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

January 2025

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

Members,

I hope everyone had a wonderful celebration of Christmas, Hannukah, or Kwanza and wishing you a bright and healthy NEW YEAR! The holiday party was very successful bringing in \$640 from the silent auction and I think everyone had a good time, taking time out of their busy holiday schedule to relax and socialize with other members and friends. This newsletter is very brief so I just want to highlight a few dates coming up and urge you to take a look on the next page to see what the Education Committee is doing for Girl Power.

January 3, 10 am – 12 pm – Howard County Food Bank volunteers resume

January 4, 10:30 am – HoCo LWV Legislative Breakfast

January 16, 10:30 am – AAUW Readers resumes

January 28, 2 pm – Great Decisions resumes

February 8 – Book Bash with the theme of *Mysteries with a Little History*

February 23 – Toby's Dinner Theater production of *9 to 5*

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WINTER UPDATES

EDUCATION

The million-dollar Claymore Diamond has been stolen from fictional Ravensburg's finest jewelry store. At the *Girl Power* Stem Conference in March, our branch will help students in grades 3 through 7 solve this mystery based on a case from the **Math Inspectors** series of books. Join in the fun as we help the students use numbers to help them solve the mystery and break into teams to determine who stole the Claymore Diamond. The *Girl Power* STEM conference is held each year at the Applied Physics Laboratory Campus. This year, it will be held the afternoon of either March 1 or March 8.

We need members to play the roles of lead detective, witnesses, and suspects. And we need additional members to guide the students as they use algebra, logic, and statistics to solve the crime. No acting experience or special math skills are required.

We will meet on Monday, January 6, at 2:00 p.m. at Suzanne Soules's house, 8734 Endless Ocean Way, to begin developing this workshop. All AAUW members are encouraged to attend. Please RSVP to Cindy at 214-912-5656 or [email Cindy at cugraham@gmail.com](mailto:cugraham@gmail.com).

AAUW Howard County Holiday Luncheon & Silent Auction at Union Jack's December 8, 2024



INTEREST GROUPS

LUNCH BUNCH

Join us on Thursday January 30, 2025. We meet @ 11:30am, Nordstrom Cafe, Columbia Mall. No RSVP needed. Hope to see you there!

Contact: [Caroline Tunison 301-346-1750](mailto:Caroline.Tunison@verizon.net)

ADVENTURES IN DINING

Our next get together will be **February 4th** at a location TBD. We are not meeting in January. Please RSVP to Carol Phelps at 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.

GREAT DECISIONS

The Great Decisions Discussion Group will reconvene at Brightview at 2pm on **January 28, 2025**. The new books will be distributed a week or two prior to the meeting. Please contact Carol Phelps at carolmcauliffe@verizon.net if you plan on joining us.

FOOD BANK

Join us from 10-12noon beginning Jan. 3rd **2025**. We work with Food Bank staff and other group volunteers stocking shelves and bagging fresh vegetables. Come out for one session to try it out. It is located close to Snowden River and Broken Land Parkway on Gerwig Lane.

Contact: Laura Violand,
lvioland123@gmail.com, 410-733-5732

AAUW READERS

Meetings are held every other month on the 3rd Thursday at the East Columbia 50+ Center and will begin at 10:30 a.m., followed by an optional lunch at a nearby restaurant. The schedule is as follows.

Jan 16, 2025 Long Island
by Colm Toibin

March 20, 2025 The Women
by Kristin Hannah

May 15, 2025 The Missionary's Pledge: A Novel of India
by Kathy Schofield

July 17, 2025 The Violin Conspiracy: A Novel
by Brendan Slocum

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

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2024-2025 AAUW Howard County Branch Officers

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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

2025

JANUARY

- 3 — Help at HoCo Food Bank; 10 am to 12 pm; Columbia
 - 4 -- League of Women Voters Legislative Breakfast Forum; 10:30 am; Elkridge Library
 - 14 – Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
 - 16 —AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; East Columbia 50+ Senior Center
 - 18 – AAUW MD Winter Meeting via Zoom; 1pm-3:30pm
 - ~~19 – Toby’s Dinner Theater, “9 to 5”; matinee; Columbia ?~~
 - 28—Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Senior Living, Columbia
 - 30—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
- 8 — Book Bash and Branch Meeting; 11:30 am – 2 pm; Union Jack’s restaurant, Columbia
- 25 --Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living

- 23 – Toby’s Dinner Theater matinee performance of *9 to 5*; 10:30

- 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
- 1 or 8– Girl Power; 2-5 pm; Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab; Laurel
- 4 -- Board Meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 10?--Adventures in Dining – Kelsey’s
- 11 – Branch meeting; 2 pm; location TBD
- 25 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living
- 20 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; East Columbia 50+ Senior Center
- 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
- 22 -- Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living

? — AAUW Maryland Annual State Convention
24 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom
Pinot’s Pallet Fundraiser (?)

MAY

? — 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; East Columbia 50+ Senior Center
27 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living ?
22 – Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café
? 30-31-- NCCWSL, U of MD, College Park, MD; Woman of Distinction featured

JUNE

? — Adventures in Dining; Details TBD
24 — Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living
26 — Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

JULY

? — Adventures in Dining; Details TBD
11- Help at HoCo Food Bank 10-12
15 – Great Decisions; 2 pm; Brightview Sr. Living
17 – AAUW Readers; 10:30 am; East Columbia 50+ Senior Center
24 — Lunch Bunch; 11:30 am; Nordstrom Café

AUGUST

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

FALL