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## November 2017 Newsletter

### LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Michele Brillon Hauf and Laney Forge

Greetings on this beautiful autumn day!

We hope you have been able to join us as we sort, pack, and sell our books this year. The book sale is our major fundraiser and we are expecting this year to be our most successful yet! The funds we raise are used for scholarships for local women, so it is a worthwhile effort. Thank you for your support and hard work! Stacey Hilder and Linda King have been leading these efforts and we appreciate all the time and effort they have put in. In addition, many thanks to Roxanne King for hauling a lot of our books back and forth in her truck.

Hope to see you at the book sale and again at our next Convos & Cocktails at Park Tavern on Monday November 13<sup>th</sup>. Join us to reconnect with your fellow AAUW friends!

Finally, we are looking for three volunteers to fill leadership positions within our Branch...Publicity Committee Chair, Fundraising Committee Chair, and Membership Committee Co-Chair, assisting Niv. We hope you will consider offering your service – your work will directly contribute to making our AAUW Branch a successful and worthwhile organization. If you are interested in volunteering, please contact Michele at [haufhauf@gmail.com](mailto:haufhauf@gmail.com).

### PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Cathy Crowley and Robin Mayberry-Hembree

Our Branch meeting on October 9<sup>th</sup> was well attended and our guests were well received. Kate Yuan and Kenyetta Jensen spoke about the AA County YWCA Domestic Violence Program and provided valuable information about domestic abuse and the resources available to those involved. If you missed the meeting, you can learn more about the program at [www.YWCA.org](http://www.YWCA.org) or by calling [410-626-7800](tel:410-626-7800).

Our Branch's next big event is the Book Sale and we hope to see everyone there!

Noel Eller is coordinating our Convos & Cocktails schedule and has received several great suggestions for places to meet. \*\*On Monday, November 13<sup>th</sup> from 4-6:30pm, Robin will host our Post-Book Sale C&C at Park Tavern, [580 Ritchie Highway](#) in Severna Park. If you have venue suggestions or are interested in organizing a C&C at one of your favorite spots, please email Noel ([Ellerfamily@comcast.net](mailto:Ellerfamily@comcast.net)) to share your thoughts.

On December 9<sup>th</sup>, we will celebrate the holidays with a luncheon at Café Mezzanotte in Severna Park - please see the attached flyer for additional details. Robin is coordinating the luncheon; please contact her ([rmayhembree@gmail.com](mailto:rmayhembree@gmail.com)) if you would like to help with this fun annual event!

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Niv Roy Ghatak

Fall greetings from the Membership Committee! Three new members have joined our branch in the past month: Joanna Clarke, Susan Griesmyer and Andrea Godwin.

AAUW members, Pat Eggleston and Alice Harrison, introduced Joanna Clarke to our branch – and many of us first met her at the Fall Luncheon. Joanna jumped into AAUW activities right away and is helping with the book collection. (Thanks so much, Joanna!) She is also interested in Public Policy and the Evening Book Discussion. Joanna holds a BS from Mary Baldwin College and a MS from Virginia Commonwealth University. She is currently retired and lives in Annapolis.

Susan Greismyer also came to our Fall Membership Luncheon to learn more about what we do. She must have liked what she saw and heard for she became a member soon afterwards. Thanks, for the great endorsement, Susan! Susan was introduced to our branch by the much beloved and longtime member Martha Wigglesworth. Martha sadly passed away earlier this year. Susan is a teacher and holds a BA from Hollins University. She resides in Millersville.

Some of us first met Andrea Godwin at the October book collection at the Y in Arnold. Andrea's daughter and a friend collected books for AAUW at their school and are helping us sort books as a part of their community project for Girl Scouts. Thank you, ladies! Andrea joined AAUW during the book drive and also offered to help with Publicity and Transfer Scholarships. She will be joining the Evening Book Discussion. Andrea is a Prof of English at Anne Arundel Community College and resides in Arnold. She has a BS and MEd from Mercer University and a PhD in Educational Leadership from Gonzaga University.

A reminder that November is the LAST MONTH TO RENEW memberships. You can renew online at <http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/> or mail a check to Dianne Dezio at 8607 Wintergreen Ct, Unit 403, Odenton, MD 21113 for \$70 and made out to "AAUW – AACo".

## AAUW USED BOOK SALE

By Stacey Hilder and Linda King

On Friday October 27<sup>th</sup>, we moved tables, books and supplies into our storefront at [8159-B Ritchie Highway](#). This is a different storefront than previous years, but in the same shopping center as before. Since then we have been sorting, setting up, and getting ready for a successful sale.

Member Family and Friends night is Wednesday, November 1<sup>st</sup>, from 6:30 to 9pm. Bring your family and friends and be prepared to shop your heart out. Wine, cider, water and sodas will be served.

On Thursday November 2<sup>nd</sup>, the sale officially kicks off, with book dealers paying to have the first choice of all the books we have collected. We need a lot of hands on deck to keep the sale organized and work the checkout line. At 10 am the sale opens to the public and runs through Sunday November 5<sup>th</sup>.

The sale ends on Sunday, November 5<sup>th</sup> with bag day. Shoppers fill a bag with books and pay a set fee based on the size of the bag they have filled. At 3 pm, the sale closes and we go to work packing up all the books that are left, loading them into trucks we have rented, breaking down the tables, and cleaning out the storefront. We need all hands on deck for this job! This is also a good time to bring kids and grandkids to help carry the boxes we pack.

**REMEMBER** -This is our **BIG** fundraiser, and the proceeds fund our scholarship program. If you would still like to sign up, you can do so online [here](#) or contact Stacey ([stacey861@verizon.net](mailto:stacey861@verizon.net)) or Linda ([linda.king2939@icloud.com](mailto:linda.king2939@icloud.com)) to help. If you do not know for sure when you can come, just come whenever you can. We will turn no help away. Thanks so much!

This is our biggest fundraiser of the year. Let's make it a success!

## PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King

The Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) is holding its fall conference at Howard Community College on November 18<sup>th</sup>. Three of our members (Vera Torrence, Joyce Moyer, and Roxann King) are planning to attend. We will hear from advocacy groups seeking support for state legislative bills related to women's issues. In the afternoon, there is training for effective advocacy or lobbying. Our branch and AAUW Maryland are members of MLAW.

In late November or early December, MLAW members vote to decide which seven or so bills to support this upcoming 2018 session. Details and registration information are available at the MLAW site: <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.org/>.

Erin Prangle, our AAUW Maryland Vice President for Public Policy, has agreed to speak on advocacy at our February branch meeting.

Please do not forget to sign up for the two-minute activist at the AAUW national website. This will give you the opportunity to respond to national issues quickly as they occur. Go to [AAUW.org](http://AAUW.org) and click on Issues, then on Take Action.

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

By Stacey Hilder

In November, the evening book club will meet on the 2<sup>nd</sup> Wednesday of the month due to the first Wednesday being Members, Family and Friends night at our annual Book Sale.

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday November 8<sup>th</sup> at the home of Vera Herath, 179 Doncaster Rd, Arnold and will be discussing the book: The Sympathizer by Viet Nguyen. Please let Vera know if you are coming.

## START SMART

By Judith MacGregor

New Collaboration with St John's College!

**St. John's College** has completed their application and is now an institutional member of AAUW. This opens up several opportunities for collaborations on national AAUW initiatives. More details will be provided soon.

**Start Smart** is the national program to teach college seniors to negotiate their starting salary with the goal of helping to close the pay gap. St. John's would like to offer this workshop to their seniors. If you have interest in either getting trained to be one of the facilitators of this 2-hour workshop or if you have any management experience in hiring and salary negotiations and are willing to share tips with college students, contact Judith MacGregor, 410 991 9115, [jamacgregor101@gmail.com](mailto:jamacgregor101@gmail.com)

### 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: 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. Note: If you make a donation when you renew your membership online, the donation goes to AAUW National and not to our Branch initiatives. You must send a check to our treasurer in order to support our Branch directly.

- **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

Oct 27 <sup>th</sup> -Nov 1 <sup>st</sup>	Fri-Wed	<b>Setting up our Branch Book Sale</b> – Festival Shopping Center, Pasadena
November 1 <sup>st</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Book Sale opens for Branch members, family and friends</b> – 6:30-9pm
November 2 <sup>nd</sup> -5 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs-Sun	<b>Annual Book Sale</b> – Festival Shopping Center, 8159 B Ritchie Highway
November 8 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Evening Book Club</b> – 7pm at Vera Herath's house (details above)
November 13 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<b>Cocktails and Convos</b> – 4-6:30pm, Park Tavern, Severna Park
November 18 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>MLAW fall Conference</b> – 9:30am – 3:30pm Howard Community College
December 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Saturday	<b>AAUW Girls in STEM event</b> , Anne Arundel Community College
December 9 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>Holiday Luncheon (flyer attached)</b> , 11-2pm, Café Mezzanotte

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

# AAUW Holiday Luncheon

## WINTER WONDERLAND

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

Cafe Mezzanote 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**

**rmayhembree@gmail.com 410-493-5475**

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Y N I Will Attend (name) \_\_\_\_\_

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

At \$27.00 per person