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October 2014 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

By Mary McGrath

Such a beautiful autumn we are all enjoying. Good weather for all our activities. Our Fall Membership luncheon was a huge success. It was well attended, well organized and presented, and very informative regarding our AAUW Branch. We would like to thank Alice Harrison, Markonette Richardson, and Kay Monk for all their hard work. A very enjoyable event.

Looking forward, our October meeting on the 13th will be the Candidates Forum featuring the candidates for Anne Arundel County Executive. The event is presented by the League of Women Voters, the National Council of Jewish Women and AAUW/Anne Arundel County Branch. We will have an AAUW table with information about AAUW and our branch, which needs to be staffed. Also, we are responsible for giving out question cards and collecting them for the candidates to answer at the question and answer session. We need a minimum of eight people. If you haven't signed up yet, just contact Pat Strott-Wheatley or Cheryl Menke. It looks like an interesting evening of politics for all. So pass the word and bring a friend or two.

As most of you know by now we have a site for our book sale. It will be held at the BJ Shopping Center in Pasadena (same as last year) November 6 through 9. Call your book sale committee and be sure to sign up for a shift organizing the books the week before, and for a shift at the book sale itself.

It is very important that the committee have each hour of the day covered before and at the sale, so be sure and sign up ahead of time. Looking forward to seeing you all there.

ON PUBLIC POLICY

By Pat Strott-Wheatley

As we move into the "active" part of the year (Collecting for our annual book sale, planning for our various meeting, planning how to wisely distribute the money we raise, and of course how to get together for a little fun!) be assured that the PUBLIC POLICY part of AAUW is roaring ahead too!

Since it is an interim election year, we will of course want to make our voices heard with opinions on that! So, as we have done in previous election years, we will be co-sponsoring an "Election Forum" in October, with the League of Women Voters, and The Council of Jewish Women of Anne Arundel County.

Each of the three groups will have certain tasks to be responsible for so that the meeting itself runs seamlessly and with order in all exchanges. A flyer is coming out announcing the date (Monday evening, Oct. 13), the place (Kneseth Israel Synagogue on Spa Road), and of course, the participants (those running for County Executive, George Johnson and Steven Schuh). Our responsibilities, besides some funding, will be providing bottles of water for all, manning the front door and seating people, time keeping, carrying questions... We will need 8-10 AAUW volunteers. Feel free to submit yourself to myself, Cheryl

Menke, or Mary McGrath. It should be enlightening AND fun! It always is.

The above is the most local we can be involved in political and public decision making. But of course there is also State of Maryland issues (as covered in the organization MLAW) and all the many Federal concerns we want, and need, to stay informed of. With National issues, it is really easy to make your voice heard! On the Home page of the National AAUW website, you just sign into "The Two Minute Activist" give YOUR opinion and send it to your senators (who you can locate by your zip code!). So, each month we will take on one or two of the important things going on; let you all know of conferences, demonstrations, and meetings of interest to women and families and thus try to keep us all on our toes as we try to stay informed and to influence the tomorrows ahead of us and our children!

Of course I mustn't end this month without sharing what happened the first week the Congress returned from their August break. They ACTUALLY discussed three important things that have been on the agenda for a while: 1) They debated a constitutional amendment to enact campaign reform (long overdue, and no decisions were made); 2) they talked about the Paycheck Fairness Act (long, long, and overdue) and 3) They passed a bill to fund the government through December. What is referred to a "kicking the can down the road"! What they didn't even attempt was raising the minimum wage, refinancing of student loans, immigration reform, and several other things that need updated and reformed! They don't return again until mid-November for the final days of the 113th Congress.

So we will all keep our eyes on the balls that should be juggling in the rarified air of Capitol Hill!

STEM WORKSHOP FOR ELEMENTARY SCHOOL GIRLS IN THE SPRING OF 2015

By Judith MacGregor

Our Branch plans to present a STEM Workshop for elementary school girls are moving forward. The program will be ½ day on a Saturday morning in the spring, date to be decided. Hands-on programs are offered to the girls featuring different STEM fields. A

parent would be requested to accompany each girl and a separate program for the parents is an integral part of the workshop.

The Anne Arundel Community College has agreed to serve as the host at no cost to our branch. A meeting was held with representatives from our county school system and they are enthusiastic about our plans. This is wonderful news! We are now working on locating a sponsor to contribute the cost of the program.

Now we need branch volunteers:

- 1) Hostesses: Tour small groups of girls around to their rooms. Contact Robin Hembree who will coordinate this.
- 2) Introducers: For each of the STEM presenters, give a few sentences about them from the material we prepare beforehand and remain in their room for the 3 hands-on sessions. Contact Maggie Cullman who will coordinate this activity.
- 3) Set up, assemble handouts, printing, food distribution: Need several people to help with various logistics before, during and after. Need someone to coordinate.

Coordinating Committee Members so far: Judith MacGregor, chair: jamacgregor101@gmail.com (410 991 9115), Pat Eggleston (sponsorship), Markonette Richardson (registration technology), Diane Lorton (school system material), Robin Hembree (hostesses), Maggie Cullman (introductions). If you would like to serve let us know!

Legal Advocacy Fund

By Sigrid Dorf

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) works to challenge sex discrimination in higher education and the workplace. Their resources range from community outreach programs to backing of major cases.

Sex discrimination today takes a variety of forms: unfair pay, pregnancy discrimination, sexual harassment, sexual assault, and violations of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 can affect both women and men. LAF addresses these barriers by informing people of their rights and using the legal system to seek justice and change.

One of the many cases that LAF is currently supporting is: *Cioca vs Rumsfeld*. Kori Cioca always knew she wanted to join the military. As soon as she was eligible, she joined the Coast Guard. She thrived there, until one of her superiors began harassing her. After her complaints about the harassment fell on deaf ears, he escalated his behavior, assaulting her and breaking her jaw and later raping her. Kori eventually left the military, traumatized, wounded, and betrayed. When Kori found out that about **20 percent** of women and 1 percent of men in the military are sexually assaulted, she decided to join the lawsuit *Cioca v. Rumsfeld* to help change that bleak reality. She and dozens of other military member survivors of sexual violence allege that the failure of the Department of Defense **to act on the issue of sexual assault in the military** amounts to a violation of their constitutional rights. AAUW proudly supports these plaintiffs and their case.



Lucia St. Clair-Robson. Author, at September Evening Book Club at Barbara Marder's home

Evening Book Club

By Sam Hackman

Lucia St Clair Robson graciously discussed her book *The Tokaido Road* at our meeting last night. It was a special evening and everyone seemed to have a grand time!

The next meeting is on Wednesday, Oct 15 at 7:30 p.m. at Stacey's house. Roxann will moderate the meeting-the book is: *The Color of Water* by James McBride. Future books will be selected at that time.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Cheryl Menke

Just about the end of our glorious summer... so let's celebrate the beginning of a fabulous Fall!!

C and C (Cocktails and Conversation I think) but, let's just call it Happy Hour!!

DATE: Monday, Sept 29, time: 4:30-6:30 – Happy Hour price time, but please stay longer. Location: Chart House, 300 2nd St., Eastport. Chart House has many food and drink items on their HH menu. Surely, something for everyone! Great views too!! I used to go there to watch Trumpy yachts being built back in the day!!

I would appreciate an RSVP email, call or text(443-221-3338) by Monday(29th) morning 10AM(if you can't attend until the last minute that is fine-just want to get some idea of the number to make sure we have enough chairs) . PLEASE RESPOND TO camenke2@hotmail.com .

Oct 13--POLITICAL FORUM in Annapolis instead of regular meeting. (See flyer with details on the last

page of this newsletter.) I need some volunteers to collect questions, etc. Nothing difficult! Maybe 8 folks. Thank you. Need to be there between 6:00-6:30 to set up.

2014 BOOK SALE

By Roxann King

Can You Believe it's Book Sale Time Again?

Every year we work as hard as we can to sell lots of books in four days. Most of the profit (about 80%) goes to funding our three educational awards funds, with the rest funding branch operation. Summer and fall are book sale time; spring is for interviewing and giving the awards.

We need volunteers for the remaining collections and for all the actual set-up and sale days for the book sale.

Here are the details:

Same Location: Festival at Pasadena, 8151-D Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena, MD – in the BJ's shopping center, next to East West Bistro.

Remaining book collections: Saturday, October 4, in Arnold and Severna Park; Saturday, October 18, in Arnold, Severna Park and Crofton. Volunteers are needed at all sites on both days.

Books, tables, and supplies get delivered to the store on Thursday, October 30.

Setup days: Friday, October 31 through Wednesday, November 5. Hours: Friday 8 a.m.-7 p.m.; Saturday, 9 a.m.- 6 p.m.; Sunday, 10 a.m.-6 p.m.; Monday through Wednesday, 9 a.m. – 6 p.m. Volunteers are needed every day.

Wednesday, November 5, 7-9 p.m., Members Night at the Book Sale. Join us for refreshments and snacks. Members get to purchase books before the official sale starts.

Sale Days: Thursday, November 6, through Sunday, November 9. Thursday, 8 – 10 a.m., Public Pre-Sale, \$10 admission; 10 a.m.-8 p.m. opening day sales; Friday, 9 a.m.- 8 p.m.; Saturday, November 8, 9 a.m.-6 p.m.; Sunday, 9 a.m. – 2 p.m. (Buy Books by the Bag Day). Volunteers are

needed for all shifts on all days. Just tell us when you want to work.

After Sale Clean-Up: Sunday, November 9, 2 p.m.-6 p.m. Yes, we need volunteers here, too.

SIGN UP FOR SHIFTS AHEAD OF TIME, please. (Otherwise, your faithful book sale committee will all have heart failure before the sale.) Book sale committee: Stacey Hilder (stacey861@verizon.net, 410-647-7041); Roxann King (roxann.king1@verizon.net, 410-431-7166), Rita Strom (stroms1234@yahoo.com, 410-544-1262). We are anxiously awaiting your emails and phone calls. (Leave a message with desired event, day and shift if we do not answer. We will respond to your email or message.) Rita Strom will be calling members as well in mid-October to encourage participation. We cannot run this event without the support of our membership. This is our 48th year!

OH!!! Don't forget to bring family members and friends to help with the sale! We have lots of friends that show up every year just to help us!

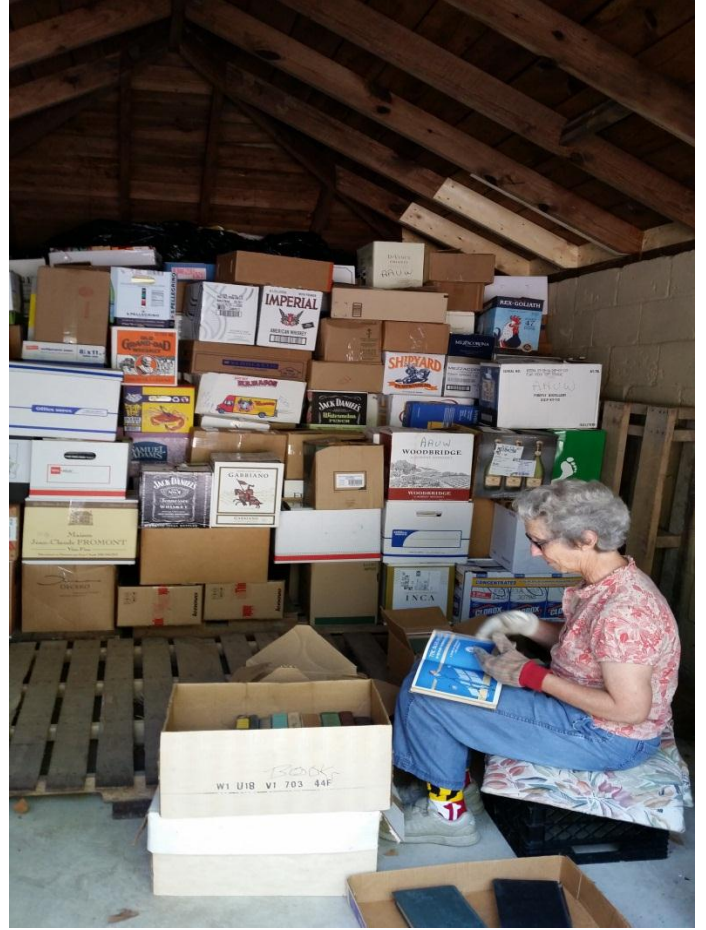
See the Book Sale flyer on one of the following pages to print out and distribute.



GAIL VIAMONTE, MARY MCGRATH AND SARAH KING COLLECTING BOOKS IN CROFTON



ROXANN KING, MARY MCGRATH AND MARKONETTE RICHARDSON COLLECTING AT BANK OF AMERICA IN SEVERNA PARK



TERRY SAYLER SORTING AND STORING BOOKS IN LUCIA ST. CLAIR ROBSON'S GARAGE

It's that time of year again!

Time for the



FALL BOOK SALE

Sponsored by the
American Association of University Women
Anne Arundel County Branch

Join this annual partnership with the community on ...

Thursday, November 6th

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Public Pre-Sale \$10.00 entrance fee

Thursday, November 6th

10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, November 7th

9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 8th

9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 9th

9:00 AM to 2:00 PM

(Bargain Day-Buy Books by the Bag!)



Festival at Pasadena
8151-D Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD
(in the BJ's Shopping Center next to East West Bistro)

Further information is available:

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Thank you to Fedder Management Corp, Owings Mills, MD for the site location.

CALENDAR OF EVENTS

Monday	29-Sep	Cocktails and Convos, 4:30-6:30 p.m., Chart House, 300 2 nd St., Eastport
Wednesday	08-Oct	Board Meeting, 7:30 p.m., Mary McGrath's home
Monday	13-Oct	Monthly meeting with League of Women Voters, Political Forum at Kneseth Israel (See flyer on the following page for details)
Wednesday	15-Oct	Evening Book Club, 7:30 p.m. at Stacey Hilder's home
Monday	20-Oct	Newsletter article deadline for November newsletter
Wednesday	05-Nov	Pre-Book Sale meeting at Book Sale site, 7-9 p.m.
Wednesday	Nov. 5 through	Sunday Nov. 9 Annual Book Sale
Saturday	06-Dec	Annual Holiday Party - Mezzanotte

CANDIDATES FORUM

FOR ANNE ARUNDEL COUNTY EXECUTIVE

Where:

Congregation
Kneseth Israel
1125 Spa Road, Annapolis
Corner of Spa Road & Hilltop Lane

When:

**Monday, October 13,
2014
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.**

Please join us for an evening of debate featuring the candidates for Anne Arundel County Executive--

George Johnson (D) Steve Schuh (R)

Moderator:

Susan Kopen Katcef

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