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December 2017 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Michele Brillon Hauf and Laney Forge

Greetings to you as we swiftly move into our holiday season! We hope you enjoyed your Thanksgiving celebration with the people you love and that this time of year is full of happiness and peace in your life.

We have spent a great deal of time preparing for our STEM conference with 80 fourth grade girls. We are looking forward to meeting with them and their parents on December 2nd at Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) to present workshops on careers for women in the Science world. It is an exciting event and important in our work with young girls and women.

On December 9th, we will see you at our Holiday Luncheon. Many fun times ahead! Join us!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Robin May-Hembree, Cathy Crowley, Mary McGrath and Noel Eller

The Program Committee wants to thank members for coming out for the "Conversations and Cocktails" (C&C) on Monday, November 13th at Park Tavern in Severna Park. It was a great way to celebrate a successful Book Sale! Our next C&C will be on Monday, January 29th, 2018 from 4-7pm at Gordon Biersch at [1906 Towne Centre Blvd, #155, Annapolis, MD](http://1906TowneCentreBlvd.com). Our hostess is Mary McGrath, (cell) [410-570-1279](tel:410-570-1279); email: mary@bugeye.net.

Noel Eller is our coordinator for C&C's. If you would like to host or have a location suggestion, please contact Noel at ellerfamily@comcast.net or [410-437-7765](tel:410-437-7765).

Our Annual Holiday Winter Wonderland Luncheon at Cafe Mezzanotte in Severna Park is quickly approaching. Our committee has been busy planning a festive time for all. Our Holiday Charity this year is the YWCA Domestic Violence Program. Ms. Kate Yuan, Director of the YWCA will join us as an honored guest. RSVP's are due by December 5th – please see the attached flyer for details. Your check counts as your reservation. Hope to see you on December 9th from 11-2pm!

Our next Branch Meeting is February 12th, 2018 7-9pm at Woods Memorial Church in Severna Park. We will be discussing public policy with our AAUW State Representative and Branch member Roxann King will be facilitating.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Niv Roy Ghatak

Happy Holidays, everyone! Five new members have joined our Branch in the past month. Please allow me to introduce Kathy Watkins, Jackie Shade, Deb Collins, Joy Powell, and Jeanine Johnson.

Kathy Watkins came to the AAUW Book Drive at the YMCA in Arnold in October to donate books and decided to become an AAUW member on the spot. Kathy has a Masters in Social Work from the University of Maryland and lives in Severna Park.

Jackie Shade helped at the AAUW Book Sale in early November. Jackie is interested in multiple branch activities – Public Policy, STEM, Programs, and the Book Sale. Her professional background includes health coaching, pre-school education, and health technology. Jackie is a graduate of University of Wisconsin at La Cross and currently resides in Severna Park.

Deb Collins has been an AAUW National member for a number of years. She was recently introduced to our Branch and her and her family immediately pitched in at the Book Sale. Deb is recently retired from AACC. Her educational background includes a BA and MBA from University of West Florida, Ed S from Stetson University, and a PhD from Walden University. Deb is interested in Transfer Scholarships, W2W grants and Public Policy. She resides in Arnold.

Joy Powell came to the Book Sale in November, and signed up to become a member there and then. She has a BS in Information Systems Management (IFSM) from UMUC and works as an Analyst. Joy is interested in W2W grants and Public Policy along with STEM, Book Sale/Publicity, Fundraising, Web & Social Media, Book Discussions, Bridge and Great Decisions.

Jeanine Johnson attended our November C&C at Park Tavern and told Colleen Kane that she was interested in joining our Branch. Jeanine was an AAUW student member in the past and has attended a number of AAUW events in DC. Jeanine is Legislative Director for Maryland Delegate and lives and works in Annapolis. She has BSW and BS degrees from Temple University and MPS (Master of

Professional Studies) in Legislative Affairs from George Washington. Jeanine is interested in multiple branch activities including Transfer Scholarships, W2W grants, Public Policy, STEM, Book Sale, Book Discussions and Great Decisions.

A warm welcome to Kathy, Jackie, Deb, Joy and Jeanine!

Just a reminder, if you have not already done so, please consider joining an interest group, serving on a committee, or volunteering for an hour or so every few months with our AAUW Branch.

PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King and Vera Torrence

At 7 p.m. on January 9th and 11th, Vera Torrence will lead one-hour sessions about using the Maryland Legislature's website to track progress on bills and to research past legislative bills. These two sessions are limited to 10 participants each. If you wish to attend, please contact Vera (410-573-1601, vdtorrence@verizon.net) or Roxann (240-472-1408, roxann.king1@gmail.com). The location has not yet been determined.

Vera Torrence and Roxann King attended the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women's fall conference on Saturday, November 18th. Nineteen separate bills were presented for possible MLAW support during the next 90-day Maryland legislative session, which begins on January 10th and ends on April 9th. Our Branch is a member of MLAW, and as such, we will vote in December to decide which six or seven of the nineteen proposed bills MLAW will support in the 2018 legislative session. All the bills promote issues important to Maryland women and families (e.g. education, pay, leave, domestic violence, trafficking etc.). A description of each bill is available on the MLAW website: <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.org/>. Once decided, MLAW holds a reception in Annapolis in January to formally introduce support for the bills, which are presented by the lead sponsoring legislator. If you wish to attend this event, we need to know in advance, so we can ensure that you get the information you need to register early. It is free, but registration is limited.

WHAT A SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE!

By Stacey Hilder and Linda King

This year's used book sale was an overwhelming success every step of the way.

First was the beautiful weather the day of Severna Park's 4th of July Parade where we handed out 2500 book marks – 1000 more than any year in the past.

Then came the scheduled collections. As anyone who worked those days can tell you – we were inundated with books. By the end of our collections, the storage garages were overflowing and we had made a number of trips to sell un-needed books directly to Wonderbooks. Besides the books gathered during collections, various members were going to church flea markets, estate sales and private homes and boxing up books that owners were willing to donate.

Sale time!!! We moved thousands of boxes into the sale site on Friday, Oct 26th and the work began. By opening night, the members had managed to put out all but a few boxes of books. What an amazing feat that was! By the end of the four days of the book sale, we had brought in \$14,255.

On the last day, we boxed up everything that remained. The books were transported to Wonderbooks in two rented trucks – we delivered 946 half boxes (which is 473 whole boxes) plus the 26 boxes of special books.

All in all, we took in between \$19,000 and \$20,000! After we deduct all of our expenses, we will have between 16 and 17 thousand dollars for our scholarship fund.

There were so many people involved in all of this work that it is hard to name them all. Most were members but a lot of them were just there to lend a hand. **Thank you so much!**

GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Terry Saylor

Great Decisions will meet Friday, Jan. 12th, 2018 at 9:45am to discuss the European Union. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Terry at [410-757-2446](tel:410-757-2446) or saylorterry2@gmail.com.

This link provides details and background for our discussion: http://fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=topic_detail&topic_id=58

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Mary Wittner

On Wednesday, December 6th at 10:30am we'll be discussing *Honolulu* by Alan Brennert, the story of the Korean experience in Honolulu in the earlier 20th century. Lynn Hapchuk, [842 Cottonwood Dr., Severna Park](#) is the hostess. Lynn can be contacted at hapchuk@verizon.net or [410-544-5133](tel:410-544-5133). Please let her know if you plan to attend. All are welcome!

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet at 7:00 pm on Wednesday, Dec 6th at the home of Stacey Hilder, [861 Twin Harbor Drive, Arnold, 21012](#), to discuss the book *Coming of Age in the Other America* by Stefanie DeLuca & Susan Clampet-Lindquist. It provides insight into why some kids from disadvantaged neighborhoods finish high school and move on to college and successful careers, while the majority of their peers continue the cycle of poverty. It is an interesting and easy read and is based on a study done right here in Baltimore. I hope you will join us.

In January, we will be reading and discussing Cokie Roberts' book, *Founding Mothers*, as well as choosing the books we will read in the future. Come with your suggestions and recommendations. We meet the first Wednesday of every month throughout the year. If you have any questions, please contact Stacey Hilder by phone [410-647-7041](tel:410-647-7041) or email 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

December 2 nd	Saturday	AAUW Girls in STEM event , Anne Arundel Community College
December 6 th	Wednesday	Morning Book Club , 10:30am, Lynn Hanchuk's house (details above)
December 6 th	Wednesday	Evening Book Club , 7:00pm, Stacey Hilder's house (details above)
December 9 th	Saturday	Holiday Luncheon , 11:00am – 2:00pm, Café Mezzanotte, Severna Park
January 9 th	Tuesday	Public Policy Session on MD Legislature Website , 7pm (location TBD)
January 11 th	Thursday	Public Policy Session on MD Legislature Website , 7pm (location TBD)
January 12 th	Friday	Great Decisions Group , 9:45am, contact Terry Sayler (details above)
January 29 th	Monday	Cocktails & Convos , 4-7pm, Gordon Biersch in Annapolis
February 12 th	Monday	Monthly Branch Meeting , 7pm, Woods Memorial Church in Severna Park

Find us on Facebook at [AAUW Anne Arundel County](#) and on the web at annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net.

AAUW Holiday Luncheon

WINTER WONDERLAND

December 9th, 2017 11:00 AM -2:00 PM

Cafe Mezzanotte Restaurant

760 Ritchie Highway Severna Park, (410-647-1100)

\$27.00 per person

Celebrate the Wonder of the Season with our AAUW Holiday Luncheon. Continue our tradition or some anew...Join in with fond friendships or start some new ones.

Extend your spirit through support of our

SNOWFLAKE ENVELOPE Cash Contribution Collection to be given to:

The YWCA Domestic Assistance Program

A Special Holiday Buffet will be served featuring Chicken Parmigiana-Salmon Picatta-Penne Marinara, Caesar Salad, Seasonal Vegetables and Coffee, iced tea, soft drinks.

A CASH BAR will be available throughout the Lunch.

RSVP DUE TO: ROBIN MAYBERRY-HEMBREE BY DECEMBER 5th.

417 FERNWOOD DRIVE, SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

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Y N I Will Attend (name) _____

Y N I am Bringing # _____ Guests.

My Check for \$ _____ Made to AAUW is Enclosed.

At \$27.00 per person