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Summer 2015 Newsletter

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Gail Viamonte and Mary McGrath

Ahhh, the end of our AAUW year.... June 30, the end of this year, is approaching quickly. July 1st, the beginning of next year will be here in no time and we have lots to talk about. It's only a little more than two weeks and your Board is closing out the old year and starting work on the new.

We just completed our joint Board meeting where we shared the duties of each position, what the new people need to know to take over, and the interactions of each position. Now our board members will get together to transition or just start planning for the next year.

Our Program VPs, Cheryl Menke and Mary-Lynne Neil are lining up speakers for our four membership meetings, as well as planning entertainment for our May luncheon at the Chartwell Country Club. They are working on our C & C (cocktails and conversations) gatherings every three months at our favorite happy hour locations. And, they are planning our Holiday luncheon and the May spring luncheon. Keep a close watch on announcements of these events so you don't miss them. Our C&C events are a wonderful way to meet new people in an informal setting. Watch for notices in our monthly newsletter. It is one of our most popular events. So come on out. Bring a friend.

The first official event will be the July 4th parade in Severna Park where the book sale committee will decorate a car, drive in the parade advertising our AAUW Branch and walk the parade grounds and

give out bookmarks with our book sale info for all to donate and buy books. There will be whole families out there waiting for these bookmarks with info on book donations and sale dates. Some of those families are third generation Severna Park used book junkies. And we love them all. If you are in town, come watch the parade and cheer for our AAUW Branch. It's a fun affair. Don't forget a comfortable chair.

Then, September will bring our annual membership meeting, where we all bring a friend or neighbor to hear what AAUW is about and how they can join and become a partner in the vital work accomplished by this organization. We are about educating women and eliminating all barriers that keep women from accomplishing their educational and career goals.

As you contemplate all these activities, remember that they are accomplished by you, our members. When you join this organization of proactive women, keep in mind what you can do for the organization. You have knowledge, experience, and skills that can be offered your Branch to further our ever-important mission.

Contact our scholarship committee chairs, Barbara Marder and Michele Hauf to volunteer your time selecting our yearly awardees, as well as our Educational Opportunities Fund (EOF) chair Sharon Halligan. Contact our STEM committee chair, Judith MacGregor to help organize our Branch's first STEM event here in Anne Arundel County. Many volunteers are needed for this important event. Contact our new membership committee chairs,

Rachel Barr and Diana Larmore to work with them recruiting members. Work with them to organize a successful September membership meeting. Contact our book sale chairs Roxanne King and Stacy Hilder to volunteer your time passing out bookmarks, collecting books from July through October, preparing the books and sale site, and working the floor at the sale in November. This is our big fundraiser for our scholarships and everyone is needed to make it happen, and to be a success. It's a fun event for all who participate. We especially encourage our new members to show up and see what it's all about. You won't regret it. Contact our AAUW Branch Congressional Lobbyists group member Lynn Hapchuk to find out what you can do to influence the passing of appropriate legislation on behalf of women. Contact Roxann King and volunteer your time, expertise and interest in working our Branch Public Policy effort. Help get the word out on up-coming legislation, and encourage people, members to voice their opinion, vote on laws and regulation impacting women's education and career advancement. Last but not least, keep a close watch on our newsletter and our website for all our Branch events so you can attend them all. Doing so will be a rewarding experience, and will allow you all the opportunity to share your knowledge, experience, and skills.

We look forward to seeing you at these planning activities, and at our meetings and events throughout the year. Enjoy your summer. Come back from your vacations ready to participate in your Branch's vital mission to educate women and eliminate all barriers to their success.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Alice Harrison

Get your membership dues in --- \$70.00 for 2015-2016 --- by June 30, 2015. The easiest way to pay your dues is to go to the AAUW National website. See step by step instructions below. (You will need your membership number.)

Or, send your check for \$70 payable to AAUW to: Treasurer Sharon Halligan, 2707 Summers Ridge Drive, Odenton, MD 21113.

Remember to invite your friends or colleagues to our events --- Cocktails and Conversation, meetings, etc. and remind members you see --- "did

you renew your membership?" It's important to keep us all together as a group! All the best to everyone --- Alice Harrison and Markonette Richardson are signing off as Membership Co-Chairs. It has been a privilege to serve the branch.

HOW TO PAY YOUR BRANCH DUES ONLINE:



Re: AAUW Membership Payment Program (MPP) Renewal for Branch Members FY115-16

As an AAUW member whose state and branch participates in the Membership Payment Program (MPP), you can go online and renew your own AAUW membership with your personal credit card. Reminder: You will be paying all of your dues — branch, state, and national — at once.

Go to www.aauw.org

1. Click **Login** at the top of the page next to the join button.
2. Enter your **Member ID** and **Password** (originally used for the Member Services Database (MSD))
Use the support links below the login box if you've forgotten your Password, don't know your Member ID, or register, if you never had a password before.

You have successfully logged in when the Login button display changes to **HELLO, YOUR NAME**. You can now access member only areas throughout the site.

3. Scroll to the bottom of any page and click **Member Tools**, a secured member's only area.
4. Scroll down to the **Member Services Database** and click Visit Here
5. Click **Renew My Member** to open the renewal form and renew your membership with a credit card!

For assistance, contact Connect2AAUW, 800/326-2289, M-F, 10-5pm, ET or email connect@aauw.org

Book Sale Parade and Collections

By Roxann King

Here we go again. The **Fourth of July Parade in Severna Park** marks our first official book sale activity. It begins at 10 a.m. but we need to be at Our Shepherd Church decorating the car at 9 a.m. Pat Strott-Wheatley and her husband, Vince, will provide the parade car and ride the parade route. Walkers will start from three locations at 10 a.m.: Our Shepherd to the high school, the high school to the corner of B&A Blvd and Riggs Rd, and Cypress Creek Park to the intersection of B&A Blvd and Riggs Rd. We will need from 6 to 12 walkers to distribute the bookmarks with the book collection information. Participants must sign a participant/disclaimer paper prior to the parade. We need to get this information to the Chamber of Commerce on time. If you can participate, please let us know right away. Contact Stacey Hilder, (410) 647-7041, stacey861@verizon.net or Roxann King, (240) 472-1408, roxann.king1@verizon.net.

This year we are also attempting to participate in the **Annapolis Fourth of July Parade**. The parade officially starts at 6:30 p.m. and moves down West Street, around Church Circle, and then to the city docks. Participants line up at 5 p.m. We are applying to participate and would need 4-8 walkers. Annapolis also requires signing a participant/disclaimer form prior to the event. For this parade, walkers must be in the parade and distribute the bookmarks as they walk. A concert and fireworks at the City Docks follow the parade. Contact Roxann or Stacey if you can participate. We are hoping to get more books by reaching out to the larger community.

Collections are held on the following Saturdays from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. at two locations, one in Severna Park and one in the Arnold/Annapolis area: **July 18, August 8, August 22, September 19, October 3 and October 17**. The exact locations are still being determined. Sign up early for one or more collections by contacting Stacey or Roxann. We hope to have lots of volunteers over the next two weeks. Contact us soon!

Branch Sponsors Two Women to Attend NCCWSL Conference

By Pat Eggleston

We were fortunate to sponsor two outstanding women to attend the NCCWSL Conference at the University of MD College Park in May. The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders prepares college women from every state and from around the world to be the next generation of leaders.

This year both of the women we selected were students of Anne Arundel Community College.

Below are their comments about their experience.



Annalisa Hite:
Student Government President
AAUW Members,
Thank you so much for sponsoring me to go to the NCCWSL conference. It truly was

a growing experience for me, and I am a better woman because of it. One workshop was especially helpful in giving me guidance for my future career in Student Engagement. I am more confident that I will achieve my goals of working at AACC in the future.



Michelle Jennifer Moore
President, Campus Activities Board:

NCCWSL is an outstanding and empowering conference. I met so many young women with incredible drive and potential. I'm optimistic of my generation and the leaders it has produced. I am honored to have the opportunity to represent Anne Arundel Community College in a prestigious national conference such as NCCWSL.

Evening Book Club

By Sam Hackman

The book for our next meeting is:

“*Girl on the Train*”, by Paula Hawkins.

Barbara Marder will host and moderate the meeting on **Wed., July 1st at 7:30 PM. PLEASE NOTE: This date is different from our usual schedule.**

Read the review below of the book: “Like its train, the story blasts through the stagnation of these lives in suburban London and the reader cannot help but turn pages. . . . The welcome echoes of *Rear Window* throughout the story and its propulsive narrative make *The Girl on the Train* an absorbing read.”—*The Boston Globe*

We have selected the following books for the rest of this year:

July- ***Quiet Dell*** by Jayne Anne Phillip

August- ***Distant Marvels*** by Chantel Acevedo

September- ***The Next 100 Years*** by George Friedman

October- ***Orphan Train*** by Christina Baker Kline

November- ***King Leopold’s Ghost*** by Adam Hochschild

Please feel free to join our group!

Contact samhackman@hotmail.com for further details.

PROGRAM

Cheryl Menke

Culture, Cocktails, and Conversation Monday, June 22nd!

Have you seen the American Institute of Architects’ display on pioneering women architects--including those who designed several major Maryland landmarks?!

A Summer C&C will be held on Monday, June 22nd beginning 4 PM at the AIA Annapolis Office, 86 Maryland Avenue. After viewing the exhibit, the group will adjourn across the street to Galway Bay at 63 Maryland Avenue for C&C at 5 PM until 7 PM. Program Chair: Cheryl Menke has made arrangements with AIA and reserved a table at Galway Bay.

Please RSVP directly to Cheryl by **Friday, June 19th at camenke2@hotmail.com.**

See you there!

MORE PROGRAM INFO:

Cheryl Menke and Mary-Lynne Neil, Program VP’s would like YOU to suggest general themes or specific contacts for upcoming 2015-2016 programs! Thank you for your compliments to date on last year’s programs—and we do have some more ideas for the upcoming year. This said, the Program Committee solicits your ideas, wish lists, and networking possibilities. We always want to be responsive; we always want all members to feel engaged in the upcoming calendar of events. Furthermore, members’ interests and contacts often help “open doors” when Program VPs seek to enlist speakers and locations.

Please e-mail Program VPs Cheryl Menke: camenke2@hotmail.com and/or Mary-Lynne Neil: marylynneneil@gmail.com !

STEM UPDATE, June 2015

Judith MacGregor

STEM WORKSHOP SET FOR DECEMBER 5TH, VOLUNTEERS NEEDED!!!

YES, WE HAVE A DATE FOR THE ½ DAY WORKSHOP for 4 OR 5TH GRADE GIRLS – SATURDAY, DECEMBER 5, 8AM-12:30PM at AACC.

Branch member volunteers needed FOR THE FOLLOWING:

- 1) Co-chair needed.
- 2) Help with GRAPHICS AND PRINTING for the materials
- 3) Everyone try to recruit teachers in our county to join the branch
- 4) Help with the program planning
- 5) Help purchasing gifts for the speaker

* Note new members can save ½ of the first year’s **national** dues (a savings of \$23) by coming to a book donation drop, cocktails and convos and joining there!

Email jamacgregor101@gmail.com or phone 410 991 9115.

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: Dianne Dezio, 8607 Wintergreen Ct., #403, Odenton, MD 21113 (Please note: new address for Dianne who is also our new treasurer.)



CALENDAR OF EVENTS

June 22 – Monday - 4 p.m.-AIA exhibit tour, 5 – 7 p.m. C&C Galway Bay, reservation required. Contact Cheryl Menke, 443-221-3338, camenke2@hotmail.com

June 30 – 2015-16 AAUW membership renewal date

July 1 - Wednesday – Evening Book Club, Barb Marder, hostess and moderator, 410-518-9978, scubaesc@aol.com

July 4 – Saturday - Book sale kickoff, Severna Park parade

July 18 – Saturday - Book Sale collection date

August 8 – Saturday - Book Sale collection date

August 22 – Saturday - Book Sale collection date

September 12 – Saturday – Fall membership kickoff luncheon – Woods Church – Severna Park

September 19 – Saturday - Book Sale collection date

October 3 – Saturday - Book Sale collection date

October 17 – Saturday - Book Sale collection date