



# Anne Arundel Women Giving Together Newsletter

April 2010

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**Renew Your  
Membership Now!**

For a 2010 Membership  
Form, go to  
[www.givingtogether.org](http://www.givingtogether.org)

## Important Upcoming Dates

**April 14**

Membership Open  
House

**May 12**

General Meeting  
(Members Only)

**June 9**

March went out like a lion, reminding us of the hard winter we experienced. We know we are all hoping that April will bring beautiful flowers, sun and warmth and time to renew old friendships and make new ones. To that end, AAWGT is holding its annual **Spring Membership Open House next Wednesday, April 14th from 6-8 PM** at the Bay Ridge Pool House, 2 Herndon Avenue, Annapolis. Please join us and bring a friend who would like to learn more about the wonderful work AAWGT does to make Anne Arundel County a better place for those in need.

The Membership Committee recently sent all members a packet with information our organizations - we hope it was a helpful reminder of the value of your AAWGT membership and hope it is useful in renewing your membership and staying involved with AAWGT. As you know, your membership donation becomes the grant money that we have to donate next year, so the more members we have, the more money we have to help women and families in need. In the five years we have existed, we have donated over \$170,000. We should all be proud of the great work we have been able to do by pooling our donations and collectively giving.

**We look forward to seeing you on April 14th,  
renewing old friendships and meeting new friends.**

Karen Davis  
Chair, Membership

Gloria Martin Pressman  
Assistant Chair, Membership

Grants Showcase

PLEASE SEE  
NEWSLETTER  
ARTICLES FOR  
DETAILS.

Welcome New  
Members!

Marie Brockhurst

Darlene Duchene

Diana Rode



What's New with  
AAWGT:

AAWGT Scholarships  
for members -  
Available Soon!

Look for our newly  
designed website to be  
launched in April!

AAWGT Needs You:  
Find things you can  
help with under  
Committee Reports.



## → Upcoming Meeting Reminder

AAWGT Spring Membership Open House - April 14

Time: 6-8:00 pm

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

RSVP: Gloria Martin Pressman at [glopress@aol.com](mailto:glopress@aol.com)

Directions to the event: Take Forest Drive to Bay Ridge Road and continue to the Bay Ridge community gates. Turn right onto Herndon Avenue immediately after entering the community. The Pool House is at the far end of Herndon. Please note: this facility is not handicapped-accessible.

## → March 10 Meeting Recap

Health Care Issues and  
Gaps

Moderator Carol Cronin led the session on Health Care Services with Brenda Vitello, CRNP from the Annapolis Outreach Clinic, Nancy Tucker, RN, BSN from the AAC Department of Health, and Sandra Shanahan, CPNP founder of the Shanahan Children's Clinic.

This dynamic panel of experts helped AAWGT members better understand the tremendous challenges facing health care service providers and the at risk populations they serve in our community.



Moderator Carol Cronin and  
session presenters

To learn more, visit:

AA County Dept. of Health: [www.ahealth.org](http://www.ahealth.org)

Shanahan Children's Clinic: [www.shanahanchildrensclinic.com](http://www.shanahanchildrensclinic.com)

Recent rankings on health indicators in AA County from the Robert Wood Johnson Foundation:

[www.countyhealthrankings.org/maryland/anne-arundel](http://www.countyhealthrankings.org/maryland/anne-arundel)

Report Card on Anne Arundel County Community Health Indicators:

[www.aahealth.org/App\\_pdfs/aahealthreportcard2009.pdf](http://www.aahealth.org/App_pdfs/aahealthreportcard2009.pdf)

Consumer Health Site: [www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus](http://www.nlm.nih.gov/medlineplus)

Information on Women's Health: [www.womenshealth.gov](http://www.womenshealth.gov)



Panel on health care issues

→ Save these dates!

**Thursday, April 22nd, 6:00 pm**

**AAWGT Benefit: Women's Wine and Dine Event with wine, women, wisdom & casual snacks.**

Location: Pilates of Annapolis at Excel, 2001 Tidewater Colony Dr., #101, Annapolis, MD 21401

To register, call 410-327-9090 or 410-897-0550, or contact AAWGT member Kathy Brooks [kathleen.brooks@comcast.net](mailto:kathleen.brooks@comcast.net)

**Tuesday, April 27, 10:30 am**

**AAWGT Visit to Maryland Therapeutic Riding (MTR)**

10:30 am Presentation, 11 am - 1 pm Tour & Observation

Location: Maryland Therapeutic Riding, Crownsville, MD 21032  
[www.mtrinc.org](http://www.mtrinc.org)

*Treat yourself to a tranquil morning at the Maryland Therapeutic Riding Program in Crownsville. Nestled amongst open fields on Sunrise Beach Road, AAWGT is offering members and guests an on-site visit. Led by Anne Joyner, Development Director for MTR, AAWGT members and guests will get a chance to see the Horses for Hope program in action. The Horses for Hope program is a new initiative targeted to provide a therapeutic, esteem-building experience for women suffering from abuse or health issues. It offers instruction in riding and complete care of horses and other farm disciplines.*

*AAWGT funds have been supporting scholarships for participants in the five-week lesson sessions. For further information, contact Diane Evans at either 410-757-4635 or [dreevans@comcast.net](mailto:dreevans@comcast.net).*

**Wednesday, May 12, 8:30 - 10 am  
2010 Grants Presentation & Voting**

Location: YWCA, 1517 Ritchie Highway, Arnold, MD 21012

*At this important meeting, members will have the chance to discuss and vote on AAWGT's grantees for this year. Look for information and a ballot sent by email later this month.*

**Wednesday, June 9, 7-9 pm  
2010 Grants Showcase**

Location: Francis Scott Key Auditorium, St. John's College Auditorium, Annapolis, MD 21401

*Please plan to attend this annual public reception where we will celebrate our newest AAWGT grantees.*

**June: Date TBD**

**Habitat for Humanity Women Build**

Location: Women Build home, Clay Street

*In June (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.*

*Habitat crew leaders and professional staff will train and work with AAWGT volunteers from 8am to 4pm on a Saturday and/or Wednesday in June. 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](mailto:kluciadavis@hotmail.com) and include your preference for a weekday or weekend team. We will keep you informed as more information becomes available!*



## **Business and Committee Updates**

### **Education & Program Committee:**

#### **What We're Reading**

Check out the new AAWGT reading group!

If you would like to learn more about issues affecting women and families and/or women and philanthropy, be sure to check out the new What We're Reading column in this newsletter. Then join other interested members and guests for a lively discussion at the end of the month.

This month's recommendation is *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*. Pulitzer Prize winners

Nicholas D. Kristof and Sheryl WuDunn issue a "passionate call to arms against our era's most pervasive human rights violation: the oppression of women and girls in the developing world." The true stories in this book demonstrate how a little help can transform lives of utter despair and unleash the potential for women to make economic progress.

We plan to discuss *Half the Sky* on Wednesday, April 28. To join the group for this book, contact Laurie Sharp at [lsharp1000@msn.com](mailto:lsharp1000@msn.com).

*Have you read a book or article that you would like to share and discuss with other members? Do you have a passion to learn more about specific issues that affect women and families? The Education & Programs Committee welcomes all members who would like to contribute their ideas and energy to develop discussion groups, educational sessions and other learning opportunities. Contact Laurie Sharp at [lsharp1000@msn.com](mailto:lsharp1000@msn.com) for more information.*

**Grants Committee:**

The 2010 Grant Review teams have been very busy reviewing grants, reporting and conducting site visits. The Grants Committee's recommendations will be announced in the May newsletter and then submitted to the membership for a vote at the May 12 meeting.

**Marketing & Communications:**

Please consider joining our committee and become involved in helping promote our meetings, programs and activities! We especially need help with our publications. Our upcoming meetings are: April 20, May 18, June 15 and July 20. These dates are the third Tuesday of the month, from 7:00 - 8:30pm. Contact Julie Crudele ([Julie.crudele@comcast.net](mailto:Julie.crudele@comcast.net)) for more information.

**Membership & Outreach:**

Help the Membership committee develop a mentoring program, by volunteering to host and serve as an information resource for new members. Contact Karen Davis ([kluciadavis@hotmail.com](mailto:kluciadavis@hotmail.com)) or Gloria Pressman ([glopress@aol.com](mailto:glopress@aol.com))

Also, look for the 2010 Member Survey being emailed later this month!

**Light House Lunches**

The next dates are April 19, May 21 and June 24.

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