Hope your summer has been relaxing and enjoyable. We are gearing up for a busy fall and wanted to share upcoming meeting information so you can plan to be involved.

**September:** We will be sharing the results of the member survey, reviewing our successes over the past year, and discussing future direction plans that came out of the Steering Committee’s July retreat. We will also be updating our Grant Criteria Priorities that the membership voted on 2 years ago, and exploring any changes we wish to make for 2009-2011. *See the September Business Meeting notes below for the date, time and location.*

**October:** Come hear our 2007 Grantees, who will share with us the ways our money made a difference in their lives. Bring a potential member and help us meet our goal of 200 members by December. (Currently, we have 130, so we need all of you to help us achieve this goal and reach $100,000 in available grant funds for 2009.)

**November:** We will hear about Women and Philanthropy and will also be presenting our slate of officers and steering committee chairs to the members to be voted on in December. The new Steering Committee will take over in January.

**December:** Come vote for your new officers and help us celebrate the holidays with a party just for AAWGT members.

Looking forward to seeing all of you at these meetings and working with you to shape the mission and direction of AAWGT. AAWGT is *your* organization. Come and make your voice heard.

Sincerely,

Gloria Martin-Pressman
September Business Meeting
September 10
7:00pm - 9:00pm

AAWGT's next Business Meeting will be held on Wednesday, September 10th, from 7:00 - 9:00 pm. We hope you will join us as we review and revise our AAWGT Policies to answer the question "where are we headed?" We will also have a program discussion about Addiction and Recovery.

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Upcoming Events

Membership Open House
October 15: 6:00pm - 8:00pm
Chartwell Country Club, Severna Park

Business Meeting and Women's Philanthropy Program
November 12: 8:30am - 10:00am
Boy’s and Girls Club, Annapolis

End-of-Year Business Meeting and Holiday Reception
December 10
Time and Location TBD
AAWGT Volunteer Project: Partners In Care
Emergency Kits
Partners In Care is a community nonprofit organization helping older and disabled adults remain independent in their own homes. On August 13, thirteen AAWGT volunteers assembled 30 emergency kits for seniors served by Partners In Care, containing food, water, radio, flashlight, batteries, whistle, and emergency preparedness information. The kits were used to replace or refresh kits that had been in service for close to two years. This group of "wonderful, efficient women," according to Bronwyn Belling, finished their task in an hour, although they had allotted more than twice that amount of time for the project. Most of the women took kits with them, and delivered them locally to isolated seniors. Many thanks, on behalf of the entire membership, to the thirteen women who generously gave time to this project.

If you're interested in participating in future volunteer events, watch this space for the next opportunity to serve our community. If you've got ideas that might appeal to the members, contact any officer or steering committee member, or bring it up at the next general meeting.

Interesting Facts about AAWGT

Anne Arundel Women Giving Together was created in 2006 by a group of Founding Members, consisting of thirty-seven women philanthropists and leaders.

The group launched its grantmaking program in 2007 by providing $40,000 in
grants. In 2008, AAWGT provided $57,000 to local nonprofit programs.

The group is governed by a Steering Committee consisting of officers and committee chairs. AAWGT's 2008 officers are:

President - Gloria Martin-Pressman
Vice President - Mary Ann Gordon
Treasurer - Martha Blaxall
Assistant Treasurer - Barb Novak
Secretary - Susan Nolte
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