



**American Association of University Women
Harford County Branch
February / March / April Newsletter**

Events	Dates	Time / Location	Contact
Feb Foodie Club Chocolate for our Hearts	Sun Feb 11	1 – 3 pm Location – Jeanne Blades’ home 1201 Mazeland Drive, Bel Air	Kathleen Hampton kathleenhampton4048@gmail.com
Feb Branch Meeting Equal Rights Amendment Via Zoom	Wed Feb 21	6 pm – Board Meeting 7 pm – General Be sure to join us via ZOOM on this link: https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84292103158?pwd=ajFaM3N6MlhpcS3V5RkFhZFpldVdBUT09	Theresa Freligh theresafreligh@gmail.com
Feb Book Group Book – “Braiding Sweetgrass” by Kimmerer	Sat Feb 24	10-12pm Location – Alice Leeds’ home 3629 Skylark Ct., Abingdon	Peggy Dymond 410-272-9139 mmdymond67@gmail.com
Mar Foodie Club St Patrick Day Goodies	Sun Mar 10	1 – 3 pm Location - TBA	Kathleen Hampton kathleenhampton4048@gmail.com
Mar Branch Meeting “Race in America” And how we can talk about it (in-person)	Wed Mar 20	6:30 pm – Board Meeting 7:30 pm – General Location – HCC, Havre de Grace Rm 206	Theresa Freligh theresafreligh@gmail.com
BUNCO aka Girls’ Night Out	Thurs Mar 21	7 – 9pm Beverly Peters’ home 1310 Artist Lane Bel Air	Rose Ann Ward wardrose22@yahoo.com

Mar Book Group Book – “Cutting for Stone” by Verghese	Sat Mar 23	10-12pm Location – Joanne Baker’s home 2433 Munford Dr Fallston	Peggy Dymond 410-272-9139 mmdymond67@gmail.com
Mar Trip “The Book Club Play”	Wed Mar 27	1pm Everyman Theater Baltimore	Peggy Dymond 410-272-9139 mmdymond67@gmail.com
Resnik Luncheon Guest speaker: Claire Allen	Sat April 20	10:30am – 12:30pm HCC - Student Center Globe Cafe	Marlene Lieb 410-808-2246 (M) marlenelieb@comcast.net
Book Group “Remarkably Bright Creatures” by Shelby Van Pelt	Sat April 27	10 -12pm Maureen North’s home 300 Sparta Court Bel Air	Peggy Dymond 410-272-9139 mmdymond67@gmail.com

Sheila’s Message

“Let from this month onwards your days become more happier, fulfilling, purposeful, satisfying & joyful.” – Rajesh Goyal

Happy February!

Yep, it’s cold, and winter is still upon us, BUT spring is only a month away! Every day, the sun rises a little bit earlier and sets a little later. Plus, there are some exciting events upcoming for our AAUW Branch that you may choose to fill those longer days.

First and foremost, I want to thank Jeanne Blades for her work on this year’s directory. The new information about renewal dates is important for us as members. And it’s nice to have the directory in hand with all the up-to-date information.

Marlene and her team are working hard on the **Resnik Brunch** to honor our county’s top STEM Junior females. You can read more about this in Hazel’s report in this newsletter. I hope that many of you are planning on attending! This event is really one of our key projects as a branch. Please note that the location at the college is different this year; it will **not** be in Chesapeake Center as in the past. Because of construction, the event will be in the **Student Center**. Once you have let Carol Houck know that you are attending, you can be sure you will be sent a college map as it gets close to the event.

The Resnik Brunch team works hard on acquiring sponsorships for this event so that the brunch is free for the students and their guests. This year, we have also received a grant from the AAUW State organization, and they will be placing information about our event on their site so that other branches may want to copy our efforts and have their own celebration of female STEM students! (Hooray for US!)

While we did acquire that grant, we were not successful in acquiring a grant for a television for Furaha All-Girls’ School in Kenya. I’m doing some inquiries about what may be needed in future grants should they become available.

On another topic, an **ERA Rally will be held on February 19 in Annapolis from 1 – 2 PM in the Lawyers Mall**. I plan to attend and will drive there that morning, so if anyone would like to join me, please email me (sheilahcc@gmail.com).

And please be sure to join our **February Zoom meeting**. See below for Theresa's information about the ERA topic for Feb. 21. The Zoom meeting URL is the same as our January meeting:

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84292103158?pwd=ajFaM3N6MlhpS3V5RkFhZFpldVdBUT09>

Theresa also writes about March's meeting which will be held at Harford Community College in Havre de Grace Hall 206, the building right next to the Student Center; this is a very timely topic.

Also watch for Theresa's information about **nominations for next year's board**. She is leading a team to find new members for positions on the board. Please think about taking on a more active role in this organization. I can say that although it does take a bit of time and work, it is rewarding. I've never realized how much we accomplish as a group, and I am so proud of us!

Finally, watch for an email from **Simply Voting**, coming April 3 – May 15. AAUW National has a proposal to revise AAUW bylaws to allow open membership. Every member will have the opportunity to vote. AAUW national must have your correct email for you to receive a ballot, so if you are not sure, check your file here. It is simple; I have tried it:

<https://aauw.us15.list-anage.com/track/click?u=b7774acceedf76f52c755070c&id=2bf90b1a99&e=e2021c1609>

Enjoy the next few months, and I look forward to seeing you at our events!

AAUW Programs for February and March

2023-2024 Theme: Joining Forces for Advocacy

On **February 21, at 7 pm** we will be having a ZOOM presentation on the ERA. Julie Wiater Ransel of the Maryland Chapter of National Organization for Women (Maryland NOW) will be speaking to the Harford County branch of AAUW on Wednesday evening, February 21st at 7 pm via ZOOM. She will brief us on how the Maryland legislators are trying to pass a resolution in the 2024 General Assembly to affirm that Maryland legislature recognizes the federal Equal Rights Amendment as the 28th Amendment and information on other actions to take, including Congressional outreach She will be sending us materials, (post cards, information, leaflets, etc to help us in our pursuit of Equality for ALL. We MUST pass the ERA NOW!

On **March 20, at 7 pm** we will have an in-person meeting with Dr. Tittle. Dr. Lisa Tittle is a Harford County native passionate about helping people reach their educational and career goals, especially those who have previously never thought about going to college. She teaches transitional reading and writing courses along with English composition. She will be speaking to us about **Race in America and how we can talk about it**. Please join us for this important discussion. We'll meet at Harford Community College, Havre de Grace Hall, Rm 206. (This building is next to the Student Center on campus.)

In our **May 15th meeting** we will be hearing from Tracy Waite. Tracy is the President of Harford County Climate Action and has been VERY active in Environment affairs in Harford County. Her latest involvement has been "Saving Abingdon Woods!" Tracy will talk to us about how WE, the AAUW, can work to save our environment. This will be another, important meeting that will give us direction in saving our country from disaster.

THE 38th RESNIK

Saturday April 20 10:30 AM Brunch \$20 **HCC Student Center (note change of place)**

A proud tradition of the Harford County Branch has been recognizing and honoring outstanding math and science Junior female students in all the area high schools. We have also had an amazing group of women presenters who share their stories and encourage these students to pursue their dreams.

This year it is our pleasure to be welcoming former member Claire Allen, daughter of President Sheila Allen, as she shares her path from Bel Air High School, Class of 2003 to Providence College to today, an Operations Research Analyst for the federal government, and currently the Acting Deputy Director of Enterprise Analytics at Customs and Border Protection in the Department of Homeland Security. No doubt her experience conceiving one of our most successful fundraisers, **Food Fight**, helped her get there!

It is always heartwarming to hear what our honorees have done and what their plans are for the future.

Please reserve your seat by contacting Carol Houck at: (H) 410-671-4154 or (C) 443-752-4927 or carolhou@aol.com no later than April 6. \$20 at the door with cash or check only.

Submitted by Hazel Hopkins

BUNCO Plans

The Bunco group meets every other month, usually on the fourth Thursday.

March 21: Hostess - Beverly Peters Snacks-Beverly Peters

May: Hostess- Eva Hart Snacks-Karen Gyolai

July: Hostess- Jeanne Blades Snacks-Rose Ward

If you would like to try Bunco, but can't commit to every other month, consider signing up to be a sub. Email me if you are interested (wardrose22@yahoo.com) and I will add you to the list. You are welcome to come and watch how the game is played. **It is a lot of fun and a great girls-night-out!**

Taxes, Taxes, and High Finances!

Yes, it's that time of year again as we get ready to pay the taxman. Please keep in mind as you prepare your taxes that \$69 of the \$72 you pay in national AAUW dues is tax deductible. Also, as we swing into a new year, please remember that **renewal dates for AAUW memberships will vary from member to member depending on when a person initially joined AAUW.**

As you may have noticed, your renewal date is now listed in your entry in our branch directory. As explained in the cover letter to the directory that was sent out in late January, you should receive a renewal notice email from National about 2 weeks before your membership ends.

However, this may go to your **junk or spam mailbox** so please check these locations as well as that renewal time nears. Thank heavens there is a 3-month grace period if you should happen to forget to renew.

If a person's membership lapses and then they join *after* the 90-day grace period, their new renewal date will be one year from that point in time when it is processed by National. Dues should remain the same this year with \$72 for national, \$21 for our Harford County Branch, and \$10 for state for a total of \$103. If you have any questions, please don't hesitate to contact me.

Thanks!

Jeanne Blades, VP for Membership, jeanmarieb@gmail.com

Foodie Club

The Foodie club (previously known as the cooking club) will meet every second Sunday of the month.

Sunday February 11th from 1 - 3pm - Chocolate for our Hearts.

Location: Jeanne Blades' home.

Sunday March 10th from - 3pm - St Patrick Day Goodies. Location: TBA.

Any questions? Contact Kathleen at kathleenhampton4048@gmail.com

AAUW Nominating Committee Information

I have been chosen to head this year's nominating committee, and I need YOUR help. The committee consists of 3 members of AAUW who are willing to make about 20 phone calls to AAUW members asking them if they would be willing to serve as **Treasurer** or **President Elect**. Please help me in this endeavor.

Sheila and Kathy have been doing a fabulous job, but our by-laws prohibit them from serving again. The AAUW is a small, but powerful, organization that adds much to Harford County. Please help us continue to improve the lives of many. If you are interested in serving on the Nominating Committee or would be willing to become either President Elect or Treasurer, please contact Theresa: theresafreigh@gmail.com

Submitted by
TheresaFreligh

AAUW Book Group

If you love to read, this is the group for you! We bring interesting and diverse points of view to the discussion of virtually every book we read. We meet on Saturday mornings (usually on the fourth Sat) September through May at members' homes from 10am – 11:30. You can just read along with us, but the process of discussing books with other intelligent women is well worth your time. The joy of reading is multiplied when we share it with others. Join us if you're able!

Sat Feb 24 - "Braiding Sweetgrass" by Kimmerer 305.897K - there's also a young adult version which might be interesting. Location: Home of Alice Leeds

Sat Mar 23 - "Cutting for Stone" by Verghese. I've requested a "Book Groups to Go" 10 pack and hope to be able to distribute at our Feb meeting. This is a longer read. Location: Home of Joanne Baker

Sat Apr 27 - "Remarkably Bright Creatures" by Shelby Van Pelt. Location: Home of Maureen North

Sat June 1 – "Rebecca" by Daphne du Maurier. Location: TBA

For more information, contact Peggy Dymond, mmdymond67@gmail.com or 410-272-9139 (home).

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Bunco Club	Rose Ann Ward	443-371-227