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December 2018 Newsletter

LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS By Barbara Marder and Michele Brillon Hauf

This year's highly successful Book Sale is a wrap. Our gross sales exceeded any former year; our net will be a bonus for the scholarship funds this coming spring. We all owe many thanks to Book Sale chairs Stacey Hilder and Linda King for their endless hours of devoted work and excellent leadership. Thanks to all the many, many members who contributed from estate sales in the spring through the 4th of July parade, collections in sun and rain, sorting and packing for four months, unpacking and stacking, helping customers during the sale days, and finally making this year's final clean-up the fastest, most efficient ever. Of course, we also owe bottom line thanks to EZStorage on Ritchie Highway and Philip Baum of Fedder Mgmt. in Pasadena for their donation of space for our books, as well as, to Lucia St. Clair Robson and Jeanne Hawn who sacrificed garage space for the duration, to Michele Hauf who stored estate sale books for several months, and to Maggie Cullman who graciously accepted overflow storage in her garage. The book business will now take a well-deserved rest for a few months....though, anyone hearing of a great estate sale willing to donate unsold books can let Stacey or Linda know. Another year will bring another book sale.

As we rest from our Thanksgiving feasts and begin the holiday season, plan to spend a few hours with the branch for our annual holiday luncheon on December 8th and/or one of the interest groups holding a meeting this month. January will bring major prep for the legislative sessions both in Annapolis and D.C. Stay tuned for information on the bills AAUW and MLAW are supporting and look for ways to help the cause.

Happy Holidays to all; we look forward to an exciting
2019!!



PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Robin Mayberry-Hembree and Miriam Morrow

It's that time of year when we get into the spirit of the season!

Our Holiday Luncheon is just around the corner. Please join us on Saturday December 8th at Cafe Mezzanotte in Severna Park from 11-2pm (see attached flyer for details). Come share in our festive fun and remember we are also highlighting our *AAUW Branch Scholarships* as our AAUW Charity this year. *

***Note that RSVP's MUST be received by Tuesday, December 4th!** Please call or email Miriam Morrow at 410-446-0033 or miriammorrow@yahoo.com) and/or send your check to Miriam at 109 Cedar Road, Severna Park, MD 21146. ***Only Members with reservations with Miriam may pay at the door the day of our luncheon.**

Next up, we'll take a little breather throughout December and early January to spend time with family and friends!

After we ring in 2019, Mary McGrath is hosting our next Cocktails and Conversations (C&C) on Monday January 21st for a warm and toasty Happy Hour at Cooper's Hawk (1906 Towne Center Blvd, Annapolis, MD 21401). Happy hour is from 3-6pm and the restaurant is on the second floor (take the nearby escalator up). The restaurant phone number is 443-837-9989, if needed and feel free to contact Mary (text/call 410-570-1279 or mary@bugeye.net). Looking forward to seeing everyone!

Our 2019 February Field Trip will be a fact filled tour of our beautiful **Maryland State House** at 100 State Circle, Annapolis, MD. AAUW member and Legislative Assistant, Cindy Neseth is helping coordinate our weekday tour in early February. We'll also plan for lunch in Annapolis and sitting in on a committee hearing. **Date and Times TBA. Details coming soon.** It should be a great day filled with history and many current issues about Maryland.

Best wishes for Happy Holidays from Robin and Miriam of The Programs Committee!

AAUW USED BOOK SALE

By Stacey Hilder and Linda King

What A Successful Book Sale!

As of Sunday afternoon, we had sold \$16,922 worth of books at the book sale itself. Prior to the sale, we had transported and sold 616 boxes of books collected after estate sales and from private homes to the wholesaler, WonderBook, for a total of \$2,480; AND on the Monday after the sale, we took another 621 boxes of books to that same wholesaler. That check will come to us in the next few weeks.

How did all this happen? It started when our members gave out 2500 book marks to the by-standers of the Severna Park 4th of July parade. Then in August, Sept, and October, members sat at collection sites from 10 am to 1 pm to accept book donations from the community. The YMCA in Arnold, the Bank of America on Benfield Blvd and St Philips Church in Annapolis donated space in their parking lots for us to sit and meet the community. Books were then taken to donated spaces where they could be sorted, repacked, and stacked until time for the sale. Jeanne Hawn let us use half of her garage (and then worked on the books after they were brought to her garage) and EZStorage in Arnold donated two storage units to us. Members worked at both locations for several days after the collection Saturdays to get the books ready to store.

On Friday, November 2nd, we moved into a storefront donated to us by the Fedder Corporation. This was the same site we used last year which meant we already had a following. Rented tables were delivered at 9 am and set up by our members. Signs were put up on the wall and the movers moved in the 2000 to 2500 boxes of books we had in the storage units. Dave Hilder volunteered to move the 800 to 1000 boxes of books in Jeanne's garage to the sale site during Friday and Saturday. He was helped by Dennis Hawn, Kirk Ferguson, Roxann King and Michele Hauf and her son.

Then it was time to set up the sale. At least 50 members, as well as friends and family members, came along to help, and worked from Friday until Wednesday afternoon setting up the sale. The last box of books was opened and emptied at 4:00 pm on Wednesday, just in time to get

them out for Members', Family and Friends' night. We started with 3000 to 3500 boxes of books. At the end of the sale, on Sunday afternoon, we packed up 621 boxes of leftover books to sell to WonderBook. The rest of the books were sold to customers or made available to community organizations that expressed a need. We allowed staff from a summer reading camp in South County to buy books at a discount and invited BIG (Books for International Goodwill) to come in, at the end of the sale, and take books they could use for their program. Since they are just getting started again, they were grateful for the offer and showed up with several trucks to haul books away.

As of this newsletter, the Anne Arundel Branch of the AAUW has earned \$19,402 by collecting and selling books and has supported two worthwhile community organizations. **What made this sale such a success? YOU DID!!!!** You showed up; you worked hard as you got to know each other; you bought books and you sold books; and you pitched in whenever and wherever you were needed. Most of all, you made it possible for us to, once again, provide scholarships to women who need help in order to continue their education. And that is the true gauge of our success. Thank you!

PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King and Vera Torrence

Fifteen initiatives were presented at the MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) Fall Conference held on November 17th at Notre Dame University of Maryland in Baltimore. Of the fifteen, 6-8 will be selected by MLAW members to support during the upcoming 2019 Maryland General Assembly, which begins on January 9th. You can read about the initiatives being considered at the MLAW website: <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.files.wordpress.com/2018/11/mlaw-2019-proposals.pdf>. Shortly, MLAW members (including our branch) will rank the initiatives on importance and this will help determine the supported bills. Branch public policy committee members will participate in ranking the initiatives in December. If you join MLAW's list: (mdlegagenda4women@yahoo.com) you will receive notifications when actions are needed to support upcoming legislation on MLAW bills in the

General Assembly. You can also become an individual member: <https://mdlegagendaforwomen.org/join-mlaw/>.

AAUW Maryland is sponsoring two bills in the Maryland General Assembly. One, which would extend child support to 21 for dependents pursuing training or higher education, is the second proposal found at MLAW. The other is the Patient's Bill of Rights, which would require hospitals to adopt a uniform Maryland set of rights, train all staff in awareness of these rights, and communicate patient rights to patients in ways that can be easily understood. If you enroll in the national AAUW 2-Minute Activist, you will receive notice when action is needed on these two bills as well as on national issues. For the 2-Minute Activist, go to <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>. If you prefer text message notifications, the 2-Minute Activist Mobile is available: <https://www.aauw.org/resource/two-minute-activist-mobile/>.

The most recent issue to be addressed by the national AAUW is the sweeping changes announced by the Department of Education to Title IX's regulations. The proposed rule would weaken Title IX's protections by narrowing the definition of sexual harassment to allow schools to exclude much of the abuse students experience, limiting when schools will respond, and putting in place processes that make it harder for students to come forward when they experience sexual harassment or assault. Over the next 60 days, we have an opportunity to weigh in with the Department of Education on the proposed changes. You can add your name to the petition to Secretary DeVos at the 2-Minute Activist on AAUW.org.



GREAT DECISIONS GROUP

Terry Saylor

The Great Decisions Discussion Group will meet on Friday, January 11th to review the topics for 2019 and set our schedule. If you are interested in joining us, please contact Terry Saylor saylorterry2@gmail.com for more information.

MORNING BOOK CLUB

Mary Wittner

The daytime book club will meet at the home of Teresa Gilbert on Wednesday, December 5th at 10:30 AM. We'll be discussing The Chilbury Ladies Choir by Jennifer Ryan. Teresa's address is 850 Cottonwood Dr., Severna Park. She may be contacted at tsunshineg@verizon.net, 410-528-9863 (h) or 410-353-5870 (c) to let her know whether or not you can join us. All are welcome to join.

EVENING BOOK CLUB

Stacey Hilder

The Evening Book Club meets from 7 to 9pm the first Wednesday of every month at the homes of the members. Our next meeting will be December 5th at the home of Roxann King, 209 Doncaster Rd. in Arnold. We will be discussing Small Great Things by Jodi Picoult. It is a powerful novel about racism and many of the issues being discussed today.

On January 2nd, we will be discussing the book Code Girls by Liza Mundy. Contact Stacey Hilder 410-647-7041 or stacey861@verizon.net if you would like our book list or more information about the group.

HELP WANTED

We are looking for someone to take over the job of compiling our monthly branch newsletter. Christina and her family are moving to New Zealand in March 2019 and she won't be able to continue. If you're interested or want more details, please contact Barbara (scubaesc@aol.com) or Michele (haufhauf@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.

CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

December 5 th	Wednesday	Morning Book Club , 10am, Teresa Gilbert's house (info above)
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December 8 th	Saturday	Holiday Luncheon , 11-2pm, Cafe Mezzanotte, Severna Park
January 11 th	Friday	Great Decisions Group , 9:45am, contact Terry Saylor for details (info above)
January 21 st	Monday	Conversations and Cocktails , 3-6pm, Cooper's Hawk, Annapolis (info above)

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

AAUW Holiday Luncheon Winter Wonderland

December 8th, 2018 11:00 AM -2:00 PM

Cafe Mezzanotte Restaurant

760 Ritchie Highway Severna Park, (410-647-1100)

\$34.00 per person

Celebrate the Wonder of the Season with our AAUIW Holiday Luncheon.

Continue old traditions or start some new ones!!

Extend your spirit through the support of our

Holiday Charity. A Special Cash/Check Collection to be given to:

AAUIW Branch Scholarship Fund

A Special Holiday Buffet will be served featuring Chicken Parmigiana-Verlasso Salmon, Penne Rosa, Caesar Salad, Seasonal Vegetables and Coffee, Chocolate Chip Cannoli, iced tea, soft drinks.

A CASH BAR will be available throughout the Luncheon.

***RSVP DUE TO: Miriam Morrow: Please NO later than December 4th.**

109 CEDAR ROAD, SEVERNA PARK, MD 21146

410-446-0033/ Miriammorrow@yahoo.com

***We cannot accomodate last minute guests this year.**

Y N I Will Attend (name) _____

Y N I am Bringing # _____ Guests.

My Check for \$ _____ Made out to AAUIW is Enclosed.

At \$34.00 per person