



AAUW

Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

November 2016

November Events

BRANCH MEETING

November 15 7 P.M.

Meet & Greet - 7:30 P.M. Program
Gaithersburg Library - Meeting Room 3

"The Life of Lilly Stone"

Judith Welles, Montgomery Historical Society

At our November Branch meeting Judith Welles will focus on her book "Lilly Stone," bringing an enlightening story of daring and change that occurred here in Montgomery County. Lilly Stone was born during the Civil War and she died during the Cold War. At the age of 63, in 1924, she began operating in Bethesda a quarry called Stoneyhurst that provided stone for part of the National Cathedral, the National Zoo and hundreds of other area buildings and homes. She ran a business generally considered "men's work" at a stage of life when many other people retire. Even later, at the age of 80, she inspired the first Montgomery County flag and founded the Montgomery County Historical Society.

Judith Welles is a writer and former journalist who has written books about the history of the area in which she lives, including "Cabin John: Legends and Life of an Uncommon Place," as well as "Lilly Stone." She was previously media relations manager for PricewaterhouseCoopers and of IBM, deputy assistant secretary for public affairs at the U.S. Department of Health and Human Services, and director of communications for the U.S. Pension Benefit Guaranty Corp. She is a speaker on local history for the Montgomery County Historical Society.

This unique evening will be the perfect time for you to invite friends and neighbors to an AAUW program. Be sure to gather with us at 7 for refreshments and at 7:30 for the program at Meeting Room 3 of the Gaithersburg Library on November 15. Judith Welles's books, signed by her, will be available for sale.

BOARD MEETING

Wednesday, November 9 - 7 P.M.

Conference Room, Hefner Building, Asbury

The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will next meet on Wednesday, November 9, at 7 p.m. Please note that this is a change from the usual Tuesday date in order to accommodate Board members who want to watch the presidential election returns. The meeting place is the usual Conference Room in the Hefner Community Building at Asbury Village. Members of the Branch are welcome to participate.

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REMEMBER TO VOTE!

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

Dear Members and Friends,

Well, you would think we should really be into the cooler weather in the third part of October, but here we are setting record high temperatures. I know it won't last! The leaves continue to fall...

Thank you to the members who attended our October meeting with Master Chief Alma Robinson. She gave a very interesting talk about life in the U.S. Navy for a career woman. I was impressed with her directness on sensitive issues. And, to me, she demonstrated a very high level of leadership. I'm sure the young women who work with her are learning how to be "the best they can be" in their jobs.

We strive to present stimulating topics at each branch meeting that cover various subjects and themes. We're going from women currently in the U.S. military in October, to hearing about the historical life of another woman

in November. Please encourage all members and invite your friends to attend. The Programming VPs work hard to make sure we have outstanding programs.



As you may have seen in emails from AAUW National, the comment period is now open for giving your opinion on bylaws amendments, the Public Policy Program changes and resolutions. According to the website, the deadline for entering your comments is December 5, 2016. If you would like to discuss any proposals you have, please reach out to any board member.

I look forward to seeing everyone at our November meeting, but let me wish you all an advanced "Happy Thanksgiving" in case I don't see you. Best regards.



Gaithersburg AAUW member Judy Sholes (right) and her Lobby Corps partner Mary Zane (left) from Virginia brief Congresswoman Frederica Wilson (FL) regarding AAUW's position on pay equity legislation before Congress.

CELEBRATING OUR SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

- **Maria Roberts**

At our September 20 meeting, AAUW Gaithersburg members celebrated an accomplished group of students who won scholarships or grants funded by the proceeds from our 2016 book sale. We are proud of this group of scholastic achievers who receive the fruits of this past year's Branch labors and who are the inspiration for successful sales in the future.

Richard Montgomery High School graduate Rachel Devers is a Montgomery College sophomore majoring in electrical engineering. She is looking for an internship in her field.

Returning to school after working as a baker and after the birth of her son, Damascus High School graduate Allison Fuster is majoring in chemical engineering at Montgomery College. She is interested in a career developing chemical safety standards and testing methods.

Poolesville High School graduate Arcadia Graham is in her second year of the Montgomery College auto mechanics program. She wants an internship in a shop that provides a teaching environment. Expect to benefit soon from Arcadia's expertise at an auto repair place near you!

Abena Amfo Koranteng, a graduate of Quince Orchard High School, is a Montgomery College freshman and a dual major in bioengineering and history. She was named a Montgomery Scholar this year, and her goal is to attend medical

school or work in scientific research.

Sherwood High School and Montgomery College graduate Robin Denny is now a senior at the University of Maryland College Park at the Universities at Shady Grove campus. A biochemistry major and 2015 Montgomery Scholar, Robin aims for medical school. She was interned as a nurses' aide at an assisted living facility and worked in a physician's office.

Andrea Nunez received a grant to the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders (NCCWSL). She graduated from Clarksburg High School and is a sophomore life science major at Montgomery College. Having served as a hospital volunteer for her high school service learning, her goal is to continue to a four-year college and a career in medicine or research.

After high school in Brazil, Jasminy Loh graduated from Montgomery College and now majors in marketing at the University of Maryland College Park at the Universities at Shady Grove campus. She is considering a double major in international business and possibly law school, and hopes to establish a nonprofit organization helping girls in Brazil. Jasmin received a grant to NCCWSL.



Front, left to right: Arcadia Graham, Andrea Nunez. Rear, left to right: Allison Fuster, Abena Amfo Koranteng, Robin Denny, Jasminy Loh, Rachel Devers and Book Sale Chair Liz Clark Hessel. Also receiving a scholarship but unable to attend was Zoha Khan.

WOMEN'S HER-STORY

- **Dorothy Camara for Coordinator Anita Taylor**

On Wednesday, November 9, at 2:30, the Women's HerStory Group will continue its discussion of the contributions made by the country's first ladies. Note that this is a change from usually meeting on the first Wednesday of the month. In addition, we will meet for the November meeting in Arcadia Place instead of in the Park View Club Room.

Dorothy Camara will present a vignette of Edith Carow Wilson. Others will report on Helen Taft and Edith Wilson as time permits.

We return to the Park View Club Room on the

scheduled first Wednesday of the month on December 7, with Edith Wilson coming up on the agenda if she was not covered in November.



Arcadia Place is located in the lower level of the Kindley Building. As you face the Rosborough Center, you will see Kindley immediately to the left. Enter the door at the right, make an immediate left, go about 20 feet and turn right into Arcadia Place.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- **Barbara Garrard, Vice President for Membership**

Sara Harris rejoined our Branch in August. She graduated from the University of Kansas with a B.S. degree in occupational therapy. Sara retired from the Montgomery County government as the deputy election director after having received the Maryland Association of Election Officials Hall of Fame Award. She previously worked

for the county as the Community Mental Health Center occupational therapy director as well as other health-related positions.



Nine Branch members continue discussion of "American Lion--Andrew Jackson in the White House " over refreshments at Mary Wykes's dining table last September.

GREAT DECISIONS

- Mary Wykes, Coordinator



The Great Decisions Group will meet on Tuesday, November 22, at 2:30 p.m. at the home of Vivian Otto. The timely topic for discussion, to be led by Vivian Otto, will be "Cuba and the U.S." from the 2016 edition of "Great Deci-

sions" published by the Foreign Policy Association. New members are always welcome.



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LITERATURE GROUP

- Mary Wykes



Because of Thanksgiving, the next Literature Group meeting will not be in November but instead will be on Saturday, December 3, at 10 a.m., with hostess and leader Sandra Finerty. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome. The book to be discussed is "H is for Hawk," winner of the Samuel Johnson Prize and the Costa Book Award, and written by Helen Macdonald.

Quoting from a New York Times Sunday Book review: "The premise of her memoir is simple: Macdonald loses her bearings after her beloved father's sudden death. She retreats from the human world. She's a poet, historian and longtime falconer, and for complicated reasons, she seizes upon a strange yet sublime prescription for what ails her: she will raise and train a young goshawk, a cur of

a bird to some, notoriously difficult to tame.....In some traditions, hawks are considered spirit messengers to a world beyond and Macdonald comes to understand that part of her bond with the hawk she named Mabel was her desire 'to fly with the hawk to find my father; find him and bring him home.' But as Mabel matures into a confident hunter, she brings Macdonald a different kind of discovery; that grace resides in the most unlikely places--and that moving forward means leaving some things behind."

The January meeting will be at 10 a.m., Saturday the 28th at the home of Jean Young, 592 Russell Avenue, the Villas at Asbury Village, at which time "The Girl on the Train" by Paula Hawkins will be discussed.

HOLD SACRED YOUR RIGHT TO VOTE

We reprint an item from an earlier newsletter to remind us that we should hold sacred a woman's right to vote--a right that was born from the travail of earlier women and which should never be taken for granted. The following is a quote from Frances Gage in 1867, before women were allowed to vote. Gage was a leading feminist, reformer, and abolitionist.

When we hold the ballot, we shall stand just there. Men will forget to tell us that politics are degrading. They will bow low, and actually respect the women to whom they now talk platitudes; and silly flatteries, sparkling eyes, rosy cheeks, pearly teeth, ruby lips, the soft and delicate hands of refinement and beauty, will not be the burden of their song; but the strength, the power, the energy, the force, the intellect and the nerve, which the womanhood of this country will bring to bear, and which will infuse itself through all the ranks of society, must make all its men and women wiser and better.

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AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

VOTE!

Tuesday, November 8

Women's Her-story

Wednesday, November 9 - 2:30 p.m.

Board of Directors (Note change in date)

Wednesday, November 9 - 7 p.m.

Branch Meeting

Tuesday, November 15 - 7 p.m.

Sonya Kovalevsky Day, Montgomery College

Saturday, November 19, 10 am.-3 p.m.

Great Decisions

Tuesday, November 22 - 2:30 p.m.

Literature Group

Saturday, December 3 - 10 a.m.

Women's Her-Story

Wednesday, December 7 - 2:30 p.m.

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