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Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

President's Message

By Tracy Lantz, President, AAUW Maryland

Wow and thanks! Those are the two words that continue to resonate today as I'm writing this article. We just finished hosting the Artists4ERA reception on March 3rd. It was an amazing, and extremely successful event, the culmination of many months' worth of planning with a talented and thoughtful steering committee. AAUW Maryland has shown once again that we can bring together local branches and partner with other organizations to educate our fellow Marylanders on a critically important topic. We attracted well known experts on the Equal Rights Amendment who shared their expertise with our audience and generated donations to continue to raise awareness that the fight for Equal Rights is not done!



Tracy with Jerome Stephens of Senator Ben Cardin's office beside a poster by Chuck Sperry at the March 3 reception.

AAUW MD 2023 Convention

Dinner April 14

**Program and Annual Meeting
April 15**

**Members & guests welcome and
encouraged to attend!**

**State officers & committee chairs
and branch representatives
needed for official quorum.**

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I'd like to thank
the AAUW Anne
Arundel,

Baltimore and Howard County Branches as well as AAUW Maryland for their support of this event. We partnered with the Maryland Women's Heritage Center and the Dismantling Racism Committee here in Catonsville. The venue, a local arts guild, was packed most of the evening, we supported two local woman-owned catering businesses, raised over \$3300 in donations for Vote Equality, listened to panelists who inspired and energized us, and connected our guests with national and state-wide organizations who are working to ensure that the ERA becomes the 28th amendment to the constitution as well as helping to elect women to political office.



Beth Hayden and Tracy

Thanks to Howard County for hosting the 2023 State Convention! I look forward to seeing you there! Please review the information about our dinner and convention speakers in this issue of the Marylander.

I'm also excited about the possibility of attending the ERA Centennial Convention to be held in Seneca Falls July 21-22. Did you realize that it has been 100 years since the ERA was first proposed? The Convention will be held at the First Presbyterian Church of Seneca Falls where the National Woman's Party first unveiled the ERA—at the exact same podium Alice Paul gave her speech that day, 100 years ago. The event will focus on cultivating the next generation of ERA activists and set goals for constitutional equality for the next year including an action plan for finalizing the federal ERA and getting state ERAs passed in all remaining 23 states. I would love for us to organize a few carpools from Maryland to attend this event. I've already heard from several ladies who are interested in joining me. Here's the link <https://www.eventbrite.com/e/era-centennial-convention-tickets-461810366237> Please contact me if you're interested!

Don't forget, we are still working to raise funds for the Maryland Woman of Distinction to be honored at the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). This year we are honoring Senator Susan Lee who was appointed Secretary of State by our new Governor Wes Moore. I just made my donation, please consider donating as well. The in-person event will be held on June 2nd at University of Maryland, College Park. Contact Bea Dane if you would like to attend.

There's been talk of holding a AAUW Regional Conference in 2024. I'm looking for two volunteers to serve on this exploratory committee along with leaders from other states in our region. Let me know if you are interested!

Tracy Lantz, AAUW Maryland President

Don't Miss the Pre-convention Dinner Honoring Eileen Menton!



Join us for an evening of celebration as AAUW Maryland honors Eileen Menton (left) at our pre-convention dinner on Friday, April 14, 2023, at 6:30 p.m. Please join us!

We are very pleased to announce that Gloria Blackwell, CEO of AAUW national, will be among our dinner speakers. (Ms. Blackwell is pictured at top right.)



Eileen has been a sponsor of AAUW fellowships for many years.

Greeshma Shivali Oruganti is the 2022-23 recipient of the Mary L. Shelley and Eileen Shelley Menton international Fellowship. Ms. Oruganti is pursuing her doctoral degree in physics at the University of Maryland College Park. She will also speak at the dinner!



The April 14 dinner will be held at Union Jack's British Pub of Columbia, at 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD. There is a drop off right by the restaurant entrance and parking in a garage near the restaurant or across the street. Please register (below)!

AAUW Maryland 81st Annual Convention



Continuing the Conversation about



Inequalities in Health Care Affecting Women and Girls

Saturday, April 15, 2023 | 9 AM – 4 PM | Virtual and in Columbia, MD

Hosted by AAUW Howard County Branch

Convention Location: Howard County Community College, Duncan Hall, Kittleman Room, (Parking in **Lot A 10785 Little Patuxent Parkway**, Columbia, MD 21044). Connection via Zoom will also be available. The Convention is AAUW Maryland's Annual meeting and will include election of officers whose terms end June 30.

Program: The 2023 Convention will begin with half an hour of networking, coffee/tea, and snacks. The program will include presentations from two distinguished guest speakers from the healthcare field and a formal discussion. The topic of discussion during the morning session will focus on *Inequalities in Health Care Affecting Women and Girls: The "Fourth Trimester."* Health officials consider this a crucial period after the birth of a child. Unfortunately, the United States has a growing problem with providing adequate healthcare to women who have recently given birth. The rate of maternal death in the U.S. is nearly three times that of other developed countries. We will hear from experts in this field to understand the reasons behind this startling statistic and what can be done to improve healthcare and monitoring for new mothers. We are most pleased to tell you a little about our guest speakers:

Dr. Jameta Barlow, PhD, MPH, Assist. Professor of Writing at George Washington University



Dr. Barlow is a community health psychologist and an assistant professor of writing at The George Washington University in Washington, DC. Dr. Barlow utilizes decolonizing methodologies to disrupt intergenerational trauma, chronic health diseases, and structural policies adversely affecting Black girls' and women's health. Dr. Barlow holds a Bachelor of Arts in English from Spelman College, a Master of Public Health (MPH) in Maternal and Child Health from The George Washington University, and a PhD in Psychology from North Carolina State University.

Ms. Lee Taylor-Penn, MPA, MPH, Policy Director, Maternal Mental Health



Lee Taylor-Penn is a public health advocate passionate about promoting health equity through evidence-based policy-making, research, and community engagement. Before joining Maternal Mental Health Leadership Alliance (MMHLA), Lee was a Senior Policy Analyst at Families USA, where she provided policy analysis and strategy support with a focus on maternal health, health equity, and Medicaid. Ms. Taylor Penn has a Master of Public Administration (MPA) and an MPH from the University of Michigan-Ann Arbor, as well as a BA in liberal arts from the University of Mississippi.

Convention logistics, pricing, and registration information are included on pages 13-15 of this Marylander. A block of hotel rooms is available for those staying Friday night.

★ Thanks to the 2023 Nominating Committee – Meet the Nominees!

Many thanks to this year's nominees! And thanks to the 2023 Nominating Committee members: • Ruth Spivak - Kensington Rockville, • Dorothy Fraquelli - Baltimore, • Jeannie Parr - Howard County, and • Bernadette Low - Harford County.

Additional nominations may be made at the convention with the permission of the nominee. Please review the following information about the nominees recommended by the Nominating Committee for the two-year term beginning July 1, 2023:

- Treasurer: Christine Schmitz
- Co-Vice Presidents, Public Policy: Roxann King and Debby Chessin
- Vice President, Membership: Jeanne Blades
- Secretary: Diane Roca

Nominated for the 2024 Nominating Committee:

- Susan Wierman, Baltimore Branch
- [At the time this Marylander was prepared, the Committee was still seeking three additional nominees for the 2024 Nominating Committee. Please consider volunteering!]

Becoming an AAUW Maryland officer or committee chair is a great way to gain leadership experience, make new friends, and further the mission of AAUW. Members from any branch are eligible for nomination, so don't be shy!

For Treasurer: Christine Schmitz



Christine Schmitz most recently served as Membership Chair for AAUW Maryland. Previously, she served as Treasurer and as Vice President for Fundraising. She has been a long-time advocate for AAUW, having served as President of the Towson Branch and as a Board Member and Treasurer of the Baltimore Branch. She has experience on several national AAUW Committees: She completed two terms on the AAUW National Investment Committee and currently serves on the National Finance Committee as well as the Governance Committee.

Christine is Director of Wealth Advisory Services for Glass Jacobson Investment Advisors, LLC. She is an Investment Advisor, a Certified Financial Planner, and a Certified Public Accountant.

A graduate of the Peabody Institute of the Johns Hopkins University, she attained her Bachelor of Music degree prior to turning her focus to a career in business and investments. She is also a graduate of the University of Baltimore and the College for Financial Planning.

In addition to Board service for AAUW, she has been treasurer of VGIF, now known as Women First International Fund. She is also a member of the Peabody Institute Advisory Board as well as a member of the Vestry of St. Barnabas Episcopal Church in Sykesville.

For Co-Vice President for Public Policy: Roxann King and Debby Chessin



Roxann King

Roxanne King is currently Co-Public Policy Vice President for AAUW MD and previously served as AAUW-MD Co-Vice President for Programs and Vice President for Membership. Previously, she was Public Policy Co-Chair for AAUW Anne Arundel County and local arrangements cochair for the 2020 AAUW state convention planned for Annapolis. Roxann served as Co-President of the Anne Arundel branch for four years, book sale co-chair for six years and webmaster for 4 years.

Emeritus of Prince George's Community college, she retired in May of 2016, having taught mathematics there for 39 years. She wrote several mathematics textbooks. Roxann believes very strongly in AAUW's mission in shaping public policy to support the education, equity, and the well-being of women and families; she also believes that the NCCWSL is one of AAUW's most powerful activities. On a more social level, she loves playing bridge with her AAUW ladies' group.



Debby Chessin

Dr. Debby Chessin is currently Co-Public Policy Vice President for AAUW MD and previously served as AAUW Anne Arundel County President. Also, as a member of the branch's Public Policy Committee, she volunteered with Dr. Catherine Hill, Executive Director of the Women's Legislative Caucus to present research summaries of upcoming bills for legislators, attend hearings, and provide general support.

Before moving to Annapolis in 2017, Debby served two four-year terms as a Planning Commissioner for the city of Oxford, Mississippi. In that position, she sought to balance the needs of the individual with those of local developers to maintain the charming and historic nature of the town.

More recently, she served as the 2019 AAUW AAC Co-Chair of the "STEM Girls Count!" conference for fourth grade girls in Anne Arundel County featuring workshops in the STEM fields presented by women scientists, architects, and engineers. This very successful conference was a collaborative effort between the Anne Arundel County Public Schools, AAUW AAC, and Anne Arundel Community College

Dr. Chessin earned the BS and MS from Cornell University in Ithaca, New York and the M.Ed. from The University of Mississippi where she served as Professor of Science Education and Coordinator of Study Abroad for the Department of Teacher Education. She enjoys spending time with her family in Annapolis, reading, keeping up with the news and local politics, riding her Honda Ruckus Scooter, sailing in the Bay, walking, hiking, and enjoying nature.

For Secretary: Diane Roca



Diane Roca holds a BA in English Literature from Mount Holyoke College. Her professional career included various administrative positions at AT&T. Diane joined AAUW over 50 years ago. She has been a member of four different branches in three different states and has found membership to be a great way to meet people and learn about a new community. Reflecting on her AAUW experience, she says that she values her membership, first, for the ways to benefit women and, second, for personal growth. A member of the Howard County branch, Diane has served her branch as President and in other board positions. She is currently the Branch Communications Vice President. On the Maryland state level, Diane served as President from 2006-2008 and is currently the AAUW MD Bylaws Chair.

For Membership Vice President: Jeanne Blades



Jeanne Blades is currently VP for Membership for the Harford County Branch. She has been a member for four years and readily engaged in the VP for Membership role. She was drawn to AAUW by the friendly, dynamic women who comprise this branch and by all the work that they do to benefit women locally and abroad. She has been actively involved in many of the groups and events that her branch fosters. In another life before retirement in 2011, she had earned her Master's in Science to work as a reading specialist and special educator in an effort to reach students with special needs. After 40 years in education, this is still a passion, and you will often find her substituting at her elementary "home" school. She also teaches as an adjunct instructor at Goucher College believing that one of the foremost ways to improve education within our schools is by helping teachers to adopt exceptional teaching practices.



News & Announcements

Mini-Grants Available to Support Branch Projects as of July 1, 2023!

By Roxann King, AAUW MD Public Policy Co-VP

The 2022-23 Mini-Grant awarded to Anne Arundel County helped support the Artists4ERA event.

On January 28, 2023, the AAUW Maryland Board of Directors voted to allocate \$500 for the state Mini-Grant Program for the program year which begins July 1, 2023. This will be the Program's second year supporting public policy and/or diversity and inclusion projects.

Branches are able to use the funds to address a wide variety of issues, including, but not limited to: economic security for women and families (e.g., helping to close the gender pay gap and supporting paid family/medical leave actions); Title IX (e.g., eliminating campus sexual violence); access to health care; voting rights; human trafficking; diversity, equity and inclusion; promoting STEM studies/careers; seeking fair, non-partisan redistricting; salary negotiation skills (Smart Start and/or Work Smart); and ratification of the ERA.

Applications for the 2023-24 AAUW Maryland Public Policy/Diversity and Inclusion Mini-Grants are now available on our website at <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/about/branch-mini-grants/>. Details and the application are both there. It is under the tab "Tools for Leaders." A total of \$500 will be awarded this year. **The deadline for submitting applications is May 15.**

AAUW Funds Update



Support the 2023 AAUW Maryland Woman of Distinction!

By Bea Dane, VP AAUW Funds

The inspiring Women of Distinction event is held each year as part of the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). AAUW Maryland has been one of the main sponsors of this event for several years, and because of our generous financial contribution to help AAUW hold this inspiring event, we are able to designate a *Maryland* Woman of Distinction. We are the only State to provide this level of funding. This is a big fundraising challenge for AAUW Maryland, and one we are proud to be able to accomplish with the important support of donations from branches and individual members.

Donate for our 2023 Woman of Distinction—Maryland Secretary of State, Susan C Lee!

When we chose Susan C Lee to be our Woman of Distinction, she was a State Senator with a strong record of support for women's issues. Now, she is the newly appointed Maryland Secretary of State! She will be honored at the 2023 NCCWSL event in early June if we reach our goal of \$20,000 to be a Platinum Sponsor for the event. Please encourage all members and branches to donate – any amount is welcome! Donating on-line is preferable, if possible!

To donate online:

Go to aauw.org

Click on the big red Donate button on the upper right corner!

Scroll down until you see:

4355-Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

AAUW Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund

Click on **Count Me In**

You will then be asked to login or create a new account if you don't have one.

This should bring you to the donation page.

Choose the amount you wish to donate.

Complete the other required information and **Checkout**.

To donate by check:

Make your check out to **AAUW**.

On the check memo line designate: **4355-Maryland Women of Distinction (NCCWSL) Fund**

Mail to: AAUW

1310 L Street, NW, Suite 1000

Washington, D.C. 20005

All donations to this fund are tax-deductible to the extent allowed by law. Questions or concerns? Contact Bea Dane at bea_dane@comcast.net

Public Policy Update



By Roxann King, AAUW MD Public Policy Co-VP

This is the busiest time of the year for AAUW Maryland public policy. The Maryland General Assembly is in session only 90 days: January 12 to April 10. We have eleven bills which we are supporting. On Valentine's Day, several of us were in Annapolis visiting the offices of Senate and House of Delegates committee members whose committees were hearing our bills. We advocated for these four bills on our agenda that day, visiting around 14 offices in each chamber:

- End-of- Life Options Bill (HB 933, SB 845)
- Task Force for Emergency Room Wait Time Bill (HB274, SB387)
- Safe Harbor Bill for Child Victims of Human Trafficking (HB 297, SB292)
- Behavioral Care Modernization Act (SB101, HB48)

On Tuesday and Thursday, February 21 and 23, we gave live testimony for the ER Wait Time Bill. Maryland has had the worst ER wait time of all 50 states for the last 7 years.

A description of all the Maryland bills that we are supporting is available here: <https://aauw-md.aauw.net/public-policy/2023-legislative-agenda/>

It is not too late to join us in advocating by sending emails or calling legislators' offices. All the MLAW legislative alerts and also all of our AAUW Maryland legislative alerts (for three bills not on the MLAW agenda) are posted on the AAUW Maryland Facebook page. <https://www.facebook.com/aauw.maryland>

On Wednesday, February 29, AAUW joined other groups in a rally outside the Supreme Court Building, in support of President Biden's student loan debt forgiveness program. That same day, the Supreme Court heard oral testimony for two cases regarding the legality of the program.

Membership Report



By Christine Schmitz, AAUW MD Membership Vice President

An update to Branch Treasurers and Membership Chairs: Starting this year we begin a new rolling membership process. What does this mean? Not all persons will be up for membership renewal on June 30. Following a conversation with the National staff, I learned that three months prior to a person's renewal date, a membership notice will be sent from National. It is the hope of National to send out three notices to a member reminding them to renew. If they have not renewed by three months from their due date, they will be removed from the membership list. If you have further questions about the process, you can reach out to me.

Report of the Bylaws Committee

By Diane Roca, AAUW MD Bylaws Committee Chair

The Bylaws Committee has revised some of the Position Descriptions and some articles regarding state meetings in the AAUW Maryland Handbook. They pertain especially to treasurer's responsibilities.

A quick explanation about the Handbook – We refer to it as “the Bylaws,” but it contains much more than that. In fact, it has six sections. The first is indeed the bylaws for AAUW Maryland. The following sections contain such material as AAUW’s mission statement, history of the state organization, position descriptions for state officers, and a schedule and advice for preparing for a successful conference or annual meeting.

Noteworthy advice in the revised articles:

1. When a member registers for a state meeting by writing a check, the check is made payable to **AAUW Maryland**, not to the host branch, and is submitted to the state Treasurer.
2. Income and expenses related to organizing a meeting are managed through the state Treasurer, not the branch or an individual member.
3. When a new state President or Treasurer is elected, the first step in transferring materials from the outgoing Treasurer to the new one is to go to the bank and change the signatures on the account. Typically, two people have authority to sign checks – the Treasurer and the President. After the new officer has signature authority, then the checkbook and other records must be transferred.
4. Fundraisers at a state meeting: the Chair of the committee or a committee member must keep an accurate record of money received. For an auction (silent or live), create a list of items donated for the auction, the donor, and the amount of money raised by that item. This record, along with the funds raised, must be given to the Treasurer. Careful record-keeping is a protection in case the books are audited.

The goal of these revisions is to comply with Best Practices for an organization such as ours. You are welcome to submit other pieces of advice that are helpful to Diane Roca of Howard County, AAUW Maryland Bylaws Chair, dbroca@comcast.net.

AAUW MD Programs



By Jacki Gray, Co-VP for Programs

Artists4ERA Event a Success!

The week-long Artists4ERA exhibit and March 4 reception at the Baltimore County Arts Guild Clubhouse in Catonsville, MD highlighted the continuing need to add the

Equal Rights Amendment to the U.S. Constitution.

Working with VoteEquality.us, a national organization whose mission is to advocate for the ERA to be certified by the National Archivist, AAUW MD and three local branches along with other community organizations hosted the event. The Arts Guild Clubhouse was a great venue, well suited to art exhibits, very welcoming, and with easy access for the community.



Polly Wilson created beautiful flower arrangements. Roxann King hung a poster assisted by spotters Tracy Lantz and Carolyn Fisher. Branch exhibits (below) by Howard, Baltimore, and Anne Arundel. Crowd at the event (below).



On March 4, speakers reviewed the history of and next steps for moving the ERA forward. The program also included two panel discussions on gender equality. The first featured female students of high school and college age and one recent college graduate. These panelists spoke about challenges they faced due to their

gender, as well as their achievements leading and serving in socially active groups. The second panel consisted of three professional women who shared how they overcame career experiences dealing with sexual harassment, unequal pay, and discrimination.

The reception included of a silent auction of 14 posters created by various artists as well as a raffle for the chance to win an original art piece by San Francisco artist Chuck Sperry. Despite the wet and rainy evening, over 130 people attended. The silent auction raised \$1,800, and the raffle generated over \$800, with total donations to Vote Equality of over \$3,300.

Members of the organizing committee for the Artists4ERA event included representatives of:

- AAUW: Tracy Lantz, Carolyn Fisher, Roxann King, and Debby Chessin (State officers), and Alice Harrison (Anne Arundel Co.), Denise Gray (Baltimore), Beth Hayden (Howard Co.), and Mary Helen Spear (Garrett Co.);
- Maryland Women's Heritage Center: Bea Dane; and
- Dismantling Racism Committee: Nancy Henderson.

A special thanks goes out for additional help from AAUW members from across the state, including Mary Ann Williams, Heather Reichardt, Judy Carbone, Diane Jackins, Diane Roca, Janice Zimmerman, Tram Anh Bui, Susana Hernandez Martin, Lydia Alcock, and Susan Wierman, each of whom were instrumental in the success of this event!



Branch Activities Connect Members and Advance Mission

Baltimore Branch

The Baltimore Branch is planning its first ever LUNAFEST® event to take place in October 2023. LUNAFEST® is a traveling film festival which highlights and celebrates women's stories through film. The films are made by and about women. The 2023 season of LUNAFEST® features seven short films with a total running time of 95 minutes. LUNAFEST® filmmakers are from all walks of life and range from poets to conservationists, activists, and educators. For additional information, please contact Denise Gray, e-mail: dkgray51@verizon.net, Yvette Myrick, e-mail: yvette4854@aol.com, or Jacki Gray, e-mail: jgray90210@aol.com

Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch

Pat Stocker, Branch President, writes that she has the wonderful opportunity to participate as a representative to the United Nations Commission on the Status of Women at UN Headquarters in New York March 5 – 17. She is eager to learn with women from all over the world as they discuss policies and injustices worldwide.

Speakers at upcoming B-CC Branch meetings include Sara Collina on April 22, “Women’s Rights under a New Supreme Court and House of Representatives”; and Senator Ariana Kelly on May 13, “Reflections on the Maryland Legislative Session.”

B-CC Branch meetings all begin at 11:00 a.m. at Fox Hill, 8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda, MD 20817. It’s handicapped accessible, and plenty of parking is available. All are welcome and encouraged to attend.

Garrett County Branch

Judy Carbone, Branch President, writes that even her immense pride at being a member of AAUW was bumped up several notches after the Branch’s February 15th program featuring Dian Belanger, AAUW Kensington-Rockville, who shared interesting and amazing facts about our AAUW history. Hearing about our foremothers’ accomplishments in the name of women’s equity, women’s rights, and equality for all was so inspiring. With each story, Judy sat a little taller and felt more grateful for being a part of such an incredible organization.

The End of the Line Bookstore opens May 20. Last year, the Bookstore was open for 55 days, and raised \$4,046.42 in sales and donations. After expenses, \$2,3098.25 went to AAUW Garrett Branch and \$1,218.85 to Girl Scout Troop #55004, based on volunteer days worked. A big THANK YOU to everyone who volunteered last season. The Branch offers several different scholarships, all of which aim to provide financial assistance to Garrett County women who seek to further their education.

Hagerstown Branch

Charlotte Trout, Branch President, reports that the Hagerstown Branch was able to resume a full schedule of in-person activities this year. In addition to their usual September picnic and Christmas tea, they had two informative presentations this past fall. In October, Branch members visited the home of Elizabeth Paul to learn about the Historic African American Cemetery which is located next to her property and for which she had been instrumental in leading clean-up and restoration efforts. (See <https://emilieamt.com/the-halfway-african-american-cemetery-is-a-neglected-black-cemetery-in-hagerstown-md/> and <https://www.facebook.com/profile.php?id=100064853073592> .) The November meeting also had an historic focus as local genealogist Carol Miller Schultz delivered a wonderful presentation about family history resources in the area. Kathy Powderly, Executive Director of HARC (Hagerstown Area Religious Coalition) was featured at the February meeting where members learned about the programs HARC leads and supports in the community, including Micah’s Backpack, Equity in Education Scholarships, Learning Parties, and ACES workshops among many others.

The Branch’s Founder’s Day luncheon is in March. Looking forward, the Book Sale will be in April and the Scholarship Recipients reception in May. The Branch plans to close the season in June with a presentation by a mother – daughter team of retired and active National Park Rangers.

Howard County Branch

Branch President Beth Hayden reports that the Howard County Branch was busy as one of the hosts for the Artists4ERA event held during the week of February 27th. The reception on Friday night, March 3rd was very successful in spite of the bad weather. It featured a silent auction and raffle of posters, 2 panel discussions with young women, light refreshments, and a wine bar.

In February the Branch heard from Kathi Santora, President of the Maryland Women's Heritage Center, about interesting women in Baltimore's history including Elizabeth Patterson Bonaparte and Virginia Poe.

In March the Branch held their annual Book Bash with the theme, "Make Me Smile." A handful of members discussed books that made them laugh, lifted spirits, or inspired them. We will donate books to AAUW's Gaithersburg Branch and food to the student pantry at Howard Community College.

On Sunday, March 12, the Branch hosted a booth at the annual STEM event for girls at Johns Hopkins Applied Physics Lab in Fulton, MD. Our theme will be "*Star Struck: Women in Astronomy and Space*" featuring our branch's astrophysicist, Sethanne Howard who will talk to the girls. There will be images from the James Webb Telescope, self-inflating balloons, crossword and word search puzzles, along with Starburst candy.

The Branch is reviewing applications to provide scholarships to 2 women for the upcoming NCCWSL Conference. In addition preparations are underway for hosting the AAUW MD Annual Convention April 15th.

Thanks to AAUW MD Officers and Committee Chairs



Tracy Lantz, President (2022-2024)

Erin Prangley, Past President (2022-2023)

Jacki Gray and Heather Reichert, Co-Vice Presidents for Programs (2022-2024)

Bea Dane, Vice President for AAUW Funds (2022-2024)

Lydia Alcock, Susana Hernández Martín, and Susan Wierman, Co-Vice Presidents for Communications (2022-2024)

Roxann King and Debby Chessin, Co-Vice Presidents for Public Policy (2021-2023)

Christine Schmitz, Vice President for Membership (2021-2023)

Edie Allison, Secretary (2021-2023)

Carol Mueller, Treasurer (2021-2023)

Carolyn Fisher, Chair of Diversity and Inclusion (2022-2024)

Diane Roca, Chair of Bylaws Committee (2022-2024)

Terry Saylor, Archivist (2022-2024)

Debby Chessin, Administrative Assistant to the President

Locations for AAUW MD 2023 Convention Events

Friday Night Pre-Convention Dinner: Union Jack's of Columbia, 6:30 pm to 9:00 pm April 14, 2023

10400 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044 (Across from JC Penney's)

Program will honor Eileen Menton, former national board member & former state president

Convention: Saturday, April 15, 2023, 9:00 am – 4 pm All members and the public are welcome!

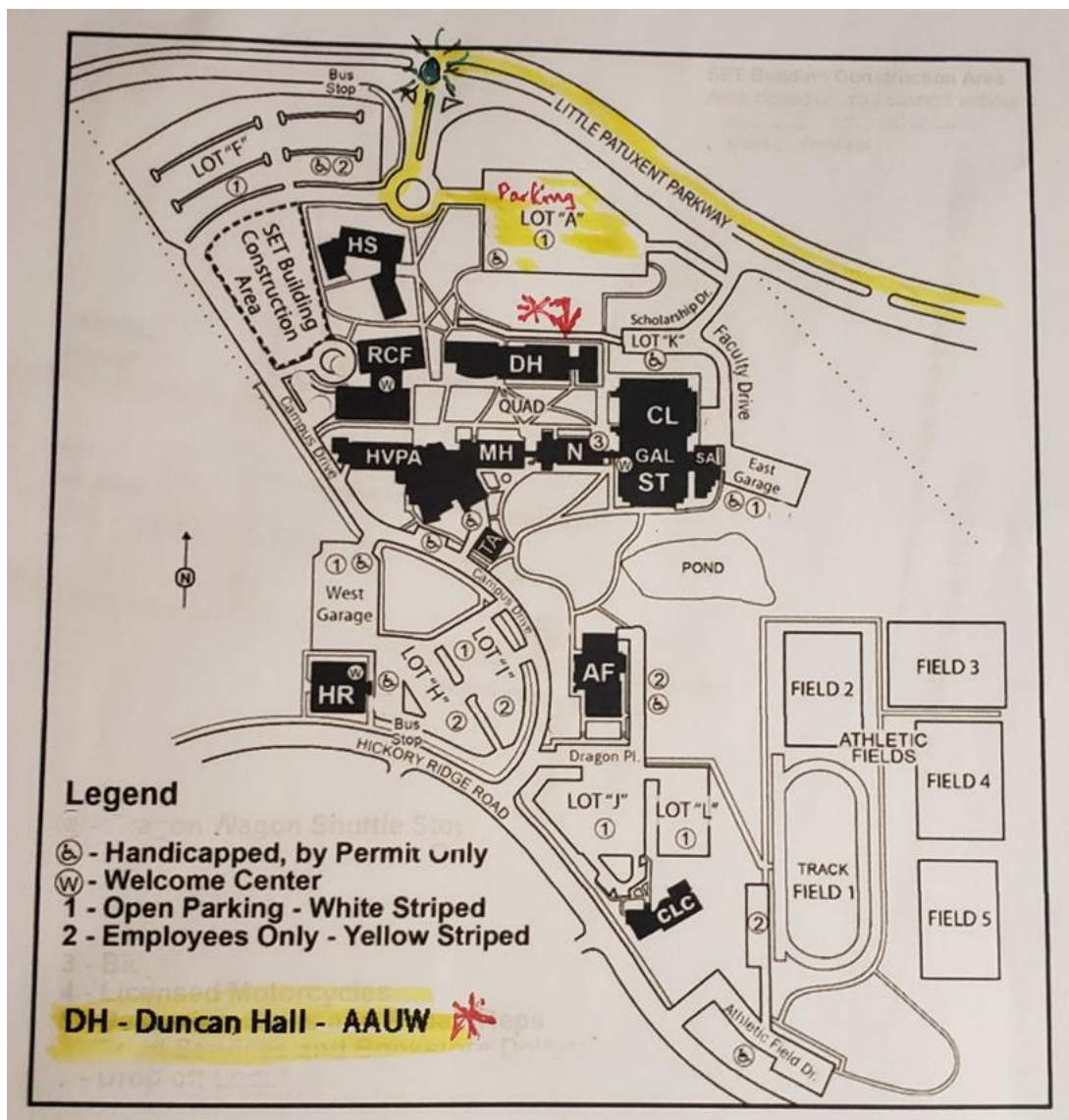
Location: Howard Community College, Kittleman Room in Duncan Hall

For GPS Parking Directions: Lot A 10785 Little Patuxent Pkwy, Columbia, MD 21044

Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites Columbia Room block for April 14 [Link to hotel](#) or call (410)-381-3001.

7045 Minstrel Way, Columbia, MD 21046

Directions



Howard CC – For GPS

Parking Directions:

Lot A 10785 Little Patuxent Pkwy –

From I-95 take Exit 41 onto Route 175 West—Little Patuxent Pkwy—all the way to HCC entrance on Campus Drive where you will turn left at the light. Follow the circle and go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around to Parking Lot A.

Duncan Hall is across from Lot A.

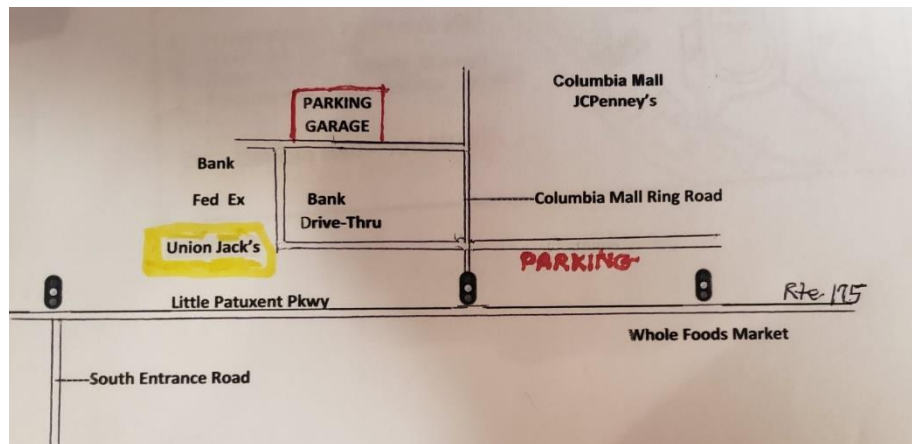
From Route 29, take Exit 18 onto Broken Land Pkwy. Turn Left onto Little Patuxent Parkway and follow to HCC entrance where you make a left at the light on Campus Drive. Follow the circle and go $\frac{3}{4}$ of the way around to Parking Lot A.

The Kittleman room is to the right after you enter Duncan Hall. Attendees can be dropped off at Duncan Hall via Scholarship Drive and "Emergency Vehicles Only" road. Immediately return car to Lot A to park.

Directions to Union Jack's British Pub of Columbia. 10400 Little Patuxent Parkway, Columbia, MD – From Route 29 take Exit 18 for Broken Land Pkwy toward West Columbia Town Ctr. Keep left at the fork and follow signs for Broken Land Parkway/West Town Center/Merriweather. Turn right onto Little Patuxent Pkwy. Turn left at the 3rd traffic light onto Columbia Mall Ring Road (no sign). You will see Union Jack's on the left.

From I-95 take Exit for Route 175--Little Patuxent Parkway-- past Columbia Mall (on right) and Whole Foods (on left). Turn right at first light after the light at Whole Foods onto Columbia Mall Ring Road.

Guests may be dropped off in front of Union Jack's and enter through the side door of the restaurant.



2 Options for Parking at Union Jack's— From Columbia Mall Ring Road make your first right (towards the Mall- JCPenney's) and then another quick right into the parking lot. **OR** Follow Columbia Mall Ring Road past Union Jack's (and FedEx on the left), then turn left right before you see a covered parking garage.

Directions to Hotel: Hampton Inn & Suites Columbia Room block for April 14

7045 Minstrel Way, Columbia, MD 21046. Phone (410)-381-3001

Click here to make individual direct reservations. Rates if booked by March 14: \$109 - King; \$119 – 2 Queens (Only 15 rooms in block) Pay upon arrival. Cancellations allowed until 4/12. Check-In time is 3:00 pm. Group name: AAUW Maryland 2023 Convention.

Hotel Amenities: Complimentary breakfast, free Wi-Fi, free parking, indoor pool, fitness center, refrigerator, microwave, coffee maker.

Hotel Directions: From Rte. 29, take MD-32 E towards Fort Meade. Take exit 14A for Broken Land Pkwy N. Turn right onto Snowden River Pkwy. Turn right onto Minstrel Way and then another right into the parking lot and the Hampton Inn will be on your left.

From I-95 take Exit 38 for Route 32 West. Follow to Broken Land Pkwy (west) and bear to the right. At first light turn right on Snowden River Pkwy. At the next light, turn right onto Minstrel Way and then another right into the parking lot and the Hampton Inn will be on your left.

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Otherwise complete the registration form below and send it with a check made out to

Bea Dane, Treasurer, 4050 Hobbs Hill Road, Glenelg, MD 21737-9522



Name: _____ Branch Affiliation: _____
 Phone: _____ Officer: _____
 Email: _____ State Officer: _____

_____ Check if you plan to attend the **Dinner at Union Jack's** and select choices below

____ Check if you plan to attend the **Convention at Howard Community College** and select choices below

☐ Check if you wish to opt out of sharing your contact information in the list of conference attendees.

\$_____ **Total for convention + dinner**
enclosed* *checks only at the door.

Any special dietary needs: _____

Other allergies:



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Our Mission: To advance gender equity for women and girls through research, education, and advocacy.

Our Vision: Equity for all.

In principle and in practice, AAUW values and seeks an inclusive membership, workforce, leadership team, and board of directors. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of age, disability, ethnicity, gender, gender identity, geographical location, national origin, race, religious beliefs, sexual orientation, or socioeconomic status.

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