

## Hagerstown Branch

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### *Branch Meeting*

**Thursday, September 12, 2024**

**5:30 p.m.**

**Pavilion #4, Funkstown Park**



Join us for our annual pot-luck picnic at Funkstown Park.

Chicken, drinks, plates, napkins and utensils will be provided.

Please bring a side or dessert to share. No RSVP required.

We will briefly review this year's programming.

**AAUW MISSION STATEMENT**

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

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

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## AAUW Newsletter

Here we go again! Another September and the beginning of another year of branch activities. Another school year for those who are still teaching or are parents or grandparents of students or just involved with a local school or school affiliated program as a volunteer. Another election year. Another fall of earlier Halloween and Christmas displays. Instant poll: Pumpkin spice – yay or nay?

As discussed last spring, our branch activities list will look a little different this year. All the favorites are back – September picnic, December tea, March luncheon, and May Scholarship reception. At the moment that’s all we have for branch meetings. The board has developed a list of possible activities for October/November, but we are looking for your input. If there is something you think we should do, let us know. That will be the topic of discussion at the September picnic. If you have an idea, please bring as many details about the event or place as you can.

Of course, the small group meetings are continuing – book groups and the second Friday lunch. Those are all important to helping us keep in touch with each other in different settings where we share a common interest. I am happy to see all of these continue and appreciate the effort of various members to make them a reality.

Another topic that I am asked about is our ability to continue with scholarships. Our current finances are in good shape. It is my belief that we will be able to offer several scholarships this coming spring (2025). At the same time, we plan to investigate setting up a “legacy” scholarship through the Community Foundation of Washington County. That seemed to be an acceptable idea to many of you and, if this is something we want to do, we should set that fund up this fall or early winter so that funds from it are available in the spring of 2026. Again, I am grateful to all the work that was done through the years to keep the Book Sale productive. It is amazing to me that we have funds available to make these plans. What a gift to the community all that hard work has been.

I look forward to seeing you on September 12. Bring your ideas, your contributions to our food selections, and your bright, smiling faces. Until then, take care and be well.

Charlotte

You might be interested in this upcoming regional AAUW conference:

### *Empowering for Equity*

September 27-29, 2024

A 3-day Atlantic Regional Conference in Glen Allen VA

For more information about the conference, including registration forms, go to  
[Aauwatlanticregionalconference.com](http://Aauwatlanticregionalconference.com)

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### Afternoon Literature Schedule 2024-2025

Afternoon Lit meets the third Monday at 1:30 at members' homes. This year the hostess is also the presenter, reviewing a book of her choice. Light refreshments are served. Call Judy Thompson if you have questions.	
September 16	Susie Latimer
October 21	Andrea Kautz
November 18	Judy Chaney
There will not be a December meeting.	
January 20	Meet for lunch and share a book, TBD
February 17	Georgi Kauffman
March 17	Judy Chaney & Carole Myers
April 21	Suzanne Beckwith
May 19	Vivian Michael

### Evening Literature Schedule 2024-2025

Evening Lit meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 at members' homes.				
Date	Host	Book	Author	Reviewer
Aug. 27	Robbie Matonak	Everyone read their choice of Mark Twain		
Sept 24	Jean Casbeer	The Women	Kristin Hannah	Jean Casbeer
Oct. 22	Andrea Kautz	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Van Pel	Suzanne Beckwith
Nov. 26	Judy Chaney	Empires of Light	Jill Jonnes	Judy Chaney
No meeting in December				
Jan. 28	Restaurant TBD	Share a book and plan for the remainder of the year		

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### **Second Friday Lunch**

The next lunch will be on **Friday, September 13, Tapia's on Main**, 203 E. Main Street, Middletown (outdoor dining available) at 12:30 p.m. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending by the end of Wednesday, September 11 so a reservation can be made.



Mark your calendars for future lunch dates:

September 13, Tapia's on Main, 203 E. Main St., Middletown

October 11, Café del Sol, 1130 Conrad Ct., Hagerstown

November 8, Rice Thai, 40 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown

December 13, Branded Chophouse, 7704 Old National Pike, Boonsboro

January 10, Clear Spring Country Diner, 11855 National Pike, Clear Spring

*Ideas for future lunch sites always NEEDED!*

### **Recipe of the Month**

#### Watermelon-Feta Orzo Salad

Enjoyed by the board of directors at the planning meeting.

*There's still enough warm weather remaining to enjoy a summer salad.*

¾ t kosher salt, plus more to taste

½ lb. orzo (rice shaped pasta)

4 T fresh lime juice

1 t honey

1/3 C olive oil

4 T finely chopped fresh basil, plus small leave for garnish

¼ t black pepper, plus more to taste

6 C chopped seedless watermelon

2 C packed baby arugula

1 C crumbled feta cheese\*, plus more for topping

1/3 C lightly toasted pine nuts

\*Best option is to break apart a block of feta. Packaged crumbled feta often too fine to get on a fork.

Cook the orzo according to package instructions until al dente. Drain and rinse under cold water to cool completely. Drain well.

Whisk together the lime juice and honey in a large bowl. Slowly pour in the olive oil, whisking until well combined. Stir in the chopped basil and season with the salt and pepper.

Add the cooked orzo to the dressing and toss to coat. Add the watermelon, arugula, feta, and pine nuts and toss just to combine. Season with salt and pepper. Serve topped with basil leaves and more feta.

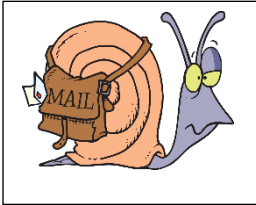
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### **Maryland Defenders Day September 12**

Commemorating the successful defense of Baltimore on Sept. 12-13-14, 1814 during which time Francis Scott Key penned the words of what became known as the Star-Spangled Banner. Sept. 12 is a legal holiday in Baltimore City.



### **Member Helping Member**

The newsletter does not always arrive in a timely manner to those receiving print copies. If you receive the electronic delivery, please share the information with your friends who you know get the newsletter via the mail, so they don't miss events.

### **Proposed Calendar of Activities**

<b>Date</b>	<b>Event</b>	<b>Location / Hostess</b>	<b>Time</b>
Tues. Aug. 27	Evening Lit.	Robbie Matonak	7:00 p.m.
Thurs. Sept. 12	Picnic/Branch Mtg.	Funkstown Park	5:30 p.m.
Fri. Sept. 13	2 <sup>nd</sup> Friday Lunch	Tapia's on Main	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Sept. 16	Afternoon Lit.	Susan Latimer	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Sept. 24	Evening Lit.	Jean Casbeer	7:00 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 7	Board Meeting	Zoom	7:00 p.m.