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Welcome to Fall! AAWGT is off and running and we're so glad to have you with us!

You often hear us describe AAWGT as "The Power of One... Multiplied by Many" -- that pooling our resources and giving together enables us to make strategic investments in our community that make a real difference in the lives of women and families. And, wow, was that so powerfully evident at our September Grants Showcase as our 2013-14 grantees shared stories of how they put your dollars to work! (read more about this amazing Showcase in this newsletter)

But the "Power of One... Multiplied by Many" goes far beyond just our dollars in impacting our communities. The collective impact of 200+ women happens when we **together commit to learning** about the needs of our community via our member-designed and critically important Education meetings (see this newsletter for the next Education meeting). It happens when the **collective experiences and expertise** of our members combine to ensure that AAWGT grows in its effectiveness. It happens when we meet and greet ... and are **empowered by engaging with others** with shared commitment and passion.

**JOIN or RENEW
TODAY !!**

REMINDER: If it's time to renew your annual membership, we hope you will do so now! With the end of the year fast approaching, we'd love to have all of you with last quarter renewal dates renew now rather than wait further! This year's membership numbers determine the grant funds available in January – and the sooner we know this number, the better we can plan for January.

Have you been thinking of joining? Now's the time! Your membership will run for a full 12 months ... and you'll be able to attend the November Member's Only meeting where plans are made for next year!

So, **JOIN or RENEW
TODAY!**

And thanks for being part of AAWGT!

**2014 FOUNDERS' AWARD
NOMINATIONS DUE**



AAWGT Members: please help us recognize this year a member who goes "above and beyond"!

OCTOBER

8 6:00PM–8:00PM
General Meeting
(Education)

21 Lighthouse Lunch
Making (volunteers
needed)

NOVEMBER

8 6:00PM-8:00PM
Business Meeting
and members'
Forum - Members
Only

14 Lighthouse Lunch
Making (volunteers
needed)

19 Book Group

DECEMBER

4 New Members
Reception

2015 MONTHLY MEETING DATES:

February 11

March 11

April 8

May 13

June 10

September 16

October 14

November 11

Yes, it is **you our members** who are the power behind it all! We thank you for all that you do – for your membership which fuels our grant funds, for your time and talents which guide us, and for your commitment to effective engagement which keeps us learning! Please JOIN US as **together** we make a difference!

Karen Smith, President
Maureen Cavaiola
Vice President / President Elect

OCTOBER MONTHLY MEETING: EDUCATION - Mental Health Part II



One in four people has a **mental illness**.
You can be the **one** that helps.

AAWGT's Monthly meeting in October will be an Education session focused on the topic of Mental Health in Anne Arundel County. Continuing the highly informative June Education session on this difficult but important topic, this second evening discussion will focus on such topics as: What are the biggest barriers to accessing mental health services? What are the best ways to overcome these barriers? What is happening in Anne Arundel County? How can philanthropy be a part of the solution?

This meeting will be a combination of presentations and member dialogue on mental health issues, available services, and promising solutions. Please [register](#) to join us on October 8th, 6:00 – 8:00PM at the Hospice of the Chesapeake, Chesapeake Life Center, 90

Using our [Guidelines](#) and [Nomination Form](#), submit your nominations for that special AAWGT Member you'd like to recognize. Nominations are due to the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County no later than October 10, 2014 – so hurry!

MEMBER SURVEY RESULTS



In June, we had an all-time high of 102 members completing their online Member Survey! Your thoughtful input and perspectives will help us tremendously as we plan for next year – our thanks to ALL! If you are a member and interested in seeing the survey results, go to givingtogether.org – log in (upper right corner) – and click on the Members Only page.

AMENDMENTS TO AAWGT BYLAWS

AAWGT's Steering Committee will be recommending a few "housekeeping" changes for our Bylaws, as suggested by our Governance Committee. These will be presented at our monthly meeting in October and voted on at our Members Only meeting in November. To view the amendments, go to givingtogether.org – log in

Ritchie Highway, Pasadena, MD.

Photo courtesy of National Alliance on Mental
Illness

(upper right corner) – click on
the Members Only page and
“Proposed 2014 Bylaw
Amendments”.

In Their Own Words! : Grant Showcase Spotlights 2013-2014 Grantees



AAWGT's Annual Grants Showcase on September 17 made it abundantly clear once again why this meeting is such a stand-out for everyone. What a lift just to be there!

The meeting room was lined with tables displaying posters and info from each of the 2013-14 and 2014-15 grantees. Behind each table were enthusiastic and grateful grantees, all of them with stories to tell of the impact of our grants on the lives of women and families in our county.

Once we sat down, the program itself was just as compelling. We were briefly introduced to the new 2014-15 grantees who began their projects this summer. The focus then turned to the previous group of grantees (2013-14), each of whom shared a quick run-down of their accomplishments this past year. How nice to hear where your money goes, directly from the people who oversee it! If you missed the evening, click [here](#) to hear some of the compelling stories of your money at work and see a slideshow of photos from the event!

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