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AAUW Maryland Will Not Hold a Winter Board Meeting

Last year AAUW Maryland decided it would not hold a winter board meeting in January of each year. This is intended to reduce the time and travel demands on members, especially in January when weather and driving conditions can be hazardous.

Our next state meeting will be the annual convention in April.

This issue contains reports from our state officers, plus news of innovative and exciting projects organized by our branches.

The branch news starts on the front page with news from Montgomery County Interbranch. Montgomery County Interbranch includes Bethesda-Chevy Chase, Silver Spring, Kensington-Rockville and Gaithersburg branches.

Continue through the newsletter for news from Baltimore, Harford, Garrett and Howard County branches.

Sonya Kovalevsky Program

Saturday, October 27, was the first of the five programs that will make up the Sonya Kovalevsky Program at Montgomery College to encourage eighth-grade girls to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). This event is sponsored annually by the AAUW Montgomery County Interbranch. Thirteen girls from

around Montgomery County participated, along with their parents. They attended workshops on computer science, robotics, cryptology and biology. There was also a special workshop for the parents on finance. Several members of Interbranch participated to help the program run smoothly, including Diane Rumble and Louise Chatlynne.

Future programs will take place on December 1, February 22, and April 26. All are designed to show girls that STEM subjects are fun and that they can make STEM part of their life plan. There is room for up to 23 girls to participate, so they are still recruiting for the remaining four programs.

Save the Date

The AAUW Maryland Annual Convention will be Saturday, April 13, 2013. Harford County branch will be hosting the one-day event at Edgewood Hall at Harford Community College, which is located at 401 Thomas Run Road, Bel Air, Maryland.

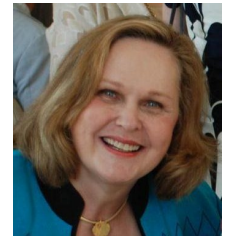
In addition to interesting and informative talks, the business meeting, luncheon and induction of officers, the Harford branch will be raffling off a 3-day stay at a time share.

The Digital Marylander and Other Digital Resources

The AAUW Marylander is sent by e-mail to each AAUW Maryland member who has an e-mail address on file with AAUW, unless they request or have requested a paper copy. If you wish to add an e-mail address to your information so that you can receive the digital version of the Marylander or if you change your e-mail address, please modify your records at the AAUW member center. Your branch officers can help you with this process. If you wish to receive a paper copy instead of the digital version, contact Edie Allison at 301-231-0109 or edieallison@comcast.net.

You can view the latest Marylander and prior issues of the newsletter, contact Maryland AAUW officers and get other information about AAUW Maryland at <http://aauw-md.aauw.net>. Links to branch websites, newsletters and branch calendars are also on the website.

Message from AAUW Maryland President Pat Stocker



Happy Holidays to you! During this joyful time of the year, I wanted to share information on some fall activities in which our state played a key role.

Maryland Ballot Initiatives

First, congratulations to all for your work to get the word out on the civil marriage equality initiative and the DREAM initiative. We were able to send postcards to women registered voters in Maryland on both of these key issues, and I know that you were also talking with your friends and colleagues about these high priorities for AAUW. The success of these initiatives is a testament to the timing, the issues, and the hard work of many people. AAUW Maryland was a member of the coalition, Marylanders for Marriage Equality, a well-organized and influential group of Maryland organizations. Times are changing, and AAUW remains a vital and visionary leader on the state and national agenda. Thank you!

Vision 2020

Second, I want to share with you that fellow AAUW Maryland member Kate Stevenson and I were the two Maryland delegates at Vision 2020's third annual congress, "Collaborating for Change," held in Portland, Oregon, in November. Former Oregon governor Barbara Roberts, a dynamic, inspirational leader, was the host. Representatives of nearly all of the states came together to focus on how to encourage women's involvement in government and in advocating for women's equity. We were treated to perspectives from national media representatives, elected officials, activists and others as we celebrated

the success of so many women in the state and national elections. AAUW is well represented among the delegates, and one of the national board members was a panelist as well.

AAUW meetings

And finally, I have been honored to represent you, members of AAUW Maryland, at a number of venues this fall. I was particularly pleased to speak at the Gaithersburg AAUW's 40th anniversary luncheon, which was held the same day as the Maryland AAUW board meeting. This luncheon focused on honoring 40 years of activism and commitment. It was the week prior to this meeting that Malala, a young Muslim girl, was shot by members of the Taliban for simply advocating education for girls. She just wants to be a doctor. This presented us a stark reminder that AAUW is a voice – my voice, your voice – in making a difference on issues like this. Malala started speaking out for education for girls when she was 11. We are committed to "Breaking Through Barriers for Women and Girls." So as we celebrated the 40 years of successes for the Gaithersburg branch, we were reminded of the work yet to do.

Thank you for all you do to ensure that Maryland continues to work for equality for women. We have much to do in areas such as violence against women, human trafficking, harassment and bullying, and workplace equity. Together, we can make a difference.

You can contact AAUW Maryland President, Pat Stocker at PatStocker@aol.com.

Membership News

Jennifer Ingram

Membership Vice President

One of the best recruiting approaches that I have tried is hosting a networking event like Cocktails and Convos, for which there is a "Program in a Box" on the AAUW website. Cocktails and Convos, short for cocktails and conversations, is an open-attendance happy hour held at a bar or restaurant, usually during a week-day evening. Anne Arundel County uses this format successfully. Howard County uses a more traditional format, with a speaker and plenty of opportunities to network. This program requires some effort – finding a location like a bar or restaurant, lining up a speaker, and publicizing the event in local media. However, Howard County has recruited five to seven new members at each event, so it is worthwhile. If you have questions contact me at aauwwhocomembers@gmail.com. If you are more interested in the Cocktails and Convos format, contact Anne Arundel branch or check out the Program in a Box. Make this a Shape the Future event, with one-half off national dues for new or

lapsed members.

If you need help with membership for your branch, please contact me at 410-740-4276 or via e-mail. I will be glad to come to your branch or host a conference call should you need me to. One source of information is the Annual Starter Kit which was sent to all MVPs in August. It has helpful information in it plus samples of the new brochures. To get more brochures, go to the AAUW website for Source 4 or contact connect@aauw.org.

I am on the national membership committee and would like your feedback on what types of recruiting or retention practices are working for you. I would also like to have your suggestions on things you need to be successful at membership duties.

If you have not renewed your membership by November 30, your name will be removed from the national roster of members. We do not want to lose any of our members, so please take action now.

College/University Relations

Jennifer Ingram

College/University Relations Chair

AAUW has decided to extend the special rate for graduate students and colleges and universities to join AAUW until June 30, 2013. This 130th anniversary campaign has been so successful that it warrants more time. The Board of Directors is considering a permanent special membership rate for graduate students and is re-evaluating the fees for colleges and universities to join AAUW.

It is time to approach the colleges and universities in your area about renewing their memberships if they have been partners and joining AAUW if they are not a partner. If you need help with this, let me know. Easton branch has gotten Chesapeake College to become a partner. Frostburg State University and Notre Dame in Baltimore have also joined. I am meeting with Capitol College in Laurel and Harford Community College between Thanksgiving and the

December holidays to discuss what projects they can host on campus.

The University of Maryland Baltimore County worked with the Baltimore branch to host a Start Smart workshop in November and it was successful. Johns Hopkins University also successfully hosted a Start Smart workshop in November. Howard Community College is hosting one in April, centered around Equal Pay Day on April 9. In these workshops, students are taught how to negotiate their salaries. If you are interested in having a college near you host a Start Smart workshop, have the C/U go to the national AAUW website and check out information on this project. Or contact me at aauwwhocomembers@gmail.com for more information. These can be great recruiting events also.

Wilmington Delaware Used Book Sale

The Wilmington Delaware branch will hold its 44th annual *Dollars for Scholars Used Book Sale* February 28-March 3, 2013 at the Concord Mall, 4737 Concord Pike, Brandywine Hundred, DE 19803. The sale starts at 10 AM (11 AM on March 3) and ends at 9:30 PM (5 PM on March 3). For additional information, visit www.aauwilmington.org/booksale

Children's' Issues

Jacquelyn Thorpe
Chair, Children's Issues

What Can My Branch Do?

I hope that you are asking what your branch can do to help and to support children in your county.

Below are a few suggestions:

1. Collect pre-school books for Maryland Head Start. Get the name of the contact for your county from me before you deliver your books.
2. Head Start schools in Montgomery County need new warm clothing for elementary school children.

Let me know if you need a contact name.

3. Across the region, public libraries would welcome a donation of your DVDs and/or your volunteer time to help children and youth with their English skills. Call your local library and ask about the need for your gifts.

Please let me know when your branch has a Children's Issues chair so that I can be supportive. My e-mail is jacquelynt8@aol.com.

AAUW Funds Update

Christine Schmitz
AAUW Funds Vice President

At our summer Maryland board meeting, it was decided that we would continue to raise funds to sponsor the "Women of Distinction" award ceremony held at the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) in College Park. We will continue to accept funds for this cause through the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund (Fund #4355). Deadline is April 1, 2013, for Maryland to qualify for sponsoring the 2013 event.

This year, in addition to accepting contributions from individual donors, the Maryland board voted to have an optional statewide project to help raise funds. The selected project is the SAT, ACT and GRE preparation sessions. These can be held by individual branches or a combination of branches as fundraisers for this cause. Jennifer Ingram, our membership VP, has very successfully arranged these practice sessions on numerous occasions in the Howard County area. There is minimal work to be done, as Princeton Review handles most of the work for you. The main work is finding a good

location to hold the session.

There is also a "Program in a Box" on how to conduct these practice exams and other related Princeton Review projects on the AAUW website (aauw.org). Jennifer says the Howard County branch charges \$15 per person for the practice exam and a follow-up "Scores Back" session. She lets Princeton Review handle the registrations. She suggests this works very well and is a good fundraiser. Several branches are already pursuing these plans. February and March are good months to hold these sessions. Start planning now if you want to hold one of these sessions. Publicity on the event is the key to its success.

For more information, contact Christine Schmitz at dialacpa@aol.com

Please continue to help the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund meet its \$20,000 goal for this year!

Thanks for your past contributions.

Save the Date: AAUW 47th Biennial Convention in New Orleans

In 1929, AAUW women met in New Orleans to celebrate our sixth national biennial convention. In June 2013, we'll return for our 47th biennial convention and applaud the accomplishments of women leaders past, present, and future. At our June 9-12 meeting, we will celebrate leading across generations, honoring AAUW's accomplishments and women at the forefront of the fight for equal rights.

Join Melissa Harris Perry, Lilly Ledbetter, and other speakers as they share their struggles, triumphs, and how AAUW helped them become the leaders they are today. Celebrate 125 years of fellowships and grants and the legacy they provide. Take advantage of hands-on skill-building and leadership sessions. Reconnect with friends from across the country, and make many more new ones.

Registration goes live on December 4! Please visit convention.aauw.org to take advantage of our best-value rates, or call Connect2AAUW at 800.326.2289. You can also register right now for the pre- and post-convention tours and activities at www.aauw.org/convention/tours.cfm.

Public Policy Update

Kay Wendowski
Public Policy Chair

AAUW Gives Thanks!

Here are a few of the advances for women and girls this year:

1. We are thankful for the 40th Anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972, the landmark legislation ensuring equal opportunity in education for all students. Also, we are thankful for the release of a coalition report, chaired by AAUW, recognizing this milestone.
2. We are thankful that women have gained back 51 percent of total jobs lost in the recession (men gained back 52 percent).
3. We are thankful that all levels of AAUW supported the "It's My Vote: I Will Be Heard" campaign, a challenge to millennial women and a commitment to the vote.
4. We are thankful for the first responders who put themselves in harm's way throughout Superstorm Sandy and our hearts go out to all who were and are still affected.
5. We are thankful for the record number of women elected to Congress: 20 in the Senate and 78 representatives and three delegates in the House.
5. We are thankful for implementation of the Affordable Care Act requirement that all new health insurance plans must include coverage, without cost sharing or co-pays, of an additional eight women's preventive care services.
6. We are also thankful for the 40th anniversary of the Pell Grant program, an indispensable part of millions of students' dreams of higher education in the United States.
7. We are thankful for AAUW's new research report, "Graduating to a Pay Gap," which uses the latest nationally representative data to explore the earnings differences between female and male graduates working full time one year after graduation. One immediate impact the pay gap has on many women, is the heavy burden of student loan debt. This report was featured in Reuters, U.S. News Report and The Washington Post.
8. Further, we are thankful that Congress prevented student loan interest rates from doubling over the summer and that the U.S. Department of Education finalized regulations for a new Pay-As-You-Earn plan for student loan re-payment and made changes to the other two plans currently in effect.
9. We are thankful that the teen pregnancy rate dropped to its lowest level since at least 1972, partly due to increased levels of contraceptive use among teens of both genders. Teen birth rates have also declined, reaching the lowest rate since the 1940s. Researchers also attribute this decline to increased use of contraception.
10. We are thankful for our stalwart allies on Capitol Hill, including Sen. Al Franken (D-MN) and Rep. Rosa De Laura (D-CT), who introduced legislation to fix the Supreme Court's decision in Wal-Mart v. Dukes. Also we are grateful that Betty Dukes joined AAUW and its partners at a rally supporting plaintiffs on the year anniversary of that decision. Furthermore, we are thankful that current and former female employees of Wal-Mart are continuing their fight for fair pay and promotion practices by filing claims with the U.S. Equal Employment Opportunity Commission (EEOC) in 48 states. Moreover, we are grateful for the ruling by the EEOC that discrimination against an employee or applicant on the basis of a person's gender identity is a violation of the prohibition on sex discrimination.
11. We are thankful for President Barack Obama's endorsement of AAUW's priority anti-bullying legislation, the Student Nondiscrimination Act and Safe Schools Improvement Act.
12. We are thankful that Connecticut's paid sick days law went into effect on January 1, and that a similar Seattle law went into effect on September 1. Also, Pennsylvania has passed a pro-Title IX law requiring school districts to report data regarding male and female athletics to the state Department of Education.
13. We are thankful for the U.S. Olympic Team sending more female athletes than males for the first time in history. And they won 29 of the U.S. teams' 46 gold medals.
14. We are thankful that on March 17, Sen. Barbara Mikulski (D-MD) became the longest-serving woman in congressional history. Mikulski was also the first Democratic woman to serve in both chambers, the first to be elected to the Senate without

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succeeding a husband or a father, and the first woman to chair an appropriations subcommittee.

15. We are thankful for Rep. Carolyn Maloney (D-NY), who asked, "Where are the women?" before walking out, along with Delegate Eleanor Holmes Norton (D-DC), in protest from a house committee hearing on birth control that featured all male witnesses.

16. We are thankful for the health and bravery of Malala Yousafzai, the 15-year-old girl who was shot last month in Pakistan because of her work documenting Taliban atrocities and promoting women's education. We are also thankful for the tremendous outpouring of support from around the globe as Malala recovers.

17. We are thankful that Air Force Lt. Gen. Janet Wolfenbarger became the first female four-star Air Force general and the second female military officer to receive four stars. We are also thankful for the Pentagon's recommendation that women be allowed to serve in more jobs closer to the front lines, a move that would open 14,000 additional jobs to women.

18. We are thankful for the first International Day of the Girl Child, October 11, 2012, declared by the United Nations. AAUW was proud to celebrate international women and girls empowerment on this day and every day.

There were many more that I would have liked to tell you about but no space!

AAUW Statement to Maryland Legislators

Barbara Fetterhoff

The following is the statement by Barbara Fetterhoff to the Annapolis legislators at the League of Women Voters Legislative Evening, November 14, 2012.

AAUW stands for the American Association of University Women, and I am Barbara Fetterhoff, president of the Patuxent River branch, made up of members from Charles, St. Mary's and Calvert counties. The College of Southern Maryland is a partner member of AAUW.

AAUW was founded in 1881 and is open to women and men who hold a bachelor's degree or higher, or an RN or associates' or equivalent degree. We work to help women and girls pursue higher education, leadership development and economic self-sufficiency. Our branch collects books for Head Start and raises funds for grants and scholarships for women.

AAUW Maryland supported ballot questions on civil marriage and the Dream Act, both of which passed.

The ballot question concerning congressional districting was passed, but we agree with proposals to have a broad-based task force to study redistricting in other states and make recommendations to the General Assembly for the future.

AAUW is a member of a statewide coalition called Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women or MLAW. The coalition has not come to its final list of priority issues to support in 2013, but the issues they have looked at include:

- Trafficking – confiscating assets to help victims.
- Maryland Health Initiative – non-cigarette tobacco tax increase.
- Criminal law to include strangulation that qualifies as a first degree assault, a felony.
- Private fundraising for Harriet Tubman statue in national capitol in DC.

Ask Your Representative to Reauthorize the Violence Against Women Act

The Senate passed the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (S. 1925) by a bipartisan vote in April—now it is time for the House of Representatives to do the same. Call your representative and tell her or him to urge the House leadership to bring the bill up for a vote.

To take action on this or other issues important to AAUW members go the AAUW website www.aauw.org and click on the "Two-Minute Activist" under the ACT button.



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Sunday, January 27, 2013

WLB

Women's Legislative Briefing

OPENING CEREMONY WITH KEYNOTE ADDRESS:

Dr. Bernice Sandler, "The Godmother of Title IX"

TIME: 12:00 - 6:00 pm

LOCATION: The Universities at Shady Grove, Bldg II,
9630 Gudelsky Drive, Rockville, Maryland

The Montgomery County Commission for Women and our many co-sponsoring organizations invite you to the 2013 Women's Legislative Briefing.

Registration begins at noon with light refreshments, and the conference will open with a keynote address by **Dr. Bernice Sandler**, the woman whose struggle led to the enactment of **Title IX**, America's foremost educational equity legislation, followed by a panel discussion on **Women's Issues in Congress**. Compelling seminars on legislation in the Maryland General Assembly will fill out the afternoon. A reception will conclude the event providing an opportunity to meet with county and state elected officials, advocates and representatives of the most prominent county, state and national women's organizations.

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Garrett Branch News

Marilyn Moors

Garrett Branch President

We have two new initiatives to share with our sister groups. First, we discovered (actually one of our scholarship recipients told us) that every year a few of the women at Garrett College who are nominated to Phi Theta Kappa cannot afford the \$60 fee charged for admittance into the chapter. Our branch has decided to sponsor one of these women and we are opening discussions with the local Civic Club, the Business and Professional Women and the Commission for Women to see if we can find additional sponsors if there is more than one deserving student in any given year. Phi Theta Kappa is the community college equivalent of Phi Beta Kappa, and to be nominated is a real feather in the caps of these working women, mothers returning to school, and younger women who struggle to go to school. The Garrett branch decided to help make these excellence awards possible for those who cannot afford them.

Our second initiative addresses the fact that Garrett College has no nursing or health programs at its campus, and yet there are many women who want to get their nursing or allied health certificates. There is an articulated program with Allegany College of Maryland (ACM) in Cumberland which accepts students who have completed their general education requirements (GER) at Garrett College for their allied health program. The allied health programs are highly competitive and not all are accepted, but when that happens, the women find that the cost of books is very high. Our initiative will fund scholarships or book grants for women who have completed the GER program at Garrett College and are accepted into an allied health program at ACM. The branch will offer one \$500 scholarship through the ACM Foundation, and we hope to arrange for three more for the nursing program through a dedicated friend.

Howard County Branch News

Lorraine Tropf

Howard County Branch President

On November 12, Amy Robinson, co-education vice president, and Lorraine Tropf, president of Howard County branch attended the Hammond High Diamonds induction ceremony. The Diamonds are outstanding young women who are identified by their teachers as rising scholastic stars and have an interest in pursuing the STEM fields. Or as the Diamonds say, "The 'STEAM' fields." The Diamonds include the arts in their pursuits.

Earlier this year, Howard County branch (HOCO) partnered with the Diamonds to support and encourage their efforts to break down barriers for underrepresented women pursuing "STEAM" fields.

Lorraine Tropf addressed the students and their parents to tell them what plans AAUW has for the Diamonds. The immediate plan is to sponsor a practice ACT test on January 12. Princeton Review, another AAUW HOCO partner, will administer the test.

The Diamonds, as well as other Howard County

students, will take a full-length practice ACT under actual testing conditions using the type of questions on the ACT test. They then attend a Scores Back Strategy Session with their parents and receive a personal scores report from Princeton Review.

There is no charge for the two sessions but a pre-registration fee of \$15 is required. Proceeds go to AAUW HOCO's scholarship fund. These scholarships are awarded to women graduating from Howard Community College who are pursuing a four-year degree. This year AAUW HOCO will award three scholarships.

AAUW HOCO plans to sponsor a practice SAT in March and will offer another SAT in the summer. The Diamonds are required to take both practice ACT and SAT exams as part of their curriculum.

AAUW HOCO is a proud partner with these outstanding young women, who personify AAUW's mission of breaking down barriers.

Baltimore Branch News

Susan Wierman

Baltimore Branch Member and AAUW
Maryland Co-program Vice President

The StartSmart workshop at UMBC on November 13 was very well attended by women students. The workshop leader was Annie Houle, national director of Campus and Community Initiatives for the Wage Project. She emphasized the importance of doing your homework when you are looking for a job. Not only should you find out about the company that has a job opening, you also need to consider your budget, the prevailing wage offered for similar jobs in your area, and what skills and characteristics make you especially well suited for the job. The students learned how to do research and received tips on how to effectively negotiate for a starting salary. Then they had a chance to practice! Kate Drabinski, of UMBC organized the event, finding funds from a variety of campus organizations as

well as from Baltimore branch to support the fees necessary for a 3-year license to offer the program. Kate, Susan Wierman, and several students received facilitator training after the close of the workshop. The Wage Project provides ongoing assistance for future workshops during UMBC's 3-year licensing period. Annie also ran a StartSmart workshop for the Carey Business School of Johns Hopkins University in November, and Towson University has scheduled a StartSmart workshop for this spring. For more information about hosting a StartSmart workshop, feel free to contact Susan Wierman or check the Wage Project website at www.wageproject.org or www.facebook.com/StartSmartforEqualPay.

STEM and Tech Trek

Increasing the participation of women and girls in STEM, Science, Technology, Engineering and Math, continues to be a major concern for AAUW members. AAUW has two national programs that help branch-ees sponsor Tech Trek math and science camps or Tech Savvy conferences.

Tech Trek is a week-long science and math summer camp designed to develop interest, excitement and self-confidence in young women who are entering the eighth grade. In 2013, the program is expanding by adding five pilot programs in Ohio, Oklahoma, Texas, Florida and Washington to the 10 projects in California. Each pilot site receives a \$10,000 grant from AAUW.

Tech Savvy is a day-long STEM career conference designed to attract sixth to ninth grade girls to these fields while giving parents information on STEM, college applications, and financial aid. Tech Savvy has been held for the last seven years at the University of Buffalo in New York. The camp is run by AAUW member and chemical and biomedical engineer Tamara Brown. This conference has grown every year and has been embraced by the community. Now AAUW wants to make it a national event! The program includes hands-on workshops and opportunities to interact with women STEM professionals and student role models.

Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women Briefing is Coming

Every year in January the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women (MLAW) hosts a briefing on its agenda for the coming legislative session, discusses issues important to women and provides an opportunity to meet with state legislators. The January 2013 event will be held but the date and venue have not yet been determined. Please check at the group's website for the meeting details, www.mdlegagendaforwomen.org.

MLAW is a statewide coalition of women's groups and individuals formed to provide a *non-partisan, independent, voice for Maryland women and families*. The group advocates for progressive legislation and policy that promotes and protects the well being of Maryland women and their families and provides them opportunities to develop their full potential.

Harford Branch News

Anne Heidenreich

Harford Branch and Chairperson
Judith Resnik Awards Luncheon

It was in 1978 that scientist Judith Arlene Resnik was accepted by NASA to be a part of the United States space program in exploration. Unfortunately, the mission of the space shuttle Challenger exploded upon take off. The disaster on January 28, 1986, claimed the life of this dynamic and highly successful space exploration pioneer.

Dr. Resnik was highly admired and respected by those who knew her. In her childhood, she had excelled in her educational studies, as well as being proficient as a pianist. Initially, Dr. Resnik majored in mathematics, but was drawn to engineering. After completing her undergraduate degree in electrical engineering, Dr. Resnik continued her advanced studies at the University of Pennsylvania. Because of a job change, she transferred to the University of Maryland to finish her master's degree, and then began her doctoral studies. As a member of AAUW, Dr. Resnik was assisted in her doctoral program at the University of Maryland through a fellowship grant from the Educational Foundation program of AAUW.

Following the tragedy of the Challenger, board members of the AAUW Harford branch, developed an idea to honor Dr. Judith A. Resnik: the branch would recognize and honor young women in their junior year of high school in the public and private schools of Harford County. These young women would have demonstrated the same outstanding capabilities in mathematics and science as Dr. Resnik had. They would also be recognized for their participation and contributions in other activities within their school and community.

The administration in participating Harford County high

schools selects the honorees, then an AAUW branch member contacts the honoree to congratulate her and to obtain information about the young woman and her activities to be presented later at the luncheon.

The Judith A. Resnik Awards Luncheon is annually held in the spring on a Saturday at Harford Community College. The selected young women, their families and friends are invited to attend the luncheon. Administrative personnel from the participating schools and faculty members who have taught the honorees are also invited. The invitation list also includes leaders of the board of education, local government, state educational leaders and the AAUW state president and Funds chair.

The luncheon features a woman speaker who has demonstrated outstanding achievements and contributions in the fields of mathematics and/or science. The speaker serves as a role model for the young women being honored and provides an inspirational presentation for the honorees as well as the audience.

Each of the honorees, usually twelve young women, is presented to the audience at the luncheon by a member of Harford branch, who shares highlights of each young woman's academic success as well as her participation and contributions to her school and community. Then, each honoree is presented with numerous certificates and proclamations from the school community, county and state governing bodies and Harford branch.

In 2011, the twenty-fifth luncheon was held. In lieu of a guest speaker, five previous honorees from the last 12 years made brief presentations about their continued academic and professional careers since being awarded the Judith Resnik Award. How rewarding it was for the audience to see and hear how these young women have continued to contribute to the success of our communities and our country!

A committee is currently planning and preparing for the next Judith A. Resnik Awards Luncheon on Saturday, April 6, 2013. Harford branch is proud of this annual event and looks forward to continuing the recognition and celebration of young women, like Judith Resnik, who are dynamic females and pioneers in the arenas of mathematics and science.



The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

The National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) is coming to Maryland on May 30—June 1, 2013.

Early-bird registration opens February 1, so it is time to start thinking about whether your branch will be a sponsor. Last year Hagerstown, Laurel and Anne Arundel County branches and AAUW Maryland provided support.

This year your branch can choose to support the conference general fund, the scholarship fund or the Barbara Fetterhoff Honorary Fund that hosts the 2013 NCCWSL Women of Distinction Awards Ceremony and reception.



2013 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders

May 30—June 1, 2013
University of Maryland, College Park

"I will whole-heartedly recommend this experience to any other college woman who is looking to advance herself"
—Rotanya Bryan, Florida Gulf Coast University



"This conference has inspired me to speak up and be a voice for those students who don't have the opportunity to share their opinions. I've learned that opinions are important, and if we never share them, we can't be a voice for change."
—Emily Miller, Ohio State University

It's a competitive world out there, but NCCWSL women stand out in a crowd!

DO YOU WANT TO

- Be motivated to lead by the inspirational Women of Distinction and keynote speakers?
- Find your dream graduate program at the Graduate School Fair?
- Gain real-world skills at NCCWSL's workshops?
- Meet and learn from nearly 600 women student leaders from across the United States and abroad?
- Take action in pre-conference community service projects and skill-building events?

THEN REGISTER TODAY!

Visit www.nccwsl.org.



"NCCWSL was an experience of a lifetime. I learned things this year that I am sure I will take with me through the rest of my life."
—Jennifer Bullock, Norwalk Community College



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AAUW Maryland will not have a Winter Board Meeting

AAUW Maryland Annual Convention

April 13, 2013

Hosted by Harford County branch

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