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## March 2019 Newsletter

### LETTER FROM THE CO-PRESIDENTS

By Barbara Marder and Michele Brillon Hauf

As we end this last official month of winter, we can both reflect on successful activities of the last two months and look forward to our spring adventures. In January members enjoyed a delightful C & C at Cooper's Hawk in Annapolis, hosted by Mary McGrath and Colleen Kane. This social was followed in mid-February by another C & C at Blackwell Barn and Lodge in Gambrills, hosted by Dianne Dezio and Marilyn Weeks. Always on the lookout for new places to gather and greet, Membership Chair Robin Mayberry-Hembree is seeking hosts and location ideas for our next few gatherings.

And the list of activities continues.....

Field trips related to our Branch activity are continued in late February with a trip to see the Maryland State Legislature in action. Reservations and plans for this activity have been publicized via all-member emails. The activity itself will occur between this writing and the Branch receiving the current newsletter.

As the legislative session continues, members are asked to monitor committee hearings as well as full Senate and House of Delegate votes on issues supported by MD AAUW and/or MLAW, Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women, of which our Branch is a member. All are encouraged to send email support or to testify at hearings.

Our Book Sale chairs, Linda King and Stacey Hilder, are announcing plans to encourage more member participation in off-season book collection activities. Note the article in this newsletter.

The Nominating Committee is preparing a slate of officers to be elected at our April meeting and installed at the May luncheon. Any member who would like to be involved or is considering taking an office is encouraged to contact Gail Viamonte to discuss the position and options for participation.

Many thanks are due Debby Chessin and the Membership Committee for preparing the new and up-to-date member directory. It is available online; print copies will be available at all meetings for \$1.00 each to offset the cost of duplication.

Check articles in this newsletter for information about the MD State Convention to be held in April at Wisp Resort in Garrett County.

Consider taking the Online Start Smart course publicized in the Marylander and on the national website.

Finally let's give a big thanks to Mary McGrath for serving as our interim Newsletter Editor. We expect to have a new permanent editor within the month.

## PROGRAM COMMITTEE

By Robin Mayberry-Hembree and Miriam Morrow

**THANK YOU** to Cindy Neseth and Senator Ed Reilly for helping out with our AAUW February Field Trip to The Maryland State House in Annapolis, MD. Great opportunity to see our Maryland Legislature in action.

**AAUW Branch Meeting:** Monday, March 11, 2019 at 7pm, in “The Founders Room” at Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church located at 613 Baltimore and Annapolis BLVD in Severna Park, MD. The agenda includes committee updates and a welcome to the new members of our Branch.

Our guest speaker will be Kate Whitman, a chemical engineering graduate from The University of Pennsylvania. Kate will speak about how to make a proper cup of tea and its place historically in our political world. All members who are planning to attend should **bring your favorite tea cup and saucer**. Be ready to learn about worldly teas and the chemistry associated with it. Refreshments will be served at tea time.

### **Cocktails and Conversation (C&C):**

Monday, March 18, 2019. Happy Hour 3:30-6:30 pm at Brio’s Tuscan Grill in Annapolis Towne Centre, 305 Sail Place, Annapolis, MD, their phone is 410-571-5660 . Meet us at their beautiful bar area. Robin Hembree will be your AAUW hostess. New members, old members and friends of members are all welcome!

Save the Date: **Saturday, April 27th** for our **AAUW Spring Luncheon**. Chartwell Country Club, Main Ball Room in Severna Park, MD, 21146. More details to come. This is our cherry on the top of our AAUW Ice Cream Sundae kind of year!

## MEMBERSHIP COMMITTEE

By Debby Chessin and Ashley Schaeffer

New Members: Please join me in welcoming our newest AAUW AACo member, Gretchen Miller! Gretchen received a BA from Brown University, Providence Rhode Island and MA from the University of Vermont. Currently, she is enrolled in the Johns Hopkins University (JHU) MA Science Writing Program and serves as the Managing Editor of JHU Medical Journal. Gretchen has joined the STEM committee and we are delighted to have her!

Committee Meeting: The membership committee met at my house on February 15<sup>th</sup> to review and evaluate the September luncheon, our written materials, membership processes to date, and to plan for the next fiscal year accordingly. I will host a ‘Meet & Greet’ for new members and the Board sometime this Spring and hope that it is as successful as the one last year. If you have suggestions or questions, please don’t hesitate to contact me!

Directory: The 2<sup>nd</sup> edition of the 2018-2019 Membership Directory has been printed to include new members and newly written goals for 2018-2019. They will be available at all of our upcoming meetings and C&Cs for \$1.00. An electronic version of the directory can be found on the Branch website in the ‘members only’ section: <https://annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net/members/> and the password for our branch is MD2024.

Membership Renewal: Renew your membership for FY20 from March 16 until June 30. Please help me complete this process earlier this year! Renew membership by setting your browser to our branch website: <https://annearundelcounty-md.aauw.net/membership/>. Scroll down to renew electronically with a credit card, or print the membership form and send it with your check to Dianne Dezio (address on form). Dues are still \$80.00 and that covers national, state, and branch membership.

**TRANSFER SCHOLARSHIP**  
**By Margaret Acquarulo**

The application for the 2019 transfer scholarships is available on our website and in the AACC financial aid office. Please refer any student you know who meets the qualifications. The application deadline is extended to March 26, 2019.

**WOMEN TO WOMEN SCHOLARSHIP**  
**By Suzanne Furr**

The 2019 Women to Women Scholarship Forms have been posted on the website and copies delivered to all the local public high schools. We have set a **deadline of March 6<sup>th</sup>** for submission of the applications. If you know of any deserving young women please be sure to direct them to our Branch website or email [sdfurr@icloud.com](mailto:sdfurr@icloud.com) and I will send you the form.



**Think spring**

**AAUW BOOK SALE**  
**By Stacey Hilder and Linda King**

As you may remember from the February newsletter, we are trying to raise scholarship money year round.

Our fear is, if we request help too often, our emails will just be deleted. So our plan is to request help from the members that live closest to the home of the person donating the books.

We know that not everyone can pick up a 20 pound box but you can still help us.

Laney and I picked up books at Ginger Cove, which was near Laney's home. Here is our story. I called the Karen who offered to donate books and she and I picked several dates and times for the pickup. Laney and I agreed on Feb 12<sup>th</sup> at noon. We both picked up empty boxes on our way to Ginger Cove and carried the empty boxes into her apartment and packed the books. We agreed that I would carry the boxes to our cars. Michele Hauf helped me put the boxes in her garage and we all went to lunch. I was so happy to have someone do the pickup with me. Laney said she had a good time and she offered to help again.

Please look at our emails and let us know if you can help with the scheduling, the pickup, picking up empty boxes at the liquor store, the packing of the books, or the lifting of the boxes.

## PUBLIC POLICY

By Roxann King and Joan Spring

First, we would like to thank Vera Torrance for helping to plan a meaningful public policy agenda for our branch during the past two years. Vera has resigned as co-chair of this committee for personal reasons and we wish her the best. In her place will be Joan Spring, who has been representing us at the monthly conference calls led by AAUW Maryland Vice President for Public Policy, Erin Prangley.

We are now already half way through the 2019 Maryland General Assembly session. Hearings have been held for most of the bills being supported by AAUW Maryland and MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women.) Here is a synopsis of what has happened.

**SB657** adds HIV post-exposure treatment to the support given to victims of sexual assault and rape. Senate hearing held Feb 22.

**SB209/HB122** extends the access of protective orders to victims of sexual assault and rape who are not married to or living with the perpetrator. This bill has passed out of committee and is ready for a vote by the full House. It was heard by committee in the Senate on Feb. 6. It passed its third reading in the House on Feb. 26.

**SB738/HB634** prohibits employers from using salary history to determine a salary and requires disclosure of salary range. This legislation is promoted nationally by AAUW as a way to close the gender pay gap. HB634 was heard by committee on Feb. 19. The Senate committee hearing was February 11.

**SB264** gives students the right to parental support for their education through age 21. The committee meeting was held on Feb. 13.

**HB341** establishes a family medical leave insurance program allowing employees to take up to 12 weeks of paid leave to care for ill family members. The House committee met on February 12.

**SB301/HB145** establishes the minimal requirements for hospitals regarding a patient's bill of rights, including presenting each patient with a written copy. The Senate committee hearing is scheduled for February 28. The House committee hearing was February 6.

Some bills are heard by a House or Senate committee first. Some start in both. If they pass out of committee then they are heard by the full House or Senate and after all amendments are made, a vote may be taken. So far none of the bills have completed the process this session, but they are not dead. Often it takes several years and many amendments and rewrites before a bill is passed. You can follow the progress of these bills by going to the Maryland General Assembly website, entering the bill number and selecting history.

Our efforts are most effective if they target the committee members at the time of the hearings, either through emails or participation in hearings. To be aware of hearings, you should be on two email lists: the MLAW list [mdlegagenda4women@yahoo.com](mailto:mdlegagenda4women@yahoo.com) by request and AAUW's Two-Minute Activist, which alerts you to pending legislation in both Maryland and D.C. <https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/two-minute-activist/>. If you are a Two Minute Activist, then you know that national lobbying efforts are focused on lessening the pay gap.

The Annapolis Women's March has been rescheduled for 1 – 3 p.m. on Saturday, March 2. Participants will meet at the Civil Rights Foot Soldier Memorial, 44 Calvert Street. Contact Roxann and Joan if you want to be a part of our branch group of attendees.

You can join our branch public policy group by contacting the co-chairs: Roxann King, [roxann.king1@gmail.com](mailto:roxann.king1@gmail.com), and Joan Spring, [joanspring@outlook.com](mailto:joanspring@outlook.com).

**100<sup>th</sup> ANNIVERSARY of 19<sup>th</sup> AMENDMENT**  
**By Susan Wierman Co-President, AAUW Maryland**

The Maryland Governor's Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the US Constitution has prepared educational resources for teachers and is sponsoring a contest for high school students. (See attached flyer)

The Documents for the Classroom presents a very interesting survey of the history of women's suffrage in Maryland, beginning with a 1648 denial of Margaret Brent's request to vote, noting that women in some localities could vote on some questions, and explaining that while Republican legislators were generally in favor of the 19th Amendment, Democrats and urban legislators were generally opposed, and although enough states approved it and it was effective nationally in 1920, a Maryland attorney joined others in (unsuccessfully) petitioning the Supreme Court to overturn the Amendment. The Maryland Legislature didn't formally approve it until 1941! Find this free packet of resources here: <http://teaching.msa.maryland.gov/000001/000000/000007/html/t7.html>. For any questions about the document packet, please contact **Commissioner Emily Oland Squires at the Maryland State Archives, [emily.squires@maryland.gov](mailto:emily.squires@maryland.gov), 410-260-6443.**

The Commission is also sponsoring a Creative Contest for students coordinated by the Maryland Historical Society. The Commission is inviting student artists and scholars throughout Maryland to produce creative pieces including essays, art and videos that exemplify notable women – past, present and/or future – who were, are or will be instrumental in the continuation of women's rights. For more information on the timeline and guidelines for submission, please see the attached flyer.

To find out more about the *Governor's Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment to the United States Constitution*, please see their web page at: <https://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen/>.

**MORNING BOOK CLUB**  
**By Mary Wittner**

On Wednesday, March 6<sup>th</sup> at 10:30 AM, we'll be discussing the book, "The Quartet" by Joseph Ellis which provides a detailed history of the formation of our country and the roles of our leaders to achieve democracy. Mary McGrath will lead and host the discussion at her home, 1275 Bugeye Ct. in Annapolis. Please call or text Mary at 410-570-1279 or email her at [mary@bugeye.net](mailto:mary@bugeye.net) and let her know whether or not you can attend. All are welcome.

**EVENING BOOK CLUB**  
**By Stacey Hilder**

The Wednesday Evening Book Club will meet from 7 to 9 pm on March 6<sup>th</sup> at the home of Linda King, 185 Doncaster Rd, Arnold. We will discuss the book *Hillbilly Elegy* by J. D. Vance. For more info, please contact Linda King at 703-599-9646 or [linda.king2939@icloud.com](mailto:linda.king2939@icloud.com).

A recent book club trip: After reading and discussing CODE GIRLS, the evening book group had a field trip to the National Cryptologic Museum on the NSA property in Laurel. The visit was arranged by Vera Herath, an associate member of the book group and a former linguist with the agency. They saw first hand the machines used by cryptographers over the years and learned of the role these activities have played in our military and security actions.

**GREAT DECISIONS GROUP**  
**By Terry Sayler**

Great Decisions will meet Friday, March 8 at 9:45 AM. The topic is Decoding U.S.-China Trade. The link below provides lots of details. If you are interested in joining the group, please contact Terry Sayler, [410-757-2446](tel:410-757-2446) or [saylerterry2@gmail.com](mailto:saylerterry2@gmail.com) for more information.

[https://www.fpa.org/great\\_decisions/index.cfm?act=to\\_pic\\_detail&topic\\_id=78](https://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/index.cfm?act=to_pic_detail&topic_id=78).

## SCIENCE, TECHNOLOGY, ENGINEERING AND MATH (STEM)

By Debby Chessin



WANTED...a few enthusiastic volunteers to work on the STEM 4 Girls committee! We will work together with Anne Arundel County Public Schools (AACPS), Anne

Arundel Community College (AACC) and Kids College on the AACC campus to provide a morning of exciting and engaging STEM workshops for 4<sup>th</sup> grade girls from Anne Arundel County, and an informative panel for their parents.

STEM 4 Girls aims to instill a love for STEM for girls everywhere, to help change girls' attitudes towards STEM, and to increase participation in STEM fields when they enter the work force. For more information, please visit their website: <http://www.stem4girls.org/>.

Contact Debby Chessin at [dachessin@gmail.com](mailto:dachessin@gmail.com) or text/call 662-801-0880. Thanks very much!

## 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.

## BRANCH HISTORY NOTES

By Terry Saylor, Historian

50 years ago in March 1969, the Severna Park Branch of AAUW held its branch meeting at Our Shepherd Lutheran Church in Severna Park. The program consisted of a panel of 3 speakers from the county school system who addressed "Sex Education in the School and the Home". At the conclusion of the meeting, the branch voted to support the county's effort to implement family life and sex education in the public schools.

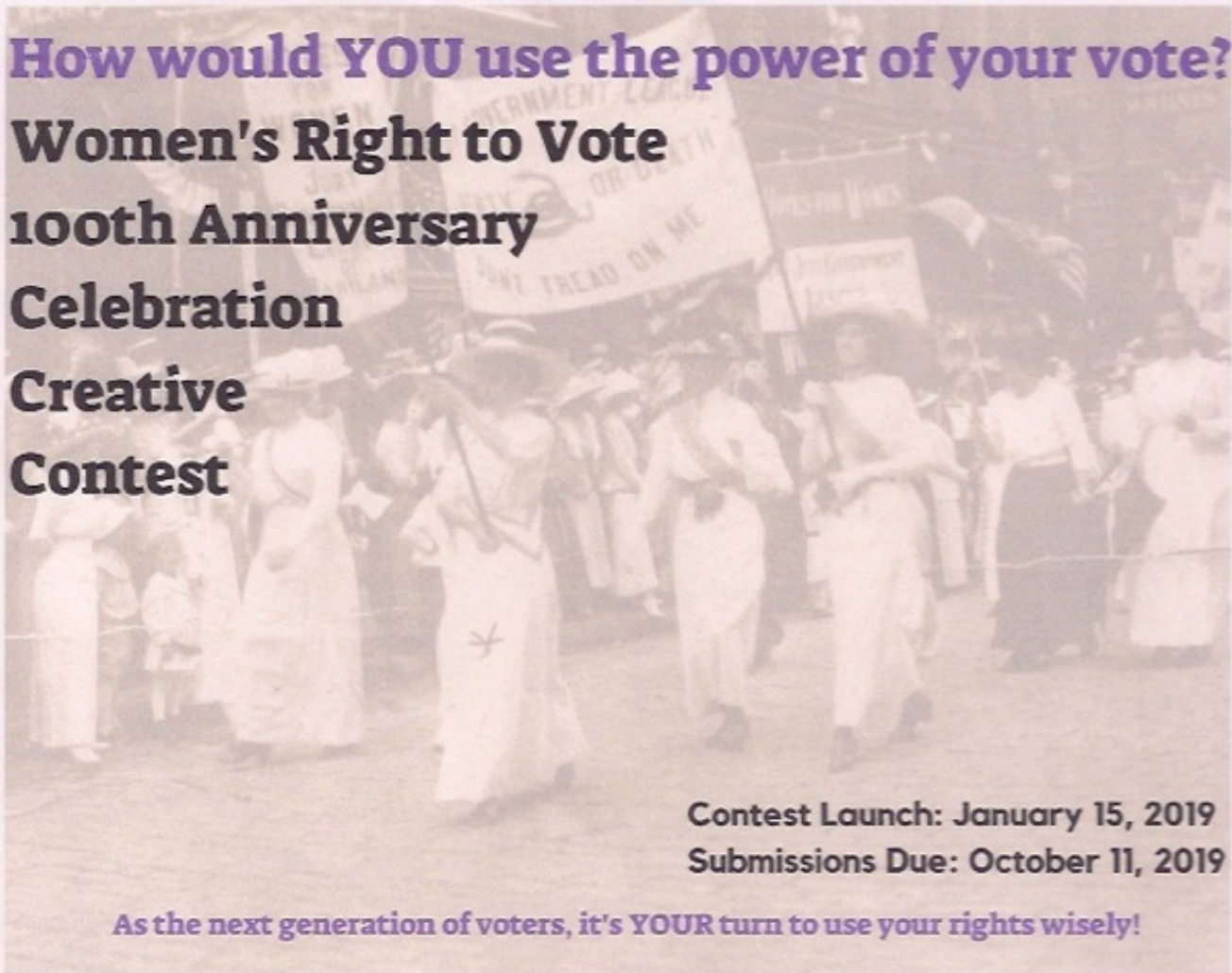
### CALENDAR OF UPCOMING EVENTS

March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Morning Book Club</b> , 10:30am, Mary McGrath's home (info above)
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Evening Book Club</b> , 7-9pm, Linda King's home (info above)
March 6 <sup>th</sup>	Wednesday	<b>Women to Women (W2W)</b> Scholarship application are due
March 8 <sup>th</sup>	Friday	<b>Great Decisions Group</b> , 9:45 am, contact Terry Saylor for details (info above)
March 11 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<b>AAUW March Branch Meeting</b> , 7pm, Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
March 16 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>Dues for FY-20</b> , March 16 through June 30, send in your renewals early
March 18 <sup>th</sup>	Monday	<b>Conversations &amp; Cocktails</b> , 3:30 – 6:30pm, Brio Tuscan Grill (details above)
March 26 <sup>th</sup>	Tuesday	<b>Transfer Scholarship</b> application are due
April 27 <sup>th</sup>	Saturday	<b>Annual Spring Luncheon</b> , mark your calendars more info to come

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# How would YOU use the power of your vote?

## Women's Right to Vote 100th Anniversary Celebration Creative Contest



Contest Launch: January 15, 2019  
Submissions Due: October 11, 2019

As the next generation of voters, it's YOUR turn to use your rights wisely!

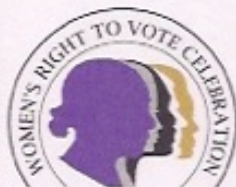
The Maryland Commission on the Commemoration of the 100th Anniversary of the Passage of the 19th Amendment of the United States Constitution...

invites high school students to submit original research & artwork!

Create a project that best exemplifies how you learn from suffragists past to become a guardian of women's rights in the present and perpetuate the power of women in the future!

#### PROJECT FORMATS

- Essay
- Digital
- Flat
- Video
- 3-D



Project Guidelines: <http://msa.maryland.gov/mdvotesforwomen>

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