



BWVN

BUSINESS WOMEN'S NETWORK
OF HOWARD COUNTY

Ways to Support the AAPI Community

Last month, our nation was rocked by the racially motivated mass shooting of Asian American spa workers in an Atlanta suburb. In February, four Asian restaurants were burglarized and vandalized in Ellicott City during the Lunar New Year. These incidents aren't isolated, they're part of a larger national trend that has seen a dramatic increase in violence and hate crimes against Asian Americans and Pacific Islanders (AAPI) over the last year. In Maryland alone hate crimes targeting AAPI individuals have more than doubled since 2018.

This is a problem that affects us all.

Howard County is home to nearly 60,000 Asian Americans (about 18% of the county population). Which means that many of our friends, neighbors and loved ones have been living in fear. But, we have the power to affect change for those living and working in our community. BWN is committed to supporting AAPI folks during this time of increased violence and uncertainty.

Here are a few ways to show your support:

- Stop racist remarks when you see or hear them.
- Patronize Asian American owned businesses.
- Donate to organizations that help AAPI people in need (see list below).
- Report incidents to the state's Hate Crimes Hotline at 866-481-8361.
- Support Asian American artists, speakers, and educators, by attending galleries and talks.
- Educate yourself on the rich history and cultural contributions of AAPI individuals in our country.

Local Organizations that Support Asian Americans:

ASHA for Women Located in Rockville, MD this nonprofit organization is dedicated to providing support to South Asian women living in abusive marriages and homes. Created in 1989 by South Asians to circumvent many of the language, cultural, and social barriers that can stop many from seeking help, ASHA has helped hundreds of women and children move on to lead safer, happier lives.

Asian American Center of Frederick provides a host of programs to help Asian American's in Frederick, Maryland. Their work includes providing food assistance, financial help, education, and workforce development services among others.

The Pro Bono Counseling Project (PBCP) is a non-profit 501(c)(3) corporation founded with the goal of connecting uninsured and under-insured low-income Marylanders with compassionate and qualified mental health professionals who provide care on a volunteer basis at no cost.

Click [here](#) for a complete list.

More ways to support AAPI folks:

Baltimore Magazine, [How to support the Asian American Community in Baltimore](#)

WBAL TV, [How to help Asian Americans under attack](#)

Upcoming BWN Virtual Events

You are invited to [join us](#).


Registration is required for each event.

Click on each section below to register.


Become a member and attend our member-only events.

5/12 • [Virtual Coffee Meetup](#)

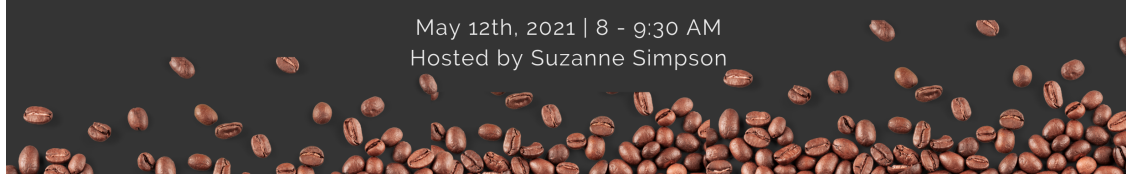
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BWN
Virtual Coffee
MAY



May 12th, 2021 | 8 - 9:30 AM
Hosted by Suzanne Simpson



Host • [Suzanne Simpson](#) • [Simpson Law](#)

5/19 • [Virtual Luncheon](#)

Everyone Welcome; Registration Required; \$5 Fee



◀ KASHONNA HOLLAND

LAURA BACON ▶

VIRTUAL LUNCHEON
MAY 19TH
11:30AM

Women
IN YOUR HOWARD
COUNTY COMMUNITY

CLICK TO REGISTER



THE POWER
OF WOMEN UNITING

▶ BUFFY BEAUDOIN-SCHWARTZ

▶ MORGAN SIMONET

Featured Speakers • [Laura Bacon](#) • [Buffy Beaudoin-Schwartz](#) • [Kashonna Holland](#) • [Morgan Simonet](#)

5/26 • [Virtual Happy Hour](#)

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BWN MAY
Virtual Happy Hour



May 26th, 2021 | 5 - 6:30 PM
Hosted by Renee McElroy

Host • [Renee McElroy](#) • [Touch of Financial Wellness](#)

2nd Quarter
Nomination Period is Open

BWNO 

*Boss Lady
Awards*

Nominate Someone Who Merits Recognition



Nonprofit of the Month

[Zaching Against Cancer](#)

Through the Zaching Against Cancer Foundation, we hope to further spread support and strength to others battling cancer and all those connected to cancer patients. The foundation was established to provide support to cancer patients and their support networks through scholarships, research and direct patient outreach. Money raised by ZACF goes towards The Little Things Program, scholarships, an internship and donations to cancer research and outreach organizations.

Requesting: Support for their programs and participation in golf tournament.

[CONSIDER SUPPORTING THEM](#)

Welcome!

New Members

[Annette Murray](#) • [EMAIL](#)

[Simply Organized Solutions](#)

[Miriam Rosenblat](#) • [EMAIL](#)

[TechSafe Recyclers](#)

[Cynthia Yang](#) • [EMAIL](#)

[Planned Financial Services](#)

Notice & Invitation

The [BWN Facebook](#) and [LinkedIn](#) pages are public but the [BWN Facebook Group page](#) is open only to current BWN members.

If you are not a current member and would like to be,
we'd love to have you join us!

[JOIN OR RENEW](#)

About BWN

BWN is a Community
Where Business Women Grow Together

Business Women's Network believes women are more successful when they are in community with other women. Our mission is to provide opportunities for motivated, professional women to empower one another, so that together we can grow our business and our leadership skills. What sets us apart from our other networking organizations is our warm and welcoming energy and our commitment to making genuine connections.

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