



**BETHESDA-CHEVY CHASE BRANCH NEWSLETTER**  
**<http://bcc-md.aauw.net>**

**May 2018**

President  
Renita Johnson  
202-262-6602  
[renita1x106@yahoo.com](mailto:renita1x106@yahoo.com)

Editor  
Charlene Currie  
301-530-2442  
[charlene.currie@verizon.net](mailto:charlene.currie@verizon.net)

**Education Foundation Luncheon**  
**Saturday, May 12, Noon**  
**Normandie Farm**  
**10710 Falls Road, Potomac**

**“Perspectives on Global Health”**  
**Sir George Alleyne**



Johns Hopkins University.

Our May Luncheon will feature a physician of international importance. He will share perspectives from a career of public service in health. Sir George Alleyne is Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). He served two four-year terms from 1995 to 2002 in the position of Regional Director at PAHO, which is also the WHO's Regional Office for the Americas. In October 2003 he was appointed Chancellor of the University of the West Indies. He currently holds an Adjunct professorship on the Bloomberg School of Public Health,

From 2003 through 2010 he served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean region. In that position he was responsible for ensuring follow-up to the United Nations General Assembly special session on HIV/AIDS and the Pan-Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS, in the Caribbean region.

A native of Barbados, Sir George studied medicine at the University of the West Indies and graduated as the gold medalist in 1957. He was made a Knight Bachelor

by Queen Elizabeth II in 1990, and in 2001 was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community, the highest honor that can be conferred on a Caribbean national.

**At this meeting, you will also have the opportunity to make a contribution to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Bring your checkbook!**

**Please make reservations now for the May luncheon. See form below.**

**Education Foundation Luncheon Reservations  
Saturday, May 12, Noon  
Normandie Farms, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854  
Reservations due no later than May 9, 2018**

Make check payable to B-CC AAUW for **\$38**

Entrée Selection – choose one:

- (1) London Broil (beef)
- (2) Grilled Salmon

Send completed form with check to

**Jane Josephs, 9109 Friars Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817**

Name: \_\_\_\_\_

Number of reservations \_\_\_\_\_

Entrée choice:

- ☐ London Broil
- ☐ Grilled Salmon

Phone number \_\_\_\_\_

E-mail address \_\_\_\_\_

## MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2018-2019

Regular Members \$82 (\$85 if paid after May 31)

Includes \$59 for national association (raised \$10),

\$10 for AAUW Maryland, and

\$16 for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch

\$56 is TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Paid Life Members \$26

Honorary Life Member 0

Dual Member (multiple branches) \$16

NAME\_\_\_\_\_

ADDRESS\_\_\_\_\_

---

PREFERRED PHONE\_\_\_\_\_

EMAIL\_\_\_\_\_

DEGREE(S) & COLLEGE/UNIV\_\_\_\_\_

If you have an e-mail address on file with AAUW, you will have the opportunity to renew on line. They will send you the information via e-mail. If you would prefer to send a personal check, please send this form and a check made out to B-CC AAUW to: Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

June AAUW Book Club Announcement

## **Born a Crime**

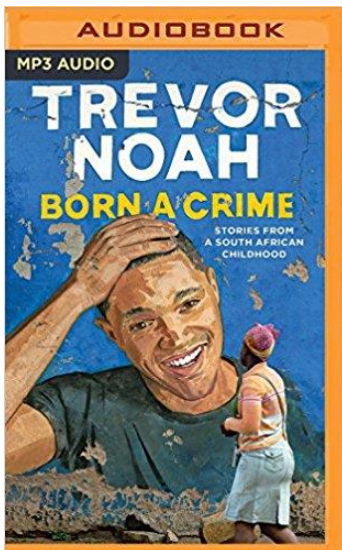
**By Trevor Noah**

Meeting: **Thursday, June 21, 2018**  
Time: **12:30 p.m.**  
Location: **Karen Braun's Home**  
8027 Cobble Creek Circle  
Potomac, MD 20854  
301-299-0601

Bring your own sandwich; cookies and beverages will be provided.

All are welcome – membership in AAUW is not required. You are welcome to participate even if you have not read the book.

RSVP: Pat Stocker (PatStocker@aol.com) or Karen Braun  
([karen.braun@verizon.net](mailto:karen.braun@verizon.net))



This book details Noah's growing up in post-apartheid South Africa. As the light-skinned product of a white father and black mother, he never fit well into the racial schemes introduced after apartheid. Even under apartheid there was trouble fitting in, because it was a crime for him to be born as a mixed-race baby (hence the title of the book).

In large part, the book is a tribute to Noah's mother, Patricia Nombuyiselo, who grew up in a hut with 14 occupants. She was a fiercely religious woman who took her son to three churches every Sunday, a prayer meeting on Tuesday, Bible study on Wednesday and youth church on Thursday, even when the Africans were rioting in the streets and most people were cowering in their homes.

The book opens with young Noah being thrown out of a minibus by his mother, because she thought the driver, from another tribe, was trying to kill them. Later in life young Trevor is caught stealing a car, and his mother lays down the law about crime and punishment. She was an important figure in his becoming a man, but she had many problems of her own. Years after the minibus incident, Noah's stepfather shot her in the head while she was returning from church with her family. Young Noah developed a social and mental agility that helped him during these times of trial, whether he was talking in their own language with different tribes, or risking arrest and violence by selling illegal bootleg CDs in dangerous neighborhoods. Through it all, his mother administered tough love and "old-school, Old Testament discipline."

## MONTGOMERY COLLEGE FOUNDATION

This spring the **branch collected \$1,820** for the Montgomery College Foundation. The funds were contributed in honor of Esther Alford, a long-time member and generous contributor to the fund. The following are excerpts from thank you letters sent from two recipients of last year's donations.

**From Fadila Badkouf-Gana:** "I am the mother of three children, who works part-time as a pharmacy technician at Sibley Memorial Hospital. I was born and raised in Algeria, North Africa. I moved to the United States when I got married in 2000. I spent all these past years taking care of my children and working part-time to help my husband with expenses and with a strong desire to continue my education.

I am currently majoring in Life Science with hopes of becoming a physician assistant or a pharmacist. I am so grateful to get your support. This scholarship will allow me to enroll this summer and take a chemistry class."

**Sita Parmhans:** "This is my third year at Montgomery College, and I hold a 4.0 GPA. As a returning college student, I have taken every opportunity available to be successful. However, growing up was a little hard. My mom was a single parent and worked two full-time jobs. She was away a lot, and at the time I felt that going to college would be another burden for my mom to handle. Now that I am an adult and have have children of my own, I want to be a positive role model for them. I discuss with them daily about their ambitions and future goals and show them that I, too, have goals for my future.

My interests in becoming a nurse led me to begin taking classes at Montgomery College. My intentions are to fulfill all the necessary course requirements at Montgomery College and then transfer to The University of Maryland School of Nursing at The Universities at Shady Grove. College life is one of the most intriguing experiences that I have encountered, aside from being a parent. The enrichment of knowledge is one that I have longed for. Aside from attending classes at Montgomery College, I spend my free time volunteering at various places. I am a PTA parent for both an elementary school and middle school that my kids attend. As a PTA parent, I engage in conversations about this school year's budget and how to coordinate school activities throughout the year. In the summer I volunteer my time at the Flower Hill Swim Team, where I help the team gain funds to keep the cost of enrollment down for swim team members. Throughout the year, I spend my Sundays volunteering at the Church of Redeemer, where I am an usher and greeter."

## MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

May 12 Saturday	<b>Education Foundation Luncheon</b> , Noon, at Normandie Farm, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac. Speaker: Sir George Alleyne on “Perspectives on Global Health.” Use form above to make reservations.
June 14 Thursday	<b>Gourmet Group</b> , 7:00 pm, at the home of Fran Cressman, 11 Old Stage Court, Potomac. We are planning a picnic. Call Karen at 301-983-1216, if you would like to attend.
June 21 Thursday	<b>AAUW Book Club</b> , 12:30 pm, at the home of Karen Braun, 8027 Cobble Creek Circle, Potomac. The book is “Born a Crime” by Trevor Noah. RSVP: <a href="mailto:patstocker@aol.com">patstocker@aol.com</a> (301-254-7141) or <a href="mailto:karen.braun@verizon.net">karen.braun@verizon.net</a> (301-).
August 25 Saturday	<b>Board Meeting</b> , 10:00 am, at the home of Fran Cressman, 11 Old Stage Court, North Bethesda 20852 (301-881-0131). All members are welcome.

## SAVE THE DATES FOR MEETINGS NEXT YEAR

### Branch Meetings

15 Sep  
13 Oct  
10 Nov  
08 Dec, Holiday Luncheon  
12 Jan  
16 Feb  
16 Mar  
13 Apr  
11 May, EF Luncheon

### Board Meetings

25 Aug at Fran’s  
08 Sept, if necessary  
06 Oct  
03 Nov  
None in December  
05 Jan  
02 Feb  
09 Mar  
06 Apr  
None in May

**Unfortunately Nancy Grace Roman has been ill recently. We wish her a speedy recovery and a very Happy Birthday on May 16.**