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May Branch Meeting

Scholarship Reception

Thursday, May 15

5:30 p.m.

Funkstown Park, Pavilion #4

Meet the scholarship recipients and enjoy a spring evening in the park. Light refreshments provided.



AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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

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The President's Message

This will be the last you read from me for a few months. With no program planned in June, this will be the last newsletter until fall. I know a few groups, like the second Friday lunch group, will continue to meet, but, as a full chapter, we will be on summer break. Please don't forget to send in your membership application. The sooner we have all those, the sooner Kelly can get you renewed in the national system and the sooner I can work on an update to the membership directory.

There is one thing we overlooked in preparing for Founder's Day and I keep forgetting to mention it since then. We, the board, could not come up with a name for the Named Gift portion of the program. Seems most of the membership has been so honored over the years. It was tempting to recognize those members who had recently departed, though that hasn't been the practice in the past. It usually honored someone or a group who had made a significant contribution to the chapter, our activities, or the community in the past year. Any ideas would be greatly appreciated.

Our Scholarship recognition gathering is scheduled for May 15 at the Funkstown Pavilion. We have some returning scholars and some new applicants. I hope to see you all there. As I mentioned in last month's newsletter, we hope to create a legacy scholarship through the Community Foundation of Washington County. Stacy Crawford, CEO of CFWC did a wonderful presentation about this. The board and the scholarship committee would like to make this happen in early summer so that funds from the interest/dividends are available next spring or summer to distribute. I hope everyone who comes to the reception will let me or a member of the board know your thoughts on this. If you are not able to attend, please reach out to one of us. If the majority of what we hear is positive or if we don't hear anything, we will take that as support for setting up the scholarship fund.

As I mentioned last month, with the Branch meeting in May, we close out our 2024-25 year of branch activities. If you have any ideas for Branch activities for next year, please pass those along to one of the Board members. We will be planning next year's calendar in June.

As always, take care,

Charlotte



AAUW election email should be in your inbox now.

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Second Friday Lunch

The next lunch will be on **Friday, May 9, The Sycamores at Stonebridge**, 1959 Golf Course Road, Martinsburg, at 12:30 p.m., hope to see you there. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending by the end of Wednesday, May 7 so a reservation can be made.



Mark your calendars for future lunch dates:

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

July 11, MeeThai, 11353 Robinwood Dr., Hagerstown

*Ideas for future lunch sites always **NEEDED!***

Afternoon Literature Group

The Afternoon Lit will concluding another book group season with a book sharing at Vivian Michael's house at 12:30 p.m. on May 19th. Note the time difference! Lunch will be provided. Please let Vivian know if you plan to attend (her contact information can be found in the yearbook).

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

Evening Literature Group

The May 27th meeting will meet at Ann Gwinette's house at 7:30 p.m. Susie Latimer will review *Before We Were Yours* by Lisa Wingate.

The Evening Literature group meets on the 4th Tuesday of every month at 7:30 p.m.



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Recipe of the Month

Garlic Butter Shrimp Penne

Submitted by Sharon Chirgott

An easy dish from the Pioneer Woman, tested and approved by the Chirgott (grown up) kids.

Kosher salt	½ C jarred sliced roasted red peppers
12 ounces penne	1 lemon, zested and juiced
6 T salted butter	1 C heavy cream
1 ½ pounds peeled & deveined jumbo shrimp	1 C grated Parmesan
10 cloves garlic, minced	2 T fresh oregano (1 T dried worked fine)
5 scallions, thinly sliced	1 t chili flakes

Bring a pot of water to a boil and season with salt. Cook the pasta until al dente according to the package instructions. Reserve ½ C pasta water, then drain and set aside.

Heat the butter in a skillet over medium heat until melted and frothy. Add the shrimp, garlic and scallions. Cook until the shrimp are plumped and almost cooked through, 7 to 9 minutes. Add the red peppers and lemon zest and juice, followed by the cream and a splash of pasta water. Bring to a simmer. Add the pasta and cook until thickened, 2 to 4 minutes. Finish with the Parmesan, oregano and chili flakes.

Member Helping Member

Postal service delivery is a reliable process but there remain instances of the newsletter not being delivered 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

Date	Event	Location / Hostess	Time
Fri. May 9	2 nd Friday Lunch	Schmankerl Stube	12:30 p.m.
Thurs. May 15	Scholarship Reception	Funkstown Park	5:30 p.m.
Mon. May 19	Afternoon Lit	Vivian Michael	12:30 p.m.
Mon. May 26	Memorial Day		
Tues. May 27	Evening Lit	Anne Gwinnett	7:30 p.m.
Fri. June 13	2 nd Friday Lunch	Bistro 11	12:30 p.m.



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