

AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

JUNE/JULY 2024

Hello Members and Friends,

Once again we bring to close the primary part of our AAUW activities and meetings until the fall. Our last meeting was held on May 14th with a turnout of over 20 members who listened to a fraud expert tell us how to spot and protect ourselves from Identity Theft--an increasing threat to both the young and senior populations.

The annual NCCWSL, held at the University of Maryland, brought together 590 participants from across the country as we helped prepare the next generation of women leaders. As one particularly precocious 18-year old said,

"NCCWSL was a breath of fresh air for me, something I needed to improve my life and my future career. I left the conference motivated and directed to reach new goals and be a leader in my community."

Dian Belanger, from AAUW's Kensington-Rockville Branch, was Maryland's Woman of Distinction who shared her life story and how AAUW impacted her career. NCCWSL continues to be an inspiring event for many young women.

Financially we did well this year and had considerable participation in a plethora of activities that I summarized at our last Branch Meeting. The Board will be meeting this summer to plan activities for next year and we always welcome your ideas and suggestions. Consider attending the Atlantic Regional Meeting during the weekend of September 27-29th.

Enjoy the summer and socializing with your friends as the special interest groups continue to meet over the next several months (see dates in the back of this newsletter). Our first meeting of the "new" year will be held sometime in September, so watch your email for the new schedule of activities.

Thank you for your support and generosity that continues to enable us to carry out our important mission.

Beth Hayden



Empowering for Equity



SAVE the DATE



AAUW

Atlantic Regional Conference

September 27th-29th, 2024

Virginia Crossings Hotel & Conference Center
1000 Virginia Center Pkwy, Glen Allen, VA 23059



Hotel Amenities

- The Tavern Bar & Grill
- The Glen Restaurant
- Fitness Center
- Free Wifi
- Room Service
- Free parking

Nearby Attractions



- Lewis Ginter Botanical Garden
- James River Cellars Winery
- Richmond National Battlefield Park
- Virginia Museum of Fine Arts
- Children's Museum of Richmond
- Crossings Golf Course



**“Each time a woman stands up for herself,
without knowing it possibly, without claiming
it, she stands up for all women.”**

– Maya Angelou

There will be an AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference on September 27-29 for all AAUW states and branches on the Atlantic seaboard. You are invited! The Convention will be held at the Virginia Crossings Hotel and Conference Center in Glen Allen, Virginia, near Richmond. The goal is to have at least two members attend from every branch. This event will be a special opportunity to get new ideas about activities and projects for our branch and meet other AAUW members. *Tell President Beth Hayden that you will join the group from Howard County Branch – we will arrange carpools.*

More details will be in the Summer Issue of the Marylander.

May Branch Meeting

Identity Theft

Ted Meyerson spoke on *Identity Theft* at the May Branch meeting. He is an AARP Maryland volunteer and legislative advocate, a member of the AARP Fraud Watch Network, a member of the International Association of Financial Crime Investigators, and graduate of the FBI Citizen's Academy. With his extensive experience, he told the audience some harrowing stories and gave useful tips to avoid being a victim.

President Beth Hayden reminded the members of all the branch's activities and accomplishments this past year. She thanked the members of the board and committee heads for their work on behalf of AAUW and gave each one a flowering plant.



Learning about protecting oneself from "Identity Theft" from Ted Meyerson (front of room in red shirt) at May Branch meeting.



Branch Officers recognized for their work: In front, Susan Hailman.
Back row from the left: Beth Hayden, Bobbi Brooks, Jeanne Parr, Cindy Graham, Barb Carter, Carol Phelps, Diane Roca, Bea Dane, Suzanne Soules.

Treasurer Bea Dane, Treasurer

NEWS FROM YOUR TREASURER , BEA DANE

Dues Renewal Info:

You are all valued members of our Branch, and we hope you will continue your membership. Many of us will have our dues expire at the end of June, while others expire at other times during the year. Please keep an eye out for a dues renewal email. It will come from infosf@aauw.org and they now have an imbedded video to help you renew online. When you get the email, please try to renew online. However, if that doesn't work, you can send your check to me.

Dues are \$95 (\$72 National, \$10 State, \$13 Branch). You may also add on any amount if you wish to make a donation to either National or our Branch – let me know which if you do.

Your check should be made out to AAUW Howard County.

Mail to:

Bea Dane
4050 Hobbs Hill Rd
Glenelg, MD 21737

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

AAUW Members Vote on Open Membership The Result

In a nation-wide vote, AAUW members voted to retain the requirement for an AA degree, or an equivalent such as RN, or a higher degree to join AAUW.

Women of Distinction Evening

On May 31, AAUW hosted the Women of Distinction event at the University of Maryland, College Park. This was the highlight of the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). In an exciting and energizing evening, nearly 600 college students heard from AAUW Maryland's own Woman of Distinction for 2024, Dian Belanger of the Kensington-Rockville Branch, and four extraordinary women selected by the national organization.

Beth Hayden and Diane Roca attended, along with state president Tracy Lantz, previous Maryland Women of Distinction Pat Stocker of Bethesda/Chevy Chase and Judy Carbone of Garrett County, and other members of AAUW Maryland. We were thrilled to meet some of the students who were very excited about their experiences at NCCWSL.



AAUW Maryland members at Women of Distinction Evening. In the center - outgoing AAUW Maryland President Tracy Lantz in blue, AAUW CEO Blackwell in pink. On the far right, incoming AAUW Maryland President Heather Reichardt in black.

NCCWSL Photos



A poster displaying photos of the five women honored at Women of Distinction event.



Dian Belanger, Maryland Woman of Distinction for 2024.

Interest Groups

LUNCH BUNCH

Lunch Bunch will meet this summer on the fourth Thursdays -- June 27, July 25 and August 29 -- at 11:30 AM at Nordstrom Cafe, Columbia Mall.

No RSVP needed. Hope to see you there!

Caroline Tunison
301-346-1750

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining will be going to Nick's Fish House on the Baltimore Harbor on Tuesday June 11th. We plan to meet at 4 PM at the parking lot by the Safeway in Long Gate Shopping Center (the section near the restaurants) in Ellicott City so that we may carpool. Reservations will be at 5pm if you prefer to meet us there. Please RSVP to me at carolmcauliffe@verizon.net if you plan to attend and also if you will be part of our carpool so I know how many drivers to enlist. Hope to see you then!

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet Tuesday, June 18, at 2:00 PM at Brightview Senior Living. The address is 6670 Martin Road in Columbia.

We will discuss Topic #6 "Invisible Indonesia." Come a little early to find a parking place. You may need to park on the street because many places in the lot are designated for Residents.

Contact: Diane Roca

AAUW READERS

All meetings will now be at the ***new East Columbia 50 Plus Center*** located in a separate building adjacent to the library.

Starting time is 10:30 AM. followed by an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant.

July 18 will be the last Readers meeting for the year. In addition to discussing "Lady Tan's Circle of Women" we will be proposing and voting on book titles for the upcoming year. Moving into the new AAUW year we plan to continue meeting every two months so we will be choosing 6 titles. We welcome all to attend.

If you would like to be added to the distribution list, please let Debbie Munley know via email debbiemunley@verizon.net.

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

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Lunch Bunch: Caroline Tunison (301) 346-1750

Howard County Branch Calendar Summer Events

JUNE

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

11 — Adventures in Dining; Nick's Fish House, Baltimore, 5:00 PM reservation; **Note change of date**

18 — Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living

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

16 — Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living

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

20 - AAUW MD Summer Conference; Maryland Non-Profits Headquarters, Baltimore (Hampden)

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

AUGUST

20 --- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living

29 — Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

FALL

September 27-29 --- AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference; Glen Allen, VA