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April 2018 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS By Michele Brillon Hauf and Laney Forge

Greetings and Happy Spring! Hopefully all the snow is over for the winter, and with a sigh of relief we can move into a delightfully beautiful time of year with flowers and green grass. We have interesting events coming up soon that we hope you will attend. On April 9th, we will have our spring branch meeting at Woods Church, 7:00 p.m. This is an important meeting to attend because our special speaker is Eileen Menton, AAUW Maryland State President who will talk about Equal Pay legislation and the Title IX program. We will also hear about upcoming AAUW National Bylaw issues being proposed by our National Board of Directors and you will be given all the information you need to vote on-line in April. Also, we will be voting to approve our new 2018-19 board members for our Anne Arundel branch and on our proposed 2018-19 budget. Important topics!!

We hope you can join us at the April meeting to voice your opinion on all of these issues. Ours is a dynamic AAUW branch and the direction in which we move forward is up to you. Welcome to all of our new members... please join us so that we can include you in our branch discussions. We want to get to know you too, so come a little early to the meeting to have refreshments and socialize. See you there!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE REPORT TO MEMBERSHIP 2018 By Mary McGrath, Chair

The slate officers* for the upcoming term has been presented to you as shown below. At the time of this writing, no other candidates have been nominated. You still have an opportunity to do so at the April 9th meeting. If so, an election will be held for that position. If not, the slate will be approved by the majority of those present.

Co-President Barbara Marder

Co-Programs: Miriam Morrow

Co-Membership: Debbie Chessin

Ashley Schaefer

Co-Secretary: Jeanine Johnson

Sally Morris

Nominating

Committee: Caroline Flaherty

Laney Forge Diana Larmore

*To be approved by membership at the April 2018 meeting and inducted at the 2018 May meeting. The calendar year starts on July 1 and ends on June 30 as per the AAUW calendar. All elected positions are two-year terms minimum and are not limited to one term.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE By Robin Mayberry-Hembree, Cathy Crowley and Mary McGrath

Please join us for our Branch meeting on Monday, April 9th at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church in Severna Park, MD at 7pm in The Founder's Room. We are thrilled to have Eileen Menton, our Maryland AAUW President, as our April Guest Speaker! Eileen will be speaking about Equal Pay and also updating us about topics related to AAUW. Equal Pay Day is April 10th. We will also be casting ballots for next year's board positions and voting on the proposed 2018-2019 budget (which was emailed to everyone on March 16th). Come Vote! Please bring a friend. Light refreshments will be served.

Our next Cocktails and Conversations (C&C) is Monday, April 30th from 4-7pm at Eastport Yacht Club 317 First St, Annapolis, MD 21403 (410) 267-9549 and is hosted by Connie Schuchard. Please RSVP by contacting Connie by text at 856-217-6518 or email ccschuch@gmail.com. Non-members are not allowed to park in the club parking lot, but there is on street parking across the street. Also, it's preferred that non-members pay in cash. If it's warm, we'll be on the deck and if not, we'll be inside. Come one, come all, and bring a friend!

The Annual Spring Luncheon will be held on Saturday May 5th at Chartwell Golf and Country Club, 11 am to 2 pm. The Spring Luncheon is a wonderful time for members to connect in a beautiful setting and Guests and to enjoy an interesting program. prospective members are welcome. Make your reservations using the attached flyer and send your check to Mary McGrath no later than May 1. Our guests will be Debbie Levy and Mary Hartnett. Debbie is the author of I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsberg Makes Her Mark. Mary is co-author, with Justice Ginsberg, of My Own Words and is also the Justice's authorized biographer. They will speak about their books and the challenges and delights of writing about Justice Ginsberg. They'll share some little known anecdotes, big-picture issues and how their two bestselling books, one for adults and the other for children, came about. We look forward to seeing you on May 5th!

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE By Diana Larmore and Niv Roy Ghatak

The Membership Committee and Branch Board continued its tradition of welcoming New Members at a 'New Member Social' held on March 1st at the home of Mary McGrath. Since the beginning of this fiscal year we have added 14 new members and three women joined our ranks this past month! Please introduce yourselves and partner with them as they get involved in our many activities – thanks!

Suzzanne Furr is a lead engineer with Rockville Collins and has a BS from Virginia Tech. We first met her at the New Members Social. Niv brought her as a guest, but by the time board members had described the activities of our Branch, she was hooked. AAUW seems like an excellent way to spend some of the extra time she has now that her daughter is heading off to college. "I will be working on the Women to Women Awards and will be the committee chair for next year," Suzanne says. "I look forward to getting to know more members and figuring out where my time and talents can further advance the AAUW mission."

Nadu Tuakli Sanchez is a physician with an MD from the University of Zambia and an MPH from Harvard University. She found our Branch through Meet-up. We first met her at the monthly Branch Meeting in November. Nadu's broad interests correspond to a number of our committees and activities. Nadu is particularly interested in our branch's Great Decisions meetings, led by Terry Sayler almost every month at 9:45 am. A morning meeting does not fit with her work schedule, so Nadu is working on an evening alternative.

Jussara Kramer is an education specialist with a BA and MA from Notre Dame of Maryland University. We met Jussara at the January Cocktails & Conversations and again at the New Member Social where she enthusiastically listed all the AAUW activities that interested her. We listened closely and do not believe she missed a single one! Jussara's top areas of interest were the book sale, with activities leading up to it throughout the summer, and our STEM event in December.

BOOK SALE UPDATE By Stacey Hilder and Linda King

Thank you to all those who came and helped pack up books on Riverside Dr. in Severna Park. The 50 boxes of books, records, and sheet music earned \$350 for our scholarship funds. Another 69 boxes were delivered to the wholesaler on March 9th. We should receive that check mid-April. On Sunday March 18th, Terry Sayler and Stacey packed 30 boxes of books at an estate sale in Ben Oaks and added them to the 8 boxes of books that a neighbor had donated to Terry. We have made a good start toward building our scholarship funds for next year! Keep an eye out for emails to help round-up books and keep looking for those estate sales in your neighborhood.

JOIN THE BOOK SALE LEADERSHIP TEAM! There will be a meeting on Monday April 23rd, at 7:00 pm at Stacey Hilder's house (861 Twin Harbor Drive, Arnold 21012) for those who would like to be part of the Book Sale Leadership Team. The meeting will focus on laying out the schedule of events that lead up to the book sale and to organize the coordinator for each of those events. We need someone to be in charge of organizing our participation in the Severna Park 4th of July Parade; someone to do publicity; someone to set up and coordinate the book collections: book sorters; a treasurer; an organizer for the book sale set up..etc, etc, etc. If you would like to join the team, please plan to attend. If you can't be there, contact Stacey stacey861@verizon.net or Linda linda.king2939@icloud.com and let them know you want to help.

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE By Barbara Marder

The Transfer Scholarship Committee has received applications for the 2018-19 academic year. The applications are currently under review; interviews will be held shortly. We look forward to introducing next year's recipients to the Branch at the May brunch.

MORNING BOOK CLUB Mary Wittner

The morning book club will meet at 10:30am, Wednesday, April 4th to discuss *Finding Magic* by Washington hostess and journalist, Sally Quinn. The book describes her life-long spiritual journey in addition to her marriage to Ben Bradley, legendary Washington Post editor. We will meet at the home of Mary McGrath, 1275 Bugeye Ct. Annapolis. Mary has graciously agreed to substitute for me as hostess. Please call or text Mary at 410-570-1279 or email her at mary@bugeye.net. Newcomers are always welcome!

EVENING BOOK CLUB Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet at 7:00 pm on April 4th at the home of Francie Boyce, 215 Mill Harbor Drive, Arnold, 21012, to discuss *A Gentleman in Moscow* by Amos Towles. In May, the club will be discussing *Mistress of the Riversdale Plantation, Letters of Rosaliew Stier Calvert* by Margaret Law Callcott. If you are interested in joining us, please let Francie know - boycefrancie@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 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.

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CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

April 4 th	Wednesday	Morning Book Club, 10:30am, at Mary McGrath's, see details above
April 4 th	Wednesday	Evening Book Club, 7pm, at Janice Roper-Graham's, see details above
April 9th	Monday	April Branch Meeting, 7pm at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park
April 12 th	Thursday	Board Meeting, 7pm, at Laney Forge's house
April 23rd	Monday	Book Sale Planning Meeting, 7pm, Stacey Hilder's house, see details above
April 30th	Monday	Cocktails & Convos, 4-7pm, Eastport Yacht Club, Annapolis
May 5 th	Saturday	Annual Spring Luncheon, 11am-2pm, Chartwell Golf and Country Club

AAUW's 2018 Spring Luncheon

SATURDAY, MAY 5th, 11 A.M. -- 2 P.M. Chartwell Country Club St. Ives Rd., Severna Park, MD

Brunch Buffet at \$35 PER PERSON. Cash bar available from 11 to 2

Join us for...

♦ Scholarship Awards ♦ Officer Installations ♦

Guest Speakers

Mary Hartnett (co-author with Ruth Bader Ginsburg and Wendy W. Williams of *My Own Words*, and one of RBG's authorized biographers) and Debbie Levy (author of *I Dissent: Ruth Bader Ginsburg Makes Her Mark*) will be in conversation about the delights and challenges of writing about Justice Ginsburg. They'll share little-known anecdotes, big-picture issues, and how their two bestselling books, one for adults and the other for children, came about. Books will be available for purchase and autographing.

!!Special remin	ider to pay	your AAUW dues at the luncheon!!
RSVP A	ND SEND Y	YOUR \$35 per person Check to:
Mary McGra	th, 1783 For	est Dr., #293, Annapolis, MD 21401
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