



Anne Arundel Women Giving Together Newsletter

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For a 2010 Membership Form, see www.givingtogether.org

Important Upcoming Dates

March 10, 8:30-10 am
General Membership Meeting

Program: Health Care Issues: Needs and Gaps
Edgewater Police Station

April 14, 6-8 pm
Spring Membership

"Investments in women and girls can have big social returns... women and women's funds will be increasingly involved in reshaping philanthropy and bringing to the fore important issues like human trafficking and domestic violence that for far too long have been neglected."

From Accelerating Change for Women and Girls: The Role of Women's Funds, 2009

Our record-breaking month of February was memorable, to say the least! Despite the blizzards, ice and sore muscles, our AAWGT committees and volunteers pushed ahead with AAWGT business: arranging future programs, accepting and reviewing grant applications, interviewing past grantees, finalizing our budget, conducting member outreach, creating publicity and even refreshing and enhancing our website!

The AAWGT membership theme for the year is Join, Learn and Give. To that, we now add Participate, because many hands are needed to keep our all-volunteer organization thriving. How can you help? The Committee Reports at the end of this newsletter list the many ways that you as a member can help - even if it is an hour or a day, we need your time and talent to help AAWGT be the best it can be. And, you will surely have fun in the process!

As important as our volunteer work is our financial support. In the past three years, we have collectively donated nearly \$170,000 to 17 nonprofit organizations serving women and families in Anne Arundel County.

Please join or renew your membership today, because your dollars will keep AAWGT and its important grants program alive and thriving!

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

Open House
Bay Ridge Pool
House

Welcome New
Members!

Catherine Cherry
Debra Fortier



Learn about or help
our current grantees:

[Centro de Ayuda Mama
Sana Program](#)

- [Girl Scouts of Central
MarylandProject
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](#)

PS - Don't miss the March 10th meeting from 8:30-10:00 am at the Edgewater Police Station when we will hear about Healthcare Services: Issues and Gaps (details below) and approve our 2010 Budget. See you then!



→ Upcoming Meeting Reminder

Wednesday, March 10, 8:30-10:00 am
Health Care Services: Issues and Gaps

Business Meeting: Approve the 2010 Budget (see 2010 Budget Highlights below)

Educational Session: Health Care Services: Issues and Gaps (rescheduled after February cancellation due to snow)
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.

Location: Edgewater Police Station, 35 Stepney Lane, Edgewater

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.

→ 2010 Budget Highlights

Each AAWGT membership fee of \$550 includes \$50 for our administrative expenses (or \$25 from associate members who join for \$275 per year). The 2010 Budget is \$8,455; it proposes spending 48% for member and grantee events, 19% for member communications and leadership development, 12% for member outreach and 14% for administrative support fee from the Community Foundation. This document will be submitted for membership review, discussion and approval at the March 10 meeting.

AAWGT Resources:

For info on needs in our area, see
Community Foundation
of Anne Arundel County,
www.cfaac.org
or Assoc. of Baltimore
Area Grantmakers,
www.abagmd.org

For info on Giving
Circles, see
www.givingforum.org

→ Your In-Kind Donation/Contribution Supports AAWGT

We are basically an all-volunteer organization, hosted by the Community Foundation. We are seeking donations of food, drink, printing and other services so that we can balance our budget and channel unused funds to new AAWGT scholarships this year.

How can you participate?

Contribute food/drink for our upcoming April member reception

Underwrite the printing of our membership materials

Make a cash donation to defray an AAWGT event

To donate, please write an email to info@givingtogether.org or look for a sign up sheet at our March 10 meeting. Thanks!

→ Save these dates!

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 Avenue immediately after entering the community. The Pool House is at the far end of Herndon.

→ AAWGT Needs You: How You Can Help

Engaging in AAWGT activities and committee work is a great way to get more involved, contribute your expertise, and build relationships with other members. Listed below are the areas where we need more woman-power - thanks!

→ Business and Committee Updates

Education & Programs Committee

Help Wanted: Plan an educational program for our members

Host an AAWGT "fact-finding and sharing" lunch on an important topic.

Share an idea for a future program.

Bring your energy, ideas and enthusiasm to the next Education & Programs Committee meeting. Contact Laurie Sharp at lsharp1000@msn.com for more information.

Grants Committee

The Grants Committee received 39 applications for grants this year - a 25% increase over last year. Perhaps this reflects the state of the economy, or that AAWGT is becoming better known in the community. After an initial screening for eligibility, the applications will be distributed to our teams of trained reviewers. It will be a busy month!

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

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.

Marketing & Outreach Committee

Help Wanted: Assist with PR, create publications

Participate in pre-launch of our refreshed website

Be part of our marketing team/committee

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

Upcoming Committee meetings: March 16, April 20, May 18, June 15 and July 20 (third Tuesdays of the month), from 7:00 - 8:30pm.

Membership & Outreach

Help Wanted: April 14 - Membership Open House: serve drinks, set up or clean up, provide flowers or potted plants, provide a tray of hors d'oeuvres

June 9 - Grants Showcase at St. John's College (same needs as April 14 above)

Mentor incoming members as part of our new Mentoring Program

Assist with member outreach - send us a name and contact info and we'll send out an information packet!

Contact Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com or Gloria Pressman at glopress@aol.com

Post-Grants Evaluation Committee

All Grantee Interim Reports from 2009 have been received and reviewed by the PGEC. We are preparing our Interim Report to be presented at the March 5 Steering Committee meeting.

Help Wanted: Analyze and share grants info/data with AAWGT

members

Help plan or be part of an upcoming AAWGT field trip/tour to a grantee

 **Call for Volunteers!**

Lighthouse Lunch Making Dates

Friday, March 12, 2010, 8:30 - 10:00 am

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

Volunteer to Reduce Homelessness in our Own County on March 27

Now you can walk the walk AND talk the talk! Join other AAWGT members as a volunteer for Anne Arundel County's third annual Homeless Resource Day at Glen Burnie High School. Assist as a greeter, guide or in the discharge area. Or you can help with setup the night before. Donations of food, supplies or cash are also welcome. For more details, job descriptions and paperwork, go to www.volunteerannearundel.com/AACHRD.html. If you decide to volunteer, write "AAWGT" on the upper right hand corner of the registration form so we can be assigned together. For other questions, contact AAWGT Vice President Bronwyn Belling at bbelling@aol.com or 443-822-0189. We'd love to have you participate!

April AAWGT Service Project: Habitat for Humanity - Women Build

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. Dates are yet to be determined - stay posted!
