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**American  
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**September Meeting**  
**Wednesday, September 21, 2021**  
**5:30 a.m. – 7:00 a.m.**  
**Funkstown Pavilion #4**

Traditionally the year started with a covered dish dinner but given the Covid-19 restrictions/precautions we will once again kick off this year with a box lunch picnic featuring 2 pcs. AC&T chicken (leg & thigh), 2 sides, water, and individually wrapped desserts. The cost will be \$5.00. You are welcome to bring your own beverage and/or meal.

There will not be a speaker, conviviality will be the theme. You may be more comfortable if you bring a folding chair. We understand everyone has different comfort levels regarding contact in these troubled times but hope you can join us.

Social distancing will easily be observed in the pavilion and surrounding grassy area.

Please send your reservation to Susan Latimer by September 17 by phone, 301-797-1192, or email, [chusie47@gmail.com](mailto:chusie47@gmail.com). You can pay \$5 "at the door".

Yearbooks will be available at the meeting. Even if you don't plan to join in the meal you are welcome to stop by for your yearbook.



**AAUW MISSION STATEMENT**

*"Advancing equity for women and girls, through advocacy, education and research".*

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## AAUW Newsletter

### **The President's Message**

As I write this, the sun is shining after a day of rain from Tropical Storm Ida. I feel blessed that I only had a little water in the basement especially after seeing the damage in Annapolis from a tornado and learning of lost lives all along the coast. I hope you all fared well.

Not only is the sun shining, but the air is cooler than it has been for weeks and there is a hint of fall in the air. While not back to where we were before COVID and with some concerns because of the Delta variant, still some things are reviving. School buses are running again and I am in front of a class at HCC for the first time since March 2020.

With great hope, your Board has planned a year that looks more like those of previous years and not the last 18 months. We recognize, as many leaders do, that all plans must be fluid, but we hope to observe some of our cherished events this year. We have dates for our Christmas Tea, the Founder's Day luncheon, and the Spring Book Sale. We'll begin the year with back-to-back outside events and then hope that the numbers have improved so we can meet together inside during the winter months.

As I reflect back on our modified 18 months, I am sad that among all the other lost celebrations and events, many of them personal gatherings, all the planned events to recognize 100 years of Women having the vote were cancelled or lost in the bigger news items of pandemic and the 2020 election. I am not a very political person, but I am concerned about some of the laws being passed in various states and how they may impact women, children, and minorities. Our female ancestors fought hard and suffered for our right to vote. It seems we may have some work to do still.

I hope to see many of you at the picnic and throughout the year.

Charlotte

#### **Second Friday Lunch**

The next lunch will be on Friday, **September 10 at Buddy Lou's, 11 E. Main St., Hancock** at 12:30. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending by September 8 so that a reservation can be made. Carpooling is encouraged. Arrangements are dependent on Covid recommendations.

Barbara Irvine has stepped down as organizer of the Second Friday lunches. Anyone interested in this role should contact Barbara or Charlotte.

Mark your calendars for lunch dates for the remainder of 2021:

October 8, John Allison Public House, 155 S. Antrim Way, Greencastle

November 12, Gladchuk's, 489 W. Patrick St., Frederick

December 10, Los Primos Mexican Restaurant, 18727 N. Pointe Drive, Hagerstown

January 14, Bistro in former Hempen Hill site

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### Afternoon Literature Group

The Afternoon Literature Group will meet the third Monday, September 20th at 1:30 at the home of Carole Myers on her porch. Judy Thompson will review a book. Please call Carole to RSVP or to get more information.

Date (4 <sup>th</sup> Tuesday of the month)	Title	Hostess	Reviewer
Sept. 28	<b><i>The Barbizon: The Hotel That Set Women Free</i></b> by Paulina Bren	Barbara Irvine*	Barbara Irvine
Oct. 26	Any book written by Alison Lurie	Susan Latimer	Group Discussion
Nov. 23	<b><i>The Warmth of Other Suns</i></b> by Isabel Wilkerson	JoEllen Allenberg	Andi Kautz
Jan. 25	Share a book	TBD	6:00 p.m.
Feb. 22	<b><i>From John Brown to James Brown</i></b> by Ed Maliskas	Western MD Room- WCFL	TBD
Mar. 22	<b><i>Blessing and How Reading Changed My Life</i></b> by Anna Quindlen	Judy Chaney	Judy Chaney
Apr. 26	<b><i>The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek</i></b> by Kim Michele Richardson/ <b><i>The Giver of Stars</i></b> by JoJo Moyes	Suzanne Beckwith	Suzanne Beckwith
May 24	Planning Meeting/Potluck	TBD	6:00 p.m.

\*For directions, please contact Barbara.

With the current Covid situation, watch for an e-mail for the specific location of the meeting. The group may meet at the Library or, if the weather looks good, on the patio at Barbara's building starting at an earlier time. If things do not look comfortable, the meeting will be held via Zoom

For any other questions/information you may contact Jo Ellen Allenberg.

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### **Book Sale**

A fall sale of paperback books and non-print items is being planned.

Plans are being made to resume the spring used book sale Wednesday, April 27 through Saturday, April 30, 2022.

### **Proposed Calendar of Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location / Hostess</b>	<b>Time</b>
Fri. Sept. 10	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Lunch	Buddy Lou's	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 20	Afternoon Lit.	Carole Myers	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 21	Branch Picnic	Funkstown Park	5:30 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 28	Evening Lit.	Barbara Irvine	7:30 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 4	Board Meeting	TBD	7:00 p.m.