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October 2015 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

THE PRESIDENTS' MESSAGE

By Laney Forge and Gail Viamonte

Greetings from your co-presidents Gail Viamonte and Laney Forge. We are excited that autumn is finally here because that means our hot summer days are behind us and our new year has begun. We had a fun September luncheon at Woods Memorial Church. It was a wonderful time of renewing friendships and welcoming new members to our Branch. We offer a special "shout out" to former co-president, Eileen Painter, and to returning members.

Our membership and program committees put together an interesting program of information regarding activities available to members and upcoming events. Thanks to Niv Roy Ghatak, Alice Harrison, Jaya Aswani, Mary McGrath and Cathy Crowley for spearheading the effort to make this a worthwhile and beautiful occasion. Thanks to Polly Wilson for the gorgeous flower arrangements. After everyone introduced themselves and shared the college or university from which they graduated, we had the opportunity to hear from all of our committee chairs and the unique activities involved in joining their committee. We invited all members to participate on a committee this year in order to help us accomplish our goals and to also make new friends.

Judith MacGregor presented an interesting Power Point presentation on the "Wage Gap" between men and women's salaries. It's still a major economic issue for women. She and Roxann King will be offering workshops to women called "Start

Smart" on how to negotiate for higher wages. Laney handed out posters with "79 Examples of How Women Are Still NOT Treated Equally". It was a reminder that we still have a lot of work to do for women in our country. We ended our afternoon with a raffle and door prizes, topping off a lovely afternoon.

On Saturday, September 24th, there was a Fair and Expo event at the Anne Arundel Community College, sponsored by the Maryland Commission for Women. The event included a series of lectures, discussions and presentations given by and for women in Anne Arundel County regarding issues relevant to women of all ages. Judith MacGregor and Laney Forge represented AAUW with a table to provide information about our organization and to encourage local women to join us. We have asked all women attending to bring used books to support us in our November book sale, which provides the funds for our scholarships for women.

We have several upcoming events planned. On Wednesday, October 26th at Woods Memorial Church the League of Women voters is sponsoring a political candidate forum for the community. Our AAUW Branch will be co-sponsoring this event and we encourage you all to attend this informative evening. Our first "Cocktails and Convos" gathering will be on Monday, October 10th, from 4:30 to 6:30 p.m. at Brio in Annapolis. It's a great time to get to know each other and enjoy yummy hors d'oeuvres and drinks. Join us! It's a casual, fun and relaxing time together. We hope you will also attend our Saturday, December 3rd holiday luncheon. Finally, and most importantly, encourage your friends and family members to vote on Tuesday, November 8th. Looking carefully at the candidates' stance on

women's issues. And.... Happy Autumn to all of you!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE
By Cathy Crowley and Mary McGrath

Our fall activity plans are well under way. Our first Cocktails and Convos event for this 2016-2017 year is planned for Monday, October 10, 2016. We will meet for cocktail hour 4:00 – 6:30 pm at Brio Tuscan Grille, Annapolis Towne Centre, 305 Sail Place, Annapolis, MD. All Branch members are welcome to join us for this downtime event. A great time to meet and get to know one another outside of our AAUW/AACo Branch work time. You are welcome to bring a friend and/or a potential Branch member. You may email Mary McGrath at mary@bugeye.net to tell us you are joining us. However, if you forget or are too busy, come join us anyway. We will be there waiting for you.

This month will be filled with planning the Candidates Forum scheduled for Wednesday, October 26, from 7:00 – 9:00 pm. Check out the Forum article and the attached flyer for more details. Also see below for information regarding our part in the Forum.

In November, the Wednesday before the book sale is "Members' Night at the Book Sale". No regular meeting in November. We all gather before and at the Book Sale to make it all happen.

Mark your calendar for our Holiday Luncheon on Saturday, December 3rd. Details to follow.

Now for the immediate action: October Candidates Forum – volunteers needed!!

On Wednesday, October 26, the League of Women Voters (LWV) and AAUW/AACo Branch will sponsor a candidate's forum featuring candidates from District 3. See attached flyer. There will be an introductory session and a question and answer session. Come meet your current and future representatives in person and bring your questions and concerns to the forum.

Since AAUW/AACo Branch is a co-sponsor of this event, our members are responsible for helping with the event planning and to work at the Forum. We

will be contacting you to volunteer as plans go forward. At this time LWV has solidified all the candidates and is working on media publicity. It's time now to gather our volunteers to complete our work assignments.

AAUW has been asked to spread the word through our social media. This newsletter article is our first step. We are asking that all of you, whether or not you are a volunteer at the Forum, to contact your friends and family to spread the word about the Forum through your email, Facebook, twitter, LinkedIn, etc. Send the attached Forum Flyer to everyone you know who is preparing to vote in this coming election. Those who live in District 3 are most important, of course, but others will be interested also. Make copies of the flyer and post them at your local community sites, such as: grocery stores, neighborhood meeting sites, etc. or send out the flyer electronically to your homeowners associations, professional organizations, and any organization you belong to in Anne Arundel County. Be creative in passing the word about the LWV/AAUW Candidates Forum.

Contact Mary McGrath or Cathy Crowley, your Co-Program VPs. Mary is responsible for collecting volunteer names. You may email Mary McGrath at mary@bugeye.net. Cathy is working as backup. Cathy's email is ccrowley6@verizon.net.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE
By Niv Roy Ghatak

Our 2016-2017 year kick-off was a wonderful Fall Membership Luncheon on Saturday, September 17th. A big "thank you" to all members and guests (~40 total) who were able to attend and participate. We had a potluck luncheon provided by Branch members and presentations by Branch board members and group chairs. Many current and new members and guests signed up for the different AAUW organizations.

A special "shout-out" to Polly Wilson and Alice Harrison for an amazing job with the table decorations, quotes from women, and a veritable garden of mums! Even we, Polly and Alice's colleagues on the Membership and Program Committees – were in for a jaw-dropping treat with

what these two ladies pulled together! Another dynamic duo was the mother-daughter team of co-President Laney Forge and Christine McGowen who festooned the hall with Fall spirit and also raffled pretty purses and Halloween decorations. Two new members joined our Branch through the beginning of September – Jaya Aswani and Kristin Zurowski. Jaya Aswani has been huge contributor to the Membership Committee long before she became a formal AAUW member. She is such an integral part of the AAUW team that if you saw her at the luncheon, running around, taking care of everything, you wouldn't have known this was her first AAUW event. Jaya has a Bachelor's degree from Embry-Riddle Aeronautical University. She works for Rockwell Collins (formerly ARINC) in Annapolis and lives in Severna Park. There is a quite a story around Kristin Zurowski's membership. Towards the end of August, a few of us members (and Jaya!) were meeting at a Starbucks in Annapolis to prepare for the upcoming Fall Luncheon. One of us must have been waving a brochure around when a Starbucks customer stopped by our table and asked if we were from AAUW. That was Kristin Zurowski. Kristin told us that years ago AAUW had given her an unexpected scholarship enabling her to afford her expensive school textbooks. Since then Kristin has gone on to complete her law degree from the University of Baltimore and is now an attorney at the law firm of Bernstein & Feldman in Annapolis. Kristin said she wants to join AAUW because it is her turn to give back. So here she is. Welcome Jaya and Kristin! A big thank you to all the members who brought guests to the luncheon – what a wonderful way to introduce friends and family to the AAUW message! Five of those guests have since joined our Branch. They are: Mary Lou McCutcheon, Nan Jarashow, Kristin Zurowski, Sally Morris and Martha Swift, who was my guest. Please allow us to introduce them:

Mary Lou McCutcheon of the League of Women Voters (LWV) of Anne Arundel County was Gail Viamonte's guest at the luncheon. Mary Lou is well known to some of our other members as well. In fact, Mary Lou and our Program Committee are jointly setting up our LWV on October 26th. Mary Lou has a BA in sociology from West Virginia University and a MSW (Masters in Social Work) from Catholic University of America. Mary Lou was a former National Director, International Social

Services, American Red Cross. She is retired and lives in Edgewater.

Nan Jarashow was Alice Harrison's guest. Nan holds a BA from Carleton College and an MAT (MA in Teaching) from George Washington University. Nan lives in Annapolis.

My guest, Martha Swift, is a Senior Proposal Specialist for Rockwell Collins (formerly ARINC) in Annapolis. Martha has a Bachelor of Arts from University of Maryland, Baltimore County, and lives in Arnold. Martha has a passion for helping others and over the years she has sponsored many Midshipmen studying at the Naval Academy providing them a home away from home.

Sally Morris, Judith MacGregor's guest, is a Registered Nurse. Sally has a Bachelor of Science in Nursing from Dallas, PA. She lives in Arnold. Please extend a warm welcome to Nan, Martha, Mary Lou, Sally, Kristin and Jaya!

2016 BOOK SALE – NOVEMBER 10-13
By Roxann King

Again, this year we have had great collections. Thank you very much to everyone who has come out on Saturdays to help us with collections, most of you on multiple Saturdays. Thanks also to our members who presort in the days following collections. We need volunteers for the remaining two collections and for the actual set-up and sale days.

Several volunteers are still needed on Saturday, October 1, at St. Philips Church on Bestgate Rd. for the book collection from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. or at the Severna Park Methodist Church on Benfield Road from 1 – 2 p.m., to load the books remaining after their big garage sale. Contact Roxann King (roxann.king1@verizon.net, 410-431-7166). This is our big fundraiser, over 80% of which supports our educational awards funds. This year signing up for set-up and sale slots will be accomplished online. You can sign up directly using this link: www.SignUpGenius.com/go/4090949A5AD2DA5FA7-book . Additionally, each member will receive an email with a direct link. You do not need a SignUpGenius account to use this site. Those of you who have no email or internet access can sign up by phone, by contacting Mary Ellen Gick (410-279-4506).

Branch members who are willing to provide leadership and oversight.

Please consider this rewarding role.

Contact Judith MacGregor,
jamacgregor101@gmail.com or phone 410 991 9115.

START SMART
By Judith MacGregor

AAUW National has made a commitment to close the pay gap. Women are paid 79 cents for every dollar made by men. Start Smart is a new AAUW workshop given to college women to help them negotiate their starting salary. Judith MacGregor and Roxann King have both been trained as facilitators. If you are interested in joining them, contact Judith MacGregor at: jamacgregor101@gmail.com or Roxann King at: roxann.king1@gmail.com.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND/EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITY FUND REPORT
By Sharon Halligan

AAUW National has updated its website, making it easier to view the different pages. It now includes more pictures with subheadings that facilitate ease in accessing information. Just click the following link: <http://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/legal-resources/>.

Each year the Anne Arundel County Branch makes a donation to national to fund educational opportunity grants for deserving young women. A detailed description of the latest recipients can be found on the national website, along with a directory of all of the sponsors of the awards. Additionally, there is a section where members can volunteer to serve on the selection panel for these awards.

**LWVAAC Congressional District 3
Candidates Forum
October 26, 2016**

A Candidates Forum is planned for Wednesday, October 26, 2016, at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, 611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd, Severna Park, MD. The time is 7:00 - 9:00 pm. The

Here are the details:

Same location: Festival at Pasadena, 8151-D Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena, MD – in the BJ's / Walmart shopping center, next to East West Bistro. Books, tables and supplies get delivered to the store on Thursday, November 3.

Setup days: Thursday, November 3, through Wednesday, November 9. Hours: Thursday, 11a.m.-7p.m.; Friday, 8 a.m.-5 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.

Wednesday, November 9, 6:30-9 p.m., Members Night at the Book Sale. Join us for refreshments. Members get to purchase books before the official sale starts.

Sale Days: Thursday, November 10, through Sunday, November 13. Thursday, 7:30 a.m.-7:30 p.m.: 8-10 a.m. Public Pre-Sale only is \$10 admission. Thursday, 10 a.m.-7:30 p.m., opening day sales followed by Friday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m., Saturday, 10 a.m.-7 p.m. and Sunday, 9 a.m.-3 p.m. (Sunday is Buy Books by the Bag Day).

After Sale Clean-Up: Sunday, November 9, 3-6 p.m. and Monday, 8-11 a.m. We will need help from members, families and friends to pack up the leftover books which we will sell to Wonder Books in Frederick. Last year we made an additional \$2000 this way.

Check out our AAUW Anne Arundel County Book Sale page on Facebook. Thank go to Cindy Neseth for continuing to update this page every year for us. Don't forget to bring family and friends to help with the sale! We have a lot of support even from non-members in the community.

READY! SET! GO! - Stacey Hilder and Roxann King, Book Sale Co-Chairs

**STEM
ANOTHER STEM EVENT PLANNED FOR 2017!!**
By Judith MacGregor, STEM Coordinator

There is interest in providing another STEM conference for 4th grade girls in our county during 2017.

To make that happen, we need to start planning now and I would like to form a small group of 2-3

candidates featured are from District 3. A brief word from each candidate and a question and answer session will be held. Come join us. Now is the time to voice your concerns and have your questions answered by the candidates. See the attached Forum Flyer for more detail. The forum is co-sponsored by the League of Women Voters and AAUW Anne Arundel County Branch.

Appeal to our Philanthropists...

Part of our national mission is philanthropy in support of equity in the workplace and in education for women and girls. If you wish to contribute personally to any of our Branch award funds, send a check payable to: AAUW Anne Arundel County Branch to our treasurer: Dianne Dezio, 8607 Wintergreen Ct., #403, Odenton, MD 21113. The three funds are listed below. If you do not specify a fund, then your donation will be distributed 50%, 25%, 25%, respectively, which is the rule our branch has determined for distributing branch award fund monies.

- **Women-to-Women** awards to local women with needs for pursuing higher education;
- **Transfer Scholarship** awards to Anne Arundel Community College graduates transferring to a college or university;
- **AAUW Educational Opportunity Fund (EOF)** awards, presented by the national AAUW organization to women for graduate education or research related to women's issues.

You can also specify your donation towards scholarships to the annual **National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL)**, held annually at University of Maryland in College,

College Park. We annually fund participation by one or more student leaders from our local colleges.

MORNING BOOK GROUP

By Mary McGrath

The October meeting of the morning book group will be held on Wednesday, October 5, 2016 at 10:30am. This meeting is our yearly planning meeting. Each member is asked to bring a list of book recommendations based on your reading and other references to "a must read book". We will meet at Mary McGrath's home, 1275 Bugeye Ct, Annapolis, MD. Take note: this address is not in our branch directory; the directory address is a mailing only address. All Branch members are welcome to join us. Please email Mary if you are coming so we can plan our breakfast goodies. Mary's email address is: mary@bugeye.net. See you there.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

By Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, October 5, 2016, at the home of Roxann King to discuss The Vegetarian by Han Kang. Note that this is a change from the previously published schedule. The meeting will begin at 7:30 pm and will be hosted and led by Roxann. If you are interested in joining us, please call Roxann at 240-472-1408 to let her know you are coming. The book selection for the November 2 meeting is Black Flags – The Rise of Isis by Joby Warrick. We will meet at the home of Janice Roper-Graham, 1101 Neptune Place, Atlantis/Cape St Clair. Questions? Call Stacey Hilder at 410-647-7041.

GREAT DECISIONS

By Terry Sayler

Great Decisions will meet on Wednesday, October 12, at noon at Terry Sayler's. Contact her for more information at: saylerterry2@gmail.com

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***** FOR MARYLAND DISTRICT 3 *****



MARK PLASTER (Republican Party)



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For more information, call 410-269-0232 | lwvaacmd.org | lwvaacmd@gmail.com

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 10th 8:00 AM – 10:00 AM (\$10.00 Entrance fee for Pre-Sale Only)

Thursday, November 10th 10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Friday, November 11th 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 12th 10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 13th 9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

(No Entrance fee Thurs. 10 AM to Sunday 3 PM. Sunday is 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:

Roxann King 240-472-1408 roxann.king1@gmail.net

Stacey Hilder 410-647-7041 stacey861@verizon.net

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CALENDAR OF EVENTS

- Saturday October 1 – Book Sale Collection – 10-1 p.m., See Book Sale article above.
- Monday October 3 – Evening Bridge Game – For information, contact Mary Ellen Gick at: 410-279-4506
- Wednesday October 5 – Morning Book Club – 10:30 a.m. – Hostess: Mary McGrath, 1275 Bugeye Ct. Annapolis
- October 5 - Evening Book Club – 7:30 p.m. – Hostess: Roxann King, 209 Doncaster Rd., Arnold
- Saturday October 8 – Saturday Evening Bridge – For information, contact Barbara Novak at: 410-224-2528
- Monday October 10 – Cocktails and Convos – 4-6:30 p.m. – Brios in Annapolis Towne Centre, Annapolis
- Wednesday October 12 – Great Decisions – Noon – Hostess: Terry Sayler, 232 Anchorage Dr., Annapolis
- Thursday October 13 – Board Meeting – 7 p.m.
- Monday October 17 – Evening Bridge Game – For information, contact Mary Ellen Gick at: 410-279-4506
- Wednesday October 26 – Congressional Candidates Forum – 7-9 p.m. – Woods Church, Severna Park – See flyer above.
- Wednesday 11/3-11/9 – Book Sale Set Up - Festival at Pasadena, 8151-D Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena, MD – See full details in Book Sale article above.
- Wednesday November 9 – Members' Night at Book Sale – 6:30-9 p.m.
- Thursday 11/10-11/13 – Book Sale - Festival at Pasadena, 8151-D Ritchie Hwy, Pasadena, MD – See full details in Book Sale article above.
- Saturday December 3 – AAUW Holiday Party – Café Mezzanotte Restaurant – 11-2 p.m.



**AAUW SEPTEMBER 2016 ANNUAL
MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON –
WOODS CHURCH IN SEVERNA
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