



Anne Arundel Women Giving Together Newsletter

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**Renew Your
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Important Upcoming Dates

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6:30 pm New Member
Reception

March 10, 8:30-10:00
am: Developmental
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At the January meeting, we heard representatives from the United Way of Central Maryland, the Community Foundation and the Department of Social Services speak about Assessing Need in a Challenging Economy. The populations most in need are the homeless and Latinos and the requests are often for individual and family support, financial assistance, food/meals, health care, legal and mental health services and transportation. As the demand grows, our nonprofits struggle to lend a hand. It was a powerful and eye-opening session.

AAWGT grants and volunteer support are providing partial solutions to some of these critical problems. And, together we are making a difference. Every membership dollar that you contribute is donated to these deserving organizations and helps our community grow stronger.

This month, you will receive an appeal for membership renewal. This year's theme is Join, Learn and Give. Please renew as soon as you can! You can help AAWGT continue to do good work for women and families in Anne Arundel County.

Lynne Davidson, President
Bronwyn Belling, VP/Pres-Elect

PS - Don't miss the February 10 session at AAMC on Healthcare Issues and Gaps. And, please review the 2010 Budget Highlights before this meeting. See you there.



April 14, 6-8:00 pm:
Spring Membership
Open House



Click on the links to
see who we help:

[Centro de Ayuda Mama
Sana Program](#)

[Girl Scouts of Central
Maryland Project
Antiviolence Education](#)

[Girls on the Run
\(GOTRA\)](#)

[Maryland Therapeutic
RidingHorses for Hope](#)

[Partners in Care
Maryland, Inc.](#)

[Sarah's HouseFun
Learning at Sarah's
House \(FLASH\)](#)

[YWCA](#)

→ Upcoming Meeting Reminder

Wednesday, February 10, 7:00-8:30 pm

6:30 pm New Member Reception

Location: Anne Arundel Medical Center, Health Sciences Pavilion, Health Sciences Institute, 7th floor, Conference Rooms A & B, 2000 Medical Parkway, Annapolis, MD 21401

Health Care Services: Issues and Gaps

Business Meeting: Approve the 2010 Budget: See below for "2010 Budget Highlights".

Educational Session: Health Care Services: Issues and Gaps

Who is served by the local health care system - and who is not? Representatives from the AAMC Outreach Clinic, the Department of Health and a community health center will inform us about the services available to at-risk women and children, where the gaps are, and what we might do to improve service to those in need in AA County.

Directions to AAMC: Access Medical Parkway from either Bestgate Rd. or Jennifer Rd. Park in the new Health Sciences Pavilion Garage (E) and enter the building from garage level 3 on the 2nd floor. Then take the elevators to the 7th floor. The concierge will direct you to Conference Rooms A & B.

→ 2010 Budget Review

For review and approval at the Feb. 10 Meeting.

AAWGT 2010 BUDGET - Proposed	
REVENUES	
Member Contributions (125 members)	6,250
Carryover from 2009	2,205
TOTAL	\$ 8,455
EXPENSES	
Events	4,045
Member Communications & Leadership Development	1,610
CFAAC Admin Fee	1,200

Member Outreach	1,000
Grants Program	350
Gifts/Awards	250
TOTAL	\$ 8,455

AAWGT administrative expenses for 2010 are \$8,455 - basically the same as in 2009 - with 48% for member and grantee events, 19% for member communications and leadership development and about 12% for member outreach. This year, we are asking members to donate in-kind contributions (such as food, drink and printing), so that we can use our administrative funds to support AAWGT scholarships.

AAWGT Meeting - Event Recap

Wednesday, January 13, 8:30 - 10:00 am

Location: Maryland Hall, Room 308

Business Meeting: Approved Second and Amended Bylaws. For a copy, contact Susan Nolte at csnolte@verizon.net

Educational Session: "Assessing Need in a Challenging Economy"

Our panel of speakers presented a critically important, yet very sobering, overview of the situation in our community. The panel identified assistance to the homeless and for families verging on homelessness as the most critical issue at this time. Specific areas of need include emergency shelter and housing, energy assistance, temporary financial assistance, food security, health care, employment, transportation and mental health services.

To learn more:

For a detailed report on the presentation and related support documents prepared by Kathy Potter (Chair, AAWGT Grants Committee), email your request to Laurie Sharp (lsharp1000@msn.com) or see "Assessing Need in a Challenging Economy" directly below this article.

Thanks to all who helped with planning, refreshments, program and logistics: Education & Programs Committee - Laurie Sharp, Barbara Mohrman, Barbara Firebaugh; Events Coordinator - Prue Clendenning; Membership Committee - Karen Davis, Gloria Martin-Pressman, Missy Attridge, Rosalind Calvin; Secretaries - Carol Johnson and Anne Potter. It was a great meeting!



AAWGT Members at January 13th Meeting



Presenters on Community Needs

→ Assessing Need in a Challenging Economy

Nonprofits and Recessions:

New Data from Maryland (2010) by Lester M. Salamon and Stephanie Lessans Geller is available at the Johns Hopkins Center for Civil Society Studies website: <http://ccss.jhu.edu>

The Guide for Funding Basic Human Needs in a Challenging Economy produced in 2009 by the Association of Baltimore Area Grantmakers and available on their website: www.abagmd.org

The 2008 Needs Assessment: Poverty Amidst Poverty, Two Faces of Anne Arundel County produced by the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (CFAAC) and available on their website: www.cfaac.org

→ Save these dates!

March 10th, 8:30-10:00 am

Developmental Disabilities: The Growing Needs

Location: Edgewater Police Station, 35 Stepney Lane, Edgewater

This educational session on the developmentally disabled and their caregivers in Anne Arundel County will feature experts from our nonprofit and public service agencies to discuss the most pressing needs of individuals with disabilities. Don't miss the opportunity to learn about the approaches and programs that are most effective in addressing these needs at our March meeting.

Directions: From Annapolis, head south on Solomon's Island Road/Rt. 2. Turn LEFT on Mayo Road. Turn RIGHT onto Stepney Lane. The police station will be on the right.

April 14, 6-8:00 pm

Spring Membership Open House

Location: Bay Ridge Pool House, 2 Herndon Ave., Annapolis

Directions: Take Forest Drive to Bay Ridge Road and continue until you reach the Bay Ridge community gates. Turn right onto Herndon immediately after entering the community. The Pool House is at the far end of Herndon.



Business and Committee Updates

Governance:

The Bylaws were approved as presented. If you have suggestions for future changes, please send them to Susan Nolte (csnolte@verizon.net)

Grants Committee:

The Grants Committee held workshops for grant applicants on January 9th and 22nd. This year's workshops were extremely well-attended. In all, 33 representatives of 29 different nonprofits participated, despite the wintery weather. One of the participants remarked that the information presented at the workshop was "the best, most comprehensive and usable" advice she had ever received. Each workshop was followed by a training session for this year's grant reviewers, with 16 attending. In light of these numbers, the Committee anticipates a very busy and rewarding grants cycle this year.

Please visit AAWGT's website at www.givingtogether.org for expanded information on the grants process.



Grants Committee Leadership and Members

Post Grants Evaluation Committee:

Post Grants Evaluation Committee is hard at work. We have completed our site visits to all seven of the 2009 Grantees. We are now collecting the Grantee Interim Reports, which were due January 14 and will be distributed to our liaisons early in February. We have committee meetings scheduled for February 9 and February 17 to review and evaluate our 2009 Grantees' progress.

Later this year, we will be inviting members to join us on a site visit to AAWGT Past Grantees - stay posted!

Governance (formerly Policies & Procedures):

We discussed the proposed changes to the Bylaws at the December meeting and membership approved all 2009 revisions at the January 2010 meeting. Included was a name change for our own Committee.

Education & Programs Committee:

If you are interested in developing new learning initiatives for our members, bring your energy, ideas and enthusiasm to the next Education & Programs Committee meeting. Contact Laurie Sharp at lsharp1000@msn.com for more information.

Current E&P Programmers: Laurie Sharp, Lynne Davidson, Carol Cronin, Barbara Firebaugh, Marie Brigham, Barbara Mohrman

Membership & Outreach:

Join the Membership Committee to help with events and outreach this year! Contact Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com or Gloria Martin-Pressman at glopress@aol.com

Marketing & Communications:

We welcome any interested new committee members! Please contact Julie Crudele (Julie.crudele@comcast.net) if you are interested.

Committee meetings for the first part of next year: February 16th. March 16th. April 20th. May 18th. June 15th and July 20th.

These dates are the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Call for Volunteers!

Lighthouse Lunch Making Dates

Friday Mar 12, 2010

If you are interested in hosting or volunteering, please contact Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com
Guests are welcome. This activity can be a great way to bring in a new member.

April AAWGT Service Project:

Habitat for Humanity - Women Build

Please note that Karen Davis is the new contact person for this project:

In April (dates TBD), teams of AAWGT Volunteers will work in partnership with Habitat for Humanity and Women Build toward the goal of providing affordable housing for women and families in Annapolis.

The Women Build home, formerly part of the Obery Court Public Housing on Clay Street, is a green/LEED certified structure designed by Annapolis architect, Catherine Purple Cherry. Habitat crew leaders and professional staff will train and work with AAWGT volunteers from 8am to 4pm on a Saturday and/or Wednesday in April. Alternatively, AAWGT members can volunteer to be part of the Catering Crew that will buy, prepare and deliver lunch to the work site.

To participate on an AAWGT Building Team or Lunchtime Catering Crew send an email to Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com and include your preference for a weekday or weekend team. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available!

For more information:

[Habitat for Humanity - Women Build](#)

[What's Up Annapolis: Women Build Volunteers Start 3rd Habitat](#)

[Project](#)