



Anne Arundel Women Giving Together Newsletter

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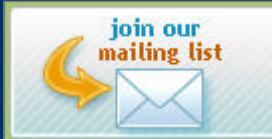
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WELCOME NEW MEMBERS!

Lisa Hillman
Molly Knipe

As we get ready to elect our new officers and committee leadership for 2010, I write my last message as President of Anne Arundel Women Giving Together. I look forward to supporting incoming President Lynne Davidson as she takes over on January 1st and to continuing to assist AAWGT in whatever ways I can as Immediate Past President. (And I also look forward to getting back to the gym!)

Reflecting on this past year, I am first and foremost proud to be a part of such a dynamic group of women. I am grateful to the many women who have made AAWGT what it is today - 125 women who give generously of their time, talents and financial resources to our local community. I also am grateful to the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County, our "parent" organization, which provides so much support to AAWGT.

Looking ahead, we have an exciting line-up of events on our 2010 calendar: several inspirational educational programs, our annual Grants Showcase, member receptions, our Women and Leadership event, and an array of volunteer opportunities.

I look forward to seeing you at our year-end holiday reception on Wednesday, December 9th, where we will elect our 2010 leadership, present our Founder's Award and recognize our members' contributions.

Best wishes for a wonderful holiday season. Cheers!

Sincerely,

Sharon Stewart, President
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Upcoming Meeting Reminder

Don't miss the Holiday Celebration on **December 9th!** This fun and festive event will be held from 7-9:00 PM, at the home of Susan Nolte, at 462 Fair Oaks Circle in Severna Park (see directions below). We will elect the 2010 Slate of Officers - Committee Leadership, present the annual Founder's Award in recognition of a member who has made a significant contribution to AAWGT, discuss the proposed changes to the bylaws, and share an evening of good cheer with fellow members.

DIRECTIONS

To the home of Charlie and Susan Nolte
462 Oak Circle, Severna Park, Maryland
410-647-2525 410-647-2525

FROM THE NORTH: From the Baltimore Beltway, take Route 10 South (Exit #2). Follow Route 10 until it ends at Route 2 (Ritchie Highway). Go left (South) on Route 2 for several miles to Severna Park. After the light at Earleigh Heights-Magothy Bridge, get in the left lane. Go about 2 more miles to the Robinson Road-Leelyn Drive light. Take a left on Leelyn Drive and go about 3 blocks to a circle. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ around the circle and head East on Arundel Beach Road.

FROM THE SOUTH: Go north on Route 2 (Ritchie Highway) to Severna Park. When you see the shopping plaza with Giant and Kohl's, go to the north end of that shopping plaza and turn right on Arundel Beach Road. (BEFORE ROYAL FARMS). Go about one long block to a circle and go half way around the circle. Then follow directions for ALL.

FROM THE WEST: From Route 97, take Exit 10 East - Benfield Blvd. Go about 3 miles to a light at Severna Park High School. (School is on your left.) Bear left on Robinson Road and go about 6 blocks to Route 2. Cross Route 2 and go down Leelyn Drive to a circle. Go $\frac{3}{4}$ around the circle and follow directions for ALL.

ALL: From the circle, take Arundel Beach Road for about a mile. You will pass Folger McKinsey Elementary School and a park (on your right). AFTER you pass them, take the second left - Fair Oak Drive. Go to the bottom of Fair Oak Drive until you are facing a split rail fence. Turn left into Oak Circle to the first house on the right - 462. NOTE: you will pass Oak COURT 2 times coming down Fair Oak Drive. DO NOT turn on Oak COURT. We live on Oak CIRCLE.

AAWGT Meeting-Event Recap

November 11- Program Topic: "Women as Leaders: Tools for Success."

Following a short business meeting to introduce the 2010 Slate of Officers - Committee Leadership, three dynamic leaders in our community, led by moderator Stacey Sickels Heckel, discussed what drives and sustains successful women leaders. This special event provided a unique opportunity to learn how women in powerful leadership roles develop their leadership style, who they turn to for mentoring, and how they balance the many demands of their lives. The panel included: Moderator Stacey Sickels Heckel, CFRE, Executive Director, AACC Foundation; and Panelists Lynn McReynolds, Founder and Partner, McReynolds-Elek Communications; The Honorable Danielle M. Mosley, Anne Arundel County District Court; and Dr. Jane R. Snider, Ph.D., Executive Director, The Summit School. Following the panel discussion, attendees and panelists enjoyed an informal social hour.



Members Carol Cronin and Lily Openshaw with guest Ann Baird



Judge Danielle Mosley shares professional insights



Kathy Brooks presents 2010 Slate of Officers -Committee Leadership



Members Bess Langbein, Julie Scheulke and Ros Calvin with Karen Swisher, Major Gifts Manager with Habitat for Humanity of the Chesapeake

Thank You

A special thank you to those who made our November 11th Women in Leadership program such a success:

Leadership Development & Nominating Committee members **Kathy Brooks, Therese Gardner, Gloria Martin-Pressman (who coordinated the program), and Melanie Teems.**

Program speakers: **Lynn McReynolds, Judge Danielle Mosley, Dr. Jane Snider** and program moderator **Stacey Sickels Heckel.**

Amy Steindler for designing the beautiful program and invitation.

Martha Hoyer, Diane Miller and the Membership & Outreach Committee for their support.

Bronwyn Belling for assisting with nametags and greeting guests.

For more information about the evening, contact Gloria Pressman (glopress@aol.com)

Upcoming Events - Save these dates!

Wednesday, January 13, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Location: Maryland Hall, Room 308 (directions below)

Business Meeting: Approve Bylaw Revisions

Educational Session: Update on Community Needs in AA County

How is today's economic environment impacting the lives of at risk women and families in our community? At an elementary school in Annapolis, counselors recently identified 23 students who were clearly hungry because they were stealing food daily. As the economy has worsened, the need for food security, emergency shelter, foreclosure prevention

assistance, health care services, financial assistance for rent, medicine and transportation has soared.

We'll meet with experts who can help us understand the scale and scope of need in our community today.

Directions to Maryland Hall:

From Spa Circle (where West St., Taylor Ave., and Spa Rd. converge) head towards downtown Annapolis on West St. Take the first RIGHT onto Amos Garrett Blvd. Turn RIGHT onto Constitution Ave. Maryland Hall is straight ahead.

To learn more:

Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (www.cfaac.org), Poverty Amidst Plenty: Two Faces of Anne Arundel County provides a needs assessment and call to action to help those in poverty and distress.

The Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers (www.abagmd.org), Guide for Funding Basic Human Needs in a Challenging Economy examines the scale and scope on needs among Central Marylanders, including Anne Arundel County.

January 9th and 22nd, 11:00 am to 12:30:

Grant Reviewer Workshops

Location: South River Golf Course Clubhouse, 3451 Solomon's Island Road, Edgewater MD. Contact Kathy Potter (pottercako@comcast.net) for reservations. (See below, Grants Committee Highlights, for more information and directions.)

February 10, 7:00-9:00 pm

Location: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Health Sciences Pavilion, Health Sciences Institute, 7th floor, Conference Rooms A & B, 2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

Business Meeting: Approve the Budget

Educational Session: Health Care Services: Issues and Gaps

Directions to AAMC: The meeting will be held in the new Health Sciences Pavilion (HSP), across from the Sajak Pavilion on Medical Parkway. Park in the new HSP Garage E and enter the building from the Patient Drop Off on Garage Level 3. Enter the building (you will be on the 2nd Floor), into the lobby, and take the elevators to the 7th floor. The concierge will direct you to Conference Rooms A & B.



Business and Committee Highlights

Grants Committee:

The Grants Committee is seeking volunteers to serve as grant reviewers.

Reviewers will work in teams, and most of the work will take place from March to May. No experience is required; the Grants Committee will provide training for new reviewers. Former reviewers, please re-enlist! To register as a reviewer, please contact Kathy Potter. (pottercako@comcast.net).

The Committee will offer workshops for grants reviewers on Saturday, January 9, and Friday, January 22, 2010, from 11:00 a.m. to 12:30. The workshops will be held at the South River Golf Course Clubhouse (Brick Companies), 3451 Solomon's Island Road, Edgewater, Maryland. All reviewers are invited, but attendance at one of the workshops is mandatory for all first-time reviewers. Please contact Kathy Potter (pottercako@comcast.net or 410-263-1565 410-263-1565) to make a reservation.

Directions to the golf course clubhouse: From Annapolis, travel south on Solomon's Island Road (Route 2). After the Rt. 214 intersection, turn left onto Colony Crossing Road. (If you pass under a cart bridge, you have gone too far.) Make an immediate right to a U-shaped driveway to the clubhouse.

Leadership Development & Nominating:

Kathy Brooks presented the 2010 Slate of Officers at the November meeting. Officers will be elected at the December meeting and begin their term of office on January 1st.

Policies & Procedures:

Members will receive the proposed changes to the bylaws and a brief statement regarding them in a separate email. We will discuss these revisions at the December meeting and vote on them in January.


Education & Programs Committee:

The Education & Programs Committee welcomes all members who would like to contribute their ideas and energy to develop educational sessions and other learning opportunities. Contact Laurie Sharp at lsharp1000@msn.com for more information.

Current E&P Programmers: Laurie Sharp, Lynne Davidson, Carol Cronin, Barbara Firebaugh, Marie Brigham, Barbara Mohrman

Marketing & Communications:

We need someone to help create publications using Publisher. Please contact Julie Crudele (Julie.crudele@comcast.net) or Amy Steindler (Amy.Steindler@verizon.net) if you are able to help.

 **Call for Volunteers - You can make a difference!**

The Volunteer Center For Anne Arundel County has compiled a list of organizations who need special holiday help in its annual Holiday Volunteer Guide, which can be downloaded at www.VolunteerAnneArundel.org.

Lighthouse Lunch Making Dates

Thursday Jan 14, 2010
Monday Feb 8, 2010
Friday Mar 12, 2010

If you are interested in hosting or volunteering, please contact Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com

February service project: Habitat for Humanity - Women Build
Please note that Karen Davis is the new contact person for this project.

In February, teams of AAWGT Volunteers will work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Women Build toward the goal of providing affordable housing for women and families in Annapolis.

The Women Build home, formerly part of the Obery Court Public Housing on Clay Street, is a green/LEED certified structure designed by Annapolis architect, Catherine Purple Cherry. Habitat crew leaders and professional staff will train and work with AAWGT volunteers from 8am to 4pm on a Saturday and/or Wednesday in February. Alternatively, AAWGT members can volunteer to be part of the Catering Crew that will buy, prepare and deliver lunch to the work site.

To participate on an AAWGT Building Team or Lunchtime Catering Crew send an email to Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com and include your preference for a weekday or weekend team. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available!

To learn more:
Habitat for Humanity - Women Build
<http://arundel.toolsfororgs.com/womenbuild/index.php>

What's Up Annapolis: Women Build Volunteers Start 3rd Habitat Project
http://www.whatsupmag.com/life-style/limelight/09-02-17/Women_Build_Volunteers_Start_3rd_Habitat_Project.aspx

Reminder: Please renew your membership!

If you have not already renewed, please send your contribution as soon as possible. If you have any questions, please call AAWGT Treasurer Barb Novak at (410) 224-2528 (410) 224-2528 . By pooling our resources, your annual contribution is multiplied more than 100 times.

**RENEW IN DECEMBER 2009 AND YOUR MEMBERSHIP RUNS THROUGH
2010.**

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