



Anne Arundel Women Giving Together Newsletter

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**Important Upcoming
Dates**

May 12

General Meeting
Selection of 2010
Grantees

This is a busy and exciting time in AAWGT's yearly cycle. At the May 12th meeting, members will select AAWGT grant recipients for 2010. The Grants Review Committee evaluated a record 39 proposals (requesting a total of \$310,822), resulting in a list of finalists from which members will select the grantees. **Members, watch for an email this week that explains the voting procedure and includes information about the finalists.**

The slate of finalists includes programs that serve women and families in Anne Arundel County across the full spectrum of focus areas defined in the AAWGT Grant Criteria ([click here to view](#)): education, health and welfare, and prevention/treatment of violence and abuse. The finalists were selected after careful review by the Grants Review Subcommittee. Reviewer teams were guided by the following considerations as they evaluated each proposal:

Which programs best:

- match AAWGT Grant Criteria ([click here to view](#))
- address important needs for women and families in Anne Arundel County;
- present a plan to address those needs and have the capacity to carry it out;
- provide benchmarks that define success and enable the organization to make improvements in the future.

Review Teams also sought to determine where AAWGT funding might be most beneficial, that is, to identify the programs where our funding would make a difference.

The grants review process is truly a team effort. Thirty-five AAWGT members, comprising seven review teams and a financial reviewer, participated in the process. Under the direction of experienced team leaders, these groups worked through March and April to evaluate the applications. In many cases, site visits and/or telephone interviews were conducted to obtain more information or to clarify points in the proposals. Team leaders gathered twice to discuss and rank the applications. We would like to thank all the members who have worked so hard to make this a successful year.

May 26
AAWGT Reading Group

June 9
Grants Showcase

July 10
Steering Committee
Retreat
(See details on
Upcoming Events in
newsletter text)

Welcome New Members!

Sandra Askew
Judith Coughlin
Dorothy Walsh D'Amato
Kathryn Dahl
Kitty Higgins
Lonnie Hinchey
Sarah Parker Hughes
Mary Katherine
McClanahan
Andrea Perotti
Sydney Petty
Gail E. Smith
Claire Treanor



We look forward to seeing all of you when we meet at 8:30 AM on May 12th at the YWCA, 1517 Ritchie Highway in Arnold, to cast our votes (electronic voting will be available for those who are unable to attend).

Kathy Potter, Grants Committee Chair
Lynda Salamon, Grants Committee Assistant Chair



→ Upcoming Meeting Reminder

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 the first week of May. Also, remember to review our Grants Criteria, posted on our AAWGT website www.givingtogether.org

Wednesday, May 26, 7 pm
AAWGT Reading Group - *Three Cups of Tea*
For details please contact lsharp1000@msn.com

→ April 14th Membership Open House

We had an impressive turnout and a glorious day for AAWGT's 4th annual Spring Membership Open House, held April 14 at the Bay Ridge Pool Clubhouse. Some 22 guests and 60 AAWGT members attended, and there was an absolute



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buzz of energy in the crowd as we collectively mixed, mingled, enjoyed wine and hors d'oeuvres, and talked a little about AAWGT.

The brief program began with a welcome to our newest members and introductions of guests. Lynne Davidson and Bronwyn Belling spoke briefly about giving circles and AAWGT highlights and Jan Hoffberger thanked our group on behalf of our sponsoring organization, the Community Foundation of Anne Arundel County. We heard from members Becki Kurdle, Randi Hogan and Carol Cronin on "What AAWGT Means to Me." Gloria Martin Pressman concluded with an invitation to join AAWGT and participate in any number of ways.

Thanks to the Membership Committee (Karen Davis, Gloria Martin Pressman, Missy Attridge and Rosalind Calvin), to the many AAWGT members who brought guests, and to all volunteers who helped make the evening a great success!!



→ Time to Renew Your AAWGT Membership!

If you have not renewed your membership, please send your check payable to CFAAC (put AAWGT on the memo line - or go online to www.givingtogether.org) as soon as possible. If you have questions about your membership contribution, please contact:

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→ 2010 Membership Survey - Coming Soon!

We will be sending all AAWGT members our newest survey via email. Please return it to us by May 28th - thanks!

→ AAWGT visits Maryland Therapeutic Riding

On April 27th, members enjoyed an impressive tour of the facilities and a heart-warming demonstration of the Horses That Heal program on a beautiful spring day. Thanks to member Diane Evans for coordinating the field trip!



→ Save these dates!

Wednesday, June 9, 7-9 pm

2010 Grants Showcase

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

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

June - Dates TBD

Habitat for Humanity Women Build

Look for more information coming soon!

Saturday, July 10 9 am - 3 pm

Steering Committee Retreat (SC Members only)

Location: Maryland Hall for the Creative Arts, Annapolis, MD
2401

→ Business and Committee Updates

Education & Program:

On April 28, Barbara Mohrman hosted a fascinating discussion of this month's book recommendation: *Half the Sky: Turning Oppression into Opportunity for Women Worldwide*, with stories of how



a little help can transform lives of utter despair and unleash the potential for women to make economic progress. The group shared reactions to the book and women's stories it presented, which led into discussion of sex trafficking and women's issues in Maryland. Thanks to Barbara for hosting and to all who came and participated!

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 for more information.

Grants Committee:

For AAWGT 2010 Grant Criteria, visit the website:
<http://www.givingtogether.org/Default.aspx?pageId=546367>

Leadership Development & Nominating:

Let us know if you'd like to help plan our November Women & Leadership session! Contact: Kathy Brooks
KBrooks@cbmove.com and Therese Gardner
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Marketing & Communications:

Don't miss our newly redesigned website www.givingtogether.org

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: 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 for more information.
(from Julie Crudele & Randi Hogan)

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 or Gloria Pressman glopress@aol.com

Thanks to Melanie Teems for hosting a wonderful "meet AAWGT" reception at her home.



Melanie Teems' House Party

Post-Grants Evaluation Committee:

We are recruiting two-member teams to be Grantee partners and we are planning a special Grantee Connect networking event in the fall.

The contacts for the new PGEC Sub-Committee, Grantee Connect, are Barbara Hoffstein and Tara Clifford.

Light House Lunches

The next dates are May 21 and June 24. If you are interested in hosting or volunteering, please contact Karen Davis at kluciadavis@hotmail.com

Guests are welcome. This activity can be a great way to bring in a new member.