

WHAT EASTON BRANCH HAS DONE LATELY

2019-2020: Women's Suffrage Programs. Organized program series about Women's Suffrage. (2020 was the Centennial of ratification of the 19th Amendment. AAUW-sponsored public programs included:

- Historian Dr. Kara French (Salisbury University), "The Long Road to Women's Suffrage."
- When Women Won the Vote: The State-by-State Drama of Ratification. Nearly 50 Mid Shore Volunteers represented the various states and told the story of that state's path to ratifying Suffrage.
- Historian Dr. Tom Goyens (Salisbury University) led a discussion at the Easton Library of *Why They Marched* by Susan Ware. Dr. Sharron Cassavant (Northeastern Univ., retired) led a discussion at the St. Michaels branch library.

As of March 2020 public programs and fund-raisers were cancelled due to the Covid-19 pandemic. Cancelled programs included:

- Amending American, a one-woman show with Kate Campbell Stevenson, President, AAUW Maryland.
- Bus trip to Library of Congress exhibit, "Will Not Be Denied" on the suffrage movement.
- Women Who Make a Difference: a luncheon honoring a group of women nominated by Mid-Shore non-profit organizations.
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Zoom Programs during Pandemic

- Dr. Constance Hope, leadership and organizational development consultant, speaking on how human beings deal with differences and resolving conflicts.
- Honoring of Women Who Make a Difference (2020)
- Nancy Lutes, President, Talbot Women's Club, on Whistleblowing
- Sherone Lewis, MidShore Behavioral Health, on "The Trauma of Racism."
- Dr. Bernard Demczuk (Univ. of DC) on Critical Race Theory (Co-sponsored by St. Michael's Conversations.)
- Panel discussion, Equity and Public Policy (Co-sponsored by St. Michael's Conversations.)

A New Era: Public Programming resumed in 2023.

- Panel discussion on Reproductive Health Choices
- Barbara Lockwood, author of *Elizabeth's Field*, spoke about the situation of blacks on the Eastern Shore in the 19th century. (Co-sponsored by St. Michael's Conversations.)

Mature Woman's Grants (awarded to mid-shore women over age 25 pursuing higher education): 1919: 2 grant awards; 2020: 2 grant awards; 2023: 2 grant awards.

Fundraising Initiatives to help fund educational grants to mid-Shore women over age 25 (MWG) (None held during pandemic)

Book and Jewelry Sale (2023)

Bus Trips:

- Winterthur (2019)
- Longwood Gardens (2023)
- DC: Capitol Hill and the National Mall (2023 – planned)