

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2023

Hello Friends and Members –

We are in the final months of summer, and I hope you have had the opportunity to spend some quality time with family and friends over the past few months. Plans are being finalized for our first Branch meeting of FY 2024 on **Tuesday, September 12th at 4 pm at Bertucci's Restaurant**. Program VP Susan Hailman has secured an excellent speaker, a journalist from the Baltimore Business Journal who will be providing insights to how to spot fake news. We structured the meeting so that you will have time to socialize, listen to the speaker, move to the business portion of the meeting and then stay for a delicious meal, if so desired. Committee vice presidents will describe their exciting plans for the coming year and entice you to join them. More details on the meeting will be forthcoming. We welcome all guests, so please feel free to bring as many as you like to the meeting; we may even persuade them to become members! I look forward to a good turnout in support of Bertucci's as a valuable business in our community.

Included in this newsletter is the FY 2024 Budget that was approved by the Board and will be presented to members at our September 12th meeting. Questions are always welcome.

We have plans for several “funraisers”—Toby's Dinner Theater, the Horse Spirit Gallery, Pinot's Palette and perhaps our second annual Honorary Tea. We are looking to raise \$4,000 for scholarships this year and we need your support and assistance more than ever. Please check the calendar at the back of this newsletter for dates of specific activities of the Branch and Interest Groups so you don't miss anything.

As a reminder, we recently sent everyone a very brief questionnaire to help guide us in making our Branch the best possible and to accurately reflect members' interests. Please take a few minutes to complete the survey and send it back by September 3rd.

I hope to see many of you at our September meeting!

Beth Hayden, President
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Programs

Susan Hailman, VP

September Branch Meeting

Tuesday, September 12 4:00 – 7:00 pm

Bertucci's Italian Restaurant, 9081 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia

HOW TO TELL WHEN NEWS IS FAKE

Our kick-off meeting for the fall will be an in-person meeting on **Tuesday, September 12 at Bertucci's at 9081 Snowden River Parkway, Columbia.**

Our speaker will be a journalist who writes for the Baltimore Business Journal. He will share insights about trust in the journalism profession and problems of "Fake News."

We have the room from 4:00-7:00 pm, so plan to come early to catch up with friends and peruse the menu. We're planning to order our food before our program starts, so all dinner orders should be given to servers by 4:20 pm. Our speaker from the Baltimore Business Journal will start around 4:30 pm to talk about how to spot fake news. Our business meeting will start by 5:15 pm. **Every committee has plans to share for the coming year-- this is your opportunity to learn more, offer your input and sign up if interested.** Dinner will be served close to 6:00 pm.

Since having our meetings with an option for a meal afterwards is so popular with our members, we will continue to look for more opportunities using this format. We are so fortunate to be able to use this facility free-of-charge -- we want to be able to return and support our community!

Let's get off to a strong start! Hope to see you there! Please contact Carol Phelps and let her know that you will attend. carolmcauliffe@verizon.net or (410) 381-7076



Help our student neighbors!
The **Fueling Dragons** Food
Pantry provides access to food
for students at Howard
Community College. Please
bring a non-perishable food
item to the September
meeting.



Public Policy Barb Carter, VP

AAUW has re-started the Lobby Corps. Last July 27 was the initial activity seeking signatures on a discharge petition to ensure a House vote on the House Joint Resolution 25 in support of the Equal Rights Amendment. This was done successfully in 1970 and resulted in the ERA being passed by the House. However, The Senate attempted to add provisions exempting women from the draft, which killed the chances of the ERA passing that session. So far, 181 signatures have been acquired out of the 218 needed to pass. Additional Lobby Corps activities are scheduled for September 21, October 19 and November 16. If you would like to join us, please let me know or reference WWW.aauwaction.org/lobby-corps/

At the state level, Roxann King and Judy Carbone are the Public Policy Co-Vice Presidents. Last spring Roxann and I and two others spent a morning in Annapolis lobbying for several bills. We worked in conjunction with MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women). Seven bills that MLAW supported passed the last General Assembly – issues regarding reproductive freedoms, physical protections and childcare sustainability.

November 4 is the next MLAW Conference when bills will be reviewed for possible support during the next General Assembly. For addition information, reference <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.org>

Barb Carter, Public Policy VP, barbcarter77@gmail.com

Education Cynthia Graham VP

Promoting Education and Equity for Women and Girls in Howard County

AAUW Howard County Branch promotes education and equity for women and girls in Howard County through its scholarships to women at Howard Community College (HCC), its support for the HCC Food Bank, its participation in the Applied Physics Laboratory STEM Conference for Middle and Elementary School Girls, and by awarding scholarships for HCC women to attend the AAUW college women's leadership conference held each spring at the University of Maryland. This year we will investigate other ways to award scholarships to local women, opportunities to provide mentorship or other one-on-one support to young women in our area, and other ways we can promote education and equity for women in our community.

Please join the Education Committee to help us make a difference for the women in our community. We are looking for women to:

- Support the HCC Food Bank that provides food and nutrition education to HCC students
- Plan and participate in the AAUW Booth at the Applied Physics Laboratory STEM Conference for Middle and Elementary School Girls in March 2024
- Investigate additional ways to support local women with scholarships
- Work with new member Diane Willen to investigate opportunities to provide mentorships or other on-on-one support to young women in our community

To learn more about these opportunities or to volunteer to serve on the Education Committee, call Cindy Graham at 214-912-5656.



Movie Alert

MOVIE ALERT

Did you know that female scientists played important roles in the Manhattan Project that created the first atomic bomb during World War II? But you wouldn't know this from the blockbuster movie, "**Oppenheimer**."

There were 640 women working at Los Alamos, 11 percent of the workforce not counting other Manhattan Project sites elsewhere in the country. Many of these women filled administrative roles, but nearly half were scientists -- mathematicians, physicists, chemists, biologists and computational analysts.

--Theoretical physicist **Maria Goeppert Mayer** shared a Nobel Prize in physics--with two men--in 1963, one of whom worked with her on nuclear shell structures. She was the only woman along with some 30 men linked to the Manhattan Project who won a Nobel Prize over their careers.

--**Chien-Shiung Wu** was a celebrated nuclear physicist who studied under Ernest O. Lawrence (Director of the Radiation Laboratory, U Cal, Berkeley), had Oppenheimer's enduring respect and provided in 1933 the first confirmation of physicist Enrico Fermi's theory of beta decay, a type of radioactive decay.

--**Naomi Livesay** was a mathematician and an expert at using IBM machines who had been told at the University of Wisconsin that there was no place in higher mathematics for any woman, no matter how brilliant. She was recruited to Los Alamos in 1944 to help with the calculations leading up to the Trinity atomic bomb test.

--Physicist **Leona Woods** worked at a Manhattan Project site in Chicago that developed the first nuclear reactor.

--**Frances Dunne**, an explosives technician, was part of a group that conducted the early explosives testing.

--**Floy Agnes Lee**, a biologist, drew and analyzed the blood of scientists working with radioactive materials.

--**Lili Hornig**, the one female scientist shown briefly in the movie said they didn't teach typing in her graduate chemistry program in Harvard when asked if she could be a typist. She actually worked closely on plutonium research and fought for the rights of female scientists.

AAUW Maryland Summer Meeting

Three branch members -- Beth Hayden, Bea Dane, and Diane Roca -- attended the AAUW Maryland Summer Leadership Meeting in Harford County on July 29. The topic was the Equal Rights Amendment to the Constitution. Originally passed by Congress in 1972, the ERA has been ratified by the required two-thirds of the states (Virginia was the 38th and final one in 2020,) but has been stalled because of controversy over the seven-year deadline that Congress imposed for the states' ratification. This year, members of Congress have turned new attention and energy to removing obstacles to the ERA becoming the 28th Amendment. AAUW Maryland is working to inform the public and see the ERA become law.

Mark your calendar for the AAUW Maryland Fall Conference on Saturday, September 30, hosted by the Bethesda/Chevy Chase Branch. Plan to attend - the topic is Climate Change. Details are coming in the Fall issue of the *Marylander*.



Jo Ann Macdonald presented a talk about Senator Patsy Mink, first woman of color and the first Asian-American woman elected to Congress. Senator Mink was instrumental in passage of Title IX legislation.



Singer Maureen Broy presented an original set of songs about the struggle to pass the ERA and her grandmother's part in it.

AAUW HOWARD COUNTY - FY24

BUDGET JULY23-JUNE24

INCOME

DUES	\$	715
PINOT'S PAINT	\$	300
TOBY's DINNER THEATER	\$	300
FASHION SHOW (Net)	\$	-
HOLIDAY EVENT - HorseSpirits	\$	500
TEA	\$	300
OTHER INC/DONATIONS	\$	500
RESERVE/SAVINGS	\$	2,105
TOTAL INCOME	\$	4,720

EXPENSES

ROOM RENTAL	\$	100
PROGRAM	\$	50
NEWSLETTER	\$	50
MEMBERSHIP/DIVERSITY	\$	50
EDUCATION	\$	200
WEBSITE	\$	120
SOCIAL - MEETINGS	\$	50
PUBLIC POLICY/MLAW	\$	75
PRESIDENT	\$	30
TREASURER	\$	20
INSURANCE	\$	200
MARKETING/PUBLICITY	\$	125

SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS	\$	1,070
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SCHOLARSHIPS TO STUDENTS	\$	2,000
NCCWSL - 2 STUDENTS	\$	1,300
NATIONAL UNRESTRICTED	\$	100
MD WOMAN OF DISTINCTION FUND	\$	250

SUBTOTAL EDUCATION		
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EXPENSES	\$	3,650
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TOTAL EXPENSES	\$	4,720
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DONATIONS DIRECT TO HCC	\$	1,000
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Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

We get together on the last Thursday of the month (unless otherwise noted). Please join us on August 31 and September 28. We meet @ 11:30am at Nordstrom Cafe, Columbia Mall. No RSVP needed. A reminder will be sent out a few days prior to the event.

Caroline Tunison
301-346-1750

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining will meet on Tuesday, September 5th at 5:00 PM at Hudson's Coastal in Maple Lawn. Please send me an RSVP if you plan to attend so we have enough places for everyone.

Carol

Contact: Carol Phelps
carolmcauliffe@verizon.net

GREAT DECISIONS

Great Decisions has finished discussion of the 2023 topics. We will order the 2024 discussion books in October and resume meetings in January 2024.

Contact: Diane Roca
dbroca@comcast.net
443-255-1628

AAUW READERS

All meetings will take place at the East Columbia Library in the 50+ Center. Starting time is 10:30 a.m. followed by an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant. All Branch members are welcome. If anyone not currently on the Readers distribution list would like to be included, please send their request to Debbie Munley.

Contacts: Jean Salkeld (410) 992-4198
jesalkeld@gmail.com and
Debbie Munley
debbiemunley@verizon.net
(301) 776-7388

**September 21, 2023 The Chancellor:
The Remarkable Odyssey Of Angela
Merkel by Kati Marton - Non-Fiction**

**November 16, 2023 West With Giraffes
by Lynda Rutledge Historical Fiction**

**January 18, 2024 Demon Copperhead by
Barbara Kingsolver Historical Fiction**

**March 21, 2024 Garden of the Beasts:
Love, Terror, and an American Family in
Hitler's Berlin by Eric Larson Non-Fiction**

**May 16, 2024 The Mayfair Bookshop
by Eliza Knight Historical Fiction**

**July 18, 2024 Lady Tan's Circle of Women
by Lisa See Historical Fiction**

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
(443) 994-5453, shailman@comcast.net

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;

Alt: Bobbi Brooks (443) 545-5642

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

Have you looked at the branch website lately? Did you know that you can look up a member's name and contact information on our website?

Go to howardcounty-md.aauw.net. The password to enter the Members Only section is at the bottom of each page of every newsletter! (PS. Those are zeroes.)

2023-2024 Branch Calendar

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

2023

AUGUST

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

15 -- Publish Branch Newsletter

21 – Great Decisions; 2:00 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia

26 -- Women’s Equality Day

26 - Tea with Suffragists and Activists to commemorate Women’s Equality Day; sponsored by the Maryland Women’s Heritage Center in Baltimore

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

SEPTEMBER

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

5 -- Adventures in Dining; 5:00 pm; Hudson’s Coastal, Maple Lawn

6 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm ; location TBD

12 -- Branch Meeting; 4:00 pm; Bertucci’s Restaurant; “How To Tell When News Is Fake”

21 – AAUW Readers; 11:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library

28 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

30 -- AAUW Maryland Fall Conference, Bethesda

OCTOBER

3 - Adventures in Dining; Details TBD

?? -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

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

10 -- Branch Meeting; 2:00 pm; Kittleman Room, HCC; Speaker TBD

26 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

(?) – Possible Fundraiser at Pinot’s Palette at Turf Valley

NOVEMBER

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

4 -- MLAW Conference; UMBC Catonsville

8? -- Board Meeting; 2 pm location TBD

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

30 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

(?) – Possible Fundraiser at Pinot’s Palette at Turf Valley

No Branch Meeting

DECEMBER

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

5 -- Holiday Dinner, Branch Meeting ; Bare Bones restaurant

9 – Horse Spirit Art Gallery Fundraiser, Savage Mill, Laurel

28 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

JANUARY 2024

2 – Adventures in Dining; Details TBD.

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

9 – Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

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 Cafe

?? -- League of Women Voters Legislative Briefing

Alternate date for Pinot's Palette Fundraiser, Turf Valley

No Branch Meeting

FEBRUARY

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

6 -- Adventures in Dining; Details TBD

10 -- Book Bash and Branch Meeting; Union Jack's restaurant, Columbia

19 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; location TBD

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

MARCH – Women's History Month

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

4 (?) – Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

5 -- Adventures in Dining; Details TBD

16 (?) – Honorary Tea at Howard Community College

18 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD

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

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

?? -- Girl Power; Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; Laurel

APRIL

4(?) -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD

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

11 -- Branch Meeting – Diversity: Latin community; location La Palapa Too; Maple Lawn (?)

15 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD

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

?? -- AAUW Maryland Annual Meeting

MAY

- 3 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 7 -- Adventures in Dining; Details TBD
- 9 (?) -- Board Meeting, if needed; 2 pm; location TBD
- 14 -- Branch Meeting, Potluck, New Officers; Kittleman Room at HCC
- 20 - Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 16 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 30 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café
- ?? -- NCCWSL, U of MD, College Park, MD

JUNE

- 4 -- Adventures in Dining; Details TBD
- 7 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 17 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm location TBD
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

JULY

- 2 -- Adventures in Dining; Details TBD
- 5 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 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