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CO-PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

Senator Birch Bayh, in his talk at our January 12 meeting, praised AAUW for the organization's prominent role in supporting legislation favorable to women and girls. Lois Hamilton, our other speaker, cited the resources that AAUW provided when she was touring the country to begin the implementation of Title IX. Senator Bayh is considered the "father" of the law.

Title IX was added at the Senator's initiative to eight other provisions ("titles") of the Higher Education Act of 1972. Its thirty-seven words brought new opportunities to women and girls in athletics and academics: "No person in the United States shall, on the basis of sex, be excluded from participation in, be denied the benefits of, or be subjected to discrimination under any educational program or activity receiving Federal financial assistance." It also created equality for men and boys: enrollment in programs previously prescribed for females only, e.g. consumer science; choices in personal grooming, e. g. hair length.

FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING

February 23, 10:00 AM

St Michaels Library

*Discussion of The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway
Led by Bill Peak, "the library guy"*

*Followed by
Lunch at Chesapeake Landing*

Directions: Route 33 to St Michaels. Left onto railroad Ave. Turn left at the next street and go one block to library on your right. Parking is in the front and the rear. Meeting room is in the rear of the library. Chesapeake Landing, 23713 St. Michaels Road, is on the left, past CBMM.

Senator Bayh charmingly told of the people in his life (grandmother, wife, father, Senate colleague) who influenced his belief in equal rights.

Mrs. Hamilton described her experiences during her work on Title IX: objections of school administrators, blatantly sexist textbooks, even discriminatory treatment by hotel staff members.

Senator Bayh encouraged us to be vigilant so that the provisions of Title IX are not lost. In addition, it was pointed out that the Equal Rights Amendment, which he championed during his Senate tenure, is still necessary because Title IX applies only to institutions which receive federal funds.

Our January program was interesting, entertaining and instructive, and it left us with the challenge to keep up our good work!

Joan C. Leukhardt, Co-president



CALENDAR

- February 4, 2013: Twiggs Investment Group**, 4:00 PM
- February 18, 2013: Branch Board Meeting**, Mettah Kollmann's home, 6:00 PM
- February 23, 2013: Branch Meeting**, Book Discussion, The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway, St. Michaels Library, 10:00 AM followed by lunch at Chesapeake Landing restaurant
- March 23, 2013: Branch Meeting**, Tricky Tray Fund Raiser, William Hill Manor, 10:00 AM
- April 13, 2013: AAUW Maryland State Convention**, Harford County
- April 15, 2013: Branch Annual Meeting**, Hyde Park, 6:30 PM
- May 4, 2013: Bus Trip** to Layton's Chance Winery
- May 20, 2013: Branch Meeting**, Spring Dinner, Janet Harford's home, 6:00 PM
- June 9-13, 2013: AAUW, National Convention**, Sheraton New Orleans Hotel
- June 15, 2013: Planning Meeting**, River House, 12:00 N



PROGRAM

Elaine Wilson, Chair

February Branch Meeting

Saturday, February, 23, we will meet at 10:00 AM at the St. Michaels Library and discuss the One Maryland One book, The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway. **Bill Peak**, "the library guy," will lead the discussion. Bill received his undergraduate degree from Washington & Lee University and his Master's from the writing program at Hollins University. The student

body at Hollins, when Bill attended, consisted of 800 women and 15 men. He assures me he never cut a class. Before moving to the Eastern Shore, Bill worked as a writer for the National Association of Broadcasters in Washington, DC. He has also written exhibit scripts and label copy for a number of museums, including the Chesapeake Bay Maritime Museum. He has worked for the Talbot County Free Library for a little over six years now. His library column is published monthly in *The Star Democrat*. The Cellist of Sarajevo by Steven Galloway tells the true story of Bosnian Cellist Vedran Smailovica and turned it into a modern morality tale, at once both intense thriller and exquisite work of art. The story is told from the point of view of four characters. The meeting will be followed by lunch bunch at Chesapeake Landing.

March Branch Meeting

The Easton Branch "Shamrock Tricky Tray" fundraising event to be held on March 23, 2013 from 10:00 AM to 12:30 PM in the William Hill Manor auditorium celebrates *Women's History Month*. This event is held every two years, and is our major fund raiser for EF and LAF, and any branch project which we choose to support. The cost is \$25.00 and includes admission to the event, a continental breakfast, and 25 chances for trays, plus raffles and door prizes. Now is the time to decide upon a themed "tray." As soon as you do, give **Eunice Shearer** (410-822-0607) a call. The sooner the better!!! It's also time to sell tickets to friends, relatives and neighbors. We will have tickets at the February meeting and you can also get them from **Eunice Shearer, Kay Wendowski** or any board member. (see the first page of the newsletter for board members to contact). We also need raffle and door prizes—if you want to regift, now is a good chance. Let Eunice know if you have any.

Joanne Asparagus will be our speaker this year. Joanne has a Bachelor of Arts, from Lincoln University; a Masters of Social Work, from the University of Pittsburgh; and a Juris Doctor, from Duquesne University. Her employment history is extensive, but more recently, from July 1996 to January, 2009, she was the Domestic Relations Master for the 2nd Judicial Circuit and from January 2009 to the present she is the Domestic Relations Master of Caroline County. She is an active volunteer in the community and has garnered many awards. Our tricky tray is a great way to celebrate Women's History Month, and have some fun, so be sure to get your friends and neighbors involved.

May Bus Trip

A fantastic day has been planned for us on May 4, 2013. We will leave Easton via bus from Creamery Lane at 10:00 AM, pick up our tour guide (and guests who prefer to join us at this location) at Cambridge Sailwinds Visitor Center.

From there we will have a narrated tour and scenic drive through Fishing Creek & Hooper's Island. At noon we will enjoy a buffet lunch at Old Salty's, Fishing Creek, with time to explore the gift shop. The seafood buffet-style lunch at Old Salty's Restaurant includes crab cakes, fresh fish of the day, clam strips, soft crabs (if plentiful), baked ham, baked lemon pepper chicken, salad, vegetables, baked pineapple, homemade rolls, iced tea, and assorted pies to include lemon, chocolate or coconut meringue. After lunch we will drive to Layton's Chance Winery

<http://laytonschance.com/> for a winery tour followed by wine tasting with cheese & chocolates & gift shop. We will leave the winery at 4:00 PM. Located on a narrow island served primarily by Hooper's Island Road, **Fishing Creek** has a restaurant (Old Salty's), a post office, a hardware

store with intermittent hours, and a general store (King's Island Pride), as well as crabbing businesses. Local legend posits a number of [ghosts](#) in the Fishing Creek area. The village is on the upper island of the three island chain known as Hoopers Island, about fifteen miles from the Blackwater National Wildlife Refuge.

Hooper's Island is actually comprised of three islands with authentic working watermen villages. Some properties have the earliest land grants in Dorchester County, issued in 1659, approximately 10 years before the County was established. The main island was allegedly bought from the Indians in exchange for blankets.



The cost is \$78 for members & their guests and \$83 for non-members. We need a minimum of 25 attendees for this trip, so be sure to invite your friends and neighbors. It is a major fundraiser for the *Mature Woman's Grant*. Please make reservations now by calling Linda Tebbs at 410-763-8265.

Thursday, April 4th

Join us on April 4th at 7:30 PM at Chesapeake College, Cadbury Theater, for a sneak preview of "Steel Magnolias." **Steel Magnolias** is about the bond among a group of women from a parish in the [Natchitoches, Louisiana](#), area. The movie version was based on a 1987 play [Steel Magnolias](#) by [Robert Harling](#), which in turn dealt with the playwright's experience with the death of his sister. The title suggests the main female characters can be as delicate as [magnolias](#), but are as tough as steel. The magnolia specifically references a magnolia tree they are arguing about at the beginning. We will have the

rare opportunity to attend the dress rehearsal of Chesapeake's Peake Players the evening before opening night and watch Professor/Director Anita Tecce directing the Players. Enjoy an opportunity to see what happens "behind the scenes"!

This is another Mature Woman's Grant fundraiser! The cost is \$10.00 per person/2 for \$18.00. Make checks payable to AAUW Easton Branch. Contact Elaine Wilson at ewilson@chesapeake.edu or call and leave a message at 410-827-5835 to make your reservation. Checks can be given to Elaine at the February or March meetings or mailed to: 28242 Widgeon Terrace, Easton, MD 21601. Carpooling is suggested.



MEMBERSHIP

Karen Bailor, Chair

We had another successful **Shape the Future** meeting in January and have added two more members:

Nancy Shirey,

6518 Oxford Road, Easton, MD 21601,
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Nancy received her BS in Accounting in 1984, from the University of Maryland. She was recruited by Janet Harford

Donna Hollingshead,

1200 S. Washington Street, Easton,
MD 21601, 410-463-4506,
dhpetsits@yahoo.com.

Donna received her BS in Commercial Recreation from Penn State in 1980. She was recruited by her mother, Laura Hollingshead. She worked for Walt Disneyworld in Orlando, Florida after graduation. In 1985, she started a pet sitting business, *Critter Sitter Pet Sitting Service*. She lived in Bucks County, Pennsylvania from 1972- 2011 before

moving to the Eastern shore in 2011, and has two sisters and one brother who live within a few hours drive. She enjoys outdoor activities including skiing, racquetball, tennis, and bicycling, and has interests in crocheting and cooking. She is a volunteer with Talbot Special Riders and Talbot Humane Society as well as being a member of Christ Church, Easton.

Don't forget that National dues are half price (\$24.50) from January to May. A good time for new members to join us!!!!!!!



EDUCATIONAL OPPORTUNITIES

Priscilla Hilliard, Chair

The new year has begun with a lot of good news about progress in the area of gender equality. At a Pentagon news conference on Thursday, January 24, 2013, Defense Secretary Leon Panetta announced, on recommendation of the Joint Chiefs of Staff, he was lifting the ban on women serving in combat. As a result of this decision, 230,000 battlefield posts, many in Army and Marine infantry units and in potentially elite commando jobs will now be open to women. More demanding and dangerous positions such as, the Navy SEALs, or the Army's Delta Force will depend on the military service chiefs to determine whether women should be excluded.

Although this change will not happen overnight giving the Service Chiefs time to develop plans to facilitate applications for these positions, some jobs may be available as early as this year. Other positions like the special operation forces will be evaluated and the services will have until January 2016 to make a case for positions they feel should be closed to women. Many people feel the

disparity of roles between men and women in the military have led to the high incidences of military sexual abuse against women.

The lawsuits that AAUW supports as well as the documentary film, "The Invisible War" have raised the public's awareness, and government leaders are responding to public pressure on several fronts. For example, the US Commission on Civil Rights held its 2013 statutory enforcement report and briefing on sexual assault in the military on January 11th. AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) Program Manager Holly Kearl and Regulatory Affairs Manager Beth Scott attended, and Kearl wrote about it for AAUW.

Also, the House Armed Services Committee Chair Howard McKeon (CA-R) announced a hearing on military sexual abuse will be convened this month by the Military Personnel Subcommittee. I'm sure we will be hearing more about AAUW's involvement with Congress. Incidentally, the film, "The Invisible War" has received an Oscar nomination for Best Documentary. Other award in recognition of this film are the Audience Award at the Sundance Film Festival and it was listed on the Times top movies of 2012. Good news. If you haven't seen this film, Easton Cable includes it on Movies on Demand or order it through Netflix. AAUW offers the film in a Program in a Box for \$150 to be shown at public meetings.

INTEREST GROUPS



TWIGGS INVESTMENT CLUB:

Meets the first Monday of every month at 4:00 PM at RBC, Easton



BOOK CLUB: Date: February 23, 1:00PM

Hostess: Sharron Cassavant

Book: To the Lighthouse

WEB SITE UPDATE

Sharron Cassavant is designing a new web site for the Easton Branch. Please send her any photos you may have of branch events or recent fundraising trips. We appreciate Sharron's willingness to take on this initiative.



PUBLIC POLICY

Kay Wendowski, Chair

We had two wonderful Public Policy Programs this past January. The first was the MLAW Briefing held at the Md. House, Church Cr. Annapolis. Pres. Joan, Sandy Becker and I attended it on Jan. 22. A number of State Senators and Delegates attended it. We met Senator Jeannie Forehand and had a great conversation about the Trafficking Law which she is championing. We also met several other prominent people. Other potential bills were also discussed. When a bill gets a number I will let you know how we will lobby to support it

On Sunday January 27, Jane Escher, Pat Crane, and I attended the WLB Conference at UMD, Shady Grove Campus. There were about 500 to 700 people there. I was a member of the committee and worked on the registration desk. AAUW, Md had a table manned by Jennifer Ingram of State. Our own Delegate, Addie Eckhardt was a monitor of a workshop. The National also sent in money for support but apparently no one came as the table they had requested was empty. Speakers were Barbara Mikulski, Ben Cardin, our two Senators and several congressmen from Montgomery Co and Prince Georges Co. Bernice Sandler was the Keynote, the Godmother of Title Nine, whom we mentioned at our Birch Bayh program. I would also like to share with you series of Woman's march to equality. See next pages and to be continued.