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September 2018 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Barbara Marder and Michele Brillon Hauf

Labor Day traditionally marks the start of the Fall Season, the beginning of a new school session, and the last quarter of the calendar year. For us in AAUW it is the kick-off for our activity year! The calendar is filled with wonderful opportunities to become involved, work with new friends, serve the community, provide scholarship help to emerging women leaders, and have a great, good time in the process.

In actuality our Anne Arundel County Branch year started in June with a joint board meeting of old and new board members. For some, the new offices are members moving to another office within the Branch; for others, it is a first time opportunity to become more deeply involved in Branch activity. All have been working very hard over the summer to assimilate their responsibilities and prepare exciting programs for the coming year. They welcome the assistance of all members and volunteers.

Here's a brief summary of some of our recent summer activities and you can find greater details in each newsletter article. Certainly the most time consuming and physically active summer program is the start of book collection for our November used book sale, our major fundraiser. Stacey Hilder and Linda King lead the charge and they couldn't accomplish all they do without the help of many of you. Our Membership Committee with Debbie Chessin, Ashley Schaeffer and others is confirming renewing members and making preparations for our fall

membership brunch on September 22nd. Meanwhile Robin Mayberry-Hembree and Miriam Morrow with their Program Committee have been planning an exciting series of meetings, programs, and diverse activities. They are securing locations, reservations, and/or speakers for all these events. As November is election time, Roxann King, Vera Torrence, and the Public Policy Committee have been working with the League of Women Voters to arrange our participation in candidate forums to be held in October at several sites in Anne Arundel County. And Judith MacGregor is spearheading an exciting new program for our Branch, a Start Smart program at St. John's College in early October.

Other activities are in the works: our Scholarship chairs (Margaret Acquarulo and Suzanne Furr) are in contact with our winners, seeing they are started in classes for the fall semester with our financial assistance. Publicity chair Andrea Godwin is keeping our name and activity in local media; Colleen Kane and Christina Simkanin are keeping us informed through emails and our newsletter, and Treasurer Dianne Dezio and Co-Secretaries Sally Morris and Christina Heckard, along with Historian Terry Saylor, are maintaining clear and accurate records of our activities.

As a final note, the bridge groups, book groups, current events group, etc., are all keeping a full schedule and welcome interest from new participants.

PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Robin Mayberry-Hembree and Miriam Morrow

Our Program Committee is looking forward to our upcoming AAUW Branch meetings and a variety of great activities throughout this coming year!

Please save Monday, October 1st, 2018 for our first Conversations & Cocktails (C&C) We'll have Happy Hour from 4:30PM- 6:30PM at Park Tavern (580 Ritchie Hwy in Severna Park, MD). Look for Robin Mayberry-Hembree.

October 8th is our first Branch Meeting at 7PM. All of our Branch Meetings meet at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church (611 B& A Blvd., Severna Park, MD, Founders Room.) After our "Welcome Back Refreshments" and our regular business meeting, our speaker will be Mr. Wes Queen, Director of The Legal Leadership Program.

*More C&C's coming soon. Hostesses needed. Contact us if you're interested: Robin (rmayhembree@gmail.com) or Miriam (miriammorrow@yahoo.com).

START-SMART PROGRAM

By Judith MacGregor

Tentative Start Smart program scheduled at St John's College, for October 2nd, 2018

Start Smart is an AAUW National Program aimed at senior college women who are nearing graduation and starting job searches. It consists of a 2-hour interactive workshop to help improve negotiating skills needed to maximize starting salaries. Conducted in cities across the nation, the skills women learn in Start Smart should serve them throughout their careers.

Branch member Judith MacGregor is trained to present the workshop at St. John's. **If you have any experience with salary negotiation in management, human resources or other relevant experience or interest and would like to help or come, contact Judith at jamacgregor101@gmail.com 410-9919115.** The program is licensed from AAUW National and St. John's College and Toxicology Consulting Services are covering the costs.

MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Ashley Schaeffer and Debbie Chessin

Mark your calendars and bring a friend to the **Fall Membership Luncheon to be held on September 22nd** from 11:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m. in the Zimmerman Hall at Woods Memorial Church. We kindly ask that all members that attend bring a dish for this potluck style luncheon. If your last name begins with A-I we'd like to ask that you bring a dessert. If your name begins with J-Z we'd like to ask that you bring a main luncheon dish. Also, don't forget serving utensils. Please see the attached flyer for more details, and RSVP: <https://tinyurl.com/aauw-luncheon2018> (no email or login required) or to Debby at dachessin@gmail.com.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL

If you haven't renewed your membership yet, please bring checks to the luncheon; renew online (<http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/>) or mail them to Dianne Dezio at 8607 Wintergreen Ct, Unit 403, Odenton, MD 21113. (Note: New members that started on or after February 2018, do not need to renew)

Regular Members: \$80

...national (\$59) + state (\$10) + branch (\$11)

Paid Life Members: \$21

...national (\$0) + state (\$10) + branch (\$11)

Student AAUW-affiliated college/university: \$16

...national (\$0) + state (\$5) + branch (\$11)

Student non-AAUW-affiliated college/university: \$34.81

...national (\$18.81) + state (\$5) + branch (\$11)

Honorary Life Members (50+ years as AAUW members):

No dues

See you at the luncheon!! Don't forget to invite guests and RSVP!

AAUW USED BOOK SALE

By Stacey Hilder and Linda King

WE NEED YOUR HELP!

I hope everyone is ready to join the effort and to have a great book sale again this year. Book sale activities started early in the summer and will continue through the day after the sale. Here is what has been done so far and what we still need your help to do.

On July 4th, the AAUW decorated a car and entered it in the Severna Park 4th of July Parade while members walked along the parade route wearing AAUW sashes while handing out 2500 bookmarks to the crowds. That was the most bookmarks ever distributed at that event. On July 21, we had our first book collection and even though it poured all morning about 70 boxes of books were donated. On August 8, two storage units were donated to us in the new EZ Storage on Ritchie Hiway in Arnold and, on August 9, three of us moved the books from Lucia St Clair Robson's garage to the new facility. The next collection was held on August 18 and was hugely successful. The storage unit is 1/4 to 1/3 full with more books to be packed and stacked.

Collections are on Saturday mornings from 10 am to 1 pm at three locations: the YMCA in Arnold, the Bank of America in Severna Park at the corner of Benfield Blvd and Jumpers Hole Rd, and at St Philips Episcopal Church in Annapolis on Bestgate Rd at Medical Pkwy. Please sign up to help at: <https://tinyurl.com/y7eo6e73>. Even if you can't lift boxes of books anymore, you can act as hostess and handle all the paper work (receipts, bookmarks, member recruitment) or collect boxes from your favorite liquor store and bring them to the collection sites or to the storage unit.

Packing Books brought the collection sites go to a designated space to be sorted, packed and stacked. Books from the YMCA and St Philips go to the new storage unit in Arnold while books collected at Bank of America go to Jeanne (and Dennis) Hawn's garage. It takes at least three people at each location to accept, sort through and pack the books as they come in that day and in the week following. It is fun to have first dibs at the

books we will be putting out for sale and to work with fellow members for those three hours.

Advertising our collections. Attached to this newsletter is the collection flyer which gives the dates, times and locations of our collections. Post it on your Facebook page or any other social media site. Give them to friends, neighbors, and fellow club members. Put them on community bulletin boards, in store windows and counters, etc, etc, etc. Get the word out!

Finally, the Book Sale - We will be moving into our sale site on Friday, November 2, and then the fun begins. Opening all those boxes of books, sorting them into categories and setting them on tables to sell. I am excited to report we will be using the same site as last year and the same storefront in the Festival at Pasadena Shopping Center which is at Ritchie Hiway and Jumpers Hole Rd. The public sale will start at 10 am on Thursday, Nov 8 and end at 3:00 pm on Sunday Nov 11. Then we do CLEANUP.

As each activity gets closer, emails will go to all the membership explaining the activity and what is needed, but mark your calendar now and save the dates. This sale is only successful when we all pitch in and do all we can. Not sure what you can do? Contact us and we will help you contribute. Email Stacey (stacey861@verizon.net) or Lindsa (linda.king2939@icloud.com).

TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP COMMITTEE

By Margaret Acquarulo

Our three Transfer Scholarship winners are settling in to their new colleges. Renee Rupert is attending Ashland University in Ohio for nursing, Shrabani Debnath will major in computer engineering at UMBC, and Madison Gorman is at the University of Maryland, College Park studying accounting. We wish them all a successful semester!

PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King and Vera Torrence

Get Ready!!! A lot is coming our way! First, we will be meeting as a group on **Thursday, September 6, at 7 p.m.** at the home of Vera Torrence to plan the forums and fall events for public policy. Please let Vera know if you plan to attend: vdtorrence@verizon.net, 410-573-1601, 1606 Turks Cap Lily Lane, Annapolis, MD 21401.

Here is a current listing of our fall agenda:

- In October, we will be co-sponsoring four political forums with the League of Women Voters of Anne Arundel County. At each forum we need approximately eight volunteers, to welcome guests, to screen questions, to distribute and collect question cards and to distribute water. The forums will be held from 7-9 p.m. on **October 9 for Districts 31A and 31B** Senatorial and Delegate Candidates at Chesapeake Arts Center, 196 Hammond's Lane, Brooklyn Park; on **October 10 for Districts 30A and 30B** Senatorial and Delegate Candidates at Kneseth Israel, 1125 Spa Road, Annapolis; on **October 11, for District 33** Senatorial and Delegate Candidates, at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park; and on **October 17, for District 32** Senatorial and Delegate Candidates, at Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, 8424 Piney Orchard Pkwy, Odenton. Please consider volunteering to help and let Vera (vdtorrence@verizon.net) or Roxann (roxann.king1@gmail.com) know of your commitment as soon as possible.
- At our October 8 Branch meeting, our guest speaker is Wesley Queen who serves as Director of the Legacy Leadership Institute on Public Policy Program (LLIPP), located in the UM School of Public Health. He will introduce us to the Legacy Leadership Program as some of you may be interested in taking advantage of this valuable learning opportunity. The Legacy Leadership recruits, offers training and placement of Maryland residents 50+ in age, in governmental offices as volunteer service leaders during the ninety-day session of the Maryland General Assembly. In addition to serving as the program coordinator since 2007, Wesley is an alum of the first (2001) class of Legacy Leaders. If you are interested in becoming a

member of the 2018-2019 class, please fill out the application: <https://go.umd.edu/legacyleaders2018>. If you would like to learn more about the program see: <http://sph.umd.edu/content/community/hlsa/ca/legacy-leadership-institute-public-policy>. If you have any questions, please call Wes Queen (301)405-2529, or email wqueen@umd.edu. Upon receipt of your application, they will reach out to you to schedule a personal interview.

- Our branch and AAUW Maryland both belong to Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW), which is a coalition of many organizations in Maryland that support legislation to improve the lives of women and girls and families in Maryland. MLAW's fall 2018 conference will be on November 17, 2018, at Notre Dame of Maryland University, located at 4701 N. Charles Street in Baltimore. Advocacy groups sponsoring legislation in the Maryland General Assembly session for 2019 will present during the morning session. In the afternoon there is an advocacy training session for those interested. Details will soon be available on the MLAW web site, <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.org>. We will have several members present at this conference. Please contact Vera or Roxann if you plan to be with us there.
- On Thursday mornings when the U.S. Congress is in session, members of AAUW Lobby Corps meet, get briefed and visit offices of U.S. Senators and House members to lobby issues promoted by AAUW. Lobby Corps volunteers must receive training to participate. Watch for a date for the fall training for new lobby corps members. The original scheduled date of September 6 has been postponed. Meanwhile, make sure that you are a 2 minute activist on national issues by registering your email and contact details at http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/p/salsa/web/commmon/public/content?content_item_KEY=15505.

Well, that is it for now! This information will also be shared with members of the Public Policy committee by email. If you wish to be on our committee list, please contact Vera or Roxann. We hope to see many of you at our organizational meeting at Vera's on September 6th.

AAUW is NOT a political organization

Our organization promotes educational equity and workplace equity for women and girls, and families. Every bi-annual convention year, members have an opportunity to suggest policy changes or issues for the national AAUW to support. All members then have an opportunity to vote whether or not to support the recommendations. If supported, operational changes are made and newly adopted policies will be targeted by AAUW national and state lobbying efforts. Not all members support all policies, but those supported by the national organization are the result of a consensus of the membership.

Since we are not a political body, we do not endorse any candidates. At the present time, several of our members are running for public office. While the branch cannot publicly endorse any of these candidates, individual members are certainly welcome to host events. The branch email, newsletter, website and social media pages cannot be used to promote any such events or the candidates. Once elected, however, public officials can be invited for meeting presentations and participation in our events. Branch funds cannot be used to support other non-profit organizations. Branch funds are used for our branch activities and to support national AAUW grants and activities, such as the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL).

The national AAUW does award educational grants to both individuals and organizations annually. These provide one of the largest financial resources for research on women's issues in higher education. This year \$3.9 million in grants were awarded by AAUW to support 250 women and non-profits improving the lives of women and girls.

GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Terry Saylor

Great Decisions resumes discussions on September 14 at 9:30AM. The topic is Russia's foreign policy. Interested in joining us? Contact Terry Saylor saylerterry2gmail.com

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Mary Wittner

Our September 5th discussion of *LaRose* by Louise Eurdich, the story of forgiveness after an unspeakable tragedy in the Native American Obijwe tribe, will take place at 10:30 at the home of Maggie Cullman, 300 Park Dr., Severna Park. Drive. Please contact Maggie at margueritecullman@gmail.com or call her 410-647 0316 to let her know whether or not you plan to attend.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet September 5th at 7:00 pm at the home of Carolyn Bolognese to discuss *The Submission, Tribute to Ground Zero* by Amy Waldman. It is the story of the search for and selection of the memorial at Ground Zero. Carolyn lives at 133 Island View Dr., Annapolis.

On October 3, the group will be discussing *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. For more information, contact Stacey Hilder, 410-647-7041 or stacey861@verizon.net.

CONDOLENCES

Former member from the 1990s and early 2000s, Alison Kahn, passed away recently in Charlottesville, VA. She lived there near her daughter Jane who teaches at UVA (janealison@virginia.edu). Long-time members may remember Alison from Australia, a good friend of Aussie and former branch president, Sheila Kiefer. Alison was a supporter of the Book Sale and provided backup to many branch activities.

THANK YOU LETTER FROM ONE OF OUR WOMEN TO WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Good Afternoon,

I hope all is well with the American Association of University Women.

This is Brianna Simmons, the 2015-2016 recipient of the the AAUW scholarship. I wanted to let the organization know that I am making you all proud while I attend Marymount University! I am entering my junior year of college and so much has happened. I am a part of the Honor Program at Marymount University, I am a member of Phi Eta Sigma Honors Society, a member of Psi Chi National Honors Society, I hold the Vice President seat in the Honors Student Organization, I hold the Secretary and Parliamentarian seat in Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority Incorporated, I am maintaining a cumulative GPA of 3.911 and working in Marymount's department of Counseling and Forensic Legal Psychology.

I want to thank the entire organization for awarding me the scholarship. I just wanted to let you all know it is being put to great use.

Thank you again so much!
Sincerely,
Brianna Simmons

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

September 5 th	Wednesday	Morning Book Club , 10:30am, at Maggie Cullman's house, see details above
September 5 th	Wednesday	Evening Book Club , 7pm, at Carolyn Bolognese's house, see details above
September 6 th	Thursday	Public Policy Discussion , 7pm, at Vera Torrence's house, see details above.
September 8 th	Saturday	Book Sale Collection , Volunteer here: https://tinyurl.com/y7eo6e73
September 14 th	Friday	Great Decisions Group , 9:30 am, email Terry Sayler for details
September 22 nd	Saturday	Fall Luncheon , 11-2pm, Woods Memorial Church, See flyer for details.
September 29 th	Saturday	Book Sale Collection , Volunteer here: https://tinyurl.com/y7eo6e73
October 1 st	Monday	Conversations and Cocktails , 4:30-6:30pm, Park Tavern, Severna Park
October 2 nd	Tuesday	Start Smart Program at St. John's , contact Judith, details above
October 8 th	Monday	Branch Meeting , 7pm, at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
October 9 th	Tuesday	League of Women Voters Forum , Districts 31A and 31B, to help see details above
October 10 th	Wednesday	League of Women Voters Forum , Districts 30A and 30B, to help see details above
October 11 th	Thursday	League of Women Voters Forum , District 33, to help see details above
October 17 th	Wednesday	League of Women Voters Forum , District 32, to help see details above
October 20 th	Saturday	Book Sale Collection , Volunteer here: https://tinyurl.com/y7eo6e73
November 8-11 th	Thurs-Sun	Annual Branch Used Book Sale



AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN

Anne Arundel Branch

All prospective, new, and current members are invited to the

FALL MEMBERSHIP LUNCHEON

SEP 22, 2018 | 11am-2pm

Woods Memorial Church | Zimmerman Hall
611 Baltimore Annapolis Blvd. | Severna Park

RSVP (preferred): Debby Chessin dachessin@gmail.com or
<https://tinyurl.com/aauw-luncheon2018>
(No email address needed to register. No cost to attend.)



Why join?

"I'm a strong believer in higher education and the organization's focus on helping women cover tuition costs. Plus, the book sale and the massive organization needed to prepare for it are inspiring. I wanted to rub elbows with the capable women who make this happen each year."

Diana Larmore, Member, AAUW

"I joined an advocacy group for women and girls and this is one of my passions. I felt I had found my place."

Vera D. Torrence, Member, AAUW

"I wanted to find out how to get involved in advocacy. AAUW has kept me informed and given me easy resources to make my voice heard."

Laura Davis, Member, AAUW

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What is AAUW?

Our Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

The American Association of University Women (AAUW) is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Since our founding in 1881, AAUW members have examined and taken positions on the fundamental issues of the day — educational, social, economic, and political. What started with 17 like-minded women has grown into a powerful network that has influenced — and at times shaped — the debate over equity and education.

www.aauw.org

AAUW's Anne Arundel County Branch

(Chartered in Severna Park in 1966)

Our activities:

Scholarship Awards & Grants

Transfer Scholarships
Women to Women Grants
Educational Opportunity Fund
Legal Advocacy Fund

Committees

STEM
Public Policy
Book Sale
Programs

Interest Groups

Book Discussions
Bridge Groups
Great Decisions Discussions

Contact: Debby Chessin dachessin@gmail.com or Ashley Schaeffer arschaeffer1@gmail.com

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AAUW Membership open to women and men holding Associate, Bachelors, or equivalent degree from two-or four-year accredited college or university.

***American Association of University Women
Anne Arundel County Branch***

2018 BOOK COLLECTION

Donate your good, clean used books!

July 21, Aug 18, Sept 8 & 29, Oct 20

10 am - 1 pm

at

Bank of America 

(Severna Park: Jumpers Hole Rd & Benfield Rd)

or

YMCA of Central Maryland

(Arnold: Ritchie Hwy)

or

St. Philips Episcopal Church

(Annapolis: Bestgate Rd @ Medical Pkwy)

**BOOK SALE will be in November
Proceeds go to scholarships for women.**

703-599-9646 or 410-647-7041

Further info at

<http://annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net/>

**No encyclopedias, VHS tapes, magazines or condensed books.
No textbooks or computer manuals over 3 yrs old.**