

## AAUW Maryland July 2016 - June 2017

### Report of the Co-Vice Presidents for Programs

Programs were organized for the July 2016 Leadership Training Conference and the April 2017 Annual Convention. These programs are described in this report. In addition, the Co-Vice Presidents for Programs organized a preliminary program for the July 2017 Leadership Training Conference.

#### **2016 Summer Leadership Training Conference: Engaging Members to Change the Climate for Women and Girls**

Date: Saturday, July 23, 2016

Location: Severna Park United Methodist Church

Approx 30 attendees

The Keynote address was delivered by Claudia Richards, Senior Branch Relations Manager, AAUW. Claudia highlighted the variety of resources on the AAUW website. Claudia encouraged everyone to call on the Connect Staff for assistance with any AAUW-related issues.

#### **AAUW Maryland Goals and Action Items Highlights**

*Members met in three groups to develop goals in Public Policy, Membership, and Programming - and action items for the next two years. Some of their recommendations:*

**1. Public Policy:** Increase member participation and AAUW-Maryland visibility in the Public Policy area  
**Action Items**

- Advocate for Post-Secondary Education Child Support Supplement, a Howard County Branch initiative.
- Support other AAUW priorities, including Fair Scheduling, Sick Leave, and Equal Pay
- Get out the Vote. One event per branch; coordinate with the League of Women Voters
- Advocate for Title IX; encourage each branch to have a Title IX Coordinator

**2. Membership:** Increase state membership by 10% (net increase of 70 members)

**Action Items**

- Establish an on-line Maryland community – will target national members and AAUW Maryland members whose branches have been disbanded.
- Increase visibility of AAUW-Maryland at local, regional and state events
- Create a state brochure
- Forge relationships with like-minded organizations, the military community, women’s professional groups

**3. Programs:** Promote communications and celebrate AAUW Maryland’s 75<sup>th</sup> Anniversary in April 2017

**Action Items**

- Set a goal of 75% of branches represented at the National Convention in Washington, D.C. in June 2017
- Continue to support the NCCWSL Women of Distinction Ceremony and increase publicity about NCCWSL to branches and colleges/universities.
- Begin a Start Smart Initiative (a joint Public Policy and Program effort)

## **Fall Board Meeting Program:**

**Hosted by Bethesda/Chevy Chase Branch**

**Date: October 15, 2016**

**Location: Bethesda-Chevy Chase Regional Services Center in Bethesda, MD.**

**Attendees: 30**

The meeting began with a presentation from Sophie Kim Goldmacher, Younger Women's Task Force DC (YWTF- DC) board member, on how to set up a Start Smart/ Work Smart Program. Speaker Sophie Goldmacher made the process of setting up a Start Smart/Work Smart program appear simple and very doable for AAUW MD. She presented the best practices and pitfalls that young women encounter. , Goldmacher provided AAUW MD members an opportunity to offer suggestions for the YWTF fundraising.

The second portion of the program included, comments from three self-motivated women who attended the 2016 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). These women shared their overall experiences in the leadership program, and in particular they shared their thoughts on the Women of Distinction ceremony sponsored by AAUW Maryland.

## **2017 Annual AAUW Maryland State Convention**

### **Celebrate 75 Years of Sparkling History**

Date: Friday April 7, 2017 and Saturday, April 8, 2017

Location: Chesapeake College, Easton MD

#### **Program:**

Weekend festivities began with a commemorative dinner on *Friday, April 7, 2017*, to celebrate 75 years of AAUW Maryland's commitment to advancing equity for all women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. The dinner included: honoring distinguished guest Patricia Fae Ho, AAUW Board Chair, honoring of past State presidents, and a special anniversary presentation.

#### **Saturday Program**

- Comments by Patricia Fae Ho provided updates from National's perspective and the history of AAUW Maryland
- An address by General Linda Singh shared her inspiring personal story.
- During Lunch we heard remarks from the AAUW Maryland 2017 Woman of Distinction Cleopatra Campbell and two attendees of the 2016 National Conference for College Women Student Leaders Conference; Queen Nwafor from Johns Hopkins University, and Emily Dreszer from Anne Arundel Community College .
- Dian Belanger and Terry Salyer took us down memory lane with a PowerPoint Presentation and demonstration on the History of Maryland  
**Legislative Update** by Anita Rosen on the Statues of Legislation Impacting MD Women and Families
- A cake cutting was held to celebrate the 75th anniversary

## **2017 Summer Leadership Conference**

Date: Saturday, July 29, 2017

Frederick, Maryland TBD

### **Preliminary Program:**

#### **AAUW Workshop on AAUW Convention – what's Next in Leadership?**

Are you looking for ways to engage community members and enhance your leadership skills? This training will provide Leadership Essentials obtained from the 2017 AAUW Convention and how we can incorporate this into the AAUW Maryland goals established.

**Breakout sessions will encourage sharing good ideas for Branch leadership in the areas of STEM and Salary Negotiations.**

*--Report respectfully submitted by Co-Vice Presidents Markonette Richardson and Kate Campbell Stevenson  
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