



## **FULL CIRCLE NEWS**

October / November 2015

### **Generosity – A Gift that Keeps on Giving**

150 people registered for our Grantee Showcase, a record number for an AAWGT event, with equal representation from AAWGT members and guests. Sharing stories and successes with our community partners is a powerful way to show how philanthropy and social enterprise create change and better outcomes for families. As we approach our ten-year anniversary, we continue to grow and expand our influence.

The Grantee Showcase is just one of the many ways that we create paths for legacy. For example, AAWGT membership renewals are ahead of last year at this time, and 20 new members have joined in 2015. Membership donations from YOU will ensure a fabulous grants pool for 2016. The endowment has soared this year and is officially over \$100,000!!! For those who want your legacy and philanthropy to continue for many years, we thank you!

The amount of time donated to our organization for its optimum operation, to educate our members, and to create thought leaders, reverberates into our community, adding strength and resources. Many of our members already serve in positions as well as work in nonprofit organizations, adding their special skills and labor.

We are an organization that takes our legacy work seriously. The values that we embrace -- informative, collaborative, and meaningful -- are a special reminder of why we belong to a Giving Circle.

Let's keep generosity front and foremost. If you haven't yet renewed for 2015, please go to your profile at [www.GivingTogether.org](http://www.GivingTogether.org) and add your annual donation to our 2016 grants pool. When you have a special gift to give or a memorial to make, think Endowment! You can enjoy your work and living legacy that will help our community thrive. Generosity of spirit and your legacy are the gifts that keep on giving!

[Maureen Cavaiola](#), President  
[Mary Grace Folwell](#), Vice President

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## Second Running with Scissors Award Goes to Bess Langbein

Bess Langbein, former Executive Director of the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County (from 2007 to 2015) was awarded the second Laurie Sharp Running with Scissors Award at our Grants Showcase on September 16. Sharon Stewart, AAWGT founder and longtime friend of Bess, conferred the award and noted that, Bess, like Past President Laurie Sharp, was always 'doing what needed to be done, but with an engaging and playful spirit that comes from her deep love for our community. She has an incredible gift of connecting with people from all walks of life and instilling in them a desire to make a difference.'

Bess' citation reads:

*AAWGT is forever grateful to Bess Langbein for advancing philanthropy in Anne Arundel County, making our community a better place for all, and supporting and expanding the work of AAWGT.*

For additional details, click [HERE](#).

[Maureen Cavaiola](#), President

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## Membership News

AAWGT welcomes three new members and thanks 32 members who renewed their membership during August and September.

**New Members:** Susan Christensen; Tricia Lehmann and Rebecca Strandberg

**Renewing Members:** Susan Amos; Sue Barrett; Tori Bayless; Sharon Boettinger; Linnell Bowen; Shauna Chabot; Prue Clendenning; Ruth Coggeshall; Sandy Comenetz; Dorothy D'Amato; Nancy Davis; Linda Eggbeer; Ginger From; Anna Greenberg; Nancie Kennedy; Marilyn Lyons; Mary Ann Marbury; Ashley Marshall; Margaret Martin; Bev Nash; Nancy Nolan; Joyce Olin; Thea Pinskey; Noelle Richmond; Linda Rogers; True Rowan; Laura Salladin; Betsy Saunders; Karen Smith; Donna Stackhouse; Judy Templeton and Louise Thomas.

### Join or Renew

Click [HERE](#) to Join or Renew

[Membership & Outreach Committee](#)

Heidi Busch, Chair  
Paula Abernethy, Assistant Chair

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## **It's Only September, Yet the 2016 Grant Cycle Has Begun . . .**

The AAWGT grants cycle has begun for 2016 and the Grants Committee will be convening to begin planning for the coming year. This summer adjustments were made to Foundant, our grants management software, to reflect our experience from the first year of its use. In addition, a compilation of AAWGT grant-making policies was completed and affirmed by the Steering Committee.

We will kick off the 2016 grant cycle in January with a training session for interested applicants, followed by an optional tutorial on Foundant. The 2016 grants cycle applicants will again use the Online Application; the deadline for submission has been set for Wednesday, February 3, 2016.

Later this fall the Grants Committee will be recruiting grants reviewers – both experienced and new - to participate in the grant review process. We appreciate members' involvement in this important work to bring the very best applications to the AAWGT membership for their selection of 2016 grant recipients.

[Grants Committee](#)  
Sandra Sweeney, Chair  
Caroline Purdy, Assistant Chair

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## **Proposed Bylaw Amendments**

Pursuant to our existing AAWGT Bylaws, the Steering Committee has reviewed and approved two by-laws amendments for 2015 to Article III, Membership and Minimum Contribution; Donations. The proposed amendments will be read at the October 14 General Meeting and be voted on at the November 11 Meeting.

Click [HERE](#) to review the proposed 2015 amendments.

[Governance Committee](#)  
Donna Stackhouse, Chair  
Martha Schwieters, Assistant Chair

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## **Leadership Opportunities**

There are always leadership and committee opportunities with Anne Arundel Women Giving Together! Please consider joining us. If interested or for more information, contact [leadership@givingtogether.org](mailto:leadership@givingtogether.org).

[Leadership Development and Nominating Committee](#)

Carol Cronin, Chair LDN  
Lynn McReynolds, Assistant Chair LDN

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## **Founders' Award Nominations Due Soon!**

Please help us recognize an extraordinary member who goes "above and beyond"! Using our [Guidelines](#) and [Nomination Form](#), submit your nominations for that special AAWGT member that you would like to recognize. Nominations are due to the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County by no later than Sunday, October 11, 2015.

[Founders' Award Committee](#)  
Mary Grace Folwell, Chair

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## **Monthly Meetings: What's Coming Up . . . and What's Already Happened**

### *October 14 Meeting Preview: **Poverty Amidst Plenty, Fifth Edition***

Join us for a preview of the findings of the 5th edition of Poverty Amidst Plenty. This biennial needs assessment is prepared by the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County and will be published in December. Dr. Pamela Brown, Executive Director of Anne Arundel County Partnership for Children, Youth & Families, conducted the research and will present her findings. Melissa Curtin, Executive Director of CFAAC, will conclude the program with some thoughts about how philanthropy can impact the critical needs of our county. For more information or to RSVP, click [HERE](#).

### *October 21 Event Preview: **Wine & Cheese Reception (2015 New Members Only)***

This evening gathering offers an intimate setting for AAWGT's newest members to meet members of the Membership and Steering Committees. New members can ask questions and will learn about the work of our Giving Circle. This by-invitation-only event is open to members who have joined since January 1, 2015, Membership Committee and Steering Committee members. Click [HERE](#) to learn more about the event.

### *November 11 Meeting Preview: **Business Meeting and Members' Forum (Members Only)***

Our last meeting of the calendar year is conducted in two parts. The Business section will allow members to vote on proposed amendments to the AAWGT Bylaws. The slate of officers and Committee Chairs and Assistant Chairs for 2016 will also be announced, followed by an online voting process during December. The Members' Forum section of this meeting will involve a continuing and provocative discussion on philanthropy. Registration will open approximately two weeks ahead of this meeting.

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## September 16 Meeting Review: **Annual Grants Showcase and Open House**

Our 2015 Annual Grants Showcase was held Wednesday, September 16 at Loews Annapolis Hotel. Nearly 150 members and guests, including representatives of both our [2014-2015](#) and [2015-2016](#) grantees joined in the celebration – our largest crowd ever! Many believe that learning about how our funds are 'put to work' is truly the best meeting of the year! For additional details, click [HERE](#).

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## **Your Dollars At Work**

Center of Help/Centro de Ayuda: Homework Help and Leadership Program

The Center of Help/Centro de Ayuda offers a weekly Saturday morning opportunity to Hispanic/Latino students from Anne Arundel County Public Schools called Homework Help and Leadership. Over 30 volunteer tutors assist with homework and special school projects. The main focus is to improve the students' English and Reading skills. Twenty-five students participate in the program, from elementary through high school. In addition to assisting them with their academics, the tutors also provide enrichment activities, ensuring both fun and learning. Thanks to a partnership with the Tennis Alliance, twice a year the Center provides six sessions of tennis lessons after the students' academic work is done. AAWGT's support ensures these students have the tools they need to succeed, so they can achieve the American dream of having a better life for themselves and their families! Muchas Gracias!

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## **What Our Members Are Reading**

The Book Group just read two books on philanthropy and met on Wednesday, September 30 to discuss *Do More Than Give* and *Give Smart*. These books give different and useful perspectives on philanthropy and working to make a difference on social issues beyond and in addition to donating money.

*Do More Than Give*, by Leslie Crutchfield, John Kania, and Mark Kramer outlines six practices that increase the impact of philanthropy. From the Amazon review, "Do More Than Give provides a blueprint for individuals, philanthropists, and foundation leaders to increase their impact. Based on *Forces for Good*, this book demonstrates how the six practices of high-impact nonprofits apply to donors aiming to advance social causes. Rather than focus on the mechanics of effective grant making, reporting or evaluation, this book instead proposes that donors can become proactive catalysts for change by rising to meet the challenges of our increasingly interdependent world. Key principles include: going beyond check writing/traditional volunteering; advocating for change;

leveraging business; forging peer networks; empowering individuals; leading adaptively; and developing learning organizations. This AAWGT reader found the book inspiring and full of great ideas.

*Give Smart*, by Thomas J. Tierney and Joel L. Fleishman

Amazon says, "A decade ago, Thomas J. Tierney left Bain & Company to cofound The Bridgespan Group, a nonprofit focused on helping donors and nonprofit leaders develop and execute strategies to accelerate social change. In *Give Smart*, Tierney pools his hands-on knowledge with Duke professor Joel L. Fleishman's expertise to create a much-needed primer for philanthropists and the nonprofit organizations they support. Drawing from personal experiences, research spanning twentieth- and twenty-first-century philanthropy, contemporary interviews, and Bridgespan's extensive field work, *Give Smart* presents the definitive guide to engaged philanthropy."

For a very interesting story on work that is being done in Chicago, check out this [link](#) to *Freakonomics*, "How to Prevent Crime for Pennies on the Dollar." It is a compelling story about a program that is making a real difference with young men in Chicago.

[Mary Grace Folwell](#), Vice President

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## Lunchmaking Help: Volunteer Now or Host Next Year?

We need one more member to help at the [November](#) and [December](#) assembly of 70 lunches in a member's kitchen. Leader Karen Davis also needs hosts for 2016. If you've made lunches before, you're eligible to host. Shopping instructions, updated to reflect the latest guidelines, are posted in the Members Only section of our website.

If you would like to host, want to know more, or want to be added to the email group for future notices, send an email to [lunchmaking@givingtogether.org](mailto:lunchmaking@givingtogether.org). Thanks for helping those among us who are less fortunate.

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## Preview of Events

October 14 | 11:30 – 1:30 pm  
[Arundel County](#)

[Poverty Amidst Plenty: Biennial State of Anne](#)

October 21 | 5:30 – 7:30 pm

[Wine & Cheese Reception \(New Members Only\)](#)

November 11 | 6 – 8 pm  
[\(Members Only\)](#)

[Business Meeting and Members' Forum](#)

Members can click [HERE](#) to access expanded calendar of events with description, location and registration link. In addition to the events above, the calendar includes our Book Group, Lighthouse Lunchmaking and Committee Meetings.

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## **Full Circle News**

The Full Circle News is published bi-monthly throughout the year. Suggestions, feedback and questions are welcome and can be sent to [marketing@givingtogether.org](mailto:marketing@givingtogether.org).

[Marketing & Communications](#)

Jenny Kottler, Chair  
Deb Schilling, Assistant Chair