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October 2017 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Michele Brillon Hauf and Laney Forge

Presidents' Greetings! We're having a beautiful beginning to another lovely autumn in Maryland!

We had a fun Membership Luncheon on Sept 16th to begin our new AAUW year. The highlight was renewing our friendships and getting to know women who are newly interested in our branch. Many thanks to Jaya Aswani, Cathy Crowley, Niv Roy Ghatak, Alice Harrison, Robin Hembree, Colleen Kane, Martha Swift and Gail Viamonte for organizing such a great event!! We had several new women join our ranks and we are grateful for their interest and commitment to help us in our work.

The big push now is our annual book sale with the sale dates set for November 1st thru 5th. This is our biggest event to raise funds for scholarships. Stacey Hilder and Linda King need help planning and running the book sale. If you have any time available, please contact them (their email addresses are on the following page). We have one collection date left, October 14th, join us as we collect and sort books, set up our site to sell them...and we'll have some fun along the way!

Look for C & C's coming up soon! It's fun to get together to visit, chat, and catch up with each other.

Also, well under way is the planning for the STEM Girls County Event on December 2, 2017. Anyone interest in volunteering for this event please contact Michele Hauf at haufhauf@gmail.com.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Cathy Crowley and Robin May-Hembree

The Program Committee looks forward to welcoming Kate Yuan, Director, YWCA Domestic Violence Assistance Program at our Branch meeting at 7pm on October 9th. The program, which provides support to AA County women, was established with financial support from our Branch's Sheila Kiefer Award and administered by AAUW. We hope you will join us to learn about this important program.

We're planning several C&C gatherings in the coming months. Specifics will be sent to all members and posted on our Facebook pages. If you have suggestions or would be interested in organizing a C&C at one of your favorite spots, please contact Noel Eller (Ellerfamily@comcast.net) to share your thoughts.



Image of Colleen Kane, Martha Swift and Niv Roy Ghatak (left to right) at the Member Luncheon on September 16th

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Niv Roy Ghatak

We had a great time at the Fall Membership Luncheon. Thank you to all the volunteers who helped make the event a success, and to all the members who attended and spoke from their hearts about AAUW. We also had a number of guests attend – some of whom decided to become members immediately.

A warm welcome to our newest members!

Debbie Chessin has BS and MS from Cornell University and Ed. D in Science Education, from University of Mississippi. She is Professor Emerita. Debbie is very interested in STEM education for girls. She lives in Annapolis. **Janet Guthrie** has an AA from University of Delaware, BA from UMUC and AA (Masters equivalent) from Goldey-Beacom School of Business. Her background includes English, sociology, research including at the Dept of Defense. Janet lives in Annapolis and is currently retired. **Margaret Acquarulo** has BA in Spanish from Randolph-Macon Woman's College, VA and Masters in Professional Studies and International Business from Quinnipiac Univ, CT. Margaret lives in Arnold and is currently retired. **Diane McClatchy** just completed her MS in Cyber Security from UMUC. Congrats, Diane! Diane also has a BS in Information Systems Management from University of Maryland College Park and MS in Systems Acquisition Management from Viterbi School of Engineering, University of Southern California. Diane lives in Annapolis and is currently sponsoring a midshipman studying at the Naval Academy. Diane is a personal friend and a Systems Engineer at Rockwell Collins.

Please join our Meetup group ([link](#)) for automatic reminders about our events. It serves as an external marketing tool for our branch.

In addition, we still have some membership renewals outstanding. If you haven't renewed your membership yet please do so online [here](#) or mail a check for the amount of \$70 made out to "AAUW – AACO" to Dianne Dezio at 8607 Wintergreen Ct, Unit 403, Odenton, MD 21113.

AAUW USED BOOK SALE

By Stacey Hilder and Linda King

Our Used Book Sale will again be held at 8151-D Ritchie Highway in Pasadena. The sale will start with member's night from 6 to 9pm on Wednesday, Nov 1st. This is when members, and family and friends, can purchase books before the sale is officially open. On Thursday, Nov 2nd, from 8 to 10 am, dealer's will pay a fee to come in and purchase books. At 10:00 am, the sale will open to the public and will continue until 3 pm on Sunday, Nov 5th.

We will be moving into the sale site on Friday, Oct 27th and will begin organizing books and setting up that afternoon – continuing until 5pm Wednesday Nov 1st. We will be asking members to sign up for 3 hour shifts (but if you can work longer – that's great!) throughout the book sale and we need all members to lend a hand. At 3pm, on Sunday Nov 5th, the sale ends and we will need a lot of help to pack up and clean out the storefront. On Monday Nov 6th, all remaining books will be driven to WonderBooks in Frederick.

Specific help is needed for the following:

Book sale treasurer - Set up cash boxes, remove money from the sale site at regular intervals, record sale amounts, take money to our bank, and put together a simple expense report at the end.

Head cashier- Work as much of the sale as possible and schedule people to work the sales desk. Dorothy McGuinness has offered to help and to train the new Cashier.

Scheduler for work shifts - Set up the calendar and schedule members to work.

Leadership team - We could use 2 or 3 more people on the leadership team to help keep track of what needs to be done to have a successful event.

Please contact Stacey (stacey861@verizon.net) or Linda (linda.king2939@icloud.com) to help. The Book Sale flyer is attached so you can post it to your facebook page and/or print it and post it wherever you can.

This is our big fundraiser. Let's make it a success!

PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King

Public Policy advocates will have a planning meeting on Wednesday, October 11th at 7 p.m. at the home of Roxann King (209 Doncaster Rd., Arnold 21012).

The League of Women Voters sent us a thank you note for all the help with the Annapolis Mayoral Forum on September 13th. It was a big success with around 170 attendees and a lively discussion. Thank you for your participation.

The national AAUW just published its update on the pay gap, [The Simple Truth](#). At [aauw.org](#), the disparity in wages between men and women is shown [for each voting district](#) in the country. Overall there has been no improvement: women still average 80 cents for every dollar paid to men. Hispanic women saw a slight improvement and African American women had a slight loss. Maryland continues to be above the national average at 84 cents. The breakout for Maryland districts is below.

Member of Congress*	District	Men	Women	Earnings Ratio**	Ranking in State***
Harris (R)	MD-01	\$57,858	\$43,930	75.9%	8
Ruppersberger (D)	MD-02	\$55,602	\$46,202	83.1%	4
Sarbanes (D)	MD-03	\$65,556	\$52,273	79.7%	6
Brown (D)	MD-04	\$54,993	\$52,193	94.9%	1
Hoyer (D)	MD-05	\$64,670	\$58,158	89.9%	2
Delaney (D)	MD-06	\$61,377	\$51,891	84.5%	3
Cummings (D)	MD-07	\$59,576	\$46,211	77.6%	7
Raskin (D)	MD-08	\$75,989	\$61,478	80.9%	5

*The above congressional districts represent the 115th Congress.

**The pay gap figures are from 2016, the most recently available data.

***The congressional districts are ranked from smallest gap to largest.

Our branch is a member of the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. The [MLAW fall conference](#) will be held on Saturday, November 18, from 9:30 a.m. to 3:30 p.m. at Howard Community College in Columbia, MD. The conference will feature a panel "Mobilizing the Power of Maryland Women in a Time of Uncertainty". The highlight of the conference will be the presentation of legislative proposals for the upcoming 2018 legislative session.

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 Tuesday, October 17th at 10:00am. Please call 410-647-7041 or email Stacey at stacey861@verizon.net and let her know if you're coming.

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

START SMART

Judith MacGregor

We have been communicating with St. John's College about hosting a 2 hour AAUW workshop next spring at their school. The workshop is aimed at helping women negotiate their starting salaries. It is more efficient to have the college join as AAUW Institutional Members which would enable obtaining reduced licensing fees for the National AAUW program. To this end we are guiding them through the process of joining and hope to have them as AAUW institutional members very soon. Stay tuned. This would be an exciting new partner for our branch. If you have questions about Start Smart, contact me at jamacgregor101@gmail.com, or [410 991 9115](tel:4109919115)

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet at 7 pm on Wednesday Oct 4, 2017, at the home of Janice Roper Graham, 1101 Neptune Place, 21409, to discuss How Starbucks Saved My Life by Michael Gates Gill.

The November meeting will be held one week late due to members night and the book sale. The meeting will be on November 8 at the home of Vera Herath, 179 Doncaster Rd, and will be discussing The Sympathizer by Viet Nguyen.

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. 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

October 4 th	Wednesday	Evening Book Club , 7pm at Janice Roper Graham's (address 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 11 th	Wednesday	Public Policy Advocates – 7pm, Roxann King's house (address above)
October 13 th	Friday	Great Decisions Group , 9:45am contact Terry Sayler, see info above
October 14 th	Saturday	AAUW Book Collection , 9:45am – 1:15pm, sign up here
October 17 th	Tuesday	'Let's talk booksale' , 10:00am, at Stacey Hilder's house (address above)
Oct 27 th -Nov 1 st	Fri-Wed	Setting up our used book sale – Festival Shopping Center, Pasadena
November 1 st	Wednesday	Book Sale opens for Branch members, family and friends – 6 to 9pm
November 2 nd -5 th	Thurs-Sun	Annual Book Sale – Festival Shopping Center, 8151 D Ritchie Highway
November 18 th	Saturday	MLAW fall Conference – 9:30am – 3:30pm Howard Community College
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](#) and on the web at annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net."

It's that time of year again!

Time for the **AAUW**

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 2

8:00 AM – 10:00 AM Public Pre-Sale (\$25.00 entrance fee)

Thursday, November 2

10:00 AM to 7:30 PM

Friday, November 3

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Saturday, November 4

10:00 AM to 7:00 PM

Sunday, November 5

9:00 AM to 3:00 PM

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



Festival at Pasadena
8151-D Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD
(in the BJ's Shopping Center next to East West Bistro)

Further information is available:

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Thank you to Fedder Management Corp, Owings Mills, MD for the site location.

Find us on Facebook at "AAUW Anne Arundel County Book Sale."