

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

JUNE/JULY 2023

Hello Members and Friends,

I hope everyone had an enjoyable Memorial Day weekend with friends and family as we remembered and thanked all those who have served in the military to keep us safe, preserve democracy and help keep America beautiful. I also hope that everyone had a wonderful Mother's Day!

Several of our Board members are planning to attend the AAUW Women of Distinction event that is a key feature of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders this Friday, June 2, at the University of Maryland in College Park where we hope to meet the two women our Branch gave scholarships to attend this year. We also look forward to hearing from the six WODs, including our Maryland Secretary of State Susan Lee.

As we cruise into summer, our special interest groups will continue to meet in accordance with the schedule in the back of this newsletter. During the summer, we may try to schedule a Sip and Paint fundraiser at Pinot's Pallot that we were planning to do earlier in the year. There is also some interest in a wine tasting at a nearby winery. So keep your eyes on our emails so that you don't miss out. In addition, we will be sending you a brief survey asking what activities you would like to participate in, topics you would like to hear about at branch meetings, and ideas for fundraisers over the coming year. Our next branch meeting will be held in September (perhaps the 12th) and we will send out a notice closer to the date.

Three other items of interest that are in this newsletter in more detail are: 1) annual dues for the upcoming year; 2) a July 20-21 caravan to Seneca Falls to celebrate the 100th anniversary of the drafting of the Equal Rights Amendment; and 3) the AAUW MD Summer Conference on July 29th in Harford County.

Enjoy the summer and see you soon!

Beth Hayden, President bhayden52@aol.com

CONGRATULATIONS TO OUR NEWLY ELECTED OFFICERS for 2023-2024

Beth Hayden - President
Bea Dane – Financial Officer and Treasurer
Bobbie Brooks and Carol Phelps – Meetings/Social Co-VPs
Susan Hailman – Programs VP
Barb Carter – Public Policy VP
Jeanne Parr – Secretary; Bobbie Brooks – Alternate Secretary
Cindy Graham – Education VP
Suzanne Soules – Membership & Diversity VP
Diane Roca – Communications VP

OUTGOING OFFICERS



Outgoing Branch Officers received a floral gift with sincere thanks for their work. The Board gave President Beth Hayden a restaurant gift certificate. (From left to right); President Beth Hayden; Communications VP Diane Roca; Finance/Treasurer Bea Dane; Social/Meetings Co-VPs Connie Palmieri and Carol Phelps; Secretary Jeanne Parr; Alternate Secretary Bobbie Brooks; Education VP Suzanne Soules

Treasurer's Topic of the Month

Bea Dane

Yearly Financial Re-cap and Dues Renewal Information

Our fiscal year ends in June, and I wanted our members to know how we have done financially. Our current cash balance between checking and savings is \$7075. Because of some generous members who gave directly to the HCC Educational Foundation, our branch did not need to use any of our money to fund scholarships. Those donations were credited by HCC to our Branch scholarship fund.

The Branch funded 2 students to attend the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). We also donated \$250 to the Maryland Woman of Distinction fund which helped AAUW Maryland meet its goal of \$20K to be a Platinum Sponsor of the event. Secretary of State Susan C. Lee is the Maryland AAUW honoree at the event on June 2nd.

Income from our fundraisers this past year was: Toby's - \$218.50; Horse Spirits Art Gallery - \$940; and other donations from members - \$110

Dues Renewal Info: Our fiscal year ends on June 30th. Most of our members are due for renewal at the end of June. National AAUW has switched to a rolling renewal schedule, so some of our newer members may not need to renew yet. If your dues are due, you should have received an email by now from AAUW National with instructions.

If you wish to renew online, follow the instructions in the email, but please make sure you click on Yes for Branch membership; then scroll down to MD2023 – Howard County Branch Dues and check the box. This will automatically select Maryland as your State. Your total amount due should be \$95 (\$72 National; \$10 State; \$13 Branch). If you are a lifetime member, your total due will be \$23 for State and Branch. I encourage you to renew online, as this gives you the opportunity to update your information, such as email addresses, phone, education, etc.

However, if you wish, you may give your renewal check to me and I will renew for you. Make the check out to AAUW Howard County for \$95 (\$23 for lifetime members) and give to me at any event I'm at or mail to:

Bea Dane
4050 Hobbs Hill Road
Glenelg, MD 21737

New members get a 50% discount on National dues when they join, so bring your friends and neighbors to a meeting!

Bea Dane, Treasurer bea_dane@comcast.net

Join the Joyful Ruckus!

From Tracy Lantz, President of AAUW Maryland

Did you know that this July is the 100th anniversary of Alice Paul's introduction of the Equal Rights Amendment? GenerationRatify, a group of young women (most under the age of 19) are hosting a convention in Seneca Falls, NY to mark the occasion and to amplify the need to get the ERA certified and part of our US Constitution. Of course, we can't celebrate yet so the focus of the event is cultivating a new generation of ERA activists and setting goals for constitutional equality for the next year including an action plan for finalizing the federal ERA and getting state ERAs passed in all remaining 23 states.

AAUW Maryland has decided to join forces with VoteEquality and Maryland NOW to support these young women as they work to bring about change so that everyone in this country will be treated equally under the law. We will be traveling via caravan from Hagerstown, MD to Seneca Falls, NY! We'll depart from Hagerstown on Thursday morning, July 20th and travel with the VoteEquality RVG (it's a HUGE motor home, dubbed the Ruthless Vote Getter) to NY making a few quick stops along the way to spread the word about the ERA.

I'll be attending the ERA Centennial Convention on July 21st-23rd and hope that you will join me. We are booking a rental home nearby so we'll have reasonably priced accommodations. It's a three-day event with Sunday as a day to soak up a bit of the history of the area. The Convention will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls where the National Woman's Party first unveiled the ERA-at the exact same podium Alice Paul gave her speech that day, 100 years ago. Here's the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/era-centennial-convention-tickets-461810366237> Please contact me if you're interested at tklantz@verizon.net by May 21st. Your registration fee supports the attendance of a young woman age 25 or under.



Tracy Lantz

AAUW Maryland President tklantz@verizon.net

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 June 19 at 2:00 PM at Trent Kittleman's home, 3000 Kittleman Lane, West Friendship
Topic #6 *Famine: A Renewed Threat in the 21st Century?*
Moderator: Trent Kittleman
Refreshments: Beth Hayden

Summer Meetings

July 17 and August 21
2:00 PM at
Brightview Senior Living in Columbia

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

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining will meet on Tuesday, June 13th at 5:00 PM at Seasons 52 at the Mall. I will send out an email for RSVP's later this week.
Carol

Contact: Carol Phelps,
carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

LUNCH BUNCH

We will meet during the summer months so join us if you can make it.

The dates are June 29

July 27

August 31

We meet @ 11:30 AM in Nordstrom Cafe. A reminder will be sent a few days prior to the event.

Caroline Tunison 301-346-1750
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301-346-1750

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.

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

Anyone with questions should feel free to email me.

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2023-2024 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

President: Beth Hayden (410)-707-2018

First Vice President: Position open

Financial Officer: Bea Dane (410) 299-8403

Vice President, Programs: Susan Hailman
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Vice President, Philanthropy: Position open

Co-Vice Presidents, Meetings/Social: Carol Phelps
(410) 381-7076; and Bobbie Brooks (443) 545-5642

Secretary: Jean Parr (410) 381-6351;

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Vice President, Education: Cindy Graham (214) 912-5656

Vice President, Public Policy: Barb Carter (443) 864-5663

Vice President, Membership and Diversity:

Suzanne Soules (410) 872-8603

Vice President, Communications:

Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

Website Manager: Position open

Adventures in Dining: Carol Phelps (410) 381-7076

AAUW Readers: Jean Salkeld (410) 992-4198 and

Debbie Munley (301) 776-7388

Great Decisions: Diane Roca (410) 964-3523

Lunch Bunch: Caroline Tunison (301) 346-1750

2023 Branch Calendar

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

JUNE

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

6 – Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm; Season's 52, The Mall in Columbia

19 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Trent Kittleman's home

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

JULY

? - Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm; date and location TBD

17 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living

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

29 – AAUW Maryland Summer Conference; Hosted by Harford County Branch

AUGUST

? - Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm; date and location TBD

21 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living

31 - Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe

SEPTEMBER

12 ? – Branch Meeting; Date and time TBD