Howard discussing careers in astronomy with attendees.



At the Book Bash, Debbie Munley (L) and Beth Hayden (R) extend good wishes to Roberta Rood before her move.

Interest Groups

GREAT DECISIONS

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

The next meeting will be April 17 at 2:00 PM at Brightview Senior Living 6670 Martin Road in Columbia.

Topic #4: *Economic Warfare*

Moderator: Laura Violand

Snacks: Diane Roca

Host: Peg O'Rourke

Contact: Diane Roca

dbroca@comcast.net or
443-255-1628

ADVENTURES IN DINING

We plan to meet at La Palapa Too - 7500 Montpelier Rd, Laurel - on Tuesday, April 4th at 5 pm. Please RSVP to me at carolmcauliffe@verizon.net if you are able to attend by Saturday, April 1 so that I may make reservations for our group. Hope to see you there!!!

Contact: Carol Phelps,
carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

The Lunch Bunch will meet on Thursday, April 27, at Nordstrom's Cafe in Columbia Mall.

No reservations needed.

Gail Rust, long-time coordinator of Lunch Bunch, is moving. Welcome to Caroline Tunison, the new coordinator.
tunison.caroline@gmail.com

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.

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

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

The new coordinator for AAUW Readers is Jean Salkeld jesalkeld@gmail.com with Debbie Munley as back-up.
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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

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Secretary: Jean Parr (410) 381-6351;

Alt: Bobbie Brooks (443) 545-5642

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Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

Website Manager: Position open

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AAUW Readers: Jean Salkeld (410) 992-4198

Great Decisions: Diane Roca (443) 255-1628

Lunch Bunch: Caroline Tunison (301) 497-8688

2023 Branch Calendar

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

APRIL

4 -- Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm, La Palapa Too Restaurant; Laurel

6 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; Beth Hayden's House

7 6? -- 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

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

MAY

2 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

2 --- Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm, location TBD

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

9 -- Branch Meeting, Potluck, New Officers; 4:00 – 6:30 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

June 6 - Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm, location TBD

June 19 - Great Decisions; 2 pm; Trent Kittleman's home