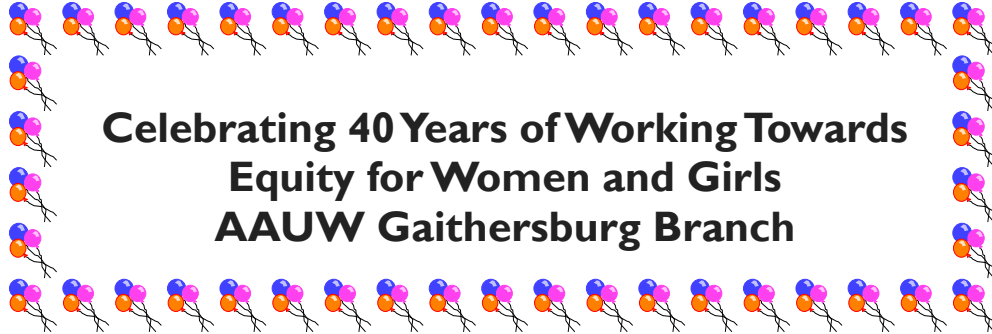




# AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

November 2012



## Celebrating 40 Years of Working Towards Equity for Women and Girls AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

### November Events

BRANCH MEETING  
NOVEMBER 19  
7 P.M. HOSPITALITY  
7:30 P.M. PRESENTATION

You won't want to miss our fascinating November 19 program, "Global Women's Issues and U.S. Politics." We'll be meeting at Arcadia Place, Asbury Village, from 7 p.m. to 9 p.m., and our speaker will be Rita Kranidis, Ph.D., professor of English at Montgomery College. She is also the newly appointed director of the Global Humanities Institute, funded through a grant from the National Endowment for the Humanities. Prof. Kranidis was a women's studies major early in her academic career, and she has remained deeply involved in women's issues. Regarding her presentation, Prof. Kranidis shared that: "We like to think that times have gotten better for women as our roles in education and in professional arenas have grown. However, this is a wish rather than a reality, and the more we look at the places women occupy globally, the more we discover that women today face many incredible obstacles. This discussion will identify some current issues concerning women's well-being and empowerment."

BOARD MEETING  
NOVEMBER 12 - 7 P.M.

The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will be meeting on Monday, November 12, at 7 p.m., in the conference room of the Hefner building at Asbury Village. All members are invited to participate.

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## THE CO-PRESIDENT'S BLOG

- Terry Medlar

On Saturday, October 13, the Gaithersburg Branch of AAUW celebrated our fortieth anniversary at Ingleside at King Farm. For forty years this Branch has been working to advance education and equity for women and girls. Thirty women attended the celebration, and it was truly a wonderful event. See the write-up elsewhere in this newsletter.

Now it is time to move on to assure that the next forty years are as productive as the last forty.

For the last ten years our Branch has worked diligently mentoring eighth-grade girls at the

Gaithersburg Middle School. We were disappointed to learn that the school has decided to discontinue the Goals for Girls program. Because we believe that the model of bringing together successful women and middle-school girls is an excellent tool in improving the girls' attitudes about self, others and school, we shall seek another venue at which to bring this program to other girls. Thanks to Liz Clark Hessel and her team of volunteers, and best wishes for future success.



### ANNABEL G. LIEBELT 1926-2012

Annabel Liebelt passed away on September 12 in Durham, North Carolina. She had been a member of AAUW Gaithersburg in the past, and we remember her fondly and with high regard for her life achievements.

She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Western Maryland College, then a Ph.D. in microscopic anatomy from Baylor College of Medicine in Houston, Texas. She followed with a distinguished academic career in the field of animal cancer research, being recognized as an outstanding teacher and being instrumental in developing the microscopic anatomy teaching program at the Northeastern Ohio Universities College of Medicine, and finishing her career as an expert and guest researcher at the Registry of Experimental Cancers at the National Cancer Institute of the National Institutes of Health. She contributed over 70 scientific papers and book chapters to the field of animal cancer research.

Annabel contributed her talents to many community organizations in addition to AAUW. She was involved with the Asbury Methodist Village School of Continuing Education, Gaithersburg Presbyterian Church, Western Maryland College, and the National Active and Retired Federal Employees Association (NARFE). In 2005 she was inducted into the Maryland Senior Citizens Hall of Fame for her outstanding voluntary services.

*(Contributions to this article from The Plain Dealer.)*



## AAUW GAITHERSBURG CELEBRATES 40TH ANNIVERSARY!

- **Dorothy Camara, Recording Secretary**

On October 13, The Gaithersburg Branch enjoyed a wonderful luncheon at Ingleside at King Farm, celebrating the 40th anniversary of our founding.

AAUW Gaithersburg was chartered on September 27, 1972. At our anniversary celebration, we were fortunate to have three of the original charter members celebrating with us--Anna Fraker, Pat Gray, and Mina Parsont. In addition, Sue Schlager Geiger was there to represent her mother, charter member Mary Schlager. Sue gave some inspiring reminiscences and a moving tribute to her mother, the "founding mother" of AAUW Gaithersburg.

Our group shared hors d'oeuvres while Wynne Roos played lovely soothing airs on her harp. As we nibbled on cheeses and crackers and grapes, listening to the harp and chatting with each other, we watched the impressive slide show of past Branch activities put together by Louise Chatlynne.

The Ingleside lunch was excellent. A salad sprinkled with feta cheese was followed by a choice of entrees of chicken, a flaky-crust Greek spanakopita, or salmon in a pastry shell. Lunch ended with two desserts--a cake with a

luscious raspberry filling and a fruit cup topped with raspberries.



Co-president Mary Wykes greeted the assembly after lunch, humorously saying she had initially thought we were gathered to celebrate her October 13 wedding anniversary! Mary presented a rose to each of charter members Fraker, Gray, and Parsont and to the past presidents who were present, Edie Allison, Marilyn Leist, Cathy Manning, Anna Fraker, and Jean Kosow.

The featured speakers were charter member Anna Fraker, who gave some reminiscences of our founding, Maryland state senator Jennie Forehand, Dian Belanger, who is the past president of AAUW of Maryland, and Pat Stocker, present president of AAUW of Maryland.

Sue Woodruff, who is vice president for program, received a splendid bouquet of flowers from Co-president Wykes to honor Sue's success in organizing this memorable event.

## Women's Herstory Interest Group

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**

The Women's Herstory interest group will continue its exploration of the American women's story by discussing the chapters from *America's Women: 400 Years of Dolls, Drudges, Helpmates and Heroines* (Gail Collins). Given the busyness of the year end, we will combine the November and December meetings, gathering on December 5 at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Anita Taylor .

In previous sessions with this book, we have discussed the colonial period and the formative years between nation creation and its near dissolution during the Civil War. In De-

ember we focus on the dreadful years of war, those of recovery and repair and the initial moves in "developing the West." These are chapters 9-11.



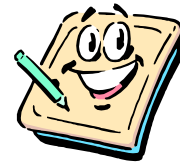
Call Anita Taylor for directions or information.

## Gourmet Group

### - Madeleine Martzloff

Madeleine Martzloff is hosting the Gourmet Group dinner on Saturday, November 17, at her home at 7 p.m. It will be something French.

You may call Madeleine or e-mail her



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## Literature Group

### - Bea Carasso, Coordinator



The Literature Group will not be meeting in November because the meeting date coincides with the Thanksgiving holiday.

We will be meeting on Saturday, December 1, at 10 a.m., at the home of Cathy Manning. We will be discussing the novel, *Thunderstruck*, by Erik

Larson, dealing with the lives of Marconi, the originator of wireless telegraph signals, and also of the killer, Hawley Crippen, who was fleeing England on a boat bound for Canada and was caught, thanks to the new ability to contact ships at sea.

>You may call Cathy for directions.

## GREAT DECISIONS

### - Vivian Otto, Coordinator

The Great Decisions group will meet on November 27 at 7 p.m. at the home of Terry Medlar. Joan Reed will lead the discussion on "Energy Geopolitics: Quandaries Intensify." We'll look at the tight global oil

market, the natural gas revolution, and climate geopolitics

All members and friends are welcome to attend.



## CHANGE YOUR DIRECTORY

Please note that Marilyn Martzloff has a new e-mail address:

## **AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events**

Board Meeting	Monday, November 12 - 7 p.m.
Gourmet Group	Saturday, November 17 - 7 p.m.
Branch Meeting	Monday, November 19 - 7 p.m.
Newsletter Deadline	Tuesday, November 20 - 6 p.m.
Great Decisions	Tuesday, November 27 - 7 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, December 1 - 10 a.m.
Women's Herstory	Wednesday, December 5 - 2:30 p.m.
Hold this date:	
Women's Legislative Briefing	Sunday, January 27 - 12-6 p.m.

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