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## AAUW's Mission

*Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.*

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## AAUW Maryland Annual Convention Bethesda, Maryland April 28, 2012

This year our annual convention will be a one-day gala filled with informative talks, election of officers, a scrumptious luncheon and the annual meeting.

We hear all the time about the men who founded our country and all they accomplished. Isn't there a saying: Behind every good man there's a woman? Women, however, have not just been behind the men but have been out front. We need to recognize those women who have contributed to our way of life.

Be sure to attend the AAUW Maryland Convention, April 28, to hear our luncheon speaker, Christina Larocco, who will talk to us about "Women in History." She is an AAUW American Fellow, working toward her Ph.D. in women's history at the University of Maryland, College Park.

AAUW awarded over \$1.5 million to 83 American Fellowship recipients, who were selected from 500 applicants. This is clearly an important and prestigious award.

In addition to hearing from Ms. Larocco in the morning, we will hear from Connie Hildebrand, an AAUW Board member, who will be here from her home in North Dakota. She will provide us an update on projects of the Association.

### Agenda

9:00 - 9:30 am	Registration and Continental Breakfast
9:35 - 10:35 am	Connie Hildebrand, AAUW Board Member: AAUW Projects Update
10:45 am - 12:30 pm	Business Meeting
12:30 - 1:00 pm	Installation of New Officers
1:00 - 2:00 pm	Lunch
2:15 - 3:15 pm	Christina Larocco, AAUW Fellow: Women in History
3:15 pm	Adjourn

Pat Stocker invites all AAUW Maryland members to a pre-convention dinner on Friday at 6:30 pm at her home. The address is 6604 Landon Lane, Bethesda.

Directions: On I-495, take River Road (Hwy 190) exit #39. Choose alternative to go INSIDE the Beltway, toward Washington (not Potomac). Turn LEFT at 3rd light, Wilson Lane. Go about 3 blocks, then turn RIGHT on Elmore (a small street) – this is where the service road begins too. Continue one block to dead end, then turn RIGHT onto Landon Lane. Take a LEFT at first pipestem. Pat's home is at the end of the pipestem. For directions from other locations contact [PatStocker@AOL.com](mailto:PatStocker@AOL.com).

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## Convention Speakers

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### Christina Larocco

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Christina Larocco is a 2011-2012 AAUW American Fellowship recipient, who is working on her Ph.D. in women's history at the University of Maryland in College Park. Her research is titled: *Fractured Front: Gender, Authenticity and the Remaking of the American Left after World War Two*. Christina's scholarly work examines the gender politics of postwar America's fascination with authenticity, a connection she first noted while studying to be an actress. Her research traces this phenomenon in both culture and politics from the early Cold War through the 1960s, culminating with the study of second-wave feminism. She hopes to teach women's history at the college level upon completion of her doctorate.

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### Connie Hildebrand

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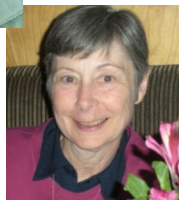


Connie M. Hildebrand is a member of the AAUW Board of Directors and comes to us from her home in Bismarck, North Dakota, where she is a member of the AAUW Bismarck-Mandan branch. She holds a bachelor's degree in social work from the University of North Dakota and a master's of social work from Columbia University in New York. She was a clinical social worker and is now a lobbyist.

Mrs. Hildebrand has held many offices in AAUW, including (but not limited to) many positions on branch and state boards; state public policy director (and lobbyist); AAUW delegate to Women in Society, which was held in Israel; and she was named AAUW-ND Woman of Distinction in 2006.

She served as president and lobbyist of three statewide organizations, was a North Dakota governor appointee to the Human Resource Council, and is a trainer, education-group facilitator, writer and speaker. She is married and has one son.

## Message from Joyce and Mary Anne



Joyce Graf and  
Mary Anne Williams  
Co-Presidents

Thank you, thank you, AAUW Maryland, for giving us the opportunity to serve as your leaders for these past two years. It has been a challenging and exhilarating experience. We have come to know you and each other in ways we would not otherwise. We have celebrated successes and mourned losses. Thank you, Maryland!

Maryland, we take pride in our accomplishments. Our ranking in giving to AAUW Funds is impressive, making us a leader. We are proud of our support for the Women of Distinction reception at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). Our support gives AAUW national as well as statewide recognition to young women. Because of our support, Barbara Fetterhoff has been able to provide some of the most inspiring words at the conference.

We are proud of the stands taken by AAUW. For example, to express disappointment with the Susan G. Komen Foundation's decision to strip funding for cancer screenings from Planned Parenthood, AAUW acted by withdrawing Komen Global Race for the Cure as an optional pre-conference community service opportunity at the upcoming NCCWSL. AAUW had been able to promise volunteers to help at the Walk for the Cure. It was immediately withdrawn as a result of the initial Komen decision. This action by AAUW was a significant factor in the change of policy by the Komen Foundation the following day. As of now, AAUW is continuing to monitor the actions of the Susan G. Komen Foundation

before offering support to it; we want to be certain that they are sincere in their actions to support women's reproductive health.

We celebrate with the former University of California-Davis female student wrestlers Arezou Mansourian, Christine Ng, and Lauren Mancuso, who have settled the issues remaining in their lawsuit against the University for Title IX athletics discrimination, a settlement of \$1.35 million in their favor. (note: we do not know how the settlement was distributed between lawyers and students.) The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund supported the students in this case.

At the fall board meeting, it was resolved that every branch would make efforts to fund a scholarship, either to NCCWSL, a local student or a local college. We are in the process of meeting this goal, and many branches have already done so. We celebrate the strength of our branches. In our visits to branches this year, we have been energized by the many bright, engaged women who are active in their communities and AAUW. We are fortunate to have AAUW friends who support and inspire us.

We have much work to do to gain equity for women in education, the workplace, and the community. AAUW remains in the forefront of the action. We, Joyce and Mary Anne, encourage you to become a part of this work by considering a leadership position at the state and/or local level. The rewards are enormous, the joys are great, and the work is invigorating.

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## Nominating Committee Report

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This year the nominating committee consists of Marilyn Moors, Jeri Rhodes and Audrey Davis.

The nominating committee has been working hard to find willing candidates or pairs of candidates for the Maryland positions of President, Vice President for Funds, Vice President for Program, and Vice President for Communications. It has been exceptionally difficult. At press time the committee has identified two candidates to share the responsibilities for Programs, Roxann King and Susan Wierman. Edie Allison will continue as VP Communications for another two-year stint. Candidate biographical sketches are below.

***Additional nominations/volunteers will be accepted from the floor at the state meeting on April 28. Please consider volunteering for one of these positions.***

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## Maryland Officer Candidates

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**Roxann King, candidate for Co-Vice President for Programs:** Roxann King currently serves as co-president of the Anne Arundel County branch of AAUW. She has been a member of that branch for six years, previously serving with membership and book sale collections. Before moving to Arnold, MD, she was a not-very-active member of the Bowie branch of AAUW. She is a full professor in the department of developmental mathematics at Prince George's Community College, where she has been employed for 35 years. She has twice served as interim chairperson of her department at the College. She has served as president and in other board positions in her state professional organization, Developmental Education Association of Maryland. Additionally, she is the co-author of a math textbook, Pre-Algebra, published by EDUCO International. She is married, with two sons and a daughter, all graduates (or soon to be) or post-graduates of the University of Maryland.

**Susan Wierman, candidate for Co-Vice President for Programs:** Susan Wierman is completing her fourth year as co-president of the Baltimore branch. She holds a BA (cum laude, Phi Beta Kappa) and master's in urban planning from the University of Washington. Susan joined AAUW in 2001 in memory

of her mother, who was a long-time member in Oregon and Washington and who encouraged her to join years ago. Susan has worked in air pollution control for over 30 years. She worked for the State of Maryland for 15 years, and for the past 15 years has been the executive director of the Mid-Atlantic Regional Air Management Association, a consortium of state and local air pollution control agencies. Susan's husband is a professor in the Applied Mathematics and Statistics Department at Johns Hopkins, and their son is an assistant professor of computer science at California Institute of Technology in Pasadena, CA. Susan loves visiting her new baby granddaughter and enjoys cooking, photography, reading, and writing.

**Edie Allison, candidate for Vice President for Communications:** Edie would continue the position in which she has served for the past two years. Edie is a consulting petroleum geologist specializing in unconventional resources such as shale gas, who retired from the US Department of Energy in 2010. She has held several AAUW offices in the Gaithersburg branch and Maryland. Since retiring she is spending more time volunteering, playing golf and spoiling her first grandson.

## AAUW Funds Update

Christine Schmitz

AAUW Funds Vice President

The following are the totals from 2011 giving to the various AAUW Funds:

Anne Arundel County	\$1,677.00
Baltimore	\$3,326.00
Bethesda-Chevy Chase	\$590.00
College Park	\$695.00
Easton	\$4,700.25
Frederick	\$250.00
Frostburg	\$155.00
Gaithersburg	\$5,152.50
Garrett	\$50.00
Hagerstown	\$1,788.25
Harford County	\$1,715.00
Howard County	\$2,317.00
Kensington-Rockville	\$22,720.35
Laurel	\$7,520.00
Patuxent River	\$2,305.00
Salisbury	\$145.00
Silver Spring	\$890.00
Towson	\$150.00

Total Contributions: **\$56,146.35**

Thank you to everyone for your generous contributions during 2011. Your branches are entitled to make "Named" gifts for every \$500.00 in contributions. I will have certificates in the next month that I can pass on to your branches for those gifts you wish to give to those special persons who have contributed their time and talents to our efforts.

Don't forget that we continue to focus our giving efforts on the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund (Fund #4355). By April 1, 2012, we hope to reach another \$20,000 goal so that we can again be the proud sponsor of the Women of Distinction Ceremony at the NCCWSL in June. More great news! We have an anonymous matching donation of \$5,000 if we are able to raise \$5,000 between January and the end of March. We are well on our way! Let's make this two years in a row that we have been able to sponsor this great and worthy event!!

## Legal Advocacy Fund News:

Reported by Janet Crampton

### Intermediate Victory in Title IX Suit

In January, the U.S. Court of Appeals for the Seventh Circuit overturned a lower court's dismissal of an Indiana High School athletics lawsuit, the LAF-supported case [Parker v. Franklin County Community School Corporation](#).

In 2009, Amber Parker, the former coach of the Franklin County High School girls' varsity basketball team, sued the Franklin County Community School Corporation and the other school districts against which Franklin plays on behalf of her daughter, who played on the team. The suit was subsequently joined by Tammy Hurley on behalf of her daughter, another member of the team.

Their suit alleges that the scheduling of girls' basketball games violated Title IX and the Equal Protection Clause of the 14th Amendment to the Constitution. The plaintiffs argue that the majority of boys' games were played in prime time — on Friday and Saturday nights — while the girls' games were relegated to weeknights. They say these schedules unfairly put academic burdens on the girls by forcing them to

compete on school nights, discouraging crowd support, and making the girls feel like second-class athletes.

In October 2010 the original case was dismissed by the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana, which held that school districts are "arms of the state" that are immune from suit in federal court for constitutional violations. Parker appealed the ruling and the Seventh Circuit court heard the appeal in May 2011. The January 2012 ruling by the Seventh Circuit remanded the case back to the district court to determine "whether any genuine issues of material fact exist as to the plaintiffs' claims." In other words, the case goes back to the district (trial) court for trial on the merits. The history of many Title IX and other discrimination suits is that the district courts dismiss, the appeals courts reverse, and the cases settle.

To read the full text of the Seventh Circuit opinion, download it at <http://chronicle.com/items/biz/pdf/scheduling.pdf>.

You can support the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund by making a tax-deductible gift to AAUW Fund 3999.

## Membership Issues

Jennifer Ingram  
Membership Vice President

As of March 15, we will be soliciting renewals of membership. Please renew at the Membership Payment Program on the AAUW website if your branch is a member of MPP.

Go to [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org), click on Member Center, put in your member ID (it will look it up for you), then click on Member Services Database. You will need a password to get in – there are instructions for registering your ID. It is not difficult. Once on the MSD, look at the MPP part of it on the left and you will see which one to click on that produces the renewal. This saves treasurers work and speeds up the process of renewing. It also saves money and time. This method also allows you to pay dues using your credit card.

On another note, AAUW Maryland Metro Area Online Branch is in the process of disbanding, while transferring members to the Capitol Hill branch in DC to remain online. We could not get people to serve as officers, except for myself and Cassandra Jones, the treasurer. This could happen to your branch if you don't volunteer.

Claudia Richards gave AAUW Maryland a presentation on membership retention at the Maryland conference on January 28. One of the tips was to get members engaged. Others were to have mentors and to invite members to an orientation. Membership is the responsibility of every member, not just the membership VP, so please do your part to engage other members in AAUW activi-

ties.

Claudia also talked briefly about Shape the Future events, which result in half-price national dues for those who join at the event. Howard County uses this tool all the time for events to which the public is invited, such as our monthly meetings. It is a real attraction for people to join in these tough economic times. If you have questions about what to do, let me know. For two people recruited this way, a branch gets one free membership. For three recruits, two free memberships. For more than three recruits, three free memberships. For those events held before March 15, a branch must use its free membership by June 30. By the way, it is free national membership. The branch can choose to pay the state dues and waive the branch dues.

I would like to encourage you to check out the Cocktails and Convos "Program in a Box" that is shown on the AAUW website under Member Center, Resources. Howard County is holding one in March and the greatest amount of work to be done is publicity for the event. We made it a Shape the Future event and recruited seven new members at the last one.

I know this is a myriad of activities, but there is a lot going on in the "spring semester" in AAUW. Let me know if I can help you in any way with membership-jenniferingram@comcast.net.

## College/University Relations

Jennifer Ingram  
C/U Relations Chair

AAUW Maryland has 16 college/university partners now. Through members' efforts, we have added Prince George Community College, UMBC, UM Baltimore, Harford Community College and others to the partnership list. Howard Community College is also going to join.

AAUW partners earn free student-affiliate memberships for all undergraduates, plus priority consideration for grants and space at NCCWSL. They can also participate in AAUW research. Now partners can have two member-representatives who get free national memberships. Reach out to your local college/university to recruit e-student affiliates and partners. Every branch needs a C/U Relations chair to work on this.

I encourage you to hold Start Smart workshops on

campus and apply for an LAF grant to cover the cost. Women Are Getting Even (WAGE) is conducting these workshops and training facilitators. At these workshops, participants learn to negotiate salary. Most women do not do this well, and that is one reason for the wage gap. Let's start working on narrowing that gap at the college level.

The 130<sup>th</sup> anniversary special rates for graduate students and partners to join expires November 30, 2012, unless national decides to extend it again. Graduate students can join for \$18.81 national dues and C/Us can become a partner for \$130 a year.

The College/University Relations National Committee will be leading a project to get C/Us that used to be partners to re-join, so if you know of any and have contacts, you might want to get one step ahead!



# Minutes of Winter Board Meeting

Jeri Rhodes  
Secretary

The business meeting of AAUW Maryland was called to order at 2:10 pm on Saturday, January 28, 2012, by Joyce Graf, co-president. The meeting was held at the Shanty Grille in Ellicott City and was graciously hosted by the Howard County branch. Thirty-eight members and guests attended, including Claudia Richards, AAUW senior branch field relations manager, who spoke to us about member retention.

The agenda was approved with the addition of the report of the financial review to be presented by Jeri Rhodes.

The secretary, Jeri Rhodes, reported that all minutes for the year will be distributed electronically to members of the Board for approval.

The financial review of the books and records of AAUW Maryland for the period from June 1, 2008, through June 30, 2011, was completed by Jeri Rhodes. There were no problems or irregularities noted for this period. The report was filed with the records of the organization.

Pat Stocker announced that the state annual convention will be held on Saturday, April 28, 2012, at the Pooks Hill Marriott in Bethesda, Maryland from 9 am to 3 pm. Registration information will be in the next Marylander.

Susan Weirman recommended having items for sale by branches as a fundraising event. Their branch has done very well selling nuts and is happy to provide information for those interested.

Joyce Graf gave the president's report. On January 23, she and Mary Anne Williams attended a forum presented by the Maryland Women's Coalition for Health Care Reform to learn more about the Affordable Care Act (ACA), its impact on Maryland families, and what to watch for in the 2012 General Assembly. AAUW is a member of the Coalition. The Coalition is monitoring the enabling legislation for the health care exchange being developed by Maryland as required by the federal act.

AAUW Maryland supported Kate Campbell Stevenson's application to AAUW Funds for a Community Action Grant that will allow her to purchase equipment needed to present her new "Women: Back to the Future STEM" series. She should hear by April 15.

We were advised that the association is using telemarketing for fundraising and to conduct a survey. Mem-

bers should be aware of this.

Two women, Alison Cohen, president of Alta Bicycle Share, and Noorjahan Akbar, a writer and activist, have been selected as the Women of Distinction who will be recognized at the National Conference for Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at University of Maryland May 31 to June 2, 2012. The speaker will be Mayda Del Vale, a poet. AAUW Maryland supports this event through our successful fundraising for the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund.

The Mid-Atlantic National Girls Collaborative Project will be held in Alexandria, VA April 25-27, 2012.

We were reminded that the Women's Legislative Briefing will be held in Rockville on Sunday, January 29.

Program: Marcia Posner reported that as a result of our vote last year, we have only three meetings scheduled: The Summer meeting, which is a training workshop; the Fall Conference, which is only a Board meeting; and the Spring Convention, which is a one-day event with a speaker, preferably a Fund recipient, voting and installation of officers.

Membership and College/University Relations: Jennifer Ingram reminded us that dues are half price at this point in the year. All dues paid after March 15 will be applied to the next year, so please watch the dates.

Howard County Community College became an AAUW partner. She reminded us that the partner status covers two member-representatives with dues paid by National. Dues for partners are \$130 through June 30.

Howard County is again hosting the Princeton Exam review classes for the practice Scholastic Aptitude Test (SAT). This is a good fundraising event with the biggest challenge being finding a location. They have 80 people signed up already.

The official count for membership for delegate purposes is February 1.

Treasurer's Report: Judy Flood presented the financial report for the year to date. The new format was very well received – informative and understandable. The costs of our conferences have been lower than budgeted.

Public Policy: Kay Wendowski reported on the status of the public policy process. She will circulate the priority bills for us to pay attention to once she gets the

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information from the Women's Legislative Briefing.

She reminded us that anyone can get on the AAUW Public Policy mailing list and forward items to branch members.

**Funds:** Christine Schmidt reported that she does not yet have the 4th quarter reports from National and will let people know amounts in order for branches to make named gift decisions. She reported that this is the second year we are planning to support the Women of Distinction event at NCCWSL.

The requirement is \$20,000 by April 1 and we have received \$7,500 toward that goal. There is an anonymous donor who will match gifts up to \$5,000, so please make your donation. If your members donate online, they should go to Other and look for the fund. The number is 4355.

**Communications:** Edie Allison reported on the results of moving to email delivery of The Marylander. We sent out 213 hard copies and 844 emailed copies. The costs dropped by 50%, so we are encouraging continued movement to email delivery.

The deadline for the Marylander is February 21 for the State Convention issue, May 15 and July 15 for the

next issues.

**Education:** Joyce reported that Alicia McLeod Jones continues to frame the role of Education chair for the state. She is asking that branches send her information about how she can be helpful.

**Business Items:**

Joyce is planning to up-date the handbook, which is about 10 years old. If anyone has an electronic version, please send it to her.

There was discussion around the suggestion of selling something - e.g., aprons - at the next convention. More to follow.

The Nominating committee has been calling people to fill the three vacant positions without success. Any names of potential candidates would be greatly appreciated.

Cleopatra Anderson reported that Alice Manicur of Frostburg has been named to the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame. There will be a dinner in April.

There being no other business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:08 pm.

## Women's Legislative Briefing

Several members of AAUW attended and assisted at the Women's Legislative Briefing which was jointly sponsored by the Women's Commission for Prince George's County and the Women's Commission of Montgomery County. Some members were on the planning committee, some represented the state at a display table, and many others attended the plenary session and seminars. All together, AAUW had a visible and valuable presence at the meeting.

The event offered opportunities to hear from and speak with local and state legislators, and to attend seminars addressing specific issues such as health care, lobbying efforts, and women running for and holding public office. From AAUW headquarters, Erin Prangle, associate director, government relations, spoke on cyber-bullying, and Kensington Rockville branch member and State Senator Jennie Forehand reported on efforts in Maryland to curb human trafficking.

Perhaps the most valuable benefit of attending the briefing was the opportunity to meet women from other organizations and to let them know about AAUW.

Many thanks to Jennifer Ingram and Marcia Posner for staffing the display table throughout the day. And many thanks to the others who helped to organize the day.

Anne Creveling and Kay Wendowski are shown at the Briefing, below.





## Alice R. Manicur

# Maryland Women's Hall of Fame

Cleopatra Campbell

Frostburg branch member, Alice R. Manicur, is being honored with induction into the Maryland Women's Hall of Fame.

From simple beginnings in southwestern Virginia, Alice has achieved this honor by self-discipline, hard work and perseverance. She received her undergraduate degree from Berea College. She earned her doctorate in education at Indiana University.

In 1960, Alice came to Frostburg State College as its first dean of students. She still lives in Frostburg. She left what is now Frostburg State University as the vice president for student affairs several years ago.

Over many years Alice has worked on behalf of college students by leadership in her office, serving on committees, serving as president of the National

Association of Student Personnel Administrators (NASPA), and advising colleges.

Despite her great success as a student administrator, Alice lives a quiet, ascetic life. Although a good cook, she eats little and rarely has a sip of wine. Her only indulgence is in new cars. Her only hobby is traveling. Now well into her eighties, Alice is looking for another foreign destination she has not visited. She is a kind, generous friend, and a grateful contributor to Berea College.

Alice Manicur has earned her place among Maryland's great women.

Other Maryland women being inducted at the ceremony in Annapolis on March 7 are Dr. Maureen Black, Margaret Dunkle, the Hon. Diana Gribbon Motz, State Treasurer Nancy Kopp, and Gwendolyn Rooks.

## Public Policy Update

Kay Wendowski  
Public Policy Chair

As a member of the organizing committee for the Women's Legislative Briefing on January 29, I helped with registration, but still had time to attend informative sessions - one on the way forward for legislation passed in the 2011 Maryland legislative session and another on "Safety, Justice, and Human Rights" which addressed: domestic violence, sexual assault, cyber bullying, human trafficking, and adoption reform.

The MLAW (Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women) priorities for the year include:

**Sex Crimes – Fondling during a burglary:** This legislation would make this crime equivalent to other sex crimes committed in conjunction with a burglary.

**Healthy Maryland Initiative** – This bill would raise the cigarette tax to pay for the new laws the Health Group is attempting to pass.

**Health Benefits Exchange Act of 2012** - This would build on 2011 legislation that established the exchange to expand access.

**Put Harriet Tubman In Statuary Hall-** Since this was shot down at the end of last year The Women's Caucus has changed direction and is now seeking a Tubman statue in another part of Washington as part of a women's history museum.

**First Degree Assault** – Legislation would add strangulation to the list of first degree assaults. It is frequently a precursor to homicide of domestic violence victims.

**Housing – Source of Income:** The bill addresses discrimination by landlords who will not accept women, especially with children, whose source of income is child support, welfare, alimony or other non-traditional sources.

**Cooperative action is the basis upon which MLAW operates. One voice is important but the collective voice of many impacts public policy. Make your voice count for women and families in 2012.**

To find out about more MLAW and the Agenda go to <http://www.mdlegagenda4women.org/index.html>.

## Anne Arundel County Branch Women to Women Program

By Sandra Kelley & Dorothy  
McGuinness - Committee Co-Chairs

Our branch effort to award funds that support the academic and training pursuits of our local women is trending high! Launched just three semesters ago, the AAUW Anne Arundel branch Women To Women program (WTW) has truly gained momentum. Our first award was earned by a woman pursuing a BS in nursing to achieve her career goal of becoming a nurse practitioner. This fall, only two semesters later, we had 37 stellar applicants. From this wonderful group, four outstanding women were selected to receive our small awards. The committee's most difficult challenge was to narrow the band of candidates to the frame of our funding availability. These women were truly focused on making a difference in our community and our world.

The WTW program addresses our branch focus on giving back to the community that supports our annual November Book Sale – the singular source of award revenues. Thus far, \$7400 has been awarded to ten local women and girls. Candidates must be residents of the county and are selected through submission of our WTW application and a personal interview. Applicants are assessed along guidelines of financial need, applicant profile, potential to complete, employability potential and academic outcome value. Although the awards are small, none exceeds \$1500, the awardees are so pleased to have both the award recognition and funds to purchase books, for housing or for payment of tuition. For one candidate, we even found her a personal computer to support her efforts.

The fourth round of awards will begin early April 2012 with applications available on our website [www.aauwmd-nnearundelcountybranch.org](http://www.aauwmd-nnearundelcountybranch.org). The growing success of our new Women To Women awards program clearly indicates that the demand from our community for these awards will soon far outreach our funding availability.

### Four Recent WTW Awardees

**Wendy, 42**, a married mother of two children, who was diagnosed with type 1 diabetes as a child, will complete her course work to become a certified diabetes educator and registered dietician in May

2012. Her WTW award will be used to help her fulfill her required 10-month internship. Wendy's career goal is to use her personal life experience in managing her disease to provide vital nutritional education and support to the parents of the growing population of children afflicted with type 1 diabetes. We are sure that Wendy's positive and enthusiastic attitude and her past experience as a volunteer speaker and teacher in this expanding area of health care will help her serve as a role model for the many families in our community who face the difficult challenge of managing this disease.

**Lisa, 43**, a married mother of three, enrolled in Anne Arundel Community College (AACC) in 2009 to pursue a nursing degree. Her career focus began when she became the primary caregiver for her oldest son after he was critically burned in an accident. Her interest in nursing was further sharpened when she took over the care of an aunt with terminal cancer. The family is struggling financially since Lisa's husband has lost his job and has been keeping the family afloat through periodic handyman's work. We are pleased to have been able to help Lisa with her tuition while she pursues her goal of becoming an RN.

At the younger end of the spectrum, **Emily, 18**, is the oldest of four siblings and just launched her freshman year at Frostburg State University. A recent Severna Park high school graduate, Emily is a scholar/athlete who completed a 90-hour child development certification, while maintaining honor roll grades and taking a leadership role on the school's varsity lacrosse team.

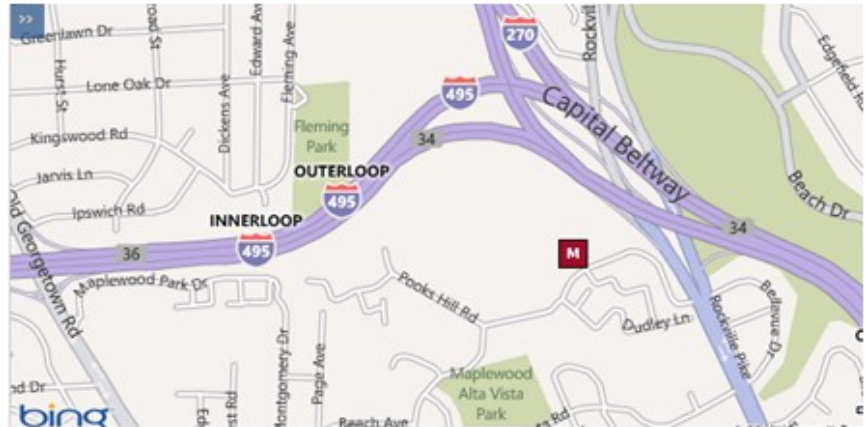
**Mary, 37**, is a single mom who earned her GED. She has worked and raised her daughter essentially on her own. Currently employed as an office assistant, Mary is enrolled in AACC, with business management the focus of her intended degree. Mary enjoys her work but hopes that her new degree will support her transition to a more technical position and a more self-fulfilling and economically secure future.

**AAUW Maryland Convention**  
**Saturday April 28, 2012**  
**Bethesda Marriott Hotel**  
**5151 Pooks Hill Road, Bethesda, Maryland**

**Directions:** *Caution: The area around the hotel is confusing because I-270 and I-495 join here and you can only exit to the north if you are traveling west on I-495, and you can only exit to the south if you are traveling east on I-495.*

**Complementary/validated parking is provided for all attendees.**

**From West:** Take I-495 east to exit 34, Rockville Pike-Hwy 355/Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda/Rockville. You will be going south on Wisconsin Avenue. Turn right onto Pooks Hill Road at the first signal. The hotel is up the hill on the right.



**From North:** Take I-270 south. When I-270 splits, keep left—east toward Washington (NOT south to Virginia). Move to the far left (HOV) lane and then exit on the left onto MD-355 S/Rockville Pike toward Bethesda. Take Rockville Pike/355 south 0.6 mi. Turn right at the signal onto Pooks Hill Road. The hotel is up the hill on the right.

**From East:** Take I-495 to exit 34, Rockville Pike-Hwy 355/Wisconsin Avenue, Bethesda/Rockville. Bear right in 0.3 mi onto Grosvenor Lane. Grosvenor Lane curves left to a traffic signal. Turn left at the light to go south on Hwy 355. Go 0.6 mi and turn right onto Pooks Hill Road. The hotel is up the hill on the right.

**“Early Bird” registration of \$70 must be postmarked by April 16. Regular registration is \$80 and must be postmarked by April 23. Mail registration form and check payable to “AAUW MD” to Joyce Graf, 1368 Canterbury Way, Rockville, MD 20854.**



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I will attend the 6:30 p.m. Friday dinner at Pat Stocker's home. Yes \_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_.

See page 1 for directions to Pat's home. For directions from other locations contact Pat at PatStocker@AOL.Com.



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Alexandria, VA April 25-27, 2012.

### **Deadline for the Summer *Marylander***

Tuesday, May 15, 2012.

### **Save the Date: *Connecting the Dots Around the Beltway Women's Conference***

Mitchellville, MD, May 17, 2012.

### **National Conference of College Women Student Leaders, NCCWSL**

Univ. Maryland, May 31 - June 2, 2012.

### **AAUW Maryland Summer Training Conference**

July 21, 2012, Location TBD

### **AAUW Maryland Fall Conference**

October 31, 2012, Location TBD

### **AAUW Annual Convention**

April 13, 2013, Location TBD

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