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## **AAUW Maryland Annual Convention Frederick, Maryland, April 26, 2014**

### **MAKING A DIFFERENCE!**

All branch members are encouraged to attend. We will focus on MAKING A DIFFERENCE! We will learn about how we can make an even greater difference at the federal, state, and community levels. Come learn about the AAUW Lobby Corps and MLAW--the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women. Help elect our state officers. Meet your fellow AAUW members from around the state.

The Frederick branch encourages you to come early and stay late--shop at antique, boutique, and unique shops, tour the nearby Monocacy National Battlefield or Antietam, visit nearby Catoctin Mountain National Park or the C&O Canal National Park.

Dining is always fun in Frederick: everything from Asian to Italian to American, and including Volt and Family Meal, both owned by Brian Voltaggio of Top Chef fame.

History buffs will delight in the walking tour of downtown Frederick. Did you know that Frederick is the location of the only meeting of the state legislature outside of Annapolis?

One note of advice for those coming via I-270 is to avoid congestion between 3 and 7 pm Friday. There will be an informal supper Friday evening at Mary Ann Williams' home. For those staying Friday night, a block of rooms is being arranged at the Hampton Inn Frederick-Fort Dietrich near Route 15, which will be the convention location.

### **Agenda**

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| 8:30  | <b>Registration &amp; Light Breakfast</b>                                                                                                                                                                            |
| 9:00  | <b>Welcome</b> – Mary Anne Williams, Frederick County Branch Administrator<br><b>Welcome</b> - Pat Stocker, AAUW Maryland President                                                                                  |
| 9:15  | <b>AAUW: Making a Difference for Women and Girls: Successes in Public Policy at the National Level</b><br>Keynote: Erin Prangle, National AAUW Associate Director of Government Relations, introduced by Roxann King |
| 10:00 | <b>The Power of Individual AAUW Members at the National Level</b><br><b>Panel Discussion – Lobby Corps</b><br>Facilitator: Kathy Kelm<br>Panelists: Barbara Carter, Sharon Halligan, Lynn Hapchuk and Kim Hinton     |
| 10:45 | <b>Setting Priorities for Maryland</b><br>Anita Rosen, AAUW MD Public Policy Co-Vice President                                                                                                                       |
| 11:15 | <b>Branch Breakout Groups: Making a Difference in Maryland</b><br>Introduced by Susan Wierman                                                                                                                        |
| 12:00 | <b>AAUW Maryland Business Meeting and Election of Officers</b>                                                                                                                                                       |
| 12:30 | <b>Lunch</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                         |
| 1:30  | <b>Continue Business Meeting</b>                                                                                                                                                                                     |
| 4:00  | <b>Adjourn</b>                                                                                                                                                                                                       |

Mary Anne Williams invites all AAUW Maryland members to a pre-convention dinner on Friday at 6:30 p.m. at her home. Her address is 14 E. 9<sup>th</sup> St., Frederick, MD, 21701.  
*Indicate attendance on the registration form.*

## Convention Speakers



**ERIN PRANGLEY** is the Associate Director of Government Relations for the American Association of University Women. Ms. Prangley has also worked for senior members of Congress and the Congressional Caucus for Women's Issues. She also practiced law for several years, concentrating on immigration, employment law, business consulting and veterans benefits.

Ms. Prangley is a contributing author to the National Coalition for Women and Girls in Education (NCWGE) report "Title IX at 40: Working to Ensure Gender Equity in Education (2012)."

Ms. Prangley is a graduate of the University of Southern California (BA, sociology) and American University's Washington College of Law (JD).



**AAUW LOBBY CORPS PANEL: BARBARA CARTER, LYNN HAPCHUK, SHARON HALLIGAN, KIM HINTON, AND KATHY KELM.** Each Thursday when Congress is in session, 20-25 members of AAUW's Lobby Corps visit congressional offices. Lobby corps members visited over 1500 congressional offices during the last session. Over 1000 visits were made just in support of the Violence Against Women Act, which passed both Houses of Congress. Five of our Maryland members will tell their stories of what it means to be a Lobby Corps member. Briefings begin every Thursday at 9:30 a.m. and visits usually end by noon.

**AAUW LOBBY CORPS MEMBERS**



**ANITA ROSEN** is Public Policy Co-Vice President for AAUW Maryland, a position she has held previously. She is also Co-President for the Kensington-Rockville Branch of AAUW and the representative for AAUW Maryland to the Women's Legislative Briefing held annually in January in Rockville. Recently, Anita was invited to the AAUW national office to join the celebration of the Fifth Anniversary of the signing of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act.

## Message from AAUW Maryland President Pat Stocker



The theme of this year's AAUW Maryland State Convention is "**Making a Difference!**" (Please see detailed information and registration materials elsewhere in this issue.) I want to share with you one way we have made – and must continue to make – a difference at the national level.

Those of us who watched President Obama, alongside Lilly Ledbetter, sign the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act in 2009 were thrilled with this major achievement. This law, reversing a U.S. Supreme Court decision, made it easier for workers to seek compensation and benefits for discrimination in the workplace. The job, though, is only partially done. The **Paycheck Fairness Act** would help create stronger incentives for employers to pay workers fairly, empower women to negotiate for equal pay, and prohibit retaliation against employees who share salary information. As Lilly Ledbetter likes to put it, "Giving women my Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act without the Paycheck Fairness Act is like giving them a nail without a hammer." As a college administrator and professor, I personally have observed the inequities which remain – and which would be greatly aided by the Act.

AAUW is the leader in this battle. We have worked for the past five years to pass the Paycheck Fairness Act in Congress. Because of the intractable gridlock in Congress, however, AAUW is also calling on the President to act immediately. The President can advance pay equity for almost a quarter of the nation's workforce. "President Obama could issue an executive order right now that would ban federal contractors from retaliating against workers who ask about wage practices or share salary information," Ledbetter said. "This is a critical element of the stalled Paycheck Fairness Act, a bill the president has said he would sign into law."

The President's executive order would protect roughly 26 million workers, or 22 percent of the nation's workforce, from being retaliated against—or even fired—for discussing salaries. Empowering employees to discuss salaries leads to open dialogue that is often associated with a smaller gender pay gap.

Lilly Ledbetter was with us at the last AAUW National Convention, and we were inspired by her feisty spirit, her commitment to fair pay for women, and her life example. We in AAUW need to support the Paycheck Fairness Act in Congress and to urge the President to take a key step in protecting women in the workplace as we work toward that goal.

What can you do right now? You can go to the [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), sign in, and go to the "issues" page. You will find a link there as well as an easy way to write to your elected officials in support of this important issue. We'll also talk about this at the State Convention. See you there!





## Officer Nominations

### 2014-2015 Officer Nominations are:

Dorothy Fraquelli and Sandra Smith for Co-Presidents

Markonette Richardson and Susan Wierman for Co-Vice Presidents, Program.

Roxann King for Vice President, Membership.

Bernadette Low for Vice President, Communications

Christine Schmitz for Vice President, Funds

### Officers whose terms continue through 2014-2015 are:

Judy Flood, Treasurer

Kay Wendowski and Anita Rosen, Co-Vice Presidents, Public Policy

Special thanks to the nominating committee: Sarah Acquah, Salisbury branch; Joyce Graf, Kensington-Rockville branch; Roxann King, Anne Arundel branch; Elizabeth Matthews, Salisbury branch; and Mary Anne Williams, Frederick branch.

### Dorothy Fraquelli



Dorothy Fraquelli has been a member of AAUW since 1982. During that time she has served as membership vice-president for the Athens, GA, branch, and program vice-president and four times as president of the Baltimore branch. She did her undergraduate at the University of

Michigan and her doctoral work at the University of Toronto, receiving a Ph. D. in astronomy in 1981. She has held post-doctoral positions at Dartmouth College and the University of Georgia. In 1984, Dorothy came to Baltimore to support science operations for the Hubble Space Telescope. She works for Computer Sciences Corporation and is based at the Space Telescope Science Institute in Baltimore. Dorothy is married and has one adult son.

### Sandra Smith

Sandra Smith is a native of Chicago Illinois. She received her bachelor's degree from Northeastern Illinois University where she graduated Magna Cum



Laude. Sandra has completed her master's degree in leadership and influence, and a master's degree in entrepreneurship. Sandra thus far has accumulated a 29 year career in law enforcement as a special agent with the Department of Justice. As a result of choosing this noble career path, she has lived and worked in New York City,

El Paso, Texas, Atlanta, Georgia, and Lima, Peru, and she now resides in Maryland. Sandra is fluent in Spanish and continually striving for new challenges as she owns her own business as a senior beauty consultant with Mary Kay and is a certified makeup artist. Sandra's volunteer work has been facilitated by the United Way of America, the National Association of Black Narcotic Agents, and now as co-vice president of the Howard County branch of AAUW. Sandra is the proud single mom of two beautiful daughters, Riyonna-Simone (17) and Savannah-Rochau (13,) to whom she devotes most of her time when she is not busy with AAUW or her personal endeavors. Sandra consistently strives for equality in education and jobs for women. Sandra strives to make a difference in the lives of women as they face challenges along the way. Sandra motto is "Excellence is not an exception it is a prevailing attitude."

### Markonette Richardson



Markonette Richardson has been a member of AAUW since 2012. She is currently serving as Co-Vice President of Membership for the Anne Arundel County branch. She is a resident of Odenton but grew up in Prince Georges County. Markonette has worked in human resources for over 20 years, and has

been employed at Lockheed Martin for 12 years, where she is a Human Resources Business Partner. She holds a dual BA in sociology, and law and society, and a MS in personnel and human

## AAUW Maryland Officer Candidates, cont.

resources management from American University. As a Girl Scout she spent one summer interning for Senator Barbara Mikulski's office on Capitol Hill. Markonette enjoys volunteering and going to the movies.

### Susan Wierman



Susan Wierman has worked to help improve Maryland's air quality since moving to Baltimore in 1981. She has been executive director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association (MARAMA) since 1996. Her team organizes training for air pollution control agencies, conducts technical studies,

administers grants to reduce diesel emissions, and promotes coordination and cooperation in air pollution control. Susan has been an active member of the Baltimore branch since 1995, holding various offices including branch president, secretary, newsletter editor, webmaster, and board member. She is currently Co-Program Chair of AAUW Maryland. Susan has a BA (Phi Beta Kappa) and masters of urban planning from the University of Washington. In mid-career she earned a certificate in continuing engineering studies from Johns Hopkins University and completed the Maryland Government Executive Institute program, where she met Pat Stocker.

### Roxann King



Roxann King has served as Co-Vice President for Program for AAUW Maryland for the past two years and as Co-President of the Anne Arundel County branch for the last four years. She is a math professor in developmental mathematics at Prince George's Community

College, in her thirty-seventh year. She enjoys cards, camping, long walks, tennis, traveling and family time.

### Bernadette Low



Bernadette Low, currently serving as president of the Harford County branch, has been an enthusiastic member of AAUW for decades. For many years she was a member at large, but for at least the last fifteen years, she has been delighted to connect with the extraordinary women in Harford County. She was first drawn

to this chapter by the wonderful celebration of young women in math and science every year at the Judith Rusnik luncheon. She has since served as secretary of the Maryland AAUW and public policy reporter for the Harford County branch. As president, she feels fortunate to be so closely connected with so many creative, civic-minded women, and looks forward to the opportunity to participate more fully in the state organization.

### Christine Schmitz



Christine Schmitz has a BM in voice performance from Peabody Conservatory of Music of the Johns Hopkins University as well as a certificate in accounting and a M.A. in legal and ethical studies from the University of Baltimore. She holds the Certified Public Accountant and Certified Financial Planner

designations. Additionally she is a registered investment advisor and a licensed advisor in the areas of life and long term care insurance. From 1986 – 2003 she served in various capacities as a CPA. Since 2003 she has been employed by Glass Jacobson, a CPA and wealth management firm where she focuses on wealth management and insurance advising. She has been serving as the AAUW Maryland Vice President for AAUW Funds for several years. Since 2013 she has been treasurer of VGIF and a member of their finance and investment committee since 2011. She is also a member of the Peabody National Advisory Council.

## LAF Update

Janet Crampton  
LAF Liaison

### Hear That Grinding? The Machinery of Justice at Work

#### Supreme Court Will Hear Contraceptive Coverage Cases

The U.S. Supreme Court recently agreed to hear appeals in two lawsuits filed by business owners who challenged the Affordable Care Act's requirement that all employers include contraceptive care in their health plans. Both cases, *Sebelius v. Hobby Lobby Stores and Conestoga Wood Specialties Corp. v. Sebelius*, were filed by for-profit business owners who claim that because they are religiously opposed to the use of contraception, they should not be required to offer employee insurance plans that cover contraceptive care. Although the cases concern different legal theories — the Hobby Lobby plaintiffs challenged the requirement based only on the Religious Freedom Restoration Act, while the Conestoga Wood plaintiffs rely additionally on the First Amendment's protection for religious freedom — the court will hear both cases at the same time.

AAUW believes that for-profit businesses should not be exempt from providing health care coverage to their women employees, and we have signed on to amicus briefs in support of the Affordable Care Act's contraceptive-care requirement.

#### Supreme Court Hears Arguments in *McCullen v. Coakley*

On January 15, the U.S. Supreme Court heard arguments in *McCullen v. Coakley*, a case testing the constitutionality of buffer zones around reproductive health care clinics. Anti-choice activists filed suit against Massachusetts to challenge a state law designed to protect clinic patients from intimidation and harassment. The law creates a 35-foot buffer

zone around reproductive health care clinics that only patients, employees, and their agents may enter, preventing anti-choice protesters from approaching patients as they enter the clinic. The plaintiffs argue that the law violates their free speech rights, claiming that they are constitutionally entitled to approach patients to offer anti-choice literature and anti-choice counseling. The U.S. Court of Appeals for the 1st Circuit upheld the law, and the plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme Court. AAUW signed on to an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the law.

#### D.C. Circuit Hears Arguments in *Klay v. Panetta*

On February 14, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the D.C. Circuit heard arguments in *Klay v. Panetta*, a Legal Advocacy Fund-supported lawsuit brought by survivors of military sexual assault and litigated by attorney Susan Burke. The case was originally filed March 6, 2012, and AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman spoke at the accompanying National Press Club event. In the suit, the Klay plaintiffs allege that U.S. military officials tolerated sexual predators in their ranks and antagonized service members who reported rape, sexual assault, and harassment. The plaintiffs argue that this culture of sexual assault violates their constitutional rights. In early 2013, the U.S. District Court for the District of Columbia granted the defendants' motion to dismiss the case. The court held that the plaintiffs' injuries were "incident to their military service" and that the court was prevented by legal precedent from ruling on a military matter. Burke then appealed to the D.C. Circuit. Stay tuned for the appeals court's ruling.

### Roberta Sharper Appointed to Commission

Baltimore branch Member Roberta Sharper has been appointed to the *Commission on the Commemoration of the 100<sup>th</sup> Anniversary of the Passage of the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment to the United States Constitution.* The Commission is charged with ensuring the State of Maryland properly honors the upcoming landmark centennial of the suffrage movement. As part of their duties, they may assist in the recognition of key individual, sites and events that led to women's right to vote. Roberta is looking for materials on how AAUW in Maryland was involved in suffrage movement. The anniversary is in 2020.

## AAUW Funds Update

Christine Schmitz

AAUW Funds Vice President

We are once again coming down the home stretch of our campaign to raise money for the Women of Distinction Ceremony at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). When you go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org) and click the tab at the top for NCCWSL you will be taken to the page that proudly displays the following:

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#### **JANET WERT CRAMPTON HONORARY FUND**

Click right above this area on the page where it says Thank You to "States and Branches" and you will be taken to a page recognizing many donors to the NCCWSL event. Click the link to this Fund and it will take you directly to a page where you can make a contribution. We have just about completed our \$20,000 goal for the upcoming event but you can still make a contribution up through March 31<sup>st</sup>. Any excess gifts will go toward future NCCWSL events or scholarships.

This year we are honoring a truly dedicated lifetime supporter of AAUW. Janet Wert Crampton has been a member of the Kensington-Rockville Branch for more than 40 years. Janet received her BS degree

in geology from Indiana University in Bloomington and an MA from Mount Holyoke College. She has had a variety of life experiences including: junior high school science and math teacher, member of boards and commissions including the late Montgomery County Commission for Women and the late Montgomery County Board of Education Title IX Advisory Committee, consultant in women's equity issues and high school science materials and home caregiver. She has held a number of AAUW positions and currently serves as our AAUW Maryland liason for the Legal Advocacy Fund, keeping us up to date on these issues. Janet also fulfilled her goal of funding an AAUW American Fellowship in Geoscience in 2007. We will honor Janet at the NCCWSL Women of Distinction Ceremony this June. (Conference is June 5-7 at University of Maryland College Park)

Additionally, I want to thank all the Maryland women who have given so generously to all of the AAUW Funds throughout 2013. Total giving for the calendar year is \$56,725.55. We will more fully recognize your gifts at the April Convention. Thank you for all that you continue to do to support this vital work!

## Howard County Keeps AAUW's Mission Alive!

AAUW Howard County held its annual "Book Bash" at Union Jack's restaurant in Columbia on Saturday, February 8. Three members who are librarians; Roberta Rood, Jean Salkeld and Marge Trautman recommended their favorite books and gave an overview and personal insight into each book to interested members. Everyone left with a long list of books to read during the winter months. AAUW HOCO also has a Reading Group, which meets every other month. The book discussions are led by members who are librarians. They research information about the author and prepare a list of questions about the book.

Our Education committee led by co vice presidents Amy Robinson and Cynthia Cupples hosted a Practice SAT Test in February with a follow up Scores Back Session. Twenty nine students took the test, which was administered by Princeton Review. The \$15 registration fee went to the

branch's philanthropic fund. The fund includes scholarships for Howard Community College non-traditional women students who are continuing their education at a four-year institution.

The Education Committee will represent the branch at "Girl Power," a science fair held at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in March. It aims to peak middle school girls' interest in science. Committee member Jean Parr is coordinating the program, which will have a hands-on science experiment for the young scientist. Dr. Debra McLaughlin, Neurologist and a branch member will also have an experiment for the girls. Last year, 600 girls stopped at our table to learn about science.

Helping to encourage girls to think of science as fun, and providing opportunities for group reading and discussions to branch member is keeping AAUW's mission alive in Howard County.



## Public Policy Update

Anita Rosen and Kay Wendowski  
Co-Vice Presidents, Public Policy

The new year has provided many opportunities for AAUW Maryland's participation on the national, state and local levels to promote equity for women, girls and families. MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) Day in Annapolis on February 4th was attended by AAUW members from around the state, and members from the state have continued to be in contact with their legislators and legislative committees to help promote the Agenda and help make Maryland a state that can be fair to all women, regardless of income, race or other diverse circumstances. The Agenda includes such issues as paid sick leave, paid parental leave for birth or adoption of a child, healthy births for incarcerated women, and update of laws for final protective orders for women who have suffered from domestic abuse, a rape survivor protection act, and relief for victims of dating or sexual violence. The entire Agenda with explanation and bill numbers can be found at: <http://mdlegagendaforwomen.files.wordpress.com/2014/02/mlaw-2014-document.pdf>.

Maryland AAUW members, including branch leadership and our Lobby Corps members participated in a celebration of the 5th anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Act on January 30th in DC. The Lobby Corps went on Capitol Hill with Lilly Ledbetter during the day, and then heard her speak at the recep-

tion about the need to go beyond the Act to promote equal pay. **Remember: Equal Pay day is April 8th!** Equal Pay day is the symbolic day when women's earnings finally catch up to men's earnings from the previous year. Thanks to the gender pay gap, it takes women an extra three months of wages to make up that 23-percent difference.

The wage gap was a major theme of the AAUW information at the 2014 Legislative Briefing at the Campuses at Shady Grove. We shared the Maryland wage gap information from the AAUW national study and people of all ages stopped by our table. We were even successful in getting attendees to sign-up for AAUW Action Alerts. Thanks to women from AAUW Montgomery County Interbranch and others from around the state who helped with our table and with conference registration.

AAUW Maryland can make a difference for women and girls. We have begun the year very effectively, but there is much more to do. Primaries and elections are coming up, and though AAUW is a non-partisan organization, there is much we can do to get AAUW's issues on the agendas of candidates for school board, county councils, state legislators and our Congress members. We can take action on issues such as human trafficking in our state. Join us at the State Convention in Frederick to find out how you can be effective on the local, state and national levels.

## Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women

AAUW Maryland members that participated in the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Legislative Reception and Briefing in Annapolis on February 4. are, left to right: Anita Rosen, Joyce Graf, Mary McGrath, Pat Strott-Wheatly, Roxann King, Augustine Pounds, Priscilla Hillard and Kathleen Wendowski.





## Honor the Memory of Gwen Turnbull

Many of you remember Gwen Turnbull, an honorary life member of AAUW (initially of the Bowie branch then of the College Park branch) and know that she died on December 10, 2012.

Among other facets of her life, she was a committed activist for women's rights, public education, family planning, and open and good government. She was deeply committed to AAUW and its goals. During and after her busiest activity in the Bowie branch, she greatly enjoyed her regular trips to the Capitol with members of the AAUW Lobby Corps. She also attended many state and national conventions, and always returned home energized.

To honor Gwen's memory, the College Park branch voted to fund two \$600 student scholarships to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL), June 5–7, 2014. We choose this form after discussions with Gwen's family and

with AAUW, and with the understanding that students from our area will be supported.

At the November 9, 2013 meeting, Linda Fihelly, Linda Mahoney, Augustine Pounds and Raluca Rosca contributed \$325 toward this goal.

There are easy ways in which you too can contribute. Whichever you choose, please mention: Fund # 2504 In honor of Gwen Turnbull (memorial).

- Write a check now for AAUW and send it to AAUW National (1111 Sixteenth St. NW, Washington, DC 20036).
- Contribute on-line: [https://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index\\_aauw\\_donation.cfm?CorpCode=NCCWSL&FundCode=2504](https://svc.aauw.org/contribute/index_aauw_donation.cfm?CorpCode=NCCWSL&FundCode=2504)

Please join us in remembering Gwen Turnbull and supporting this program of leadership for our young women!

## What are we Learning in College Park?

We are trying this year to program with an eye to the national resources (such as Programs-in-a-Box and AAUW reports) as well as local interests as judged by a survey.

On November 9, 2013, AAUW College Park branch hosted a Program in a Box – Focus on Grantees and Fellows. The speaker was Ms. Irene Velez, grantee of a 2012-13 AAUW Career Development Grant (supported by the fund of our branch - AAUW fund 4272 - Bellman, Helen/Florence Gruchy/Anne & Gordon Prange/College Park (MD) Branch).

Born and raised in Columbia, Irene holds a bachelor's degree in economics and economic development from Wellesley College. After two years working for a consulting firm in Boston, she moved to Nogales. There she managed an impact evaluation of a Mexican microfinance institution that offers small loans to women who want to invest in a new or current business. Living for two years on the Arizona-Mexico border, she observed first hand the influence of the global economic crisis on the community, as well as the effects (increased fiscal stability, start of small businesses and increased empowerment) of the participation in this microloan program.

She is presently pursuing a master's degree in international development policy at Georgetown

University. She is grateful for the AAUW Career Development Grant, which allowed her to attend the program best fitting her interests, rather than a program better fitting her finances. Her graduation capstone project is working with DAI, a DC based international organization, on allocation of funds for sanitation in Columbia, Indonesia and Ghana. She is on track to graduate in May 2014 and looks forward to a career evaluating policy to promote innovative and proven social programs aimed at empowering women and immigrants.

We are looking forward to hearing about her success in the future! Please send good thoughts and ideas for worthwhile projects her way.

On our February 8 meeting, a lively discussion started from the executive summary of the AAUW report "Graduating to a Pay Cut," which addresses the 'Don't get mad, get informed' angle.

For the 'Don't get mad, get active' angle, our branch is organizing the first ever \$tart \$mart workshop on the University of Maryland campus addressing negotiation techniques for (women) students getting ready to enter the workforce. Big thanks to Susan Wierman from the Baltimore branch and Schnell Garrett from the Howard County branch for coming to our aid and facilitating this workshop!

## Anne Arundel Booksale

"It takes a village" to put together our annual book sale. This year's sale, our 44<sup>th</sup>, was again the biggest work and social event of our year. Last year, the hurricane hit right in the middle of set up. This year we had a lot less excitement and great sales. Apparently, lots of people in our community are still reading books of the paper variety.



made record purchases on opening morning. The sale lasted from Thursday, November 7, through Sunday, November 10. Sales for this year exceeded \$14,000. We were all tired but pleased.

About \$2000 of the proceeds from the sale go to funding branch operations of the next fiscal year. The remainder is distributed among our three scholarship funds for the next fiscal year. As decided by our membership twenty-five percent is contributed to Educational Opportunity Fund, twenty-five percent goes to community college transfer scholarships, and the remaining 50% to smaller educational grants for women in our community. Determining award recipients is a key springtime activity for our branch.

In case you think we are all work and no play, think again. This is our third year hosting quarterly Cocktails and Convos events for members. We definitely like to talk and enjoy good food, too!

*Pictured at left, L-R, Mary McGrath, Stacey Hilder, Sigrid Dorf and Susan Cook, ready to unload book boxes.*

Our sale begins the Fourth of July, when we march in the Severna Park parade and distribute book-marks printed with our collection schedule. We have six Saturday collections spanning mid-July through mid-October. Books are presorted and boxed as they are collected, and stored for the sale in members' garages. Our community is very supportive of the sale. Not only do they donate books, but frequently members of the community show up before the sale to help us set up. Set up takes about five days, in an empty storefront donated by a local property company. This year we had help from Girl Scout Troop 547. Last year the Boy Scouts helped us get ready before the storm hit. There were thousands of books to sell. We were lucky this year: we were given all the books from the estate of a publishing house employee. Book dealers

*Pictured below are Girl Scouts from Troop 547, Broadneck: left to right: - Abigail Goodman, Ellie Brandenburg, Katie Crouse and Summerleigh Geimer.*



**AAUW Maryland Convention  
Hampton Inn & Suites Frederick-Ft. Detrick  
1565 Opossumtown Pike, Frederick, Maryland, 21702  
301-696-1565**

**Lodging.** A block of rooms have been set aside for us. If you make a reservation by internet or phone, the code is AAU. The rooms are \$124.00 a night plus tax, Double Queen or King. The deadline for reservations is April 6, 2014.

**DIRECTIONS TO HAMPTON INN & SUITES**

**Directions from points east or south of Frederick.** If coming from the east use I-70 W and if coming from the south use I-270 N to reach Frederick. From the intersection of I-270 N and I-70 W in Frederick, follow I-270 N. I-270 N becomes US-40 W. Stay straight to go onto US- 15 N. Exit US-15 N at Motter Ave At the light take a left onto Opossumtown Pike. Go to the second light and turn left onto Thomas Johnson Dr. Make an immediate left onto Taney Avenue. The hotel is on your left.

**Directions from points west of Frederick.** Follow I-270 E to Exit 48, merging onto US-40 E towards Frederick. US-40 E becomes MD-144 E/Patrick St. Merge onto US-15 N via the ramp on the left towards Gettysburg. From US-15 N, exit at Motter Avenue. At the light take a left onto Oppossumtown Pike. Go to the second light and turn left onto Thomas Johnson Dr. Make an immediate left onto Taney Avenue. The hotel is on your left.

**DIRECTIONS TO THE HOME OF MARY ANNE WILLIAMS FOR FRIDAY DINNER, 14 E. 9<sup>TH</sup> ST., FREDERICK, MD**

**Directions from the Hampton Inn & Suites.** Go south on Opossumtown Pike towards US-15. Stay straight onto Motter Ave. Take the first left onto W 14<sup>th</sup> St. Turn right onto MD-355/N Market St. Turn left onto E. 9<sup>th</sup> St. 14 E 9<sup>th</sup> St is on the right.

**Directions from points south or west of Frederick.** Follow the Hampton Inn directions above to US-15 N. Take the 7<sup>th</sup> Street exit, Exit 15. Keep left to take the ramp towards Frederick. Turn left onto W. 7<sup>th</sup> St. Turn left onto N Market ST/MD-355 N. Take the second right onto E 9<sup>th</sup> St. 14 E 9<sup>th</sup> St is on the right.

**Directions from points east of Frederick.** Take I-70 to Frederick. In Frederick, take Exit 56 towards MD-144/E Patrick St. Stay straight to go onto Bowmans Farm Rd. which becomes E Patrick St/MD-144. Turn right onto N East St. Turn left onto E 9<sup>th</sup> St. 14 E 9<sup>th</sup> St is on the left.

“Early Bird” registration of \$53 must be postmarked by April 10.  
Regular registration is \$60 and must be postmarked by April 23.  
Mail registration form and check payable to “AAUW MD” to  
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