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November 2015 Newsletter

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

Mary McGrath and Gail Viamonte

The fall season is upon us and we have lots of activity here in the AAUW Anne Arundel County Branch. Currently we are all gearing up for the November book sale starting on November 5th. Our last collection on the 17th was a great success. The volunteer signup sheet has been sent to all members. Mary Ellen Gick, our volunteer coordinator, is collecting the names, dates, and times you can work sorting starting October 30th, and work the sale starting November 5th. Check out the Book Sale article for more details. Members' night at the sale will be held Wednesday, November 4th at 7:00 pm. Our morning and evening book groups will provide refreshments. So get in the mood for working the sale by bringing your family and friends and spending the evening browsing. It is always an enjoyable evening.

After the book sale our next event is the special STEM program to be held on December 5, 2015, where selected fourth grade girls from our Anne Arundel County Schools will spend the day learning about the science and math fields and how they can become involved in the world of technology. Volunteers are still needed for this event. Contact Judith MacGregor to lend a hand.

Our Branch holiday celebration will be held on December 6, 2015. So come join us for an enjoyable afternoon of comradery and fine foods.

Many hands make light work. I know you all have heard that phrase. Well, you know it's true if you have ever chaired an event for an organization. It's also true

of our AAUW Branch. Many hands work the book sale each year and that is why it is such a success. However, the last few years your Board chairs, who have worked with large committees before, have had to carry their load by themselves or with just a couple people helping out. We ask that all members take a moment and decide where you can share your time and talent to make our Branch efforts light work. Contact one of the Chairs for Programs, Membership, Public Policy, Communications (newsletter, publicity, and website management), Historian, and Scholarships listed in the Membership Directory. You can also contact one of us, your Co-Presidents, Mary McGrath at: mary@bugeye.net, or Gail Viamonte at: gev22@earthlink.net.

Come join us, you will be glad you did.

Lastly, I want to thank my Co-President, Gail, for carrying the Presidents' load single handedly while I was out-of-pocket for the last month and a half. A job very well done, Gail, and very much appreciated

BOOK SALE UPDATE

By Roxann King

It's here: Used Book Sale November 5 – 8

There are so many books. We did not see it coming: baby boomers downsizing by the droves. We will be very busy sorting and preparing for the sale from Friday, October 30, through the start of the sale. The location is again 8151-D Governor Ritchie Hwy. at the Festival Pasadena shopping center, near BJ's. You can contact Mary Ellen Gick: megick23@verizon.net, 410-279-4506) to sign up for a

shift or you can just show up. There will be a sign-up schedule on site.

Be sure to hand out flyers to your friends and drum up business. We have a lot of books to sell.

Needed especially: trucks and volunteers for boxing up books on Sunday, November 8, 2-5 p.m. A year ago we discovered Wonder Books in Frederick that buys books by the box from us after the sale. We are delivering the books ourselves this year, getting about \$2.50 per box versus \$1 a box if a contractor moves the books there. With about 600 or more boxes left after the sale, this extra effort can really benefit our educational grants. So keep this in mind and start recruiting friends and family now. Last year we had 30 or more members and volunteers helping: it was real teamwork. If you have truck (in case the rented truck is not sufficient), notify Roxann King (240-472-1408, roxann.king1@verizon.net).

Thank you and see you soon!

PUBLIC POLICY UPDATE

By Roxann King

In preparation for the 2016 Maryland legislative session there are three women-centered events scheduled:

- 1) The MLAW Fall Conference will be held on Saturday, November 14, 9:30 a.m.-1:00 p.m. in Gaithersburg. Bills being proposed this year will be presented to the group for consideration of sponsorship by MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women). Later in the fall the MLAW members vote on which bills will be supported. Our branch is a member of MLAW. [Click here for the conference flyer](#). [Click here to register online for the conference](#). I will be attending and would love company on the drive to Gaithersburg.
- 2) Late January 2016 – Maryland Women’s Legislative Briefing host sessions led by teams working to draft legislation to address various women’s issues in Maryland. The participants get to share ideas with those crafting the bills. This is very interesting and attended by many of our legislators.
- 3) Early February - MLAW Legislative reception in Annapolis. Meet with the legislators to discuss the bills being supported by MLAW this year.

Have you joined AAUW’s 2-minute activist? If you have, then you have received a message from the AAUW Action Network urging your support against passage of HR 10, the D.C. school voucher act. This act would enable funding for attendance at private or religious elementary or secondary schools, not bound by many civil rights laws and particularly by Title IX. To participate in Two Minute Activist and receive action updates on national legislation you can join at <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>.

NOMINATING COMMITTEE VOLUNTEERS NEEDED

By Mary McGrath

Recently a couple members of our Nominating Committee had to resign. We are in need of two volunteers to replace them. The committee starts work in December, with their big effort in January and February. Nominees are presented to members at the March meeting, Members vote at the April meeting and the new officers are inducted at the May meeting. Please contact Mary McGrath at mary@bugeye.net to volunteer for this important committee.

APPEAL TO OUR PHILANTHROPISTS...

By Roxann King

Appeal to our philanthropists...

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

Please specify on your check:

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.

ON TRACK FOR OUR FIRST STEM WORKSHOP DECEMBER 5TH

By Judith MacGregor

Planning continues for STEM GIRLS COUNT! To be held on a Saturday morning. The county public school system is now in the process of selecting and registering the 84 girls who will come from 21 elementary schools in the Annapolis, Glen Burnie and Southern areas. The technical program is set and presenters will lead hands on activities and each girl will select 3 of the areas to attend. Our own members, Michele Hauf, Teresa Todd, Kathy Arias and Niv Roy Ghatak will be among the presenters.

Our branch member- Janice Roper Graham's company, Outreach Process Partners, is providing the major funding for the event with a \$4000 donation, with an additional contribution of \$2000 from Rockwell Collins. Funding has been received, thank you!

See our webpage on the branch site for more details (thanks to Roxann King).

Thanks to all volunteers. Most of the jobs involve only a time commitment of that Saturday morning. If you want to volunteer to help the day of the event email: jamacgregor101@gmail.com or [\(410-911-9115\)](tel:410-911-9115).

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Alice Harrison

Welcome to Book Sale Month! Very exciting --- getting together once again to sort through all the books and set them out for sale. It's a great way to see each other --- we always enjoy talking and joking with each other while working. It's a great opportunity to get to know new members --- they are the infusion of new blood that we appreciate each year.

If you don't know someone, please say "hello". Just stick out your hand and say, "Hi, I'm Mary Sunshine." You'd be surprised how appreciative most people are. And if you happen to find someone who is not receptive, just chalk it up to someone having a bad day, or not hearing you, or whatever.

Please feel free to bring a prospective member to the book sale to pitch in or just to observe. If they come to the actual sale, get them to fill out the "form". That way then can get reduced dues.

And please be thinking about someone you might want to invite to our holiday brunch, this year set for Sunday, December 6th at Café Mezzanotte in Severna Park. We are always ready to welcome new members!

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 5th

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

Thursday, November 5th 10:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Friday, November 6th 9:00 AM to 8:00 PM

Saturday, November 7th 9:00 AM to 6:00 PM

Sunday, November 8th 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

October 30-November 4 – Book Sale Set Up Days, see article above for days and times

November 4 – Book Sale, Members Night, 7 p.m. at the Book Sale site

November 5-9 – Book Sale, being held at Festival at Pasadena, near BJ's and East-West Café

November 18 – AAUW Board Meeting – 7 p.m. – Location TBD

December 5 – Saturday – STEM Event at AACC – 8:30 a.m. to 1 p.m.

December 6 – Sunday – Holiday luncheon, 11 a.m.-2 p.m. – Café Mezzanotte, Severna Park (look for a flyer coming soon)

PHOTO FROM OCTOBER, 2015 MEETING

