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# May 2016 Newsletter

## THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

By Mary McGrath and Gail Viamonte

Spring has finally arrived along with all its seasonal beauty. It's hard to stay in-doors for sure. However, we must so that preparation for our May 7th luncheon can be completed. We look forward to seeing you all there at the Chartwell Country Club to enjoy it's lush, green scenery along with all of our festivities.

This is the time of year we introduce our scholarship winners, say farewell to our departing board/committee chairs, and induct our new officers. The program committee has a wonderful luncheon buffet planned and our program for the day is a celebration of our Branch's 50th anniversary. It will be a relaxing, enjoyable spring event.

Our tenure as co-presidents will end this June. We want to thank all of you for your support the last two years. It surely takes a village to run an organization such as ours and many of you have come forward giving your precious time to make our Branch events a success. Our September recruiting potluck, our book collections and book sale days have been very well supported by all of you. You have been involved with the overall AAUW mission through fund raising, keeping up with public policy, supporting the women friendly legislative bills, attending our business meetings, and contributing to our decision making process. Branch events like the C&C's throughout the year and our social groups have provided a venue for fun and new friendships. We appreciate every member's commitment to our Branch and the hard work you have done. We encourage you to continue to be active Branch members.

However, we co-presidents aren't going far... Gail has agreed to stay on one more year as co-president supporting Laney Forge, our new co-president. Mary moves to co-vice president of programs for one year supporting Cathy Crowley. We look forward to working with all of you next year and into the future.

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**REMINDER:** Have you thought about which committee you want to work on in the coming year? Check the Presidents' Message in our January-February 2016 Newsletter for the list of committees.

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## 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY HIGHLIGHTS

By Terry Saylor

AAUW Anne Arundel (Severna Park) History will be relived at our May 7, 50th Anniversary Branch Celebration. Come see and hear from some of our members who were there during those earlier years. What branch milestones occurred in 1966, 1981, and 1993?

## PUBLICITY

By Kathy Arias

### Photos Wanted!

If you're going to the May luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration, please bring your camera and take pictures! We'd love to have plenty of photos for our archives and for publicizing our event. I'll be submitting an article for publication in the Capital. If

you'd like to have your photo submitted to the Capital, please follow these criteria:

- Properly expose and carefully compose your photo. Take it up close to adequately show the subject matter. Avoid backs of heads and photos from far away.
- Take pictures of no more than four or five people as much as possible.
- Use the highest resolution possible, especially if using a cell phone: minimum of 180 dpi (dots per inch or pixels per inch) or at least 1MB .jpg (.JPEG) file format.
- Please select a few good ones for publicity use and send the "Original" or largest image available from a smartphone or cell phone camera to Kathy at [ariasicc@comcast.net](mailto:ariasicc@comcast.net). Send it as an attachment—not embedded in an email. Please identify the people in the photo with full names, from left to right. Call Kathy ([410-923-3094](tel:410-923-3094)) if you have any questions.

P.S. Please remember to take photos at ALL of our events so we can have them for our archives—and use them for our 60<sup>th</sup> anniversary celebration.

Thanks!  
Kathy

### **PROGRAM COMMITTEE** By Cheryl Menke

I would like to thank everyone who has made my time as Program VP the past two years so much fun! Thank you for your suggestions, your food donations at meetings, your time and effort for our wonderful organization, and, of course, your participation!

A special thanks to our new members...please stay involved and share your ideas for programs! See you all at the luncheon. It will be a unique time in our Branch to feast, have fun, and celebrate our history! Don't miss it! There will probably be one more C&C before the end of June....date and time TBA!! Cheers,  
,Cheryl

### **MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE** By Alice Harrison

We welcomed two new members at our April meeting! They are Moira Little and Bettye Brake. Let me introduce them:

Both Moira and Bettye recently moved to the Two Rivers Villages Club development in Odenton. Moira is a retired teacher with a BS in education from the University of Maryland.

Bettye moved to Odenton from Virginia. She has a BS in Special Education from the University of Maryland, Baltimore County and an MSW in clinical social work. She is a clinical social worker.

Bettye and Moira live across the street from each other and both met Cheryl Menke at a rally for Hillary Clinton. Both will attend the spring luncheon on May 7 so be sure to introduce yourself.

**Please note:** Dues are due by the end of June, 2016. Please pay your 2016-17 dues at the spring luncheon or send by mail to our Treasurer, Dianne Dezio, 8607 Wintergreen Ct., Unit 403, Odenton MD 21113.

### **EVENING BOOK CLUB** By Stacey Hilder

The evening book club will meet on Wednesday, May 4, at 7:30 at Stacey Hilder's house, 861 Twin Harbor Drive, Arnold. We will be discussing "The Aviator's Wife" by Melanie Benjamin. One reviewer states that "The Aviator's Wife" offers a fascinating glimpse into the uneasy marriage of one of America's most intriguing couples. Be prepared to question all you know about the Lindberghs. Please let Stacey know if you plan to join us by calling [410-647-7041](tel:410-647-7041) or emailing [stacey861@verizon.net](mailto:stacey861@verizon.net).

Our next meeting will be on June 1 to discuss "Between the World and Me" by Ta-Nekisi Coates. This book is a letter from a black father to his son explaining what he can expect from the world in which they live and his hopes for the future.

## **DAYTIME BOOK CLUB**

**By Alice Harrison**

The Daytime Book Group will meet at the home of Maggie Cullman on Wednesday, May 4<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 a.m. Maggie lives at 300 Park Drive in Severna Park. She can be reached at 410-647-0316 or at [mpcullman@verizon.net](mailto:mpcullman@verizon.net). The book we have been reading is "My Beloved World," by Sonia Sotomayer, associate justice of the Supreme Court. This is an autobiography of Sotomayer's life up to the time she was appointed to the federal bench in New York.

## **CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

**May 4 – Wednesday** – Daytime Book Club – 10:30 a.m. – Meeting at Maggie Cullman's home – 300 Park Drive, Severna Park

**May 4 – Wednesday** – Evening Book Club – 7:30 p.m. – Meeting at Stacey Hilder's home –861 Twin Harbors Dr., Arnold.

**May 7 – Saturday** – Annual Year End Luncheon and 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration – 11 a.m. – Chartwell Country Club, Severna Park

# 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary!!

Established  
1966!!

First Book  
Sale 1972!



Art Show and  
Auction 1988!

Theatre  
Productions  
'68 '69 '70!!

## AAUW's 2016 Spring Luncheon

SATURDAY, MAY 7th -- 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 ◆
- ◆ A Special celebration of our branch's 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary ◆
- ◆ 50/50 chances ◆ warmth and camaraderie

*Special brunch buffet*  
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:  
Mary-Lynne Neil, 1491 Falcon Nest Ct., Arnold, MD 21012

I WILL ATTEND (Name) \_\_\_\_\_  
I am bringing # \_\_\_\_\_ Guests

Enclosed check made payable to AAUW/AACo Branch for \$ \_\_\_\_\_

RSVP: checks due by Thursday, May 5, 2016