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*AAUW's Mission: Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.*

## 2014 Leadership Training Conference

*For AAUW Maryland's Rising Stars*

**Saturday, July 19, 2014**

**Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, Maryland**

### Goals for the Meeting: Come to this meeting to:

- Bring out the shine in yourself and your branch
- Meet and greet experienced and new AAUW leaders
- Share your good ideas and find more to take home
- Learn member recruitment and engagement strategies for your branch

### Program

**8:30 – 9:15 Registration & Continental Breakfast**

**9:15 – 9:30 Welcome**  
Mary Wykes – Gaithersburg Branch  
– Local host

Dorothy Fraquelli (Baltimore) and Sandra Smith ((Howard County) – Co-Presidents, AAUW Maryland

**9:30 – 11:00 No More Shooting in the Dark! How to Target New AAUW Members with Wisdom and Precision**

Erica Stout of AAUW will take us on an in-depth exploration of whom, precisely, we are seeking as new members. You'll walk away with a list of concrete recruitment and engagement strategies, built from a thorough understanding of your target audiences. This program is replicable at the branch level and is highly interactive.

**11:00 – 11:15 Break**

**11:15 – 12:15 Concurrent sessions: Choose your topic on the registration form**

**Group 1: Let's focus on public policy this election year.** (Led by Anita Rosen)

**Group 2: Branch programs advance mission and build community.** (Led by Pat Stocker)

**Group 3: Treasurers: Taking care of business.** (Led by Judy Flood)

**Group 4: Membership is where it's at!** (Led by Roxann King)

**12:15 – 1:00 Buffet Lunch (included in registration)**

**1:00 – 1:45 Best Practice Roll Call:**  
Share your branch's successful programs, projects, and ways to have fun and build community. We're looking for highlights from each branch and focus group.

**1:45 – 2:00 What have we learned and where are we going next?**

**2:00 – 3:00 State Board Meeting – State Officers and Branch Presidents**  
(All members are welcome)

## Erica Stout Conference Keynote Speaker



Erica Stout is the training and program manager for AAUW's Member Leadership Programs, where she leads the development of a national-level leadership development program for AAUW branches and states. She has over seven years of experience developing and managing the implementation of programs for nonprofit professionals and youth, including training, networking and mentorship. She is a skilled trainer and facilitator focused on leadership and organizational development and diversity. Erica holds a bachelor's degree in sociology and women's studies from the University of Maryland. You can connect with her on LinkedIn: [linkedin.com/in/ericastout](https://www.linkedin.com/in/ericastout).

## A Message from AAUW Maryland Incoming Co-Presidents Dorothy Fraquelli and Sandra Smith

Greetings to all AAUW Maryland members from your co-presidents, Dorothy Fraquelli and Sandra Smith. We are both pleased to be representing AAUW and look forward to meeting you during our term in office.

One reason for joining AAUW is the leadership training, both formal and informal, that occurs in branches and at state meetings. In Maryland, our summer meeting includes training sessions for new officers, anyone interested in a particular office and all members who want to expand their experience with leadership. There is much to learn, whether or not you are a new officer, a continuing officer or an interested branch member. We encourage you to attend the Summer Leadership Training Conference, which will take place on Saturday, July 19, 2014 in Gaithersburg, Maryland.

**As the foundation of these meeting is based on the AAUW Mission Statement, "Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research," the task before us is clear. One of the focus groups at the summer meeting will be "Let's focus on public policy this election year." Maryland public policy VP Anita Rosen will lead us to sources of information that we all can use to make better-informed decisions regarding the candidates and legislation in Annapolis and Washington, D.C. Who knows, you may even find you have a passion for public policy.**

**An added benefit to joining AAUW is to meet educated women and men. Attending a state leadership meeting allows you to intermingle with fellow AAUW members from other branches and share ideas. Come join us, obtain leadership training, meet some new people, and enjoy yourself in the process.**

# AAUW NATIONAL CONVENTION

## JUNE 18–21, 2015 | SAN DIEGO

**TAKE THE PLEDGE TO REGISTER NOW AND**

**BE ENTERED TO WIN A FREE REGISTRATION**

You have until September 25, 2014, to take the pledge. We'll send you an e-mail reminder when registration opens, and you'll be entered to win a free registration to the 2015 convention.

## Message from Outgoing AAUW Maryland President Pat Stocker

I am grateful for the opportunity to have served as your President of AAUW Maryland for the past two years. From the moment that Janet Crampton first gave me an important rock – with an amazing description – to the lovely AAUW pillow that many of you signed at the 2014 state convention – it's been an honor. I'm proud of the fact that our voice is heard in Annapolis as well as Washington, that Maryland AAUW members are active at every level of state and national government, and that we continue to make education and fair treatment of women and girls a priority.

As I pass along the gavel to our new co-presidents Dorothy Fraquelli and Sandra Smith, I do so with confidence that AAUW Maryland will continue to grow, flourish, and make a difference in the lives of women and girls. I would like to offer a few special words of thanks to Susan Wierman and Roxann King, vice presidents for programs for the past two years, who supported me as your senior leadership team. I also thank Edie Allison for her dedication to The Marylander and Eileen Menton for the web support. Anita Rosen and Kate Wendowski provided amazing leadership for our legislative efforts and participation in MLAW, and Judy Flood ensured that we remain financially sound. There are many others who have helped – and who continue to make AAUW Maryland a strong organization.

Two highlights of my tenure as state chair were the opportunity to visit a number of branches. Included among these was the 50<sup>th</sup> anniversary of the Howard County Branch, a fun-filled time of memories and plans for the future. Thank you for making me feel welcomed at your branch meetings. I've often said that what I lack in AAUW knowledge I make up in

enthusiasm for AAUW and our causes. You have inspired me by your dedication, hard work, and passion for equality for women and girls.

Another highlight surely has been our support of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). As the sponsor of the Women of Distinction event and some additional individual attendees, AAUW Maryland not only honored Barbara Fetterhoff and Janet Crampton, but we also supported the nearly 1,000 college women student leaders attending this important conference. I was inspired by their youthful enthusiasm for activism, their true desire to make a difference, and their commitment to take on leadership roles in the future. Hearing Chelsea Clinton inspire these young women was a gift to all of us lucky enough to be at the conference.

I am honored to have served as your President and I am confident that our new co-presidents will build our organization in exciting directions. Thank you!



## Public Policy Activity Ideas - Food for Thought

Public Policy Co-Vice President Anita Rosen

At our April 26 state convention in Frederick, attendees brainstormed ideas for public policy activities. We agreed that policy activities are good branch and state programs and interesting ways to attract new members. Here is a condensed list for your use and for further discussion at the Summer board meeting. And remember, every branch should have a liaison with Maryland public policy co-VP Anita Rosen (anitarosen@comcast.net).

1. What's being done to keep track of and discourage bullying?
2. What's being done to strengthen restraining orders?
3. What are we doing to educate about human trafficking?
4. How can we better share information from state and national.
5. Show/sponsor the film *Miss Representation* (can check out in public libraries) to a group of middle school students.
6. Offer a program or discussion on good sportsmanship to both boys and girls.
7. Educate and support stronger bills on human trafficking and slavery and how to prepare against it.
8. Hold a showing of *Girl Rising*, a film about the value of education for high school and branch.
9. Promote early childhood education.
10. Support victims of assault (college, military, all types).
11. Show the film *Invisible War* (can check out in public libraries) and discuss actions.
12. Develop a state level action alert system.
13. Help develop a site in the county for trade-off of supervised visitation in difficult divorce/child custody cases.
14. Partner with other local/state organizations for public policy activities. (Running Start)
15. Have an interface with the media.
16. Develop a two minute activist on the state level.
17. Find more nonpartisan ways to present AAUW issues.

## Legal Advocacy Fund Update

Legal Advocacy Fund Liaison Janet Crampton

LAF news for the first half of 2014 features Supreme Court hearings and actions. Here's a short list. AAUW LAF gives no financial support to the cases mentioned. AAUW action described here supports our mission of breaking barriers for women and girls. Court decisions, after hearings, are expected in the fall.

### Protections Against Domestic Violence

In an opinion in March authored by Justice Sotomayor, the court clarified a federal law intended to protect victims of domestic violence. The case, *United States v. Castleman*, concerns a statute that bars anyone convicted of a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence from possessing a gun. The law defines misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as a misdemeanor (1) that is committed by someone who has a child with the victim of the assault and (2) that includes, as an element of the crime, the use or attempted use of force or the threatened use of a deadly weapon. The law closes a significant loophole; previously only those convicted of felony domestic assaults were barred from gun possession, even though many misdemeanor convictions result from plea agreements. The court ruled that a conviction qualifies as a misdemeanor crime of domestic violence as long as the use of physical force is an element of the crime; the crime does not need to include violent force in order to qualify. AAUW strongly believes in freedom from violence for all, and we applaud the court's ruling.

### Challenges to Contraceptive Coverage

On March 25 the U.S. Supreme Court heard 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 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. 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

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*Legal Advocacy Fund Update, continued*

additionally on the First Amendment's protection for religious freedom — but the court heard 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.

**Michigan Ban on Affirmative Action Policies**

In its April decision in *Schuette v. Coalition to Defend Affirmative Action* the court upheld, 6-2, a 2006 Michigan ballot initiative amending the state constitution to prohibit affirmative action admissions at state universities. At issue was not the constitutionality of affirmative action policies but whether the ballot initiative was constitutional. AAUW signed on to an amicus brief urging the court to strike down the ban.

**Clinic Buffer Zones**

In January the 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 to protect clinic patients from intimidation. 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 and 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. The plaintiffs appealed to the Supreme Court. AAUW signed on to an amicus brief urging the Supreme Court to uphold the law.

**AAUW Maryland Spring Convention:  
It looks like everyone had a lot of  
Fun. Were you there?**

*Pictured at right, members  
participating in the raffle.*

## News from Patuxent River Branch

*Barbara Fetterhoff*

The College of Southern Maryland has been an AAUW college/university partner for many years, and two staff members are our college/university representatives and considered as branch members: Debra Wyvill on the Prince Frederick campus, and Amy Carney in LaPlata.

In June 2013 CSM students went to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) and learned how to start an AAUW student organization (campus branch). Pictured in 2013 are Barbara Fetterhoff, Patuxent River branch president, who was honored at NCCWSL Women of Distinction ceremony, with Kellee Johnson on the left and Sophie Minshall on the left. During the 2013-14 school year, Kellee and Sophie organized the student organization on the LaPlata campus of CSM, and attended NCCWSL again in June 2014. Now that they have graduated with their AA degrees they will become the newest and youngest members of our Patuxent River branch!



**A Letter from  
Abosede Gbenga-Akinbiola  
AAUW Maryland's International  
Fellow**

*Dian Belanger*

All AAUW Maryland members should know of the gratitude of our current International Fellow, Abosede Gbenga-Akinbiola, from Nigeria, pursuing a PhD in higher education administration at Morgan State University, Baltimore. At Kensington-Rockville's May luncheon she spoke movingly about what it took for her, as a woman, to pursue an education in Nigeria and how she hopes to pay forward the benefits she is now receiving. She focuses her letter on the branch but knows that the money came from members statewide.

Dear Dian,

I would like to appreciate you and all other members of the AAUW Kensington-Rockville's Branch and to say a big thank you for a great luncheon. I also want to appreciate Mr Brian and all the other men that were there for their support. The Saturday meeting was a wonderful experience for me especially as I got to meet you all physically for the first time. It was humbling meeting and discussing with the people who have played a huge role in my educational advancement. I felt more inspired after meeting with you all. Attending such a luncheon was a first for me and I am glad to have been in the midst of such selfless and wonderful people.

Coming from a patriarchal society like the African society, I have always wanted to be able to contribute my quota to ensuring that women are no longer regarded as "subordinate clauses." Attaining a doctoral degree is therefore a fulfilment of a lifelong desire as it would both equip and empower me as an individual and contribute to the realization of my dream of increasing women's visibility at the administrative level of higher institutions. This would further contribute to building my capacity as an aspiring woman leader in the academic world, who would thus be able to efficiently and effectively influence decision making regarding women's issues. This has always been my passion.

Women's intellect and potentials tend to be underutilized or even untapped. A lot of women do not even have the opportunity to contribute their

own quota to the society. I have witnessed women who could have made great impact in the society, end up disillusioned and embittered and dreams aborted due to lack of financial support. I have thus come to understand that combating women's subjugation and relegation to the background in the society requires giving support and encouragement to women in higher education. Education gives an individual a voice. A good education would afford women the opportunity of taking leadership positions in all the spheres of life (medical science, banking and finance, IT, academics/education, business, etc.) This helps build self-esteem and confidence, and ensures one is able to fend for oneself and affect other peoples' lives positively. This would also reduce the stigma of poverty that is associated with women as poverty generally wears a feminine face.

I cannot thank you enough for the wonderful opportunity you have given me by providing the funds for my fellowship. You might not even realize the full import of what you have done, but I would like you to know that by equipping me as a woman, you have trained a generation. You have empowered me and given me the hope to put in hearts of other women.

I believe that to whom much is given, much more is expected. I am therefore committed to opening up a space for the girl-child by breaking barriers that have been socially and culturally imposed on girls and women in as many areas as possible especially in the area of education. The totality of who I am today and the fact that I have a voice today as a woman, is because of the unquantifiable and unimaginable commitment and sacrifices of the women in my family and the AAUW Kensington-Rockville's Branch. To you all, I owe a lot and for your sake, I am committed to passing on the torch.

Thank you all,

Abosede Gbenga-Akinbiola

2013-14 Dian Belanger AAUW International Fellow



Abosede Gbenga-Akinbiola, left,  
and Dian Belanger

## Howard County Branch Presents: 2014 “Jubilee Scholarship Winners” and NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients

*Cynthia Cupples and Amy Robinson, Co-Vice Presidents,  
Education, AAUW Howard County*

**Raja Chahdi** is the mother of three boys, and she sees continuing her education as the best way of providing a good life for them. She has maintained a B+ average in the pre-med program at Howard Community College (HCC) while also working as a pharmacy technician. She looks forward to being involved with the women’s center at UMBC where she will pursue a bachelor’s degree in biology. Raja’s life journey has taken her from her native Morocco to Milwaukee, Florida, San Diego, and Howard County. Her ultimate goal is a medical career.

**Audra K. Medley** is awarded the Jane Trolinger Memorial Scholarship. An L.P.N., certified firefighter, and EMT trained in anti-terrorism and haz-mat operations, Audra Medley received her associate’s degree in nursing from HCC in December 2013. While at HCC Audra received two named scholarships and made the dean’s list. Audra showed exceptional initiative in developing, planning, and implementing the Health and Wellness Ministry at Asbury Town Neck United Methodist Church in Severna Park. Audra has been accepted at the University of Notre Dame of Maryland and hopes one day to start a “business focusing on health and welfare through diet and exercise.”

**Grace Aderogba-Olaiya** is the mother of a five-year-old boy and “live[s] to be a good example to him.” She has worked for more than twelve years as a specialist in medical accounts receivable. Grace will graduate from HCC this spring with an associate’s degree in information technology. She has been accepted at the University of Baltimore, where she will pursue her bachelor’s degree in health care information systems

**Laetitia Messi** is awarded the Joetta Cramm Memorial Scholarship. She is the “single mother of four wonderful, very bright children,” whom she teaches that “with help, some push, and a bit of determination, anything can be accomplished.” Laetitia’s determination is visible in her achievement of no fewer than five specialized

certifications in health-related fields — all before she started college. She was volunteering at Laurel General Hospital when she found her calling to occupational therapy. Laetitia graduated from HCC in 2013 and has been accepted at Towson University, where she will start her bachelor’s program this fall.

**Stephanie Hoyte** is the single mother of three children. She has worked for more than twelve years at the House of Ruth as a family advocate for women and children surviving domestic violence. Stephanie has maintained a B+ average at HCC, and she will graduate this spring with an associate’s degree in human services. She plans to pursue a bachelor’s degree in social work at UMBC. Stephanie writes, “Having my degree will better enable me to serve my community as well as help families recovering from trauma. Being awarded a scholarship would be a tremendous help financially as I pursue my degree so that I may one day be able to pay it forward and help someone under similar circumstances.”

### NCCWSL Scholarship Recipients

These are the two winners of AAUW-Howard County scholarships who attended the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL) at the University of Maryland, College Park, June 5-7.

**Joy Snow** works to find “concrete solutions to end poverty” as an investigator at Hope Works of Howard County. She also volunteers at Howard County AGAST as an advocate against human trafficking, and mentors young women in crisis. With a background as a certified nursing assistant and medical technician in geriatric and Alzheimer’s care, Joy is currently a student in the graduate nursing program at HCC. She plans to work for the Veterans’ Administration when she graduates. We believe that her eagerness to “pass [her] strength and wisdom forward,” turning her own experience of trauma into positive change for others, shows exceptional leadership.

**Jamal Stennett** is a travel agent majoring in hospitality management at HCC. She has worked in administrative positions at the Senate Federal Credit Union and Randstad/Perkin Elmer-Wallace. Jamal provides support within our community through her leadership in directing several groups for moms and small children.

## AAUW Leads for College Women Student Leaders

*Dian Belanger, past-President AAUW Maryland*

For almost 30 years AAUW has helped to promote and support what is now the annual National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). It's a stellar event we should all know about, witness, and celebrate. But if you've only heard the acronym for this mouthful of a name and are wondering, "What's a *Nickwhistle*?" or "Who's Nick Whistle?" you are not alone. Here's a quick review.

American University hosted the first leadership conference for college women in 1985 which, over several years, was planned and sponsored by a varying coalition of women's organizations and academic institutions. Finally, in 2000, when it became clear that more stable leadership was needed, AAUW became the lead conference sponsor, partnering since 2007 with Student Affairs Administrators in Higher Education (NASPA).

This year, a record 900-plus women (most but not all of them young) from colleges all over this country and abroad participated in NCCWSL, on June 5-7. They attended career-related workshops, met strong role models, networked with graduate school and employer representatives, explored Washington, and absorbed skills and confidence to add to their already impressive intelligence, poise, and drive to change the world, not to mention their enthusiasm and gratitude.

From the beginning the conference's highlight event has been the Women of Distinction Awards ceremony. Many honorees are famous; others are not (yet). But all of their shared life stories and tendered advice to the budding leaders are unfailingly instructive and inspiring. Award recipients have included activists and entrepreneurs, cabinet members and military officers, educators and politicians and scientists, even a football coach. Do these past-winners' names ring a bell: Donna Shalala, Dorothy Height, Diane Rehm, Deborah Tannen, Dominique Dawes, Rita Dove?

The 2014 awards went to a Native American television anchor/journalist, an Air Force colonel and astronaut, a computer software designer and entrepreneur, a community college president

(Maryland's Montgomery College), and the co-executive producer of the ABC series *Scandal* (a favorite with this audience).

NCCWSL has special meaning for us because for each of the past four years AAUW Maryland has raised and donated the \$20,000+ required to sponsor the Women of Distinction evening. For that we get invited to sit front-row-center as well as to name our gift in honor of a worthy member—at first Barbara Fetterhoff, Patuxent River Branch, and now Janet Crampton, Kensington-Rockville Branch. Janet's brief remarks on leadership were a big hit. She was afterwards surrounded by eager students seeking her photo, autograph, or encouragement.

Our sponsorship of this event is fitting and opportune for being held at the University of Maryland--at the Stamp Student Union, named for Adele Stamp, dean of women, who also co-founded AAUW Maryland and served on AAUW's national board of directors.

An added thrill featured Chelsea Clinton, who spoke about her family's foundation and its No Ceilings Project to expand women's opportunities around the world. She then took questions, wowing us with her knowledge, thoughtfulness, and, yes, wisdom. For example, on criticism: Expect it. If it's serious and something that can help you grow, "take it seriously but not personally." If it's nasty or stupid or personal (Rush Limbaugh comparing her unfavorably with a dog when she was 13), "sluff it off. It's not about you. It's about the critic saying it. Let it bounce back on [him]." See the full 48-minute event: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?319799-1/chelsea-clinton> or 11-minute excerpt: <http://www.c-span.org/video/?c4500261/clip1>.

Don't let NCCWSL pass you by. Donate. Attend. Be proud, humbled, and grateful to help make an impact whose future dimensions we can only guess at today.



Janet Crampton at NCCWSL



## AAUW Funds Report

*Christine Schmitz, AAUW Maryland Funds Vice President*

Since my report this past winter, a lot of activity has transpired relating to AAUW Funds.

We exceeded our goal of raising \$20,000 to be the Platinum Sponsor of the Women of Distinction Ceremony at the National Conference of College Women Student Leaders. Our members contributed over \$25,400, allowing for the excess of funds to support individual scholarships for young women to attend the conference. Thanks to everyone for their support in this effort.

For those of you who attended the Ceremony you witnessed an inspiring evening. For those of you who could not join with us, please know this event touched over 900 young women who benefitted from hearing the stories from the honored women including our own Janet Wert Crampton.

Additionally, I had the privilege to meet Don and Ann DeArmon at the Women of Distinction dinner. You may recall that the DeArmon family established an American Fellowship in honor of Theodora "Ted" DeArmon, the mother of Don. We had announced to our membership this past year that this fellowship was very close to being fully funded. Several of our members made contributions to it in the past year.

I am happy to announce that this fellowship is completely funded and a fellow will soon benefit.

I asked Don to give us a little background on his mother's association with AAUW. Ted's membership began back in the 1950s. She graduated from the University of Tennessee in 1945 with a degree in home economics and then worked for the U.S. Department of Agriculture's extension service. She became very active with AAUW, being a Harford County Branch president in the late 1960s and Maryland state president in the early 1970s. Don recalled that she was also a member of the National AAUW nominating committee. She participated in annual legislative visits to the Maryland General Assembly and attended a number of AAUW national conventions. He recalled fondly that one of her tasks when she was the Maryland state president was to send out the state newsletters. He, his brothers and their friends spent many hours assisting their mother putting labels on those newsletters to help get them into the mail. Don recalled that "AAUW was not abstract to her – she wanted to provide higher education opportunities for the young women that followed her, even though she was not blessed with a daughter of her own." Sadly, she died September 5, 1979, of cancer at the very young age of 54. She never got to meet the six granddaughters who were subsequently born.

It was great to learn about the life of Theodora DeArmon, and I thank Don and Ann for their contributions to this fellowship and for sharing Ted's story with me.

## Summer Fun and Fundraising in Garrett County

The Garrett County Branch carries out two major fundraising events over the summer and invites any AAUW people to participate if they are visiting Deep Creek Lake or the surrounding area.

We participate in a nonprofit, used-book store called "End of the Line Books" located in the boxcar at the train station in Oakland. It is open Wednesdays, Fridays and Saturdays from 11:00 a.m. to 3:00 p.m. until Autumn Glory in October. We gladly accept gently used books and encourage you to look for something to read while you are here.

And we hold a major yard sale on Saturday, August 2, 9:00 to 2:00, at the home of the great-grandmother of one of our scholarship recipients, two doors south of Wayne's Water 'n Wells, on Route 219, between the lake and Oakland. You are welcome to stop by and buy, or just say hello.

## Food Fight 2014 – Year 5 Harford County Branch Savors Fundraising

*Sheila Allen, Co-Chair, Food Fight Planning Comm.*

The AAUW Harford County Chapter 5<sup>th</sup> Annual Food Fight (an event similar to Chopped on the Food Network) was another delicious success! On May 19, the Vandiver Inn gazebo in Havre de Grace was beautifully decorated, the multi-cultural “secret” ingredients were artistically used, the wild goose was cooked, the raffle baskets were full of fun food-related items, and the chefs did a great job creating appetizers and entrees (in one hour) for the 30 judges. This 5<sup>th</sup> year of Food Fight brought the following chefs: Chef Travis Szerensits and sous chef Brian Hancocks from Manor Tavern, Chef Chris Bibey and sous chef Kimberly Gillis from the Vineyard Wine Bar, Chef Yale Koplovitz and sous chef Dottie Jones from MacGregors, and Chef Duane Smith and sous chef Jake Conner from DuClaw Brewing Company.

Once again, Chef Travis and sous chef Brian took top prize for the Manor Tavern. This is a THREEPEAT for them!

Total receipts from the event brought in a total of \$1923, an all-time high. Harford Appliance Repair Service donated money to help defray costs of the event, Wegman’s contributed a gift card to purchase the secret ingredients, and Acme gift cards donated by Tasos Olive Oil were used to purchase the pantry ingredients. Local farmers (Brad’s Produce and Harman’s Farm Market) donated fresh produce for the pantry. Gift cards and/or items for the gift basket were donated by



McShane’s Gourmet Coffee, Jordan Thomas Salon & Spa, Les Petits Bisous, Love to Stamp, Sunny Day Cafe, Walmart, Knob Hill Winery, Waffle House, Coffee Coffee, Kitchen and Company, Bucks Restaurant, Ikaros Restaurant and Harford Vineyard and Winery. Additionally, Bank of America’s donation will be used to purchase a “Winners” plaque for Chef Travis at Manor Tavern.

Special thanks go to the following:

- The Food Fight Planning Committee: Jennifer Palinkas, Marlene Butler, Pat Hogan, Karen Gyolai, Emily Jensen, and especially Elizabeth Holmes and Sheila Allen (co-chairs) for helping to plan and put into action the event itself.
- The Food Fight Raffle Basket Committee: Carol Mueller and Wendy Compton for their work acquiring donations for the baskets, putting them together and selling raffle tickets.
- The Food Fight Marketing Committee: Hazel Hopkins for contacting media sources, writing articles, and sharing pictures of the events with local news agencies.
- And thanks to all of you who attended Food Fight and/or supported the event in some way. In the end, we all win – as do the women who receive the scholarships provided by our donations.



*Pictured above: Chef Duane Smith from DuClaw Brewing Company*

*Pictured at left: One table of food judges rate appetizers on aesthetics, taste and creativity with 34 minutes remaining on the clock for the chefs to complete the entrée*

**2014 Summer Leadership Training Conference****July 19, 2014**

Asbury Methodist Village, Park View Bldg Club Room, Gaithersburg, Maryland

**Directions:**

From all directions, take exit 11 from Interstate 270 which takes you onto Montgomery Village Avenue. Continue past the light at Rte 355 (Frederick Ave). At the next stoplight, Russell Avenue, turn right. Continue past the Lake Forest Mall to the second traffic light and turn left onto Odenhal Avenue. At the next light turn right into the main entrance gate to Asbury Methodist Village. Stop there and tell them where you are going, and if you need directions they will give them.

Use Google Map as shown on [www.AsburyMethodistVillage.org](http://www.AsburyMethodistVillage.org) to get to the main gate at 301 Russell Ave. Use the [campus map](#) to locate Park View Building 211. After passing the gatehouse proceed to the second stop sign; turn right onto Fellowship Circle. Follow Fellowship Circle a short way as it curves left to the top of the incline. Park along the street in front or on the side of the building. From here you enter the lobby where the Club Room is on the right. You can also drive past Park View to the back of the building where open parking is on top of the parking garage. (Do not park in the garage.) Enter through the back door at the chapel entrance by buzzing the receptionist, and take the elevator down to the lobby level. There will be AAUW signs directing you to the Club Room.

“Early Bird” registration of \$35 must be postmarked by July 8.  
Regular registration is \$40 and must be postmarked by July 12.

Mail registration form and check payable to “AAUW MD” to

**Bea Dane, 4050 Hobbs Hill Rd, Glenelg, MD 21737**

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Branch name/position: \_\_\_\_\_

Special request-facility/other (including request for vegetarian lunch):  
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Please indicate your first, second, and third choice for discussion group.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 1: Let's focus on public policy this election year.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 2: Branch programs advance mission and build community.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 3: Treasurers: Taking care of business.

\_\_\_\_\_ Group 4: Membership is where it's at!

## Calendar

- July 19, 2014 - Summer Leadership Training Conference, Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, hosted by Gaithersburg Branch
- October 18, 2014 - AAUW Maryland Fall Board Meeting hosted by Harford County Branch
- April (18 or 25?) 2014 - AAUW Maryland 2015 Convention hosted by Kensington-Rockville Branch
- June 18-21, 2015 - AAUW National Convention, San Diego

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