

The College Club, Inc.

**A History of the Baltimore, Maryland Branch of
The American Association of University Women**

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FOREWORD

Much of the material included in this history of the College Club was culled from monthly bulletins provided by Verna Kushel and Doris Levi. Other material was found in the files of Verna Kushel which she organized while she was president. Eileen Tarcay shared information about our branch writing group formed in 1975 which published the novel entitled Shadow and Shield.

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A valuable addition to the 1981 section is this description of "The Writing Group."

The Writing Group

The new Writing Group of our branch was formed in 1975, after ten members expressed interest. However, only five attended regularly: Strelsa J. Jeffries, Jewel E. Mullineauz, Mae W. Peck, Carolyn B. Sheffey, and the leader, Eileen S. Tarcay. Eileen suggested the group working together could write a novel, a gothic, of the kind then much in vogue, and thereby gain valuable writing experience.

After many monthly meetings and much "homework," the printing of the novel they produced, Shadow and Shield, was financed by the branch and copyrighted in 1978.

The integration of members in the group and in their book's cast of characters became newsworthy. The project was described in the Sunday Sun Magazine, with an illustrated article. Also, an article about it appeared in Graduate Woman, with ordering information. Enough copies were sold to national and branch members and friends to pay the cost of a second printing, with a new cover design, in 1980.

In addition, the leader wrote a 6-page brochure describing "how we did it" and offered to send it on request. Since that time many branches have had creative writing groups. Requests were received from all around the country, including Alaska!

Shadow and Shield and the brochure were displayed at the state convention, which was held at the Johns Hopkins University, and a number of books were sold there.

On the whole, the project was a worthwhile experiment. It gave AAUW and the branch some valuable publicity, not to mention the sense of pride in their accomplishment felt by members of the Writing Group.

Eileen Tarcay

1982 - 1984

President: Mary Beth Crafts

The areas of interest during this administration were: Community, Cultural Interests, Education, International Relations and Women's Issues.

At that time the National Association defined programming by having mandated Issues for which they furnished background material and study guides. These Issues for this period were: Money Talks and Taking Hold of Technology.

Special Interest Groups included Literature with Louise Fitzell chairing the group, Gourmet Cooking and two bridge groups.

The club continued its annual bus trips to Washington, D.C., its annual Holiday dinner, and the AAUW Educational Foundation fundraising activities. The College Club also participated in The Women's Fair held at Western High School.

September 1984 - May 1985

President: Elaine Franz

At the September 20, 1984 General Meeting of the College Club, held in Fourier Hall Lounge, College of Notre Dame of Maryland, our president, Mrs. Elaine Franz, welcomed our speaker. She was Mrs. Constance A. Morella, Delegate to Maryland General Assembly from Montgomery County, Professor of English and Philosophy, Montgomery College, and member of AAUW, Kensington Branch. Her topic was "Where We Are and What We Can Do About It." Members present were impressed by Mrs. Morella's talk about women's issues today and about actions we should be taking to strengthen our positions.

Recent correspondence included thank you notes from Baltimore Branch member Sister Kathleen Feeley, who was one of four outstanding Maryland women honored this year by AAUW, Maryland State Division. Letters of thanks were also received from Goucher College and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland for the scholarship grants, which had been increased to \$1500.

The Ways and Means committee announced that on August 18th, thirty persons enjoyed a trip to Wolf Trap to see the old-time favorite "Oklahoma," by Rodgers and Hammerstein.

Important dates for the 1984-1985 College Club year included the following: September 29 - Division Fall Conference, Prince George's Community College; October 12-13 - UN seminar, New York City: The International Women's Decade and Beyond; Mid-January - Division Winter Board Meeting; and March 23-24 - Maryland State AAUW Convention, hosted by the Baltimore Branch.

On November 10, 1984, members visited Oatlands in Virginia, which was filled with the Yuletide atmosphere of the late 19th century.

On December 7, 1985 members took a trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C. The Ways and Means Committee sold pecans again this year and cleared over \$550. The Christmas Brunch was held on December 15, 1985 at the Greenspring Inn.

During the year, members Beryl Williams, Eileen Tarcay and Mae Peck worked with students at the Park Heights Academy in a program entitled *Readings in American Values*. Eileen Tarcay was one of eight Baltimore poets whose work appeared in the new state anthology, *Harbor Lights*.

At the February 21, 1985 meeting our speakers were Marilyn Borgendale, Circulation Librarian at the University of Maryland Health Sciences Library, author of "Peace is a Woman's Issue" and Zoe Clayson, Ph.D. in Health and Safety, both members of Jobs With Peace.

The Philadelphia Flower Show was held on March 6, 1985. Several members attended. During the March 21st meeting, Rodney A. Coggin, of the Chesapeake Bay Foundation spoke on the topic "The State of the Bay" in an effort to interest members in saving the Bay.

The Maryland State Division Convention hosted by our branch was held on March 23 and March 24, 1985, at Johns Hopkins University. Workshops were held on such topics as "The UN Decade for Women," "Social Policy and Women's Needs." It was an outstanding success.

National dues increased to \$28.00, life-membership dues to \$560.00 and \$22.40 for members 65 and over.

The speaker in April was Timmeran Daugherty, a partner in the law firm of Daugherty and Daugherty, and

immediate past president of the Women's Bar Association of Maryland who spoke to us about empowering women through networking.

December 1985 - April 1986

President: Elaine Franz

On December 3, 1985 Deborah Wheeler of the Baltimore County Public Library, Towson Branch, reviewed Accidental Tourist by Anne Tyler and shared some suggested books. The Bridge Group also had an enjoyable meeting in December. Sunday, December 15 was the day of our Christmas Brunch and a joyous musical program.

Our Ways and Means Committee had a successful pecan sale. They sold 552 pound bags, which helped our Educational foundation Fund.

On January 25th, as part of the Cultural Interests group, members took a tour of the Baltimore Museum of Industry.

In February, Dr. Rhoda Dorsey, the first woman President of Goucher College, spoke to the College Club about rising costs of college education and other issues.

Member Phyllis Wright, received a \$3000 grant from AAUW Special Projects to direct and participate in an exhibit featuring the work of Maryland women artists.

Some interesting trips were taken this year including the Baltimore Sun Building, the new Fort McHenry Tunnel and the Francis Scott Key Bridge.

Several members took part in the *National March for Women's Lives*, held on March 6, 1986 about keeping abortion and birth control safe and legal. Also during March there was a continued celebration of Women's History.

Branch scholarships were given to students at Goucher and Notre Dame Colleges.

Several members attended Legislative Day in Annapolis.

An interesting speaker at our March 20 General Meeting was Dr. Joyce Ann Joyce, Associate Professor of English, University of Maryland. Her topic was titled, *Black Women and Culture* in which she shared information about the contributions of African American Women to American letters.

The Maryland Division Convention was held at Hood College in Frederick, Maryland on April 12-13. One workshop of special significance was "Why (re)join AAUW: I'm Too Busy."

The May outing was held in Maryland's horse country. Several historic places visited were Mount Harmon Plantation on the Sassafras River and Windfields Farm in Chesapeake City.

September 1986 - May 1987

President: Elaine Franz

The College Club year opened with a "Getting to Know Us" program - encouraging members to meet each other, renew old acquaintances, re-orient themselves, join interest groups, and get to know officers. This meeting was held at Fourier Hall Lounge, of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

The following interest groups were active - Newcomers, Bridge, the Out-To-Lunch Bunch, Tuesday Afternoon Book Group, and Gourmet Cooking. A September Ways and Means sponsored bus trip to New Market, Maryland and an October trip to Dover, Delaware.

The College Club contributed to the Mayor's Blue Chip-In-Summer program and attended a luncheon at the Bamboo House.

December included more activities, the annual holiday dinner at Jeannier's Restaurant, participation in the Festival of Trees and the Mayor's Mitten Tree Program.

Our first Vice-President, Leona Morris, won the 1986 Goucher Alumnae Award for Excellence in Public Service in December, 1986.

In March, AAUW coordinated the day in Annapolis with the League of Women Voters and the Business and Professional Women's Club.

In March, the Club heard Ms. Shellie Frankford, Esq. and Ms. Kathleen Carter, M.S.W. talk about new directions in therapy law and how it concerns women.

The theme of the 1987 State Convention hosted by Carroll County was "The Three R's: Reaping Benefits, Rewards in AAUW, Ready for Houston."

All of the interest groups continued to have their programs.

The theme of the April General Meeting was "Behind the Scenes in Television." Other activities included the Book Group's regular meetings; the planning of a June 6th trip to the National Gallery of Art in Washington, D.C.; attending the play "South Pacific" by the Newcomers Group, welcoming four new members, giving \$330 to Reading is Fundamental program of Barclay Elementary School; regular meetings of the Bridge Groups and the annual "Book Group Spring Luncheon" held at Roland Park Place.

In May 1987, the President, Elaine Franz, reported that she had attended the Convention in New Windsor and was returning with some new ideas for our branch, which she imparted before leaving for the National Convention in Houston, Texas.

This year, the Annual Dinner meeting was held at the Engineers Club with entertainment provided by tenor George Grout in May.

The annual Day on Capitol Hill was held.

Another activity was a picnic in July, at the summer home of Elaine Franz on Back River. Previous picnics had been held at the home of Lee Worthington under her large oak tree, on Avondale Road.

September 1987 - May 1988

President: Elaine Franz

Elaine Franz, the president began the year with a pleasant welcoming letter to the membership. It was announced that the organization had recently received letters of appreciation for the \$1000 donation to the Blue Chip In Program and the two scholarships of \$1500 each to an upperclassman at Goucher College and the College of Notre Dame of Maryland.

In October there was a fall conference hosted by the St. Mary's City Branch and attended by our members. An interesting panel discussion was "Maryland's Greatest Asset: The Chesapeake Bay."

Several trips were made during the year, including Hillwood, the late Marjorie Merriweather Post's Georgian home in Washington, D.C. to view her Imperial Russian Collection and her 18th Century French Decorative Art. A trip was also made to Wolf Trap.

The calendar of Newcomer Events included a Sunday brunch at the Hopkins Club, a dinner and program at Good Samaritan Hospital, a Christmas tea at Nan Hilliard's and dinner and dancing at the Hyatt downtown.

The speaker at the October General Meeting of the College Club was the Honorable James F. Schneider, who helped launch the club's study *Promoting Individual Liberties*.

A serious issue discussed at some length during October was the position taken by AAUW against Judge Robert Bork's nomination to the Supreme Court of the United States. AAUW felt that his appointment would

jeopardize much of the hard-won progress made in the last two decades.

It was reported that members of the College Club supported several community activities last year. Some of them were the Baltimore Symphony Children's Program, the Mayor's Mitten Tree, the Reading is Fundamental Project, the Maryland Public TV Fund Drive and the Midtown Church Group.

An interesting lecture was given at the November General Meeting by Dr. Franklin W. Knight, a professor of Latin American and Caribbean History at the Johns Hopkins University. The Christmas dinner held at the Hopkins Club in December was indeed a treat. Also in December members attended a Longwood Gardens' Winter Carnival.

The Educational Foundation Fund received two generous donations in October. A check for \$5000 was received from the Allegheny College Alumnae in honor of Laila Skinner. In addition, Judge James F. Schneider, the October speaker, donated his honorarium to the branch Educational Foundation Fund.

All groups met on a regular basis including the Out-To-Lunch Bunch, Community Interest Group, the Book Group, the Bridge Group, the Gourmet Group, and the Newcomers Group.

The pecan sale was as successful as ever, raising over \$500 for the Educational Foundation.

On February 19, Mr. Jack Epstein, former principal, Baltimore City and professor of Education at Towson State University, spoke on the teacher shortage and teacher quality.

The 46th Maryland Division Convention, hosted by the Laurel Branch, was held on April 15-17 at the Holiday Inn - Columbia, Rts 1 and 175.

Reverend Douglas E. Fox, a United Methodist pastor, spoke at the April General Meeting on the topic, "Outreach: Social Programs in Baltimore."

The Membership Committee announced that the College Club had 23 new members for the 1987-1988 club year.

The Gourmet Group invited members to join them on April 28th to taste Indian food and learn how to use curry.

It was announced that part-time students are now eligible for Pell Grants and the three major campus-based financial aid programs - Supplementary Educational Opportunity Grants, College Work-Study and Perkins Loans - under the Federal government.

AAUW Day on Capitol Hill was held on May 12, 1988. It started in the Dirksen Senate Office Building and included visits with our Senators and Congressional Representatives and sessions with the AAUW Lobby Corps.

September 1988 - May 1989

President: Verna Kushel

At the September General Meeting the speaker was Mary Pat Clarke, the first woman President of the Baltimore City Council, who spoke about present and future plans for Baltimore. Also during September members visited Montpelier Mansion, Laurel, Maryland, Prince George's County, which was a plantation constructed and completed in 1783.

The Fall luncheon held in October at Tom Jones II Restaurant in Hunt Valley was a great success. The speaker for the occasion was Dr. Neta Bachall, whose topic was "Science with the Space Telescope."

The interest groups included the Bridge Group and the Gourmet Group with a Cook Book as its first project for the year. The Newcomers Group also met regularly and enjoyed a Newcomers Fall Brunch on November 13, 1988, a Pot Luck Dinner in March and a Dinner Theater in May. The Legislative Alert Group kept its eye on the Family and Medical Leave Act and noted that it was gaining momentum in the House and the Senate. The Membership Committee also had an active year as well.

The speaker for October was Nick Schloeder who teaches history at Gilman and is special assistant to Senator Paul Sarbanes. He gave the group an insider's view of politics in the presidential year.

Barbara Mello, a professor at the University of Baltimore School of Law was the November speaker. Her topic was "Censorship, 1988." Also in November, members were reminded to find out where the candidates stand on the AAUW non-partisan issues of ERA, Family Leave,

Dependent Care, Pay Equity, Individual Choice, and Funding for Quality Education.

Members took a trip to the Rockwood Museum, located near Wilmington, Delaware.

The Holiday dinner was held on December 8, 1988 at the Hopkins Club. We were entertained by the Concert Choir of the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. The College Club continued its tradition of contributing mittens/gloves to the Mayor's Mitten Tree. This activity was handled by the Community Group. The Christmas Bridge luncheon was held on December 17.

Profit from the sale of pecans amounted to about \$500 as reported by our Ways and Means Chairperson, Ella Rowe.

Kathleen Kennedy Townsend, the Director of Community Services for the Maryland State Department of Education, was the speaker for the January General Meeting. Aurelia Garland Bolton of Sotheby's, the February speaker, spoke on the International Art Scene at Auction.

A trip to Annapolis to visit the Governor's Mansion was an enjoyable April event. The General meeting had Mimi Gibbs-Piper as the speaker. Her topic was the Enterprise Fund. This fund is a non-profit, publicly supported charitable foundation, launched in 1982, which makes small seed money grants and low-interest loans to tie together local funding to housing rehabilitation.

The Out-To-Lunch Bunch began this year's celebration with a trip to Fort McHenry. The group visited the Star-Spangled Banner Flag House and the home of Mary Pickersgill, who made the flag which flew over Fort McHenry at the time of the battle.

The total membership is now 159, making the College Club the largest branch in the Maryland Division. Total membership for the division is 1,695.

"The Land of Pleasant Living" cookbooks were completed and sold for \$5.95. They contain 324 recipes.

The annual dinner meeting was held on May 11, 1989 at the University Club at Towson State University. The speaker for the affair was JoAnn E. Argersinger whose topic was "Toward a New Deal in Baltimore."

The 35th Biennial Convention of AAUW met in Washington, D.C. from June 23-27, 1989. Several members attended the meeting and gathered a great deal of information about national which they shared with the Baltimore Branch.

September 1989 - May 1990

President: Verna Kushel

Out in front this club year was Mary Peterson, Maryland Division President, our September General Meeting speaker. She highlighted the positions taken by AAUW through the years, 1981-1989.

This was followed by the president, Verna Kushel, asking members to step forth and participate in the following projected activities for this year: public policy, literature, community service, women's issues, education, bridge, Choices for Tomorrow's Women, gourmet cooking, Protecting Individual Liberties, cultural interests day trips, and luncheons.

Other activities of note were the 1989 Fall Conference at Goucher College, Towson, Maryland, the National Art Gallery trip, a Fall Luncheon at the Museum Cafe in the Baltimore Art Museum.

The College Club's general meeting programs were arranged by Doris Levi, program chairperson.

The October general meeting featured the Honorable Vera P. Hall, Councilwoman who represented the 5th District in the City Council and chaired its Housing Committee. Her topic was the Housing Dilemma In Baltimore and What to Do About It.

In the area of legislation, Dorothy Krug and Connie McCay-Pyatt organized the Baltimore Branch's participation in a pro-choice march in Washington, D.C.

The Book Group continued to meet at St. David's Church for exciting book reviews.

This year a Fall Luncheon at the Museum Cafe in the Baltimore Art Museum was planned by Nan Hilliard and the Hospitality Committee.

The Individual Liberties speaker for the November general meeting was Dean Michael Kelly, University of Maryland, School of Law. He was enthusiastically received by the members, their husbands, and friends.

It was at this time that the Baltimore Branch entered the Macy's Day fund raiser at Macy's Owings Mills, raising \$200 for our scholarship fund. Again, this year a Citizens Lobbying Course, sponsored by the League of Women's Voters was held.

December 1989 ended with the annual Christmas Dinner featuring Elizabeth Stevens, a poet, who read from her collection of poems called "Children of Durst."

In the year 1990, the program emphasis was on understanding women's issues and working toward improving the quality of legislation with regard to women and girls.

Elaine Franz, as Division Public Policy Vice President, began working on a statewide basis to coordinate AAUW's efforts in Annapolis.

The branch also became involved with two other projects, the Computer, Math & Science Career Learning Day Fun Fair, at the Annapolis Mall, in March; and the Side by Side Coalition with the Junior League, League of Women Voters, the Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, and the National Council of Jewish Women to assist in the recruitment of Family Day Care Providers.

In February our own Dr. Christy De Vader spoke to the membership about the Lobby Corps, of which she is a member and how it impacts upon many of the legislative

initiatives AAUW supports such as: child care, family and medical leave, and equal pay for women.

Other activities study groups and gathering held this month included the Annual Day in Annapolis, June Koch's review of a book for the Book Group, attendance at the Winter concert of the Women Composers Orchestra.

Other focuses were on the entry of women to non-traditional fields of work and the problems and successes encountered in recruiting and retention of such women.

This information was presented by Constance M. McCay, an AAUW member and Barbara Connor, supervisor of Employment Services for the Baltimore Gas & Electric Company.

Dr. Jean Baker, former professor of history at Goucher College and Towson State University and Mildred Tyssowski, Chairperson, Baltimore City Commission for Women were featured speakers at several March, Women's History Month affairs.

In March, April, and May the regular activities of all interest groups were continued. The Spring Dinner was held in May at the Candlelight Inn in Catonsville, Maryland.

October 1990 - May 1991

President: Verna Kushel

The year began with a talk by Gwen Turnbull, president of the Bowie Branch. Her topic was "AAUW-Show and Tell, Visibility and Marketing." Also in September, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch met.

At the October General Meeting, the speaker was supposed to be Phil Andrews, Executive Director of Common Cause of Maryland. Common Cause is a public interest, non-partisan group, a citizens lobby that opposes PACs (political action committees). We were forced to cancel because of a severe tornado-like storm.

Members received a word from the president in October 1990 about AAUW's renewal in terms of members' needs and AAUW's mission - to see how they dovetail. The main idea propounded is that our organization must change with the changing times.

The Fall luncheon was held on October 6 at Victoria's Gourmet Restaurant at the Burkshire of Towson. After the meeting, members took a tour of the Burkshire, a retirement community.

The Fall conference was held at Bowie State University on October 27.

Dr. Dennis L. Brown, Associate Professor at Morgan State University spoke on "Recent Changes in Germany" at the November 15th meeting.

The December meeting of the Book Group featured two librarians from the Baltimore County Public Library in Towson who presented an array of books..

Unfortunately, a long time member of the College Club, Irma Harrington had a relapse and was moved to the

"assisted" living section of Charlestown. We were saddened by the death of member and former branch president, Ruth Rile.

The Bridge Group met as usual and welcomed a new member, Elizabeth Pyatt.

Members at the September meeting approved our 1990-1991 initiative in education: The Book Wish Project, initiated by Eileen Tarcay. The project was introduced in the Eutaw-Marshburn School in pre-school classes by our member Joan Maloney. It was also introduced in a third grade class. This was a "Write - Read - Write" project where individual students wrote letters requesting a specific type of book. Individual branch members responded by buying books for the members of the third grade class. Then the children wrote thank yous for their books.

Our Gourmet Group enjoyed having Dawn Hubbard from Radebaugh Florists who discussed and demonstrated the "hows" of Christmas Decorations.

The College Club also took part in Giant Food Stores *Apples for the Students* project where they saved pink register tapes to donate them to an inner-city school for computers.

A wonderful holiday dinner was held on December 13, 1990 at the Hopkins Club.

Members volunteered to participate as role models in Computer, Math & Science Career Learning Day held on Saturday, March 2, 1991 at the Annapolis Mall.

The Public Policy Interest Group shared information on how to write your legislator about issues of concern to AAUW.

Our January 17, 1991 meeting welcomed our speaker, Dr. Elizabeth I. Bauereis, Director of

Environmental Programs for the Baltimore Gas and Electric Company.

Our president, Verna Kushel, alerted College Club members to be on the ready to respond to any action alert sounded by Joan Kahn, branch public policy chair and/or Elaine Franz, public policy vice president for the Maryland Division.

The Ways and Means chair, Ella Rowe, announced that a profit of over \$450 was made on selling pecans this year.

The "Book Wish" project culminated in the third grade classroom of Mrs. Ernestine Wainwright, at Eutaw Marshburn School on December 18, when the children received their brightly wrapped books. Several of the children gave thanks to the College Club presenters for themselves and their classmates.

Dr. Dorothy A. Fraquelli, a member of our branch, who is on the science operations staff of the Space Telescope Science Institute, was the February 21 speaker at our general meeting.

The Spring Trip to Washington, D.C. on Wednesday, March 20, 1991 included a visit to the American History Museum and the Washington National Cathedral. The Washington National Cathedral is probably the last genuine Gothic edifice ever erected.

The Book Group, the Bridge Group and the Out-to-Lunch Bunch met on a regular basis. Each provided interesting projects for the members.

The April General Meeting speaker was Dr. Constance Nathanson from the Johns Hopkins University School of Hygiene and Public Health and Director of the Hopkins Population Center. Also at that time several reports were given and new officers were elected. The

group also reviewed proposed by-laws, resolutions and public policy priorities that will be voted on at the Association convention in Portland, Oregon June 22-25.

The interest groups that met in April included the following: The Book Group, the Out-to-Lunch Bunch, which scheduled a one hour walking tour of the newly opened Evergreen House, the Bridge Group, the Membership Group, and the Gourmet Group.

In May the Book Group spring luncheon was held on May 7 at Roland Park Place.

The annual spring dinner was held at Baron's 200 Restaurant. The speaker was Kendra Kapelke who presented a poetry reading.

A Wolf Trap outing was held on Saturday, July 6, 1991. The matinee performance of the most successful musical created, A Chorus Line, was wonderful.

September 1991 - April 1992
Presidents: Elaine R. Franz and Sally Altman

Another club year has arrived. The speaker at the September 19, 1991 meeting was Rachel Edds, Deputy Director of the Baltimore City Department of Planning. She explained the Mayor's Office report entitled "The Renaissance Continues: A Twenty Year Strategy for Downtown Baltimore."

Our president announced that our new topic was Educational Equity. AAUW recently released a report entitled "Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America: A Call to Action" which contained the results of the AAUW-commissioned poll of three thousand girls and boys nationwide that measures the decline in self-confidence of girls in our nation's schools. The AAUW Initiative for Educational Equity is aimed at stopping "the one thousand and one signals, subtle and not so subtle" that tell girls "they are not as smart," nor as worthy, as boys.

This past year, AAUW began a Bulletin Exchange and our branch regularly receives bulletins from New Jersey, Iowa and three branches in California.

Eileen Tarcay was granted a "Fellowship" to work on her poetry as a resident at the Virginia Center for the Creative Arts.

The speaker for the October General Meeting was Deborah Povich, Assistant Director, Common Cause Maryland.

Interest groups carried on their activities: The Book Group reviewed At the Drop of a Veil by Marianne Aleraza; the Community Group helped Eileen Tarcay with the "Book Wish" project; and the Out-to-Lunch Bunch lunched at the

pavilion at the Walters and visited Hackerman House, the new addition to the Walters Art Gallery. The Bridge Group, the Gourmet Group, the Membership Group, and the Public Policy Group also continued to meet regularly.

The Fall Luncheon was held on November 2, 1991 at the Hampton House Tea Room. The speaker was Anne Harrigan, Conductor of the Baltimore Chamber Orchestra.

Jacqueline McClean, who expected to be City Comptroller, was the scheduled speaker for the November General Meeting. However, she canceled her appearance.

A new project was added to the community agenda by the Community Group - providing support for the Women's Housing Coalition (WHC). This group provides housing for homeless and at-risk women.

Macy's Day was held on November 19, 1991. It was a fun and so profitable to us day. The Book Wish Project was a great success this year also. Great fun was had on the National Gallery Trip held on November 16, 1991.

Our Holiday Dinner was held on December 12, 1991 at the Hopkins Club. Matthew Gould, a classical guitarist provided the music.

At the January, 1992 meeting of the College Club the speaker was Ms. Mary Jane Russo, currently of the Renaissance Institute at the College of Notre Dame of Maryland. She discussed the Institute, what it is, and who it is designed to serve. Furthermore, Ms. Russo told the group how it may be of use to us.

The Membership Committee Chair, Jeanne Martin, introduced a new member, Julie Howell. The Community Group planned a fund raising activity for their special interest, the Women's Housing Coalition. The Book Group also met during the month. "Service for the Formal Dinner"

was the topic of a Gourmet Group meeting. Liz Brown from Albert S. Smyth Company spoke to the group on January 23 and brought china, silver and crystal to illustrate.

Ella Rowe was pleased to announce the profits from selling the pecans were around \$500. She thanked all for helping.

The Public Policy Chair, Yvonne Higgins, distributed information on Title I "Gag Rule," the Civil Rights Act of 1991, Higher Education Reauthorization Act (HR3553) and the Pennsylvania Abortion Law.

The February 20 General Meeting was held in the Clubhouse at ElkrIDGE Estates. It was hosted by our Gourmet Group who prepared several dishes for our enjoyment. The speaker was Tanny Smecker, an American fellow, who was in the Department of Physics & Astronomy at Johns Hopkins University. her topic was on the formation and evolution of galaxies.

AAUW member Anna Gallagher, reviewed two books at the Book Group meeting. They were A Natural History of the Senses by Diana Ackerman and Hailstones and Halibut Bones by Mary O'Neill.

A thank you letter was received from Laura Chambers, Executive Director of the Women's Housing Coalition for AAUW's donation of paper products and toiletries.

The March 19 speaker at the General Meeting was Mary Peterson, talking about the Choice Campaign.

The Book Group's speaker was Eileen Tarcay whose topic was "Rhythm and Rhyme Are Back!," a topic which applied to contemporary poetry.

An announcement was made to the effect that anyone who has been a member for 50 years is eligible to become an honorary 50-year life member.

The Baltimore Writer's Alliance has nominated Eileen Tarcay's manuscript of a poetry chapbook, "The Vast Avi," for the annual Artscape competition.

It was announced that 1992 is the Golden Anniversary of Maryland AAUW. Members were asked to donate \$50 to the Educational Foundation, \$1 for each year of its existence.

The March meeting of the Gourmet Group was an "Out for Dinner" evening. The Gourmet Dinner was held in April as usual.

A walking tour of Washington, D.C. was held on April 3. Some places visited were the State Department and the Pentagon.

Yvonne Higgins, Public Policy Chair, shared information with the branch on the following issues: Freedom of Choice Act: S25, HR25, Pro-Choice March, Equal Remedies Act: S2062, HR 3975 and Creating a Responsive Judiciary.

The College Club enjoyed "Can-Can," a benefit performance at F. Scott Black's Towsontown Dinner Theater on April 25, 1992.

The General Meeting was held on April 23, 1992 at the College of Notre Dame. The meeting dealt with a discussion of AAUW's main issues for 1991-1993, that is gender bias and gender inequities in education.

The annual "Book Group Spring Luncheon" was held on May 5, 1992, at Roland Park Place. The Bridge Group continued being active. The Public Policy Group announced that AAUW was co-sponsoring a Pro-Choice March organized by the National Organization for Women. The march was held in Washington, D.C. on Sunday, April 5, 1992.

The Spring dinner was held on May 21, 1992. It was a pleasant, well attended affair.

September 1992 - May 1993

President: Doris J. Levi

The College Club year began with an emphasis on Educational Equity-the investigation of gender bias in the schools. Verna Kushel was the guest speaker for September. She presented information concerning the involvement of Baltimore branch members in investigating the actions City schools were taking to make the learning environment better for girls.

In this month, all committees began their programs. The Community group planned to offer support to the Women's Housing Coalition, the Book Wish project and the Mitten Tree.

The College Club was again, invited to participate in the 1992 Macy's Charity Day; our Public Policy emphasis, under Yvonne Higgins, were the Freedom of Choice Act; the Choice Referendum and the Family and Medical Leave Act.

Again, under Ella Rowe, a Fall Trip to Washington, D.C. was planned.

In October, Dr. Dorothy A. Fraquelli, a College Club member, took us on a tour of the various objects the Hubble Telescope has observed during the past year, with a slide and talk show.

The Book Group's reviewer was Charlotte Clem. Her topic was "The Books of Tony Hillerman," a mystery writer.

Joan Maloney, brought to our attention the public policy issues of AAUW. They were abortion rights; a voucher system for parents and continuation of the Family Leave and Child Care Acts.

The Gourmet Club, Ruth Kemp, chairperson, embarked on two new projects: Gourmet members to prepare a "critique" of the restaurants where they have eaten for review by this group and also to collect recipes utilizing pecans to be assembled and distributed to members purchasing pecans.

In November, Mary Jane Culverhouse organized an International Federation of University Women Luncheon with Patty Jantho, Link Chairman of Maryland's AAUW/IFUW, as speaker. This luncheon with an illustrated slide and talk presentation was well attended and enjoyed by all.

The Community Group donated \$24,716.56 worth of Giant register tapes to Baltimore City College, a local high school. They also began saving yellow register slips and Mott's labels as a gift to still another school, meanwhile they began collecting small toiletry items for the Women's Housing Coalition project.

Each of the College Club's committees and interest groups began closing holiday-type activities in December: The Book Wish Group distributed books at the Eutaw-Marshburn School, the Bridge Group, played bridge, followed by dinner; the Gourmet Group held a Christmas Brunch; and the General Membership had a Holiday Dinner at Jeannier's, arranged by Nan Hilliard and Dorothy Fraquelli.

In January and February 1993, our club year continued with ongoing projects and added participation in the Computer, Math & Science Fair, held on March 20, 1993, at the Mall in Columbia, Maryland.

The January general meeting speaker was unable to attend, so the members participated in a "Getting to Know You" session, which revealed many interesting facts. In

February, the Gourmet Group prepared and discussed a very savory tid bit meal for everyone; and the revived Out-To-Lunch Bunch, had fun and lunch at Louie's Bookstore Cafe, followed by a tour of the "Mining The Museum" exhibit at the Maryland Historical Society, arranged by Sally Altman.

Back on track, the March general meeting scheduled Michael D'Adamo, Somalia Desk Officer, Catholic Relief Services as the general meeting speaker. He was to discuss the current situation in Somalia, but unfortunately the elements (a severe snowfall) canceled the meeting.

Another activity for this month was "A Day In Annapolis" organized by Joan Maloney.

Three of our members attended the Diversity Awareness Workshop in Ellicott City in February and made a report this month. They were Yvonne Higgins, Julie Nass and Martha Dadds.

Thanks to Priscilla Evans, Educational Foundation Chair, the College Club received a complete list of names honored by our organization from 1979-1991.

All of the interests of the Club continued, with the Gourmet Group having tea at Harbor Court; the Book Group having as its reviewer June Koch, a College Club member. She reviewed Loss of Eden by Joyce Milton, a biography of Charles and Anne Lindbergh. The Bridge Groups held their monthly meetings at member's homes.

The general meeting speaker in April, was Diane Moorefield, R.N. of Mercy Medical Center, who presented an overview of heart disease as it related to women of all ages. This was well received, for the membership was well aware of how heart disease can affect the life of any woman at any age.

Anna Gallagher was the book reviewer for the Book Club's monthly meeting. She chose several titles to review. The annual Spring Luncheon was held at Roland Park Place.

To benefit the Woman's Housing Coalition the Community Group attended the performance of "Cabaret" at White March Dinner Theater. This year Giant register tapes for \$16,000 were given to Furlly Elementary School in Baltimore City.

The Out-To-Lunch Bunch lunched at the Walters and toured the exhibit "Art Blooms at the Walters." The Gourmet Group held its annual dinner and the College Club year closed with dinner at Jeannier's Restaurant in May, 1993.

At this time, Public Policy supported Janet Reno for Attorney General and was against judicial nominee John Arnick for sexual remarks that denigrate women. As a member of the Miami, Florida branch, Janet Reno appeared on the cover of *Outlook*.

September 1993 - May 1994

President: Doris J. Levi

Veronica Roberts, President, AAUW Maryland, was the speaker at the September General Meeting which met in the College of Notre Dame, Fourier Hall, Riley Room. Ms. Roberts presented an overview of sate goals for the upcoming year in a talk entitled "A Vision of AAUW>" She noted that the main goal was to build a team effort within and between the branches.

A preview of the Fall schedule planned by Gwen English, the Program Chair and her committee included, Welcome for new and prospective members, the topics: Women in the Courts, Education Funding for Public Schools, and Holiday Brunch on the *Spirit of Baltimore*.

Attention was paid to new and prospective members at a September orientation meeting at which time we discussed the history of our organization, our areas of special interest, the benefits of membership and explained the activities that our dues support.

The third Saturday Bridge Group sponsored a training bridge group to help prospective players learn bridge strategies. The Gourmet Group enjoyed a talk and demonstration by Jill Ann Williams. The Community Group announced a Flea Market on September 18th.

The October General meeting had as its speaker the Honorable Barbara K. Howe of the Circuit Court of Baltimore County who spoke on equity in the court system. October activities included purchasing AAUW 2-year pocket calendars, attending the 1993 Fall Conference at St. Michael's, Maryland, participating in a major fund raiser-Macy's Day, purchasing pecans and assisting the

Community Group with its projects. Each interest group met as usual.

Elaine Franz was the speaker at the November 18, 1993 General Meeting. Her topic was "Educational Funding." The President reminded the group to support the Women's Housing Coalition, the Christmas Book Wish project and the Mitten Tree.

The holiday affair for December was a Brunch aboard "The Spirit of Baltimore." It was a very pleasant affair.

The five members who attended the Fall conference were Elaine Franz, Verna Kushel, Gladys Nathan, Sally Altman, and Doris Levi.

At the December meeting a College Club History Update Committee 1981-1993 was formed. The chairperson of the committee was Doris Levi.

Lewis Lyon, Health Center Director, Good Samaritan Hospital, was the scheduled speaker at the January General Meeting. Again, the meeting was canceled due to an ice storm.

Our branch scored a milestone. The December 16, 1993 issue of *The Baltimore Sun* contained an article concerning the Book Wish project. It was accompanied by a color photo of its coordinator, Joan Maloney and one of the third grade pupils who received her Book Wish book.

This year the profit from our pecan sale was about \$850. Thanks to Ella Rowe, Committee Chair of Ways and Means.

Sandy Kolodny Katz, R.N. of the University of Maryland Medical Center, Reach Out for Health Program, was the speaker at the March general meeting. Her topic was about breast cancer and how to prevent it.

The President noted that the Book Wish project has inspired other organizations. Another branch of AAUW made contact with our branch and two churches in Baltimore City used our project as a model.

It was also noted that our branch was on the way in reaching toward our 5-star Branch Recognition. We achieved in three areas:

- 1) A sustained public policy advocacy
- 2) Visibility based upon either the community actions project or public policy
- 3) Leadership development by attendance at a minimum of two events sponsored either by the state, region or Association by at least one branch member who is neither a state nor Association board member.

The Spring Luncheon was held on March 5, 1994 at the Hunt Valley Golf Club. What a lovely affair!

March is the month designated by Congress in 1987 as Women's History Month. In accordance with this national theme, the College club focused on a Women's History luncheon.

Delegates to the AAUW Maryland Convention held on April 15-17, in Timonium Maryland were Yvonne Higgins, Gladys Nathan, Elaine Franz, Sally Altman, Joan Maloney and Gwen English.

While our president, Doris Levi, was home recuperating from her back procedure, our Vice-President Gwen English provided excellent leadership to our branch.

Our annual Spring Dinner was held on May 19, 1994.

Worthy of note is the final figure for the Giant register tapes given for "Apples for Students." The total was \$23,245.81.

During the first term of this administration, the College Club reviewed its expenses and decided to reduce the rent paid for a meeting place by moving from Notre Dame; to look into a lower cost for printing the bulletin and to locate a more reasonably priced meeting room for the book group.

To this end, Committees were formed during the summer of 1994 to investigate these areas. By the end of the summer all three goals had been accomplished. Under the guidance of Ruth Kemp and her committee the regular meetings of the College Club were moved from Notre Dame to Grace Methodist Church, which has a more accessible kitchen, adjacent to a more inviting meeting room, and parking nearer to the building for less money. The Book Group, under chairperson, Louise Fitzell, was able to move from St. David's Church to Roland Park Place, and the publishing price of the bulletin was cut in half through negotiations, between Doris Levi and the printer.

Earlier in the history of the College Club, the Board Meetings moved from a classroom at Notre Dame to members homes, for a more convivial setting and to cut costs. This move took place at the beginning of the 1991-1992 College Club year.

September 1994 - May 1995

President: Doris J. Levi

Having recovered from a long term hospitalization and recovery at home period, this president entered her second term, where the branch began its celebration of 100 years of existence..

This momentous year began in September, with a talk and slide presentation by Dr. Nancy Grace Roman on "Early Women in Astronomy." This well known and well respected astronomer spoke about the women who helped make astronomy, space science and NASA, the fields and organizations they are today.

This was followed by a 100th Anniversary Tea, on Sunday, October 2, 1994, at the Backus House, next to the First and Franklin Presbyterian Church. More than 70 persons attended, including seven fifty-year members. It was very reminiscent of the Sunday teas held in our early years. This tea was arranged by Gwen English, Program Vice-President, Nan Hilliard, Dorothy Fraquelli, Elaine Franz, Verna Kushel, Sally Altman, Mary Beth Crafts, Yvonne Higgins, Tricia Backer, Etna Blackwell, Ella Rowe, Doris Levi, Martha Dadds, and many others.

Nostalgia was everywhere, in the dress of the members, the facade of the Backus House, the crystal and silver used and the happy, cheerful guests, who attended. This charming affair appeared, with photographs, in two newspapers, the *Baltimore Times* and the *Messenger*, due to the efforts of Sylvia Rumer.

This centennial year continued with a presentation by Jacques Kelly at the October general meeting about

Baltimore's Past. Mr. Kelly is a columnist for the Baltimore *Sun*.

This was followed by Dr. Rochelle Clemson, Assistant State Superintendent for Certification and Accreditation in Maryland, who discussed "Education - Today and Yesterday" at the November meeting.

The December holiday dinner saw the Club returning to the Hopkins Club. This festive occasion, featuring a harp soloist, had more than forty members and guests attending.

Each of our general meetings opened with a vignette of our club history, written by June Koch, and read by club members.

Another year - the fifth - for the continuation of the Book Wish Project in Mrs. Wainwright's third grade class, began with enthusiasm under the direction of Joan Maloney.

Throughout, the balance of the 1994-1995 year, each committee and interest group worked to the fullest to carry out its goals.

At this point, we can conclude, knowing that this is a vibrant, on-going organization, serving the interest of club members, participating in legislative affairs at the state and national levels, and helping the local community meet its needs.

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