

# AAUW Howard County Branch NEWSLETTER



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

## AUGUST/SEPTEMBER 2024

Hello Members and Friends,

It's been a wonderful summer with vacations, time with the family and recharging of our energy! As we head into fall, we will gather for our first Branch meeting of the year on Tuesday, **September 17<sup>th</sup> at 3:45 pm** to participate in a program on Ageism and enjoy a meal afterwards at Oscar's Ale House—details on page 2. On page 10 is the Board-approved 2024-2025 budget that we will present to the membership at the meeting for clarifying questions and comments.

The Board has put together a calendar (page 7 of this Newsletter) with tentative activities and dates that will be filled out with more details in the near future but for now is a general guide for you to make your plans. Please note 2 dates highlighted – our 9/17 meeting and the first **AAUW Regional Conference that will be held September 27-29 in Glen Allen, Virginia**, with AAUW members from 12 states. AAUW Maryland is co-sponsoring this 3-day conference on *Empowering For Equity* that includes states from Florida to New York. For easy registration to the conference and hotel accommodations, go to the AAUW-MD website at <https://aauw-md.aauw.net> . Sign up and make it a mini-vacation visiting nearby attractions with a friend, spouse or significant other.

This is the first time we participated in the Howard County Fair on August 3<sup>rd</sup> and 6<sup>th</sup>. With the help of Bea Dane, Suzanne Soules, Bev Fallik and Cindy Graham, we staffed a booth in cooperation with the League of Women Voters. It provided an opportunity to reach out to the community for broader recognition of who we are and what we do. We may even get a few members to sign up. We will look for more opportunities for community outreach.

To keep everyone up to date on Diane Roca, she is in rehabilitation at Vantage Point after being taken to the hospital June 9<sup>th</sup> for a very serious and debilitating illness. She is making good progress and we wish her a continued speedy recovery and a Happy 80<sup>th</sup> Birthday (August 21). She is responding to emails and taking some visitors, so check with her before you go. Thanks to Bev Fallik for doing our Newsletter and Carol Phelps for Great Decisions.

See you September 17<sup>th</sup>!

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## SEPTEMBER MEETING

Tuesday 9/17/24 3:45-7pm

### **The Accidental Ageist?**

An interactive workshop on Ageism

Oscar's Ale House, 10795 Birmingham Way, Woodstock, MD

Most of us have felt the impact of careless jokes, either directed at us or a loved one, or negative comments on aging in the media or in general conversation. We have seen the abilities and experience of older adults discounted simply due to age. It's time to ask ourselves how we might have unconsciously bought into some of those beliefs and how we can dispel them in the future.

At our September 17<sup>th</sup> meeting Terri Hansen, Manager of Age-Friendly Howard County and an employee of the Howard County Office on Aging and Independence, will lead us in an interactive conversation about how negative attitudes about aging permeate our culture and what we can do about it. Terri is an energetic and insightful presenter who will help each of us become more aware of this issue and how it is one of the "-isms" people of all ages need to address.

We hope you can join us – and bring a friend! You'll note we are trying a new place that we hope will be better suited to discussion, while offering new menu options. Traffic on Rt 70 can be heavy at that time, so plan to give yourself plenty of time to get to the restaurant. Please be prompt!. Social time will start at 3:45pm until 4:15pm during which time you will need to place your order for food and drink. We will start our business meeting no later than 4:15pm and then our speaker presentation will be followed by dinner around 6 pm.

Contact Connie Palmieri ([conniepalmieri@yahoo.com](mailto:conniepalmieri@yahoo.com)) to reserve your seat.

## EDUCATION

### **Howard Community College Parent Scholars Program**

Howard Community College has renamed the Career Links Program to Parent Scholars Program (PSP). The new name better describes the program which helps single parent and displaced homemakers achieve their educational goals.

AAUW Howard County Branch supports this program by funding several scholarships for participating students. This school year we will be awarding four \$1,000 scholarships.

The PSP is open to displaced homemakers who are unemployed or under-employed, single parent, and single pregnant women. Balancing the obligations of work, school and family is challenging. The PSP helps eligible students be successful by providing case management, personal counselling, career counselling, support groups, individual progress meetings and scholarships. Students are expected to take advantage of all traditional financial aid opportunities before seeking a scholarship.

Our partnership with Howard Community College and the Parent Scholars Program is a good use of our scholarship funds. The \$1,000 scholarship can provide the final dollars needed to make college possible.

Our Branch will be having several fun fundraisers throughout the year to help raise money to support these scholarships. We also encourage you to make a tax-deductible donation directly to the AAUW Howard County Branch Scholarship Fund which is administered by the Howard Community College Educational Foundation. Make your check payable to HCCEF and make a note in the memo section to direct the money to AAUW-Howard County Scholarship. Make sure you notify our Treasurer, Bea Dane ([Bea\\_Dane@comcast.net](mailto:Bea_Dane@comcast.net)) of your donation. Mail your check addressed to Anne Johnson, Director of Resource Development to:

Howard Community College Educational Foundation  
10901 Little Patuxent Parkway, MH 102  
Columbia, MD 21044-3197

## MEMBERSHIP

Do you have a new neighbor? Did you meet a newcomer at the pool or exercise class? Please invite a potential new member to our September 17 kick-off meeting for 2024 -2025.

## DIVERSITY

Howard County and the greater Baltimore-Washington area are rich in cultural diversity. Each month we will give you a little information to help heighten your awareness and appreciation. Listen for the language as you go about town. Food is always a gateway to learning about a

culture. Try eating a Cuban sandwich or Peruvian chicken dinner. Have you travelled to Latin America? Perhaps you can share some highlights of what you experienced. Let's celebrate our Howard County diversity. Maybe you know someone with an Hispanic heritage who would like to come and talk to us at one of our meetings or join our Branch.

We celebrate [Hispanic Heritage Month](#) (September 15 to October 15) to recognize the achievements and contributions of Hispanic American champions who have inspired others to achieve success. The observation began in 1968 as [Hispanic Heritage Week](#) under President Lyndon Johnson and was expanded by President Ronald Reagan in 1988 to cover a 30-day period. It was enacted into law on August 17, 1988. The theme for 2024 is "[Pioneers of Change: Shaping the Future Together](#)". The month starts on the 15<sup>th</sup> in recognition of the 1821 independence from the Spanish Empire for Costa Rica, El Salvador, Guatemala, Honduras, and Nicaragua. In addition, Mexico and Chile celebrate their independence days on September 16 and September 18, respectively.



## Interest Groups

### LUNCH BUNCH

We meet the last Thursday of each month (unless otherwise noted) @ 11:30am, Nordstrom Cafe, Columbia Mall. Join us for an informal, casual lunch and conversation. No RSVP required! Upcoming dates: August 29. & September 26 Contact: Caroline Tunison 301-346-1750

### ADVENTURES IN DINING

Adventures in Dining  
Sept. TBD  
Oct 1 - the Rathskeller restaurant in Elkridge at 5PM  
Please RSVP to Carol Phelps at [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net) if you plan to attend and also if you will be part of our carpool so we know how many drivers we need. Hope to see you then!

### GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions Discussion Group meets on the 3rd Tuesday of the month. We will meet next on **Tuesday, September 17th at 2:00 PM** at Brightview Senior Living. The address is 6670 Martin Road in Columbia. We will discuss Topic #7 "High Seas Treaty". Contact Carol Phelps at [carolmcauliffe@verizon.net](mailto:carolmcauliffe@verizon.net)

### AAUW READERS

Jean Salkeld and Debbie Munley are happy to announce a great forthcoming year for Reader's. We have six great selections for the upcoming year that include a mix of Fiction and Non-Fiction. Meetings are held every other month on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at the East Columbia 50+ Center and will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by an optional lunch at The Ale House. Our six selections are:

**Knife** by Salman Rushdie  
**Friends, Lovers, Chocolate** by Alexander McCall Smith  
**The Violin Conspiracy** by Brendan Slocum  
**The Women** by Kristen Hannah  
**The Missionary's Pledge: A Novel of India** by Kathy Schofield (a Branch Member)  
**Long Island** by Colm Tobin

Future dates are: Sept 19, 2024; Nov 21, 2024; Jan 16, 2025; March 20, 2025; May, 15, 2025; and, July 17, 2025. We will publicize the final order of the book selections by our next Newsletter. (We currently have one switch in play). However, we can confirm on **September 19, 2024** we will discuss **Knife** by Salman Rushdie. Phyllis Cook will lead the discussion.

This is a great group and all are welcome! If you would like to be added to the distribution list please let Debbie know via e-mail

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## 2024-2025 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; Bobbie Brooks (443) 545-5642;  
(temporary) Connie Palmieri (410) 489-5654

**Secretary:** Jean Parr (410) 381-6351;

Alt: Bobbie Brooks (240)-888-5231

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

Vice President, **Public Policy:** Position open

Vice President, **Membership & Diversity:**

Suzanne Soules (410) 872-8603

Vice President, **Communications:** Diane Roca

(410) 964-3523; (temporary) Bev Fallik (301) 596-6208

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**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

(temporary) Carol Phelps (410) 381-7076)

**Lunch Bunch:** Caroline Tunison (301) 346-1750

## Howard County Branch Calendar

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

### 2024

#### AUGUST

- 2 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 3 & 6 – Staff a booth at the Howard County Fair
- 26 -- Women’s Equality Day
- 29 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

#### SEPTEMBER

- 6 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- ? -- Adventures in Dining
- 10 --Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 17--Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
- 17-- Branch Meeting; 3:45 pm; Oscar’s Ale House, 10795 Birmingham Way, Woodstock, MD
- 19-- AAUW Readers; 11:30 am; 50+Center East Columbia
- 26 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café
- 27-29 -- AAUW Atlantic Regional Conference; Glen Allen, VA

#### OCTOBER

- 1---Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 1-- Adventures in Dining 5pm at the Ratskeller Restaurant in Elkridge
- 4 -- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 8 --Branch Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD (Woodstock)
- 15 --Great Decisions; 2 p.m., Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
- 24 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Cafe
- 27 -- Pinot’s Palette Fundraiser; afternoon; Turf Valley (?)

#### NOVEMBER

- 1 --Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
  - 6 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm location TBD (?)
  - 18 – Adventures in Dining - Tino’s Fundraiser (?)
  - 23 –MLAW Fall Legislative Conference; Robt. Oliver Place, Columbia
  - 19 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center E. Columbia Library
- No Branch Meeting**

#### DECEMBER

- 6 — Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 8 — Holiday Lunch; Branch Meeting; location TBD; 12:00 pm
- 26---Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

## 2025

### JANUARY

- 3 — Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
  - ? -- League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast; location TBD
  - ? -- AAUW MD Winter Board Meeting
  - 14 – Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
  - 16 —AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia
  - 21—Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
  - 26 – Toby’s Dinner Theater, “9 to 5”; matinee; Columbia
  - 28 —Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café
  - ? – Women’s Legislative Briefing, by the Mont Co Commission on Women; location TBD
- No Branch Meeting**

### FEBRUARY

- ? --- Deadline for students to apply to AAUW National for NCCWSL Scholarships
- 7 — Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 8 — Book Bash and Branch Meeting; 11:30 am – 2 pm; Union Jack’s restaurant, Columbia
- 18 --Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living (?)
- 27 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

### MARCH – Women’s History Month

- ? – Deadline for students to apply for AAUW Howard County Scholarships to NCCWSL
- ?– Girl Power; 2-5 pm; Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; Laurel
- 4 –Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 7-- Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 10?--Adventures in Dining – Kelsey’s
- 11 – Branch meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 18 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living
- 20 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library
- 27 -- Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

### APRIL

- 1 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; if needed, location TBD
- 4 – Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- 8 -- Branch Meeting – Diversity Program
- 15 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living
- ? — AAUW Maryland Annual State Convention
- 24 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

### MAY

- 2 — Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
- ? — Adventures in Dining; Details TBD
- 6 -- Board Meeting, if needed; 2 pm; location TBD
- 13 -- Branch Meeting, Potluck, New Officers; location TBD
- 15– AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library



20 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living  
22 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café  
30-31-- NCCWSL, U of MD, College Park, MD; Theme: Empowering Equity; Woman of Distinction featured

## JUNE

? — Adventures in Dining; Details TBD  
6 — Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia  
17 — Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living  
26 — Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

## JULY

? — Adventures in Dining; Details TBD  
15 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living  
17 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; 50+ Center East Columbia Library  
24 — Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

## AUGUST

19 --- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living

## FALL

AAUW HOWARD COUNTY FY2025 Budget

	Approved Budget 2023-2024	Actuals thru June 2024	Budget 2024-2025
<b>INCOME</b>			
DUES	715	689	650
PINOT'S PAINT	300	250	250
TOBY'S DINNER THEATER	300	682	300
HOLIDAY SILENT AUCTION	0	170	150
HOLIDAY EVENT - HorseSpirits	500	420	0
TEA	300	0	0
OTHER INCOME/ DONATIONS	500	647	500
RESERVE/SAVINGS	2205	0	2020
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>4820</b>	<b>2858</b>	<b>3870</b>
<b>EXPENSES</b>			
ROOM RENTAL	100	0	0
PROGRAM	50	126	150
NEWSLETTER/COMMUNICATION	50	0	30
MEMBERSHIP/DIVERSITY	50	28	50
EDUCATION	300	280	200
WEBSITE	120	0	120
SOCIAL - MEETINGS	50	0	50
PUBLIC POLICY/MLAW	75	75	75
PRESIDENT	30	0	25
TREASURER	20	0	20
INSURANCE	200	200	200
MARKETING/PUBLICITY	125	136	200
<b>SUBTOTAL OPERATIONS</b>	<b>1170</b>	<b>845</b>	<b>1120</b>
HCC EDUCATION FOUNDATION (3 students @\$1000)	2000	1000	1000
NCCWSL - 2 STUDENTS	1300	0	1500
NATIONAL UNRESTRICTED	100	250	0
MD WOMAN OF DISTINCTION FUND	250	250	250
<b>SUBTOTAL EDUCATION EXPENSES</b>	<b>3650</b>	<b>1500</b>	<b>2750</b>
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>4820</b>	<b>2345</b>	<b>3870</b>

50 members@\$13

Reserve amt needed to offset expenses

Includes MLAW dues of \$75

We have \$2050 in the HCC fund

State voted to do this again.

Donations direct to HCC Educ Found

4000

2050 \$2050 currently in the fund as of June 2024  
Total for scholarships for 2025-6 = \$3000

June 30, 2024 cash balance

\$7,500