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## October 2018 Newsletter

### LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Barbara Marder and Michele Brillon Hauf

And, AWAY we go! With the Fall Membership Welcome Luncheon a warm and wonderful memory, the Anne Arundel County Chapter of AAUW has officially launched the 2018-19 activity year. Much thanks to Debbie Chessin, Ashley Schaefer, and their membership committee for giving the year a great start. It was a superb gathering—lots of meeting and greeting, wonderful food, lovely decorations, and some fun raffle items to boot. Special thanks to Niv Ghatak and Diane Larmore for preparing the slide show illustrating our many chapter activities and the women who chair each area. We especially welcome our new members and guests and look forward to seeing them involved in our projects.

While book collection has been active since July and plans have been forming for our support of this fall's local elections and legislation for the 2019 legislative session, the activity moves into full swing in October and early November. Then we can party a bit through the holiday season and come back to 'chores' for the legislative session and scholarship awarding.

Articles throughout the Newsletter will inform members of the Book Sale activity, the Candidate Forums we will host jointly with the League of Women Voters, and our first offering of the Start Smart Course at St. John's College, as well as the many fun and enlightenment activities for all members and guests. Be sure to sign up where you can help, then come to party, play, or discuss on other occasions.

Hope to see many of you at the first fall C & C Oct. 1 at Park Tavern in Severna Park and all of you at one of the forums or the book sale site in Pasadena later in the month.

### START-SMART PROGRAM

By Judith MacGregor

Start Smart program at St John's College, 5:45-8pm,  
October 2<sup>nd</sup>, 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](mailto: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.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Robin Mayberry-Hembree and Miriam Morrow

Let's Get Started!

Please join us for our first official C&C (**Conversations & Cocktails**), Monday, **October 1<sup>st</sup>** for Happy Hour from 4:30 -7P.M. at Park Tavern , 580 Ritchie Highway, Severna Park, MD.

\*We are also looking for ladies to hostess future **C&C's**. It's simply a phone call to a restaurant you've chosen for our C&C and letting them know we're coming for **Happy Hour**. Then, Voila! You welcome all AAUW ladies to the event. It's that easy. If you'd like to hostess: Call or text Miriam (410-446-0033) or Robin (410-493-5475).

Our First **Branch Meeting** is Monday, **October 8<sup>th</sup>** at 7P.M. At Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church at 611 B & A Blvd in Severna Park, MD. After our Branch business meeting, our speaker is **Mr. Wes Queen**. He'll be speaking as **Director of the Legal Legacy Institute on Public Policy UMD**. Please come join us for an informative meeting and light refreshments. As always, feel free to bring a friend.

\*Save Saturday, December 8<sup>th</sup> 11-2 P.M. for our **AAUW Holiday Luncheon at Cafe Mezzanotte**. This is a fun get-together for all. Due to space restrictions, **\*Reservations must be made in advance for this event**. More Details to follow in November.

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Debbie Chessin and Ashley Schaeffer

Thanks to all our wonderful and hard-working volunteers, members, new members, and guests who helped make the September 22, 2018 luncheon a great success! We filled almost every table with 35 attendees which included six guests -- one of whom joined at the luncheon. A big thanks to Lilia Yousefian, a recent past scholarship winner, for joining us and reading out the many raffle winners!

New Members:

A warm welcome to new members Denise Arvnaneh, Joan Spring, and Juliet Smith. Denise joined our Branch at

the luncheon and has a B.A. in English Literature from St. Mary's University of San Antonio, Texas, a B.S. in Information Systems Management from the University of Maryland University College (UMUC), and expects to graduate with an M.S. in Cybersecurity Technologies from UMUC with an expected date of June 2019. Denise has joined the STEM and Book Sale committees and is interested in Scholarships, Public Policy, Historian, Web and Social Media and the evening Great Discussions groups.

Joan Spring has a B.A. from SUNY at Binghamton, NY, an M.A. in Education and also in Speech Pathology from Kean University, NJ, and an M.A. in Speech Pathology. She is currently a retired Speech and Language Pathologist. She has joined the Public Policy committee and is interested in learning more from the two Scholarships Committees, and the Book Sale Committee. We were glad to meet and get to know her at the luncheon!

We were also pleased to meet and talk with Juliet Smith at the luncheon. Juliet she has a B.A. from the University of Dallas, and an M.A. and M.A.T. from Binghamton University in New York, an Ed.D. from Penn State University. She serves as an Education Department Chair in the English Faculty at Chesapeake College. Juliet has joined the Public Policy Committee and the Evening Book Discussion Group. She is interested in learning more about the Women to Women Grants, the Programs Committee, and Saturday Night Bridge.

New Mission Committee:

Judith MacGregor spoke to us about a new AAUW-AACo Mission Support Committee, "Start Smart", which educates and supports career women in salary negotiations. I noticed that a few of you signed up to be on her committee -- cheers to the successful start of a new AAUW-AACo endeavor! For more information: <https://salary.aauw.org/start-smart/>

Also, we still have some membership renewals outstanding. If you haven't renewed yet, please do so online at: <http://www.aauw.org/resource/join-a-branch-or-renew-branch-membership/> or mail a check for the amount of \$80 made out to "AAUW – AACO" to Dianne Dezio at 8607 Wintergreen Ct, Unit 403, Odenton, MD 21113. Thanks so much and best wishes, everyone!

## **AAUW USED BOOK SALE**

**By Stacey Hilder and Linda King**

It is exciting to report that at the end of our first three collections and many donations to individual members, we have filled one of our storage units with about 1100 boxes of books and Jeanne Hawn's garage is about three quarters full. The community is coming out in great numbers to donate their books to our cause, which is wonderful, but also means there is lots of work to do before we open our sale to the public.

During the next month, we will continue to receive donations from individuals and hold another collection from 10 to 1 on Saturday October 20<sup>th</sup>. In the meantime, there are always books to go through and pack, so we can stack and store them. You can help at Jeanne's or at the storage unit. Contact Linda King, Barb Marder, Terry Saylor, Jeanne Hawn or Cindy Neseth and they will meet you and set you up.

On Friday, November 2, we will be moving into the storefront, 8159B Ritchie Highway, in Festival at Pasadena, starting at 9:00 am

### **We need help:**

1. A volunteer to meet the movers at the storage unit and let them into the facility;
2. Volunteers to help set up the tables, organize the book categories and then start sorting and arranging the books on the tables;
3. Volunteers with trucks or SUVs to move the books from Jeanne Hawn's, 457 Bendale Rd, to the sale site. Doing this ourselves will help to keep our costs as low as possible.

November 2 through November 7, we will be unpacking all those books we have, been so carefully packing into boxes for three months. Only now, we will be sorting them into categories and setting them on tables to help all those who come to the sale find the books they want.

Wednesday, November 7, will be MEMBERS', FAMILY AND FRIENDS' NIGHT. This is the time when we come together to celebrate all our hard work and to show our friends and family what a wonderful opportunity our book sale offers those who love books. We get to be the

first to look over and buy those books we didn't know we wanted as well as those we have been looking for forever.

Thursday, November 8, from 8 to 10 am is Dealer Day when book dealers actually pay for the privilege of looking over and buying our books. We will need 8 to 10 volunteers to handle the crowd.

At 10 am, the SALE OPENS to the public. During the next 4 days we will be working to keep our sale site organized, neat and well stocked.

Sunday, November 11 is BAG Day, which means the crowds will once again descend upon our sale and gobble up bags of books in order to get the most they can for the least amount of money. At 3 pm, we close the doors and begin the cleanup. Signs are taken down, U-Haul trucks are picked up and brought to the site. All left over books are packed into boxes and loaded into the trucks. Husbands, fathers, boyfriends, sons and grandsons. are welcome and encouraged to come and lend a strong back and a willing hand. Cardboard is broken down and taken to the recycling centers. Supplies are repacked and tables folded up.

On Monday, volunteers drive the U-Haul trucks to the wholesaler in Frederick; the tables are picked up, and the storefront is swept and cleaned. We will then turn out the lights, return the keys and begin to think about next year. But right now, plan on being there as much as you can because you do not want to miss a minute of the fun and excitement!!



## **PUBLIC POLICY**

**By Roxann King and Vera Torrence**

### **Volunteers are needed for the Candidate Forums!**

At least eight volunteers are needed at each of the four candidate forums being held between October 9<sup>th</sup> and October 17<sup>th</sup> and which we co-sponsor with the League of Women Voters and the National Coalition of 100 Black Women. All of Anne Arundel County legislative districts are included except for District 21, which overlaps a large area around Laurel in Prince Georges County. All candidates for Maryland Senate and House of Delegates have been invited to participate in the forum for their district. Forums are being held on **October 9<sup>th</sup> for Districts 31A and 31B** at Chesapeake Arts Center, 196 Hammond's Lane, Brooklyn Park; on **October 10<sup>th</sup> for Districts 30A and 30B** at Kneseth Israel, 1125 Spa Road, Annapolis; on **October 11<sup>th</sup>, for District 33** at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church, Severna Park; and on **October 17<sup>th</sup>, for District 32** at Ark and Dove Presbyterian Church, 8424 Piney Orchard Pkwy, Odenton.

**The sign up for volunteers is located here:** <https://www.signupgenius.com/go/20F0A45AEAD2CA7F85-forum>. Currently we have 13 volunteers among the four forums. If you are unsure of your district, click [here](#) for a map. Please try to attend the forum for your district and ask for your AAUW name tag when you arrive.

The forums flyer is included in the newsletter. **Please copy and post as many flyers as you can** in your libraries, grocery stores, churches, fitness centers or anywhere that people congregate. Publicizing the events is part of our responsibility.

MLAW registration is open for the Saturday, November 17<sup>th</sup> conference at Notre Dame of Maryland University from 8:30 – 4:30. Registration and details are at <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.org/>. The registration fee for the morning session is \$45 (\$30 for students). The afternoon advocacy session is free. All the advocacy groups proposing bills for the upcoming 2019 legislative session introduce their bills at the morning meeting. Afterwards, in December, MLAW members vote to decide which bills to support. Bills are chosen also by their likelihood of success. Last year, four of the seven bills

supported by the groups in MLAW became law. (Details of the last session are on the MLAW website above.)

Finally, make sure you attend the October 8<sup>th</sup> Branch meeting at Woods Church at 7 p.m. Our public policy committee has provided the guest speaker, Wesley Queen, director of the Legacy Program at University of Maryland which trains Marylanders, often retired, for volunteer positions in legislative offices during the Maryland General Assembly Session.

### **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.



## MORNING BOOK CLUB

Mary Wittner

The Daytime Book Group will meet at 10:30 AM on Wednesday, October 3<sup>rd</sup> to choose readings for the upcoming year. Please tell us about a book you've read and enjoyed. Be sure to check with the library to ensure they have a sufficient number of copies (at least 5). We will meet at the home of Alice Harrison, 107 Duval Lane, Edgewater. This is a great opportunity for new members to join us and enhance their reading interests and experiences. If you plan to attend, please contact Alice at [awharrison@yahoo.com](mailto:awharrison@yahoo.com) or 410-956-5140 (h) or 410-353-1867 (c).

## EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet at 7:00 pm on October 3<sup>rd</sup> to discuss *Manhattan Beach* by Jennifer Egan. Sally Morris will be hosting the meeting and leading the discussion at her home, 202 Nomini Drive, Arnold. If you have questions or plan to attend, email Sally at [grahamie@verizon.net](mailto:grahamie@verizon.net).

There will be no book club meeting in November due to Members' night at the book sale.

## GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Terry Saylor

Great Decisions is meeting at Severna Park Library on October 12<sup>th</sup> at 10am for a reading by Melanie P. Merriman author of *Holding the Net: Caring for my Mother on the Tightrope of Aging*. The author's mother was a very active AAUW member and the book is very moving, interesting and timely – especially if you or someone you know is caring for an aging parent.

## 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](http://annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net).

## CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

October 1 <sup>st</sup>	Monday	<b>Cocktails and Conversations</b> , 4:30-7pm, Park Tavern, Severna Park.
October 2 <sup>nd</sup>	Tuesday	<b>Start Smart Program at St. John's</b> , 5:45-8pm, contact Judith, details above
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Morning Book Club</b> , 10:30am, Alison Harrison's house, details above
October 3 <sup>rd</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Evening Book Club</b> , 7:00pm, Sally Morris' house, details above
October 8 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<b>Branch Meeting</b> , 7pm, at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
October 9 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<b>League of Women Voters Forum</b> , Districts 31A and 31B, to help see details above
October 10 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>League of Women Voters Forum</b> , Districts 30A and 30B, to help see details above
October 11 <sup>th</sup>	Thursday	<b>League of Women Voters Forum</b> , District 33, to help see sign-up link above
October 12 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<b>Great Decisions</b> , 10am, Severna Park Library, Author Visit: Melanie Merriman
October 17 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>League of Women Voters Forum</b> , District 32, to help see sign-up link above
October 20 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>Book Sale Collection</b> , Volunteer here: <a href="https://tinyurl.com/y7eo6e73">https://tinyurl.com/y7eo6e73</a>
November 7 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Friends and Family Book Sale Night</b> , 8159B Ritchie Highway
November 8-11 <sup>th</sup>	Thurs-Sun	<b>Annual Branch Used Book Sale</b> , 8159B Ritchie Highway

# CANDIDATE FORUM!

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Maryland Senate & House of Delegates  
to represent Anne Arundel County

## Ask questions. Get answers. Hear issues defined.

### Senatorial and Delegate Candidates to represent Anne Arundel County

#### MD Legislative Districts 31A & 31B\*

October 9, 2018,  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Chesapeake Arts Center  
196 Hammond's Lane  
Brooklyn Park, Maryland 21225

#### MD Legislative Districts 30

October 10, 2018,  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Congregation Kneseth Israel  
1125 Spa Road  
Annapolis MD 21403

#### MD Legislative Districts 33

October 11, 2018,  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Woods Memorial  
Presbyterian Church  
(Zimmerman Hall)  
611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd.  
Severna Park, Maryland 21146

#### MD Legislative Districts 32

October 17, 2018,  
7 p.m. to 9 p.m.

Ark and Dove  
Presbyterian Church  
8424 Piney Orchard Pkwy.  
Odenton, MD 21113

For questions, call: LWVAAC-443-672-8270

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- ★ \*Also co-hosted by National Coalition of 100 Black Women

