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**American  
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### Annual Founders Day Luncheon

**Saturday, March 22, 2025**

**11:30 a.m. – 1:00 p.m.**

**Bistro 11**

13208 Fountain Head Plaza, Hagerstown

*Speaker will be a representative  
of the Community Foundation.*

*Lunch will be ordered from the menu.*

*RSVP to Charlotte by March 17.*



**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 a morning walker, this is the time of year when I am not sure about the season. Morning light is returning and at 7:15 a.m. we are no longer walking in the gloom of pre-dawn. At the same time, the mornings have been cold. We were surprised this morning at the slickness of the roads from just a little overnight moisture and temperatures in the 20s. We made it without falling, though we walked a little slower.

I have been reading The Good Ancestor by Roman Krznaric, published in 2020. The basic premise of the book is that we are here in this place because we had good ancestors who did the "right" things so that we could be alive and in this place. The question is what should we as individuals, communities and countries be doing so that our descendants will have a good space in which to live. The book then walks the reader through multiple ways to be long-term thinkers and planners. The surprise is that here "long-term" means more than our lifetime or even the lifetimes of our children and grandchildren. Instead, we should be planning for the 7<sup>th</sup> generation.

As I thought about this, I realized that for many of my familial lines, I am a 7<sup>th</sup> generation American. My ancestors left their homes and crossed the sea, established farms, fought in wars, established businesses, taught in schools, and raised families in various Maryland and Pennsylvania communities. Because of them, I am here and have had a wonderful life with many opportunities and experiences.

In a similar fashion, women in this country fought for the right to vote and established various societies and organizations, like the AAUW, to support each other and promote the common good. The suffragettes endured many hardships to secure our rights and, I hope, the rights and opportunities of women unto the 7<sup>th</sup> generation and beyond. If you go by my family, it takes about 200 years to reach the 7<sup>th</sup> generation. So, what will America and the world look like for women 200 years from now?

I am no fortune-teller. All I can do is be thankful for those who went before and those who walk beside me now. I can support efforts to make the ERA part of the Constitution and continue to support the efforts of the AAUW to secure education, equal pay, and equal opportunities for women. In addition, I can plant acorns, but that is a story for another day.

I hope you had a chance to comment on National's proposed changes for dues, the by-laws and the public policy priorities. I thought an increase of \$5 per year each year for the next five years was a bit much. The comment period has expired but I imagine a vote will be asked for soon. Please keep checking your emails.

Our Founders Day luncheon is right around the corner, and I hope to see you there. We can talk about acorns and the legacy we would like to leave for the women of Washington County.

Charlotte



According to Wikipedia, "**Valentine's Day**, also called **Saint Valentine's Day** or the **Feast of Saint Valentine**, is celebrated annually on February 14. It originated as a Christian feast day honoring a martyr named Valentine, and through later folk traditions it has also become a significant cultural, religious and commercial celebration of romance and love in many regions of the world." As we reach a certain age it is an opportunity to don red or pink heart decorated apparel, enjoy red or pink flowers, and indulge in our favorite chocolates.

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### Public Policy Update

Denise Fry, Public Policy Vice President

Maryland AAUW shared this information about the bills they are supporting during the 2025 session of the Maryland General Assembly:



In November, leaders of state-wide organizations, legislators, and advocates addressing issues of concern to women of Maryland participated in a conference to identify potential legislative initiatives for the 2025 Maryland General Assembly. Fourteen bills were presented at the conference for consideration. A ballot was sent to MLAW members who voted on the top priorities which will make up our official 2025 Legislative Agenda.

The bills selected for MD AAUW support are:

- Stop Silencing Survivors
- Firearm Relinquishment and Victim Notification
- Abortion Care Access Fund Act of 2025
- Correctional Services-Comprehensive Rehabilitative Prerelease Services-Female Incarcerated Individuals
- Prescription Drug Affordability Board Act
- Universal Newborn Nurse Home Visiting Services – Program and Coverage
- Corrections – Segregated Housing – Limitations
- Protecting Nursing Home Quality Care
- Birth Certificate Modernization Act
- Young Adult Health Insurance Subsidies Pilot Program Sunset Repeal

Watch for the email from National regarding proposed dues changes.

#### Afternoon Literature Schedule 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.	
February 17	Georgi Kauffman
March 17	Judy Chaney & Carole Myers
April 21	Suzanne Beckwith
May 19	Vivian Michael

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## Evening Literature Schedule 2025

Evening Lit meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 at members' homes.				
Date	Host	Book	Author	Reviewer
Feb. 25	Judy Chaney	Empires of Light	Jill Jonnes	Judy Chaney
March 24	Suzanne Beckwith	A Wilder Shore	Camille Peri	Jean Casbeer
April 28	Andrea Kautz	The Lost Bookshop	Evie Woods	Judy Chaney
May 26	Ann Gwinette	Before We Were Yours	Lisa Wingate	Susan Latimer

### Second Friday Lunch

The next lunch will be on **Friday**, February 14, The Grill at Runways, 18421 Henson Blvd., Hagerstown, at 12:30 p.m. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending by the end of Wednesday, February 12 so a reservation can be made.



Mark your calendars for future lunch dates:

March 14, Panagiota's Taste of Greece, 115 E. German St., Shepherdstown

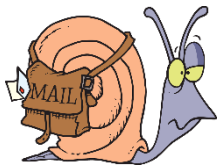
April 11, Lotus Moon Cafe, 16 N. Conococheague St., Williamsport

May 9, The Sycamores at Stonebridge, 1959 Golf Course Road, Martinsburg

June 13, Bistro 11, 13208 Fountain Head Plaza, Hagerstown

July 11, Bulls & Bears, 38 S. Potomac St., Hagerstown

*Ideas for future lunch sites always NEEDED!*



### 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.

## AAUW Newsletter

### Recipe of the Month

#### Irish Soda Bread Muffins

Contributed by Sharon Chirgott

*A tasty addition to your March 17 corned beef and cabbage*

2 ¼ C flour	1 large egg, room temperature
½ C plus 1T sugar, divided	1 C buttermilk
2 t baking powder	¼ C butter, melted
½ t salt	¼ C canola oil
¼ t baking soda	¼ C dried currants or raisins
1 t caraway seeds	

1. Combine flour, ½ C sugar, baking powder, salt, baking soda and caraway seeds. In a bowl, whisk egg, buttermilk, butter and oil. Stir into dry ingredients just until moistened. Fold in currants.
2. Fill greased muffin cups three-fourths full. Sprinkle with remaining sugar. Bake at 400 degrees until a toothpick inserted in the center comes out clean, 13-15 minutes. Cool 5 minutes before removing.

### Proposed Calendar of Activities

<u>Date</u>	<u>Event</u>	<u>Location / Hostess</u>	<u>Time</u>
Fri. Feb. 14	2nd Friday Lunch	Runways	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Feb. 17	Afternoon Lit.	Georgi Kauffman	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Feb. 25	Evening Lit.	Susan Latimer	7:00 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 3	Board Meeting	Zoom	7:00 p.m.
Fri. Mar. 14	2nd Friday Lunch	Panagiota's	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Mar. 17	Afternoon Lit.	TBD	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Mar. 25	Evening Lit.	J. Chaney & C. Myers	7:00 p.m.

