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## April 2015 Newsletter

### THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gail Viamonte and Mary McGrath

Spring is about to spring and we are going into the second busiest time of our Branch year. At our March meeting we approved the revisions to the Branch By-Laws, and the Nominating Committee presented the partial Slate of Officers for the coming years. The slate of officers will be voted in at our April meeting and will be inducted at our May Luncheon meeting.

This time of the year is the beginning of our Membership Renewal Period, April 1st to June 30th. Our membership chairs will collect renewals at each of our remaining meetings. To make it easier and more convenient we encourage you to renew on-line. Directions are on the National site: [aauw.org](http://aauw.org), and on our Branch site under membership: [annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net](http://annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net). See your Membership Chairs' article below.

Our main concern at this time is the completion of our slate of officers for the coming year. We are asking all of you for your help. The Nominating Committee has done a good job filling the slate so far. However, there are two positions still to be filled. They are VP for Membership and Secretary. We ask that you take a second look at your calendars and other obligations, and reconsider volunteering here at your AAUW Branch. When I look at our Branch directory I see a majority of our long time, and some newer members, have given a substantial amount of their volunteer time to the Branch. We are now looking to other long time and new members to step in and take over the helm so

to speak. If other activities have kept you from volunteering in the past, maybe this is a time for change, or you may have more time available to devote to the Branch. The Membership VP works with a committee that shares the work making it much easier to accomplish the duties. The Secretary position will afford you the opportunity to quickly learn about your Branch, how it functions, and how you can contribute your expertise, and creative ideas. We have wonderful, dedicated, and fun women working in our Branch. Come join us!

### On Public Policy

By Pat Strott-Wheatley

Hello again from the Public Policy team. (There are three of us now, myself, Roxann King, and Cheryl Menke --- we would love a few more to join us in our efforts at political activism).

This month will be brief, as I only want to bring a few things to mind. As I noted at the March general meeting, April has been designated EQUAL PAY MONTH by AAUW, and April 14<sup>th</sup> is EQUAL PAY DAY. At the meeting I distributed booklets with the history and statistics concerning this very basic and important concept for women and their families. I was listening to CNN the other day, and they did a segment on this since it is coming up on April 14. The commentator pointed out that although we have an equal pay law and the Lily Ledbetter Act calling for equal pay for equal work (signed by President Obama his first week in office!), this country still is out of compliance and has not achieved pay equity. The commentator said that it would take about another 45 years to catch up at the rate we are going! At this time the, national

difference is \$.78 (women) to \$1.00 (men). Fortunately, we reside in the best area of the country for catching up on equality in wages. DC has the best ratio, and the state of Maryland, the second best (\$.87 to \$1.00). Please try to notify one of our senators (Barbara Michalski or Ben Cardin) or our congressional representative (Donna Edwards) and urge their continued support on this issue. Thank you from all the women who will benefit!!

To stay informed of the important bills before the House and Senate, please make sure you register with "AAUW National" to be a "2 Minute Activist". They will send you alerts and notifications when Congress is in session. And for ALL of us in this Branch, Dot Gibson and I have worked out a plan to share what important information I receive as Public Policy Chairman. I will send information to Dot and, as the person in charge of the Newsletter and communications, she will forward it to the membership!

So happy spring to all! And now that it is finally beginning to warm up, perhaps we will all have a little more s-p-r-i-n-g in our step!

### **WOMEN TO WOMEN AWARD UPDATE** **By Michele Hauf**

We are looking for a few good women. The website has been updated with this year's Women To Women Award Application. Please take one and pass it on to friends and family with a Mother, Daughter, Sister or Aunt who's looking to further their education.

The deadline to have the application mailed or emailed to Michele Hauf is May 2, 2015.

Thanks to the hard work of our wonderful members we will have \$5,000 to award. Applicants can receive an award up to \$1,500. Contact Michele Hauf if you have any questions.

An update on two of last years' awardees:



Emily-Kate McGeedy has successfully completed her studies at the University of South Carolina and is working in the Marketing Department for Lennar Homes, the 2<sup>nd</sup> largest home builder in the nation.



Kourtney McLain is finishing up her first year of college at Frostburg State University as a Biology Major by making the Dean's List.

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE**

**By Alice Harrison**

Your AAUW membership is very important to the girls and women that our national, state and local organizations are helping. You can and should be proud to belong to such a strong organization that is making a difference in the lives of so many people.

Since membership dues are due June 30, 2015, we are asking that you renew your membership by this

deadline rather than later in the year. This will make it easier for our treasurer to get her job done and our membership chairs as well. Two opportunities to pay your dues will come at the regular April meeting (Monday, April 13) and at the May luncheon (Saturday, May 2nd).

You can also send your check for \$70.00 during April, May or June to our Treasurer, Sharon Halligan, 2704 Summers Ridge Drive, Odenton, MD 21113. Keep in mind that of this, \$46.00 is tax deductible. Please make your check payable to AAUW – AACounty.

## **NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT**

**Terry Saylor**

At the April meeting on Monday, April 13, Branch members will vote for the following officers:  
-1<sup>st</sup> Co-Vice President for Programs: Mary-Lynne Neil (Cheryl Menke continues as the other "Co VP")  
-Treasurer: Dianne Dezio  
-Nominating Committee: Cindy Neseth and Rita Strom  
Missing from this list are nominees for 2<sup>nd</sup> Vice President for Membership and Secretary, two important positions. On the front page you can read what our Co-Presidents have to say urging members to consider self-nominating for one of these positions. At the April meeting the new Bylaws were approved, changing the President and Vice Presidents' positions to allow for a "junior" partner; this change takes effect next year. This year the Vice President for Programs will be elected; next year another will join her and be mentored in the position which she will then take over the following year. The term is still 2 years but there will always be a partner to help except this first year. The Membership Committee will still operate to help the Vice President.

The Nominating Committee seeks 2 leaders and welcomes your email or phone call if you would like to talk about the duties of these offices before the April meeting.

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## **Daytime Book Club**

**By Pat Eggleston**

The next daytime book club meeting will be held at 10:30 a.m., Wednesday, April 1, at Shirley Clark's house. The book selection is *Me Before You*, by JoJo Moyes. Shirley will also lead the discussion of the book.

If you would like to attend, please contact Shirley at [sarbclark@aol.com](mailto:sarbclark@aol.com) or (443) 926-2790.

## **Evening Book Club**

**By Sam Hackman**

The book for our April meeting is: *City of Thieves* by David Benioff. The meeting will be on Wednesday, April 15th at 7:30 PM. At Roxann King's home: [roxann.king1@verizon.net](mailto:roxann.king1@verizon.net). Stacey Hilder will moderate.

Read the Amazon description below of our April book selection: "From the critically acclaimed author of *The 25th Hour*, a captivating novel about war, courage, survival — and a remarkable friendship that ripples across a lifetime."

Please feel free to join our group!

Contact [samhackman@hotmail.com](mailto:samhackman@hotmail.com) for further details.

## **Ladies Evening Bridge**

**Mary Ellen Gick**

The Ladies' Evening Bridge Group met for their annual luncheon at the Chart House in Annapolis on March 8<sup>th</sup> to celebrate their camaraderie as well as the top bridge scorers for the 2014 year. This year's big winner and the bridge queen of 2014 is Barbara Marder. The group treated Barbara to brunch and honored her with a gift from Homestead Gardens. Sandra Kelley was the 2<sup>nd</sup> top scorer of 2014, and also received a gift from Homestead Gardens.

The group met at the home of Barbara Bellack on March 16<sup>th</sup>. That evening's top scorers were Norma Wiberg and Dot Gibson. We will meet next, on Monday, April 6<sup>th</sup>, at the home of Dianne Dezio. Interested members are always welcome to join us. Contact Mary Ellen Gick: 410-544-5434 or [megick23@verizon.net](mailto:megick23@verizon.net).

### **APRIL MEETING PROGRAM** **Cheryl Menke**

Our next general meeting, Monday, April 13, will feature Elaine Eff, who will present an interesting and delightful program: "Painted Screens, Not Just a Baltimore Tradition!" Don't miss this one! It starts at 7 p.m. and will be held at Woods Church in Severna Park.

### **GREAT DECISIONS** **Terry Saylor**

We welcome members to join our interesting discussions held monthly on the 3<sup>rd</sup> Wednesday morning at a member's home. On April 15, we will discuss "Privacy in the Digital Age". More information on the topic can be found at: [www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions](http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions). If you would like to join us, please contact Terry Saylor, [saylorterry2@gmail.com](mailto:saylorterry2@gmail.com) 410-757-2446.

### **Appeal to our philanthropists...**

Donations to any of our AAUW Award Funds are always appreciated.

Specify:

**Women-to-Women Awards**, awards to local women with needs for pursuing higher education;

**Transfer Scholarship Awards**, scholarships to Anne Arundel Community College graduates transferring to a college or university;

**AAUW Educational Opportunity Funds (EOF) awards**, awards presented by the national AAUW organization for graduate education or research related to women's issues.

**NCCWSL: National Conference for College Women Student Leaders**, held annually in College Park in late May or early June. Our branch sponsors one or more attendees from colleges in Anne Arundel County each year.

If you do not specify a fund, 50% will go to Women-to-Women Awards, 25% to Transfer Scholarships and 25% to EOF Funds.

Make checks payable to : AAUW Anne Arundel County.

Mail to our treasurer: Sharon Halligan, 2707 Summers Ridge Dr., Odenton, MD 21113.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

3/30 – Monday – Cocktails and Convos – 5:15 p.m. at Blackwall Hitch, 400 6<sup>th</sup> St., Annapolis  
4/1 – Wednesday – Daytime Book Club – Shirley Clark, hostess –410-926-2790–[sarbclark@aol.com](mailto:sarbclark@aol.com)-10:30 a.m.  
4/8 – Wednesday - AAUW Board Meeting – Mary McGrath, hostess – [mary@bugeye.com](mailto:mary@bugeye.com) – 7:30 p.m.  
4/13 – Monday – AAUW Regular Meeting at Woods Church in Severna Park – 7:00 p.m.- Program: Elaine Eff presenting "Painted Screens, Not Just a Baltimore Tradition!"  
4/15 – Wednesday - Great Decisions - "Privacy in the Digital Age" – Contact Terry Saylor: 410-757-2446, [saylorterry2@gmail.com](mailto:saylorterry2@gmail.com) for more information  
4/15 – Wednesday – Evening Book Club – Hostess, Roxann King: [roxann.king1@verizon.net](mailto:roxann.king1@verizon.net) – 7:30 p.m.  
5/2 – Saturday – Annual Spring Luncheon – Chartwell Country Club – 11 a.m. Featuring: Iris Krasnow, local author: "The Circle of a Woman's Life". See flyer below for more details and to sign up now!

**ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY AAUW  
BRANCH CALENDAR Spring, 2015**

<b>April 1 through June 30</b>	MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL PERIOD
<b>April 3, 2015</b>	Transfer Scholarship Application due
<b>April 13, 2015</b>	Meeting at 7:00 pm, Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD. Business meeting, election of officers, and Elaine Eff presenting "Painted Screens, Not Just a Baltimore Tradition".
<b>April 25, 2015</b>	AAUW STATE CONVENTION. <a href="http://aauw-md.aauw.net">aauw-md.aauw.net</a>
<b>May 2, 2015</b>	Spring Luncheon 11:00am to 2:00 pm at Chartwell Country Club, One Chartwell Drive, Severna Park, MD. Meeting, induction of officers, and Iris Krasnow, local author, presenting "The Circle of a Woman's Life"
<b>May 2, 2015</b>	Women to Women Awards applications due.
<b>May 28-30, 2015</b>	National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)
<b>June 18-21, 2015</b>	AAUW National Convention, San Diego, CA. <a href="http://aauw.org">aauw.org</a>
<b>July 4, 2015</b>	Book sale kickoff, Severna Park parade

# SPRING FLING!!



## AAUW's 2015 Spring Luncheon

SATURDAY, MAY 2ND -- 11 A.M. -- 2 P.M.  
CHARTWELL COUNTRY CLUB, SEVERNA PARK  
St. Ives Rd., Severna Park  
Brunch Buffet at \$30 PER PERSON.

*Join us for...*

- ♦ Scholarship Awards ♦ Officer Installations ♦
  - ♦ Special Entertainment: Iris Krasnow, local author,  
Subject: "The Circle of a Woman's Life" ♦
  - ♦ 50/50 chances ♦ warmth and camaraderie ♦
- SHOULD BE FUN!!**

*Special buffet menu includes* • Eggs Benedict • French Toast • Fresh Fruit • Grilled Asparagus • Maple Sausage Links • Smoked Salmon Platter • Golden Swan Dessert • Coffee, tea

• Cash bar available from 11 to 2 •

**!!Special reminder to pay your AAUW dues at the luncheon!!**

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RSVP AND SEND YOUR \$30 per person Check to:  
DOT GIBSON (To email: [dotgibson@gmail.com](mailto:dotgibson@gmail.com) or call – 410-266-8930)  
2002 PEGGY STEWART WAY, UNIT 203, ANNAPOLIS, MD 21401

I WILL ATTEND (Name) \_\_\_\_\_

I am bringing # \_\_\_\_\_ Guests

My Check made payable to: AAUW for \$ \_\_\_\_\_ is enclosed.

**DEADLINE to sign-up: Monday, April 27**

**I must have your luncheon check by: Wednesday, April 29**