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**American
Association of
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Women**

November Branch Meeting

Tuesday, November 14

2:30 p.m.

Blue Mountain Wine Crafters

117 E. Baltimore St., Funkstown

Host: Cindy Rowe, Owner



Wine tasting of selections appropriate for the upcoming
holidays

Five samples for \$8, 2 reds, 2 whites, dessert

Reservations preferred, please let Sharon know if you plan
to attend.

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

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The President's Message

It is election day as I write this. Well, not here in Washington County, Maryland, but in our neighboring state Virginia as well as many other states around the country. I am watching to see how the political winds blow and wonder how accurate a predictor they will be for next year's elections when the country will elect a President as well as many members of Congress.

I am also paying attention to our Supreme Court today as they ponder a case where the argument is being made that since the original writers of the Constitution were not worried about a wife abuser having a gun, then a convicted abuser should still have the right to have a gun per the Second Amendment. This sends chills through me on multiple levels. There is the obvious one, but I wonder how far this constitutional originalist thinking will go. After all, and I was not the best history/government student, but I know that the writers of the Constitution also were not worried about women having the vote or, for that matter, serving as Justices of the Supreme Court let alone members of Congress.

Perhaps I am a little more sensitive to all this right now. A few months ago, someone recommended reading "The Book Woman of Troublesome Creek". I finished it in late October and turned around and read "Killers of the Flower Moon". Though the first book is fiction, it weaves the story around factual occurrences. Combined the two books remind me how poorly marginalized people have been and continue to be treated in this country by those in power or those who think they have the power to do so. Women with limited rights are at the center of both books. I know I have been fortunate to live during the times I have enjoyed my right to work, date or marry someone with a different skin color, manage my own monetary affairs, vote and move about in relative safety. I want all that and more for everyone, women and men alike, who come after me. By the way, I would recommend both books above, but perhaps you should read something light between them and not back-to-back as I did.

Finally, it may seem a long way off, but my second term as President, as well as the terms of all the current Board members will end June 20, 2024. We ask each of you to consider serving in one of these positions for the 2024-2026 term or to talk to someone you think would be well qualified.

As always, I hope to see each of you at a future branch meeting or other function. Meanwhile, take care, stay healthy and stay active.

Charlotte

Afternoon Literature Group

Afternoon Lit will meet on Monday, Nov. 20 at 1:30 at Judy Thompson's home. Her contact information can be found in the yearbook. Judy will review "*American Ramble*".

Afternoon Lit does not require everyone to read the same book. Instead there is a reviewer, usually the hostess, who presents a book of her choice. New members are welcome; please call Judy Thompson if you have questions.

The Afternoon Literature Group meets the third Monday of the month.

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Second Friday Lunch

The next lunch will be on **Friday, November 10, Dutch's Daughter**, 581 Himes Avenue, Frederick. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending Nov. 7 so a reservation can be made.

Mark your calendars for future lunch dates:

December 8, Fajita Grande, 12818 Shank Farm Way, Hagerstown

January 12, Café Roma, 14224 Pennsylvania Avenue, Hagerstown

February 9, Rik's Café, 1065 Maryland Avenue, Hagerstown

March 8, Green Turtle, 12818-A Shank Farm Way, Hagerstown

April 12, Chinese, details TBA

May 10, Schmankerl Stube, 58 S. Potomac Street, Hagerstown

Ideas for future lunch sites always welcomed.

Evening Literature Group

Evening Lit will meet Tuesday, November 28 at Judy Chaney's home with Susan Latimer reviewing "*Grandma Gatewood's Walk*" by Ben Montgomery.



Bridge Group

The group has suspended meeting until further notice.



Branch Holiday Social

Sunday, December 10

2:00—4:00 p.m.

Sharon Chirgott's home

Please bring an appetizer or dessert to share.



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Recipe of the Month

Snickerdoodle Bars

Contributed by Marilyn Young

Topping: In a small bowl, mix 1 ½ T sugar and 1 t cinnamon, set aside.

Batter:

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| ½ C butter, softened | 2 ¾ C flour |
| ½ C shortening | 1 ½ t cream of tartar |
| 1 ½ C sugar | 1 t baking soda |
| 2 large eggs | ¼ t salt |
| 2 t vanilla | |

Preheat oven to 350 degrees.

Cream together butter, shortening and 1 ½ C sugar. Add eggs and vanilla and mix well. Add the flour, cream of tartar, baking soda, and salt and stir until combined.

Lightly grease a 9x13" pan. Press the dough into an even layer on the bottom of the pan.

Sprinkle cinnamon-sugar mixture over the top of the dough.

Bake for 22-26 minutes (don't overbake!). Remove and allow to cool completely before cutting and serving.

Freezing Instructions: Freeze snickerdoodle bars for up to 3 months in a freezer-safe container. Bring to room temperature before eating.

Member Helping Member

If you receive the electronic delivery of the newsletter, please share the information with your friends who you know get the newsletter via the mail.

Proposed Calendar of Activities

| Date | Event | Location / Hostess | Time |
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| Tues., Nov. 14 | Branch Meeting | Blue Mountain Winery | 2:30 p.m. |
| Mon., Nov. 20 | Afternoon Lit. | Judy Thompson | 1:30 p.m. |
| Tues., Nov. 28 | Evening Lit. | Susan Latimer | 7:30 p.m. |
| No Board Meeting in December | | | |
| Fri., Dec. 8 | 2 nd Friday Lunch | Fajita Grande | 12:30 p.m. |
| Sun. Dec. 10 | Holiday Reception | Sharon Chirgott | 2:00 p.m. |
| Mon. Nov. 6 | Board Meeting | Zoom | 7:00 p.m. |