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Fall Conference in Hagerstown Breaking through Barriers

At our September 27th conference in Hagerstown, Maryland state AAUW members are being asked to put on their "goggles" and guide a pilot project initiated by the Association.

At the June 22, 2008 joint meeting of the AAUW and AAUW Educational Foundation Boards, both boards unanimously supported the **Breaking through Barriers** as the unifying focus for AAUW. (Refer to the AAUW Current Topics Briefing #5 issued by Linda Hallman, CAE, Executive Director on June 30th, 2008 on page 7.) AAUW Maryland will roll out the new **Breaking through Barriers** and utilize the **PEARL** concept. This is the concept that Linda Hallman introduced to us at our state convention in April. The **PEARL** (Protect; Educate; Advocate; Research; Lead), concept is the mnemonic for identifying the strategies that AAUW will use to implement **Breaking through Barriers**. **PEARL** also amplifies our Mission Statement.

There are many new programs, added to the multitude of long-standing ones, that the Association wants to market or market better, to members. These all can be viewed in the context of **PEARL**. The Association is anxious to share all these exciting new programs and their new tactics for bringing awareness and choice to members. It is hoped that AAUW Maryland will help develop effective communication and distribution methods by vetting the concepts.

Jill Birdwhistell, Chief of Strategic Advancement, will be our guest and lead us through this process. Many of us are looking for programs for our branches and how to access the Association for help and resources. Keeping **PEARL** and our mission statement in mind, we plan to come up with lots of ideas for branch programs and suggestions for implementation.

The afternoon session is designed for sharing programs that fit into the **PEARL** concept. The plan is to hear from as many branches as possible; depending on the number of presentations, time may be limited. If your branch would like to share a program with the group, e-mail Pat Crane at chuckpat@goeaston.net.

PEARL is a *gem of an idea* and we feel very honored in being selected for this pilot project. We hope that as many of you as possible will come and share your *pearls of wisdom* for advancing communication among the Association, the state and branches. Maryland can make this a real turning point for AAUW; it should be an exciting day for all of us.

Protect the legal rights of those facing discrimination

- ◆ Programs: To Be Announced
- ◆ Fund: AAUW-Legal Advocacy Fund

Educate women for a lifetime of success

- ◆ Programs: Fellowships, Research and Project Grants, Career Development Grants, National Girls Collaborative Project, Financial Literacy
- ◆ Fund: AAUW-Educational Foundation

Advocate for laws that give women a fair chance

- ◆ Programs: Public Policy, Lobby Corps, Congressional Voting Record, Two-Minute Activist, Get-Out-The-Vote
- ◆ Fund: AAUW

Research education and economic barriers that harm women

- ◆ Programs: Research reports
- ◆ Fund: AAUW-Eleanor Roosevelt Fund

Lead and teach others to lead in our homes, schools, communities and country

- ◆ Programs: NCCWSL, Campus Action Projects, Campaign College, Get-Out-The-Vote
- ◆ Fund: AAUW-Leadership and Training Institute

Directions to the conference and registration form are on page 11

Message from Marcie



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This will be a short message, as I know we are all getting together on September 27 in Hagerstown for an exciting Fall Conference. Before attending, you, as individuals and branches, have some exciting and important homework to complete.

First, please read ***Breaking through Barriers***, (see p. 1), the excellent write-up by Mary Anne Williams and Pat Crane about our Fall Conference. Presented are seed pearls for ideas which you can bring and share with everyone. As you will see, in addition to hearing from guest speaker, Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW's Chief of Strategic Advancement, you will have an active part in the conference. Next, come to the fall conference with descriptions of your branch programs that already fit into the PEARL concept or ideas for programs that will help implement PEARL in the future. We, as pilots, cannot afford delays but must have a timely landing.

As I was looking through *Bartlett's Familiar Quotations*, I found an appropriate passage from *Contemplations* (c.1630), book IV, The Veil of Moses:

"There is many a rich stone laid up in the bowels of the earth, many a fair pearl laid up in the bosom of the sea, that never was seen, nor never shall be."

We must release our PEARLS so that we can keep the AAUW Value Promise:

"By joining AAUW, we belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

See you in Hagerstown!

Marcie

Woman to Woman Elections

The November 4th elections will determine the President of the United States as well as the House of Representatives and one third of the Senate. As women, we are a powerful force as we represent the majority of the population of the State of Maryland. We are only powerful if we exercise our right to vote.

Currently this country seems to be in turmoil with many issues at hand. Sources of concern are the war in Iraq, rising gas and food prices, and the tenuous state of our financial institutions. By the time this is printed, others may appear without readily viable solutions.

It is time that we express our feelings with our vote. We should urge our friends and neighbors to vote. Registration deadline is October 14th at 9 PM if you have not yet registered to vote. Absentee ballots

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as well as registration can be obtained by going to www.elections.state.md.us. Absentee ballots must be obtained by October 28th. Mailed ballots must be postmarked no later than November 4th and received by the local board of elections by 10:00 AM November 14th.

This is an important election. Offer to help the elderly or incapacitated in your neighborhood to register, take them to polls or help them obtain and mail absentee ballots. Remember, those ballots mailed late are not considered.

The future of our country is at stake. We now have the opportunity to vote for the leadership of our country.

We must express our views and vote!

Using the Value Promise to Create Change

Linda Haigh Tozier, MAR Director

“By joining AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so all women have a fair chance.” On June 22nd the joint AAUW and Educational Foundation Boards unanimously supported “Breaking through Barriers” as the unifying focus for AAUW. This unifying focus identifies what AAUW does, uniting membership with program and thereby integrating all AAUW programs to better serve our goals. It’s going to be an exciting year for AAUW as we develop our leadership and prepare for significant structural change.

The June 21st **Middle Atlantic Leadership Training Meeting** had 55 participants, including 26 from Maryland. I want to thank Tracy Lantz and Edie Allison, AAUW MD Membership Co-Vice Presidents, for preparing an on-line interactive workshop to assist state and branch leaders in using the AAUW Member Center. Graham Boose from the West Chester (PA) branch introduced the *Let’s Read Math* EF Projects Grant that is available to branches in all MAR states. Dot McLane, AAUW PA immediate past president, presented information on the National Girls Collaborative Project (NGCP). Sally Chamberlain, EF Board, presented leadership ideas. Anthony Hill, AAUW Board, facilitated membership techniques. And Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW Chief of Strategic Advancement, spoke about changes in the Legal Advocacy Fund.

The AAUW **Leadership Development DVD**

Member Leader Focus 2008 series is comprised of seven modules. The combined running time of all modules is 188 minutes. The seven modules and running times are: #1. **AAUW and the Future** – Executive Director Linda Hallman (14 minutes); #2. **AAUW and Leadership** – Leadership Training Institute Director Kate Farrar (13 minutes); #3. **Advancing Equity through Advocacy** – Lisa Maatz, Department of Public Policy and Government Relations (23 minutes) and Jill Birdwhistell, AAUW Chief of Strategic Advancement (14 minutes on LAF); #4. **Advancing Equity through Education and Research** – Gloria Blackwell, Foundation Director of Fellowships and Grants, Catherine Hill, Director of Research and Kate Farrar, LTI Director (39 minutes); **Advancing the Mission through Membership, Communications and Marketing** – Membership Director Christy Jones, Field Relations Manager Claudia Richards, Business Development Manager Kemmell Watson, Director of Communications and Marketing Ashley Carr (Membership 22 minutes, Member Benefits 10 minutes, Communications 19 minutes); #6 **Philanthropy** – Manager of Major Gifts and Planned Giving Carol Rongrud, Director of Development Laura McCulty Stepp (20 minutes); and #7 **Finance** – Jean Gilbert, Interim CFO (14 minutes).

Each state president has received two copies of the Leadership DVD. Individual branches can request copies by emailing Jill Birdwhistell (jillb@aauw.org).

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Maryland Women: Voice and Action

by Linda Shevitz

Maryland Women's Heritage Center program chair

Maryland Women's Heritage Center is developing new programs and initiatives with support from organizations like AAUW Maryland, AAUW branches and the Maryland Commission for Women. The new president of the Heritage Center is Frances Hughes Glendening, former First Lady of Maryland and a long-time leader in promoting women's history. AAUW Maryland president Marcia Posner is a new Heritage Center Advisory Board member.

Action

While exploring options for a permanent site in Baltimore, the Center sponsored several programs and expanded its website, www.mdwomensheritagecenter.org.

The Heritage Center held "Invest in Yourself", an empowerment seminar for women, at Wor-Wic Community College in Salisbury. Some 100 women came to the no-cost event, cosponsored with the Maryland Commission for Women and Verizon. Sessions covered topics titled Job Strategies for Job Seekers, Job Interviewing Tips, Women's Health and Fitness, and Budgeting. Inspirational keynote speaker Carolyn Stegman, author of *Women of Achievement in Maryland*, is a Heritage Center board member.

The center sponsored the Women's History Tour of Baltimore, with dramatic presentations of historical Maryland women at each site. Tour participants visited Harriet Tubman in an Underground Railroad site at Orchard Street Church, Mother Lange who founded St. Francis Academy and started the first order of Black nuns in the United States, early 20th century Jewish immigrant Ida Rohr, and Mary Young Pickersgill, the business-woman who sewed the Star-Spangled Banner in the War of 1812.

2008-2009 activities will include a Maryland

Women's Art Exhibit at the World Trade Center in Baltimore, displays at expos and events around the state, Kate Campbell Stevenson in her one-woman show "Women: Back to the Future", leadership training activities for young girls, a quarterly newsletter, and a book-signing and presentation by a noted Maryland woman author. Stevenson, an AAUW member, performed this new show at the 2008 AAUW Maryland Convention in April.

Using its theme, "*Women: Taking the Lead to Save Our Planet*," during national Women's History Month in March 2009, the center and local groups will honor Rachel Carson, considered a founder of the environmental action movement, as well as other Marylanders who have contributed to environmental initiatives. A Maryland Women's History Tour of Annapolis is also being planned.

Voice

When the Heritage Center opens as the first state women's center of its kind in the nation, it will provide meeting space for organizations working on women's issues to come together to discuss concerns and strategies for action. One of the center's first exhibits will reflect the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame, which annually inducts five historical and contemporary Maryland women who have made outstanding contributions in a wide range of endeavors. Currently the Hall of Fame consists only of a commemorative plaque in the Maryland Law Library in Annapolis. The Maryland Women's Heritage Center will make the stories of these remarkable women come alive.

To learn more about "Invest in Yourself", contact seminar chair Linda Busick, <linbusick@aol.com>. For more information and to become part of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, contact executive director Jill Moss Greenberg at <mwhcjill@comcast.net> or Linda Shevitz at <lshevitz@mdse.state.md.us>.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Plaintiff Settles Suit with Columbia

WASHINGTON - An AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund-supported plaintiff has settled her lawsuit against Columbia University for an undisclosed sum.

In *Chichilnisky v. Columbia University*, Graciela Chichilnisky, one of Columbia's most distinguished international economists and mathematicians, sued the university for pay discrimination under the Equal Pay Act and Title VII of the Civil Rights Act. Columbia did not admit to any wrongdoing.

"I was awarded a substantive monetary settlement," Chichilnisky said. "I am pleased and ready to move forward."

Chichilnisky has been a tenured, full professor at Columbia since 1979. She studied at the Massachusetts Institute of Technology and at the University of California, Berkeley and has two doctoral degrees, one in mathematics and one in economics.

"Despite being internationally recognized for her research and publications, Professor Chichilnisky was still confronted by pay discrimination," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "Her case illustrates the inequities women continue to face. AAUW is committed to breaking

through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance."

AAUW contributed significant funds to offset Chichilnisky's latest round of legal expenses. Members of New York City area AAUW branches attended her recent trial to show their support.

The case is Chichilnisky's second suit against the university for pay discrimination. In 1991, she alleged that the university had violated the Equal Pay Act and Title VII, after she found out that her salary was roughly 30 percent lower than the median salary of her male colleagues in her department. She won a \$500,000 settlement in 1995.

In 2000, Chichilnisky went back to court, contending that the university retaliated against her and reneged on the settlement terms. She also claimed that her pay once again lagged dramatically behind that of her male counterparts. Columbia later filed counterclaims against Chichilnisky, charging that she had violated the university's rules by not reporting that she had a second job and that she had breached settlement terms.

View the full case summary of *Chichilnisky v. Columbia University* at <http://www.aauw.org/advocacy/laf/cases/chichilnisky.cfm>

Attention Branch Presidents and Branch Treasurers

It will be necessary to file a form with the Department of the Treasury, Internal Revenue Service by November 15, 2008, the 15th day of the fifth month after the close of our tax period. Which form you need to file depends on what your branch's gross receipts were for our tax year that ended June 30th. For gross receipts of \$25,000 or less, an annual electronic notice is all that is required. If you have gross receipts of more than \$25,000 then a longer form is required. The Annual Electronic Notice must include the following information: -Organization's legal name; -Any other names your organization uses; -Organization's mailing address; -Organization's website address (if you have one); -Organization's employer identification number (EIN); -Name and address of a principal officer of your organization; -Organization's annual tax period; -Verify that your organization's annual gross receipts are still normally \$25,000 or less, and -Indicate if your organization has terminated (is no longer in business). **Answers to most of the questions that you may have as well as forms and e-filing can be found at www.irs.gov/eo.** You can also subscribe to an EO Newsletter at www.irs.gov/eo and click on "EO Newsletter."

I can find no requirement for a companion report to be filed with the State of Maryland.

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THE LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND IN EVOLUTION

The Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) has three parts of its focus:

- 1) a resource library
- 2) campus outreach programs
- 3) case support.

It is the case support direction of LAF which is evolving. The case support of the past where AAUW supported individual plaintiffs such as Lisa Simpson (Simpson v. University of Colorado; she was our 2007 convention speaker) is over (although cases already supported by LAF will continue to receive support). The new case support will be for plaintiffs in all kinds of gender related inequities, not necessarily in academia. The direction will be to pick out potential precedent-setting lawsuits.

Lilly Ledbetter v. Goodyear Tire & Rubber Co. is an example of the future focus of LAF. In Ledbetter, decided by the U.S. Supreme Court in 2007, the Court held that Ms. Ledbetter, who was paid less than her male fellow employees, waited too long to file her claim of discrimination. She should have filed within 180 days of the time the pay discrimination started, not within 180 days after she found out that she was not getting equal pay. The vote of the Court was 5 - 4, and legislation is pending in Congress to rectify this interpretation of the Equal Pay Act.

AAUW MARYLAND HONORED FOR TOP GIVING TO LAF

AAUW Maryland has been recognized as seventh (7th) in the top ten state fundraising for per capita giving to LAF in 2007.

VCR TAPES AVAILABLE

Available to branches for programs are VCR tapes of speeches made by LAF award recipients:

1. Graciela Chichilnisky v. Columbia University- This tape is about 45 minutes long. Dr. Chichilnisky is a very forceful speaker. She has been in litigation with Columbia University since 1991. On June 26, 2008, after a ten day trial, Dr. Chichilnisky settled with Columbia University for a significant, but undisclosed, monetary amount. (see p. 5)

2. Susan Whittaker v. Northern Illinois University- This tape is about 20 minutes long and generates a great discussion by viewers.

AAUW National Convention, 2005-Speaking Out for Justice Award Winner Congresswoman Eleanor Holmes Norton is the speaker.

Contact me if you would like to use a tape. Also, if you would like a branch visit to talk about LAF, please contact me.

Educational Foundation

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As I begin my term as the Educational Foundation Vice President for AAUW Maryland, I realize I have a big task in keeping up with the achievements of the last year. AAUW MD was the proud recipient of three significant awards from the AAUW Educational Foundation:

- ♦ 1st Place Award - Top Ten for Per Capita Giving by State to the Educational Foundation
- ♦ 1st Place Award - Total Contribution Growth over Previous Recognition Year to the Educational Foundation;
- ♦ 3rd Place Award - Top Ten for Total Giving by State to the Educational Foundation.

As the outgoing EF Vice President Karen Richardson reported in the prior issue of *The Marylander*, 100% of AAUW MD branches contributed to EF in 2007. This is certainly a noteworthy achievement and speaks to the importance our members see in the Educational Foundation. It is also important to mention again in this issue the significant contributions of Eileen Menton and Janet Crampton in fully funding the fellowships they created. Thanks to everyone who made these achievements a reality!

Many thanks to Karen for all of your hard work the last two years. You are going to be a hard act to follow!

Breaking through Barriers - AAUW's Unifying Focus

Issued by: **Linda Hallman, CAE, Executive Director**

At the June 22, 2008 joint meeting of the AAUW and AAUW Educational Foundation Boards, both boards unanimously supported ***Breaking through Barriers*** as the unifying focus for AAUW. This action followed two years of dialogue and market analysis to identify the program focus for AAUW that embodies our legacy, personalizes our mission and illuminates our path into the future.

WHY does AAUW need a unifying focus?

- It expresses the essence of AAUW — what we have been, are and will be -- our DNA.

It amplifies our Mission Statement to make clear **how** the organization will “advance equity for women and girls” and **in what pursuit/s** we will apply our advocacy, education and research.

WHAT is a unifying focus?

- Since our new Value Promise, “As a member of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance” identifies what AAUW does -- our unifying focus, ***Breaking Through Barriers*** captures both the spirit and the strategy implied by the Value Promise.

- Our unifying focus is more than a program “theme.” It becomes the foundation, the rationale and the catalyst for program initiatives that address societal needs.

- An organization’s unifying focus identifies something that coalesces its membership. ***Breaking through Barriers*** brings us together, describing what we believe and what we do. It announces that we do what we value, and what we do brings value—to members, to those we serve and to society.

Our unifying focus mandates integration of AAUW’s program components: public policy, Educational Foundation and Legal Advocacy awards, research (study + action), NCCWSL, Campus Action Projects, etc., in service of our goals.

HOW will we use our unifying focus, ***Breaking Through Barriers***?

Our unifying focus has contextual flexibility, equally appropriate for application to women’s educational, economic, legal, political and socio-cultural challenges.

It conveys both power and intentionality. It is somewhat provocative, identifying our target issues as externalities to be attacked, rather than limitations in women’s ability or will to succeed. And it suggests the confidence we have to break through those targeted barriers to achieve our goals.

Breaking through barriers-- not breaking them *down*, is an artful way of describing our methodology. We make strategic decisions that: (a) carefully identify barriers that we are prepared and equipped to attack, and (b) select tactics that capitalize on the strengths of our association.

Breaking through Barriers establishes a filter for programmatic decision-making, reminding us of our Value Promise. ***Breaking through Barriers*** focuses us as a community on our shared dedication to helping all women to have a fair chance.

At the same time, ***Breaking Through Barriers*** unites membership with program, since it also focuses us individually on our promise that by joining AAUW we are committed to taking personal action to help to break through barriers on behalf of women and girls.

Because of our size, 100,000 members, we “carry a big stick.” Because of our research, credibility is always a key part of our arsenal. Because of our history of achievement, we have a reputation for effectiveness. Because of our commitment to investing in our mission – “putting our money where our mouth is” – our adversaries know that AAUW is a force to be reckoned with, and that we have “staying power” in our dedication to breaking through the barriers that we target.

In announcing our new unifying focus, ***Breaking through Barriers***, we are issuing fair warning – we ARE breaking through barriers. We mean it; we’ve done it before; and we are “coming after them” again....and again and again, if we have to! All of us, all the time.

From the Editor

- ♦ Our ranks are replete with interesting women and men. It would be nice to profile them in *The Marylander*. Please submit name, biographical data and pictures (if available) so that we can recognize our members.
- ♦ *The Marylander* would like include on its calendar branch events to which others are welcome.



AAUW MD PROMOTES LITERACY

This fall begins our third year of partnering with MD Head Start and promoting literacy with pre-school children through our book donations. In going back through my records, I have recorded that the Patuxent River Branch (formerly Calvert County Branch) has donated books over the three year period totaling 335. That is impressive. As we move into our fourth year, 2008-2009, I look forward to hearing what our other branches are doing to promote children's issues.

In case you have not already guessed, I have agreed to serve another year as Chair of Children's Issues for AAUW MD.

During 2007-2008 year, we have the most CI branch chairs that we have ever had. In addition to the book donations to MD Head Start, many events, activities and projects that benefit children have been led by our branches all over the state.

Book Recommendation

During the summer, I read *Three Cups of Tea* by Greg Mortenson and David O. Reelin. (Penguin Books, New York, NY, 2007) What a visionary book about universal literacy and education for all children, and especially girls. Greg Mortenson is both a hero and a member of AAUW. I highly recommend this book for our book groups and/or personal reading. For an additional endorsement, see inside cover of *Outlook* (Spring/Summer, 2008).

An Additional State Project

During the summer, I was in contact with those of you who lead our children's issues work. I am anticipating that this fall the Baltimore branch will partner with Free Braille Books for Blind Children. More information will be forthcoming.

Good News for CI Chairs

I hope that you read the article "Where The Girls (And Boys) Are - And Where The Real Crisis Is" by Christianne Corbett in *Outlook*, (Spring/Summer, 2008) It is good news for both boys and girls and for us as CI leaders.

Looking Ahead

Be sure to let me know who your branch Children's Issues Chair is for 2008-2009 and how your branch will

Children's Issues

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continue to support this part of our program by emailing me your news and views. A big thank you to each of you who have served as branch CI Chairs during the past three years, an even bigger "thank you" if you plan to continue in this appointment and a heartfelt welcome to any new incoming CI Chairs.

Calling All Branch and Prospective Branch Children's Issues Chairs

As we prepare to activate our programs for the coming fall season, I hope that your branch will have a Children's Issues Chair. I have enjoyed being the State Children's Issues Chair and I plan to continue for another year. We will also continue our book donations project with MD Head Start and we are thinking about a new state project.

Ideas!

* Ask branch members to be "Read Aloud Volunteers" in a MD Head Start Center or in a public school and/or day care center. According to Marsha Luce, Kensington-Rockville is working with a local library to develop a reading program at a local women's shelter.

* Give pre-school theme books based on holidays for the coming AAUW year.

* Sponsor a youth service day in your community that earns school community service hours for participation. As you work together, remember your dialogue with the youth is just as important as the work.

Something New To Think About!

* Partner with *Braille Books for Blind Children* which is located at 1800 Johnson St. in Baltimore, MD

* Let us think about how we can support their "Free Braille Books for Blind Children" program. One creative idea would be to supply print copies of the same books that they give to blind children so that sighted family members could read along with the blind child. I have the reading book list for the fall and the books cost less than \$5.00 each.

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Calling All Branch and Prospective Branch Children's Issues Chairs *continued*

* The Baltimore Branch members might be interested in a tour of their facility. I could set this up for us for early fall. During a site visit, we would learn about other possibilities to partner with this organization.

So, please think about these ideas and give us some feedback. Together, let's do something new in Fall, 2008.

Thank you so much to our 2007-2008 branch Children's Issues Chairs for their leadership:

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Branch News

Patuxent River

"Dare to Dream" Awards Presented At ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP MEETING

AAUW Patuxent River Branch developed the DARE TO DREAM GRANT to provide women in Southern Maryland with opportunities for personal growth, educational enrichment, and/or community service. Women living in Calvert, Charles and St. Mary's Counties age 18 years and older are eligible for this grant.

Anne Harrison, Dare to Dream chairperson, presented the 2008 Dare to Dream grants of \$800 on May 22, 2008 in Solomons Island to three women who have a dream to pursue.

Denise Barnes—California, MD.

Denise Barnes is a writing consultant and mother of four children. Her dream is to earn an associate's degree from the College of Southern Maryland. Having started a business named Badelyn Consulting, Denise wants to do more than write resumes, newsletters, and informative booklets. She wants to instruct and advise non-profit groups on how to get their businesses off the ground. Completing college would be achieving a dream for Denise and could provide an incentive for her children to create educational goals of their own. Her Dare to Dream award of \$300.00 will be used for her college course fees.

Mary Bowen---Sunderland, MD.

Mary Bowen works with TEAM CARE of Huntington High School in helping students learn to make 25 blankets which will be donated to PROJECT ECHO. They distribute the blankets to children who have gone through hard times. The children receiving the blan-

kets feel loved by their community and benefit from a sense of belonging. Mary's dream is to bring smiles to the faces of these children. The educational enrichment of the TEAM CARE students includes learning how to measure fabric, read a ruler, and use scissors. Mary will use her award of \$200.00 to purchase material for the blankets.

Terawara (Terry) Keys-Bowman---Marbury, MD.

"On the Road to A Better Life" is the name of Terry Keys-Bowman's community project. Her efforts are to help families face the major challenges of life in Western Charles County. She is trying to revitalize her community. Good Works projects help people in need to secure quality family life, education, health care, transportation and other services that address basic human needs. "On the Road to a Better Life" acts to provide assistance and motivation to assist Western Charles County families, therefore improving our communities person by person, and family by family. Terry's award of \$300.00 will be used to further her Good Works projects.



Denise Barnes, Terry Keys-Bowman, and Mary Bowen show their certificates.

Branch News

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Baltimore

The Baltimore Branch Program Committee has been busy getting ideas together for an interesting line up of meetings in the coming year. If you're in our vicinity, please join us for an interesting time. In September, plans are developing for a public service meeting designed to provide information to prospective college students and their parents about funding opportunities. In October, the Branch plans to host an educational forum about issues pertinent to the upcoming election. The November meeting will focus on the Middle East with an expert from Washington, DC. Our traditional holiday dinner will be December 11 at the Johns Hopkins Club. In January we hope to meet with a local author at a bookstore. We've invited AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman to speak at our Valentine luncheon. In March we hope to hear from Dr.

Seurkamp, President of the College of Notre Dame. We'll close the year with a roundtable discussion over lunch about two interesting books: *Rumors of Our Progress Have Been Greatly Exaggerated*, and *Why Women Should Rule the World*. Most meetings will be on the third Thursday at 7:30 pm, but there will be a number of Saturday daytime meetings as well. More information will be available as plans are finalized. Check the Branch website at <http://aauw.baltimore.googlepages.com> for updates. (Note: there's no www in the address.)

Baltimore Branch members are also encouraged to participate in Branch projects and interest groups, including HIV/AIDS education for junior high students, holiday book wish for third graders, and monthly meetings of the Gourmet Group and the Book Group.

Howard County

Howard County Fashion Show

The 2008 Fashion Show, sponsored by the Howard County Branch of AAUW and held April 19 in Columbia, MD, was a grand success. It was elegant, well organized, enjoyable, and the profits were sufficient to fund our annual scholarship for a college student. About 70 people attended.

We had partners that supported our efforts. Vantage House, a retirement community, underwrote some of the costs and provided a lovely auditorium and elegant tea. The Lord & Taylor store in the Columbia Mall supplied the fashions. Thirty-three merchants donated door prizes for attendees. Our Branch provided models, room decorations, music, printed programs, and the narration of the show.



L-R: Jennifer Ingram, Marcie Posner, a Vantage House resident, Emma Pope (chair), Barbara Carter, Phyllis Cook, Roberta Rood, Jane Trolinger, a daughter, Diane Roca, Jean Salkeld, Jean Salkeld's granddaughter

The Fall 2008 meeting will be held at: St. Joseph's Catholic Church
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 Hagerstown, MD 21740

Directions: Take I-70 to exit 28
 Go straight across the first intersection (traffic light)
 The next light is at Virginia Avenue
 Turn left and then an immediate right onto the church parking lot
 The church is on the corner of Virginia Avenue and Halfway Boulevard



If you get lost in transit call Robbie Matonak at 240-217-6790 for directions

Lodging suggestion: Country Inn and Suites by Carlson—<http://www.countryinns.com/hagerstownmd>
 17612 Valley Mall, Hagerstown, MD, toll free reservations 1-888-201-1746

Registration and Continental Breakfast:	9:00 AM
Business Meeting:	9:30 AM
Keynote Address by Jill Birdwhistell followed by discussion:	11:00 AM
Lunch:	12:30 PM
Afternoon Discussion:	1:30 PM—3:00 PM



Meeting registration must be postmarked by September 15th. Mail registration form and check for \$25 payable to "AAUW MD" to AAUW c/o Sheri Specht, 2403 Boteler Rd., Brownsville, MD 21715

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St. Joseph's Catholic Church,
17630 Virginia Ave., Hagerstown, MD

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Will be held in January, 2009
Date, time and location still to be
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St. Louis, Missouri

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