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May 2018 Newsletter

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

Our 2017-18 year in Anne Arundel's AAUW Branch has been productive and so much fun!

Our fall book sale, led by Stacey Hilder and Linda King was beyond successful...hours of hard work and time paid off by raising the money we are giving to our scholarship winners. Wow...a long process, but so worth it!! Thank you to everyone who gave their time and effort. The results this year were amazing!! These scholarships will be awarded at our May luncheon this Saturday May 5th. These young women are very impressive...and we hope you'll be there to meet them.

Niv Roy Ghatak, chairman of our membership committee, has worked hard to make our Branch the most successful in the state in recruiting new members. Congratulations! Niv, you've done an amazing job of organizing these efforts and welcoming our new members. Well done membership committee!! And cheers to our new members...we are very glad you have joined us!

In December, Michele Hauf chaired our Science Technology Engineering and Math (STEM) event, in conjunction with Anne Arundel Community College, for 80 local fourth grade girls. An impressive day of introducing STEM careers to our young girls by successful women in science careers. Thanks to Michele for her vision and leadership and to Gail Viamonte for her expertise and assistance.

Throughout the year we've had a number of informative and inspiring speakers at our general meetings. A big thank you to Robin Mayberry-Hembree for her successful efforts in finding women in our community to talk to us about the local ongoing efforts in lobbying for women's rights. Roxanne King represented us at important legislative hearings and we appreciate that. We joined our national, state and Branch leaders in participating in marches for women's' issues, both in Washington DC and Annapolis. What exciting events they were!

We went on a field trip together to learn about local environmental research (thanks to Christina Simkanin) and met for a number of Cocktails and Conversation at local restaurants. Fun times!! Thank you to our Program Committee for planning such worthwhile and happy times together. Cathy Crowley, Mary McGrath and Robin have led these events and we are so grateful for their time and effort.

It is wonderful to be part of an organization that brings so much meaning and joy into our lives. We hope to see you at our final May luncheon to celebrate our successes and our friendships. Bring a friend who would be interested in joining a lively group of outstanding women!

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Robin Mayberry-Hembree, Cathy Crowley and Mary McGrath

The Annual Spring Luncheon is this 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 to enjoy an interesting program. Guests and prospective members are welcome. Make your reservations using the attached flyer and send your check to Mary McGrath no later than today - May 1st! 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 there!

PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King and Vera Torrence

The Maryland legislative session ended on April 9th with a record number of bills passing both houses. AAUW Maryland endorsed the seven bills supported by the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, a coalition of advocacy groups in Maryland that support women and family issues.

At the very beginning of the session HB1/SB2 (House Bill 1/Senate Bill 2) which terminates parental rights of rapists passed both assemblies. It was signed into law by Governor Hogan on February 13th. Three additional bills passed both houses and are awaiting the Governor's signature to become law. The governor has until the beginning of the 2019 session to sign, veto or decide to do neither (which makes the bill a law without his endorsement.) HB301/SB270, which permits evidence of prior convictions for sexual assaults in cases involving a repeat sexual predator, passed both assemblies. HB1303/SB491 passed in both assemblies; it extends permanent final protective orders for victims of any crime when the perpetrator has been convicted. Previously only crimes on a list were included. HB 787/SB 629, which guarantees medical care for pregnant inmates, passed both assemblies.

The Governor also signed into law the Maryland Safe to Learn Act; the bill to outlaw bump stocks and other rapid

fire devices; and the bill to provide menstrual products to inmates.

HB 512/ SB 377, which would prevent employers from requesting pay scales and wage histories from prospective employees passed in the House, but did not get out of committee in the Senate. (This bill reflects a national AAUW advocacy issue and we will see it again next year.) HB 1267/SB 869, which would vacate previous judgments involving non-violent offenses for victims of human trafficking, did not get out of the House Judiciary Committee. HB 1109, to eliminate employment discrimination related to pregnancy or childbirth, did not get out of the House Economic Matters Committee. Both of these bills will be updated for next year's session. The bill proposed by AAUW Howard County and supported by AAUW to extend child support to age 23 for children of divorce seeking additional education did not get out of committee. Most of the objections to it related to burden of the extra support applying only to children of divorce and not to all dependent children.

Now we turn our attention to the national House and Senate issues. To support AAUW efforts in lobbying Congress as bills related to women and family issues are discussed, be sure that you are signed on to the Two Minute Activist, <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>.

Finally, remember to Vote AAUW National Bylaws Amendment 2018 by June 9th. Check your email from Wednesday, April 25, for your electronic link to voting. Paper ballots are available in Outlook magazine and are due on May 21st.

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Barbara Marder

The Transfer Scholarship Committee is pleased to award three grants of \$1500 each to Shrabani Debnath of Pasadena, Madison Gorman of Odenton, and Renee Ruppert of Severna Park. Each woman will be completing a degree at Anne Arundel Community College this May and transferring to a four-year institution to complete a bachelor's degree in the fall. The recipients will be introduced to the membership at the spring luncheon at Chartwell Country Club on May 5.

The current Transfer Scholarship Committee members are Margaret Acquarulo, Maggie Cullman, Terry Saylor, Vera Torrence, and Barbara Marder, chair.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Niv Roy Ghatak

Happy May, dear Members!

As you have probably heard, our AAUW National dues have increased by \$10 for the upcoming AAUW fiscal year that starts July 1. **All membership renewals are due now** and our Treasurer really appreciates receiving our renewal dues as soon as possible and by June 30th at the latest, so we aren't delinquent in our dues!

(Please refer back to the Membership article in the March newsletter for details regarding the AAUW fiscal year, how annual dues work and how they are changing).

WHAT ARE MY RENEWAL DUES

(Note: New members that started on or after February 2018, do not need to renew)

Regular Members (i.e. most of us): \$80
... national (\$59) + state (\$10) + branch (\$11)

Paid Life Members (a few of us): \$21
... national (\$0) + state (\$10) + branch (\$11)

Student Members of AAUW-affiliated college/university (a few of us): \$16
... national (\$0) + state (\$5) + branch (\$11)

Student Members of non-AAUW-affiliated college/university (a few of us): \$34.81
... national (\$18.81) + state (\$5) + branch (\$11)

Honorary Life Members (50+ years as AAUW members):
No dues

HOW CAN I RENEW ONLINE (Preferred method for all membership types)

This method requires your AAUW Member ID and password which is also used to vote online. It is worth the one-time effort to create/remind yourself of your Member ID and password. (Steps below).

Go to: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/>

Scroll down to "Renew your branch membership" on bottom right and click on: Log into the MSD now. Enter your AAUW Member ID. Enter your password. If you don't know your password, click on "Forgot/Change Password?" and follow the steps. If you don't know your member ID, click on "Forgot Member ID?" and follow the steps. (If you don't remember whether you have a Member ID, then click on "Forgot Member ID?" anyway to see if you have a Member ID. If you have never created an online AAUW account then scroll down to "First time user?" and click on "Create Account" and follow the steps).

For any issues with your Membership ID and password contact AAUW National at 202.785.7700 or e-mail: connect@aauw.org.

Once you have entered your AAUW Member ID and Password and are logged in, click on "Enter the Member Services Database"

Toward the bottom of the menu items on the left of your screen, click on "Renew My Membership" (in light grey font). The screen will show your renewal dues. Enter your credit card information and click "Submit." You will receive an immediate email confirmation of your transaction. (To may also confirm, change your email or other contact information by clicking on "My Profile / My Membership Card" on the top of the list of menu items on the left of your screen).

HOW CAN I RENEW BY CHECK

Check your renewal amount (above) – usually \$80 and write check for that amount payable to AAUW-AACo Branch. Please bring your renewal check to the AAUW Spring Luncheon on May 5th or mail it to Dianne Dezio, 8607 Wintergreen Ct, Unit 403, Odenton, MD 21113.

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Mary Wittner

The Daytime book group will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd at 10:30am at the home of Alice Harrison, [107 Duval Lane](#) in Edgewater MD. We'll discuss "Light in August" by William Faulkner, whose characters clearly reflect life in rural Mississippi during the Depression. Please email or text Alice at 410-353-1867 or call her at 410-956-1540. Newcomers are always welcome!

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet on Wednesday, May 2nd, at 7 pm at the home of Michele Morisy, [2982 Poplar Trail, Annapolis 21401](#) to discuss the book "Mistress of the Riversdale Plantation - Letters of Rosalie Stier Calvert". It is the story of the life of a Maryland's plantation owner and the early formation of the USA as told by George Calvert's wife through the letters she wrote to her family in Europe about her everyday life and what was happening here in America.

In June, we will be discussing the book "The Secret Cord" by Geraldine Brooks. We meet the first Wednesday of every month and would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Stacey at stacey861@verizon.net.

GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Terry Sayler

Great Decisions will meet Friday, May 11th at 9:45am. The topic is South Africa's Fragile Democracy. This link has more details: <https://tinyurl.com/y7c7fn7s>. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Terry Sayler, 410-757- 2446 or saylerterry2@gmail.com for more information.

UPCOMING JOINT BOARD MEETING

Barbara Marder

There will be a joint meeting of all new, continuing, and retiring Branch board members on Thursday, June 14th at the home of Barbara Marder in Arnold. The meeting will begin at 6:30 p.m. and include a light picnic supper. Board members are asked to rsvp to Barbara by June 11th at scubaesc@aol.com or 410-518-9978.

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.

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

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

May 2 nd	Wednesday	<i>Morning Book Club</i> , 10:30am, at Alice Harrison's house, see details above
May 2 nd	Wednesday	<i>Evening Book Club</i> , 7pm, at Michele Morisy's house, see details above
May 5 th	Saturday	<i>Annual Spring Luncheon</i> , 11am-2pm, Chartwell Golf and Country Club
May 11 th	Friday	<i>Great Decisions Group</i> , 9:45am, at Terry Sayler's house, email Terry for details
June 14 th	Thursday	<i>AAUW Branch Board Meeting</i> , 6:30pm, at Barbara Marder's house, details above

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 reminder to pay your AAUW dues at the luncheon!!

RSVP AND SEND YOUR \$35 per person Check to:

Mary McGrath, 1783 Forest Dr., #293, Annapolis, MD 21401

I WILL ATTEND (Name) _____

I am bringing #_____ Guests RSVP: checks due by, Monday, May 1, 2018

Enclosed check made payable to AAUW/AACo Branch for \$_____