



Anne Arundel Women Giving Together

AAWGT Newsletter

December 2008

Dare to reach out your hand into the darkness, to pull another hand into the light.

-- Norman B. Rice



As this will be my last message as President, I wish to thank all of you for the honor of serving this wonderful organization. It has been such a pleasure to work with the committed women who make up AAWGT and to know that my \$500 contribution is making such a difference in the lives of families in Anne Arundel County. Having worked so hard to lay a strong foundation for AAWGT, I know this organization will continue to grow and provide support to our community for years to come and I look forward to being a part of the good works we are doing, as your Past President.

Our December 10th meeting is a celebration of all that we have accomplished this year. I hope that you will join me at my home as we vote on the new leadership for 2009 and acknowledge our outgoing leadership for all that they have done. We will start at 7PM and there will be refreshments. I will be collecting food for the Lighthouse Shelter, so if you can bring a can or box of something, that would be appreciated.

Looking ahead to 2009, we have many exciting activities planned. The new schedule will be on the website soon, so be looking for it. At the recent Celebration of Philanthropy luncheon sponsored by the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County, we learned that charitable donations do not decline during tough economic times. This was certainly good news to hear and I encourage you to continue to support AAWGT in all the ways that you can. Just as we support our

local farmers by "buying local", let us support our community by "giving local". My wish for the New Year is that AAWGT continues to grow beyond our 130 members, so that our good work can reach even more individuals and groups in need.

Wishing all of you a healthy, peaceful holiday season.

Gloria Martin-Pressman
President, Anne Arundel Women Giving Together



Year-End Meeting and Holiday Reception

Date: Wednesday, Dec. 10
Time: 7:00 to 9:00 pm
Location: President Gloria Martin-

Pressman's home, 131 Claiborne Road in Edgewater

Don't miss out on AAWGT's year-end Holiday Reception. Come mingle with members and enjoy good talk, food and drink! We will have a short business meeting to elect officers and committee leadership, recognize outstanding members and do a brief wrap-up of 2008.

Please RSVP by Dec. 8 to Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com, or Martha Hoyer at sycamore34@aol.com.

Please see 2009 Slate of Officers and Committee Co-Chairs below.

2009 Upcoming Events

January General Meeting

Date: Wednesday, January 14
Time: 8:30 am to 10:00 am
Location: Pathways Treatment Center, 2620 Riva Road, Annapolis, MD 21401
Program: Addiction and Recovery Issues Facing Women and Families in AA County

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AAWGT's October 15th Membership Reception at Chartwell Country Club was a wonderful opportunity to hear from our 2007 grantees and hear about their successes. More than 44 AAWGT members and 33 guests attended.



AAWGT hosts Grants Co-Chairs Roylene Roberts and Bronwyn Belling, President Gloria Martin-Pressman and Post-Grants Co-Chairs Barbara Hoffstein and Tara Clifford



La Mama Sana mother Bonifila and 9-month son David in a moving testimonial



AAWGT 2007 Grantee representatives from the Centro de Ayuda, the AA Co Literacy Council,

Chesapeake Childrens' Museum and the Annapolis & AA Co Boys & Girls Club and our AAWGT liaisons presented their stories at the October reception.

November General Meeting: Learning About Women and Philanthropy

At our November 12th General Meeting, the program focused on women's growing involvement in philanthropy, and in particular, the recent rapid growth of giving circles. Our inspiring and energizing speakers were Siobhan O'Riordan, an independent consultant formerly with the Washington Area Women's Foundation, and Elise Burke Lee of United Way of Central Maryland and coordinator of their Women's Leadership Council. Both women spoke about how the giving circle model encourages women to become more engaged in learning about philanthropy and smarter about their giving. In addition, the 2009 AAWGT Officer and Steering Committee slate and recommended changes to the AAWGT By-Laws were presented.

Committee Volunteer Opportunities

As we anticipate the upcoming 2009 AAWGT activities, there are two committees who are in need of people to help with the following specific tasks.

Marketing

1. **PR/Editor:** Create and send AAWGT publicity and news
2. **Media Liaison:** Serve as AAWGT Liaison to the media
3. **Website Editor:** Keep AAWGT website info up to date

For more info or to sign up, contact: Julie Crudele (julie.crudele@comcast.net) or Amy Steindler (buemi.steindler@verizon.net)

Membership

1. **Database coordinator:** Enter new member data and manage the AAWGT member list
2. **Membership outreach:** Help with prospective and new member communications
3. **New member mentors:** Be a one-on-one representative to a new AAWGT member

For more info or to sign up, contact: Martha Hoyer (sycamore34@aol.com) or Diane Miller (bubbe7x@comcast.net)

2009 Membership Contributions

A reminder that 2009 membership contributions will be due by June 30, 2009.

We will begin accepting contributions on December 1, 2008 and remember to check and see if your company provides matching contributions. Go to website to download a form.

2009 Grants Process

We hope you saw the recent email notice from Roylene Roberts about becoming a grant reviewer and will help to review and make recommendations on the funding applications that AAWGT receives for 2009.

A reminder that first time reviewers must attend one of the orientation sessions on either Friday, January 9, or Saturday, January 24, 2009.

The deadline for returning the completed reviewer's form (included in the email notice) to Roylene at rnr123@verizon.net by December 31, 2008 (or bring to December 10th general meeting).

In addition, the Grants Committee is getting geared up for the 2009 grants process and will be emailing and mailing notices about available funds to prospective grantees. Grant applications will be due on February 12, 2009 and AAWGT members will vote on funding recommendations at the May 13th General Meeting, which will be announced at the June 10th Grants Showcase. Details, including the grant application, will be posted on the AAWGT website shortly.

2009 Slate of Officers and Committee Leadership

Here is the 2009 slate of officers and committee leadership, put together by the Nominating Committee, and presented at the November General Meeting. We will vote on the slate at the December 10th meeting - a reminder that you must be a paid member and present in order to vote.

President - Sharon Stewart
Vice President/President Elect - Lynne Davidson
Treasurer - Barb Novak
Assistant Treasurer - Mary Osbourn Reilly
Secretary - Karen Davis
Assistant Secretary - Bronwyn Belling

Committees

Education and Program Committee

Chair - Prue Clendenning; Assistant Chair - Laurie Sharp

Grants Committee

Chair - Roylene Roberts; Assistant Chair - Kathy Potter

Marketing and Communications Committee

Chair - Julie Crudele; Assistant Chair - Amy Steindler

Membership and Outreach Committee

Chair - Martha Hoyer; Assistant Chair - Diane Miller

Nominating Committee

Chair - Kathleen Brooks; Assistant Chair - Thérèse Gardner

Policies and Procedures Committee

Chair - Susan Nolte

Post-Grants Evaluation Committee

Chair - Barbara Hoffstein; Assistant Chair - Julie Schuelke

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