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September 2017 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Michele Brillon Hauf and Laney Forge

Our summer is quickly coming to an end. It feels too fast and over too soon!

We hope you had some rest and lots of fun with your family and friends. Michele took a trip to Ireland and discovered a world of beauty and ancient history. Her pictures are amazing. Our Branch has been involved in several activities this summer, and now we are looking forward to another great year ahead.

Cheryl Menke coordinated a C and C at the Pier in Edgewater and other beautiful spots where we talked, laughed, and enjoyed just being together for a short time of fellowship.

In July, Stacey Hilder and Roxann King took the lead in handing out our bookmarks at the Severna Park Fourth of July parade. The bookmarks list the dates of our book collections and the November book sale. The folks at the parade always look forward to receiving an early notice of when we will be having our book sale. Thanks, ladies for your hard work.

We've had several Saturdays of book collections with many of our members pitching in on hot summer mornings to collect and sort the books. Thanks so much for your service.

September 16th is our fall luncheon at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church to begin our year and meet new women who are interested in our Branch of AAUW. We hope you'll attend and bring a friend. It's always fun to catch up with each other and hear the plans for the new year. We look forward to seeing you.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Cathy Crowley and Robin May-Hembree

The Program Committee is looking forward to another exciting and informative series of presentations at our Branch meetings. In October, we will welcome Ms. Kate Yuen from the AA County YWCA. Kate is director of *Addressing Violence Against Women and Girls*, a program that grew out of an AAUW Community Action Grant which included funds donated by our Branch in honor of Sheila Kiefer, our first (and 16th) president. We hope you'll join us on October 9th to hear how this AAUW Community Action Grant continues to serve women and girls in AA County.

The Program Committee is also seeking your suggestions for speakers/topics you think would be of interest to our members, as well as ideas you have for places to have Cocktails and Conversations. Please contact Cathy Crowley (CCrowley6@verizon.net) or Robin May-Hembree (rmayhembree@gmail.com) with your ideas.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Niv Roy Ghatak

Happy (almost) Fall to all our members! I wanted to start by talking a little bit about our newest member, Mary Edwards. Mary was introduced to our Branch by the very passionate, Vera Torrence. Mary has a wonderful AAUW past. Her mother was a long time AAUW member in Michigan who led the AAUW book sale as well as participated in Great Decisions. Now Mary is following in her mother's footsteps. Mary is a graduate of Kalamazoo College in Michigan and lives in Annapolis. She is retired. Please join me in extending a warm welcome to Mary Edwards.

As you know, we are gearing up for the much loved Fall Membership Luncheon. The luncheon will be on Saturday, September 16th from 11-2pm at Woods Memorial Church, Severna Park. Don't forget to invite your friends and family and bring a dish to share. Please see details in the attached flyer.

RSVP at <http://tinyurl.com/aauw-luncheon> (no email or login needed) or send an email to Niv at nroyghatak@gmail.com.

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please bring checks to the luncheon; or you can mail them to Dianne Dezio at 8607 Wintergreen Ct, Unit 403, Odenton, MD 21113. You can also renew online at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/> Renewal amount for: AAUW affiliate undergrad students is \$16, non-affiliate undergrad students is \$33, and all others is \$70. Life members only pay State and Branch dues of \$21 after paying the lifetime member fee. Please note that new members who have joined since March 2017 do not have to renew.

Please check out notices on our Meetup group at <https://www.meetup.com/AAUW-American-Assoc-of-University-Women-Anne-Arundel-Co/> and join for automatic reminders about upcoming events.

See you at the luncheon!! Don't forget to invite guests and RSVP!

PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King

Lobby Day Training, September 7th

For more than 40 years members of AAUW Lobby Corps have visited Congressional offices weekly during legislative sessions to lobby for issues supported by the AAUW. On August 11th, AAUW members in proximity to the national office received email invitations to participate in the annual 'Love you corps' training. This year it will occur on September 7th at 10 AM in the AAUW national office at 1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington DC. Lunch will be provided. To register go to http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/event/common/public/?event_KEY=9708. To carpool or for more details, contact Roxann King at [240-472-1408](tel:240-472-1408); roxann.king1@gmail.com.

Annapolis Mayoral Forum, September 13th

We are Co-Sponsors of the Annapolis Mayoral Forum on September 13th, with the League of Women Voters, and we need volunteers for this event, especially members who reside in Annapolis.

The mayoral forum will include Republican and Democrat primary candidates running for mayor of Annapolis. There are two candidates for each party and the primary follows on September 19th, with the general election on November 7th. This election activity is particularly relevant to those of us who reside in Annapolis, zip code 21401, but all members are welcome to help. It will be held at Congregation Kneseth Israel at the corner of Spa and Hilltop Roads from 7 to 9 p.m. See the attached flyer for details.

We will have a membership table at the event, and during the event we will be greeting attendees and distributing and collecting question slips. One of our members will be helping to screen the questions. If you can help with the event please contact Roxann King at: [240-472-1408](tel:240-472-1408), roxann.king1@gmail.com.

BOOK SALE COMMITTEE

By Linda King, Barbara Marder, Stacey Hilder, and Roxann King

We need your help!

The only fundraiser for our AAUW Branch is the used book sale. It starts in July with the Severna Park 4th of July parade where, this year, we gave out 2500 bookmarks to inform people of where and when we will be collecting books. On July 22, we had our first (and very successful collection) of used books. Collections take place between 10 am and 1:00 pm on six Saturday mornings at the Bank of America on Benfield and Jumper's Hole Rd, at the YMCA on Ritchie Highway in Arnold, and at St Philips Episcopal Church on Bestgate Rd across from Medical Parkway. **There will be three more collections – September 9th and 30th, and October 14th.**

How can you make a difference?

Every time we have a collection, we need at least 3 people at each location to greet those donating books, move the books they are offering into our own cars, and then transport those books to our storage garages as the cars are filled up. At each garage, we need at least 1, but preferable 2 people to receive the books and start sorting. Then we have 2 people who travel from site to site and help out where needed. That is **a total of 15 people every time we have a collection.** It is easy to sign up and help out. Please use the link below and put your name by a job, at a location and on a date that fits your schedule.

Collectors – arrive at 9:45am and stay until 1:15pm.

Sorters – Arrive at the storage garages between 10 and 10:30am on collection days. As the books are brought from the collection sites, the sorters weed out books we cannot sell or that we do not want to sell. The rest are packed into boxes, so they can be stacked and stored in the storage garage until it is sale time.

Estate Sale packers – Another source of books are those left over after an estate or yard sale. A special email is sent to the membership asking people to bring boxes and come help us pack up the books. We can always use 4 or 5 people, but sometimes we will need more.

Please sign-up and lend a hand

<http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AEAD2CA7F85-sign>. Volunteering is a fun way to meet other members of the group and supports this very important fundraiser.

LET'S TALK BOOK SALE

Many members have come to us with ideas and questions about how we do things at our Used Book Sale. We are open to trying new ways of doing what we have always done. So bring your ideas and input to a meeting at Stacey Hilder's house (861 Twin Harbor Drive, Arnold) on Wednesday, September 20th at 7:00pm. Please call 410-647-7041 or email Stacey at stacey861@verizon.net and let her know if you're coming. If there is enough interest, there will be a second meeting on October 17th at 10:00am for those who prefer meeting during the day. We are looking forward to sharing ideas.

GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Terry Saylor

We will meet on Friday, October 13th, at 9:45 am to see a video and discuss Nuclear Security. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Terry Saylor (saylerterry2@gmail.com). More information on the topic is available at:

http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=topic_detail&topic_id=65

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Mary Wittner

On Wednesday, September 6th at 10:30 AM, the Morning Book Club will discuss the well-received book, "A Man Called Ove" by Fredrik Backman. Without giving anything away, it's a wonderful story elegantly written. We will meet at the home of Robin Hembree, 417 Fernwood Dr. Severna Park in the Severna Forest community. If you would like to attend, please contact Robin by email or phone at rmayhambree@gmail.com or [410-493-5475](tel:410-493-5475) (mobile) or [410-384-7796](tel:410-384-7796).

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, September 6th, at the home of Barb Marder, 552 Moorings Circle, Arnold 21012 to discuss "David and Goliath" by Malcom Gladwell. The meeting will start at 7:00 pm. If you would like to join us, please let Barb ([410-991-7114](tel:410-991-7114)) know you are coming.

In October, the group will be discussing "How Starbucks Saved My Life" by Michael Gates Gill. If you have any questions please contact Stacey Hilder by phone at [410-647-7041](tel:410-647-7041) or email at stacey861@verizon.net.

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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

September 6 th	Wednesday	Morning Book Club , 10:30am at Robin Hembree's house, details above
September 6 th	Wednesday	Evening Book Club , 7:00pm at Barb Marder's house, details above
September 7 th	Thursday	Lobby Day Training , 10:00am at AAUW National in Washington DC
September 7 th	Thursday	Board Meeting , 7:00pm, Laney Forge's house
September 9 th	Saturday	AAUW Book Collection , 9:45am – 1:15pm, sign up here: http://www.signupgenius.com/go/20f0a45aead2ca7f85-sign
September 13 th	Wednesday	Annapolis Mayoral Forum , 7-9pm, Congregation Kneseth Israel
September 16 th	Saturday	Fall Luncheon , 11am – 2pm, Woods Memorial Church, see flyer below
September 20 th	Wednesday	'Let's talk book sale' 7pm at Stacey Hilder's house, see info above
September 30 th	Saturday	AAUW Book Collection , 9:45am – 1:15pm, sign up at link above
October 9 th	Monday	Branch meeting , 7:00pm – 9:00pm, Woods Memorial Church, talk by Kate Yuan, director of the YWCA, Anne Arundel County
October 13 th	Friday	Great Decisions Group , 9:45am contact Terry Saylor, see info above
October 14 th	Saturday	AAUW Book Collection , 9:45am – 1:15pm, sign up at link above
November	TBD	Annual Book Sale – dates are still being decided
December 2 nd	Saturday	AAUW Girls in STEM event , Anne Arundel Community College
December 9 th	Saturday	Holiday Luncheon , 11:00am – 2:00pm, Café Mezzanotte, Severna Park

Find us on Facebook at [AAUW Anne Arundel County](https://www.facebook.com/AAUWAnneArundelCounty) and on the web at annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net.



**Anne Arundel County AAUW
Fall Membership Welcome Luncheon
Saturday, September 16th, 2017
Woods Memorial Church**

Zimmerman Hall

611 Baltimore/Annapolis Blvd. - Severna Park

11:00 am - 2:00 pm

Bring a friend and a dish to share!

We supply drinks, plates, forks, etc.

Last names A-I bring dessert; J-Z bring main luncheon dish.

All bring serving utensils.

This is our best opportunity to welcome new members and friends and is always a great get-together!

RSVP by Sept. 14th:

Niv Roy Ghatak, nroyghatak@gmail.com, 319-491-1361

or <http://tinyurl.com/aauw-luncheon>

(No email address or registration required)

GET TO KNOW YOUR CANDIDATES!

CANDIDATES FORUM MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS

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

When:
Wednesday, Sept. 13, 2017
7:00 p.m. – 9:00 p.m.

Please join us for a pre-Primary evening of debate featuring the
CANDIDATES FOR MAYOR OF ANNAPOLIS--

John Astle (D)

Nevin Young (R)

Gavin Buckley (D)

Mike Pantelides (R)

Moderator:

Susan Kopen Katcef

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