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# AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

November 2017

## November Events

### BRANCH MEETING

Tuesday, November 14  
7 p.m. Meet and Greet - 7:30 P.M. Program  
Gaithersburg Library

### "Human Trafficking"

Candace Parrott, life coach and advocate for victims of human trafficking, will speak on "Human Trafficking" at our November 14 Branch meeting at the Gaithersburg Library.

Candace is a life coach for victims of trafficking, preparing them to engage again in everyday life. She is passionate about making people more aware of local human trafficking, and she will share with us her views on serving survivors and building public awareness.

Candace is the founder of Freshwaters, an organization offering individuals and organizations a "fresh start." She serves as chair of the public awareness committee of the Maryland Human Trafficking Task Force and is a member of the Montgomery County Human Trafficking Task Force. A past president of the Maryland Association of Victim Service Providers, Candace is also affiliated with numerous victim-services related programs, including Turning Point Ministry and as a court-appointed special advocate.

Human trafficking too often is an invisible problem. This talk promises to be eye-opening.









### BOARD MEETING



























Tuesday, November 7 - 7 P.M.: (Note change in date)









The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will be meeting a week earlier than usual in November— on Tuesday the 7th—7 p.m. The meeting is in the Conference Room of the Hefner Building at Asbury Village. All members are invited to participate.

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Our thoughts are with our member Jean Kosow upon the death of her husband Dave. Dave was a man of intellect, broad interests, and social responsibility. At AAUW we remember him for the help he gave over the years and, most recently, for his gathering of books, with Jean, for our book sales.

## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

### - Heather Reichardt

As I write, I'm in final preparation for our October 21 state AAUW meeting and 45th anniversary "party." I do hope everyone who attended will have enjoyed the advocacy program, the state meeting, and the birthday cake! I want to thank the team who did all the work to organize the meeting: Liz Hessel, Terry Medlar, Carol Plummer, and Maria Roberts. They have been making sure everything would work out without a hitch.

I'm looking forward to our next branch meetings in November and December. For the November discussion on human trafficking in Montgomery County, I encourage everyone to reach out to friends and family to come hear about this awful trend in

our community. The representative from the county task force will give an information presentation to increase our awareness of this problem.

The December holiday potluck is always fun and something to look forward to. I hope everyone is already thinking about what delicious contribution to make to the table. I'm really looking forward to seeing many of you and sharing the holiday spirit!

All the best to everyone, and I'll see you at our meetings!



## 2018 BOOK SALE

### - Liz Hessel, Chair of Book Sales

The 2018 book sale will be on March 22-24. This is five to seven weeks earlier than in recent years, giving us less time after the holidays to get prepared. With the shortened time, we need to work especially hard to collect as many books as we have in prior years. Our book sale is such a huge success due to the work of the numerous volunteers spread over many months. Preparations have already begun, so please try to find time to help.

1) Help collect books.

a. Invite your friends and neighbors to donate books, CDs, and DVDs now. We can put them in storage until the book sale.

b. Help pick up books from people who want to donate them now.

c. Help presort incoming books.

2) Help with publicity. We always have good books left over, so help get more customers. The more books we sell the more funds we have for scholarships.

Serve on the publicity committee.

a. Help identify places where we can publicize. These could be your neighborhood newsletter, your book club, your alumni association, or the social media sites you frequent. Please provide contact information

b. Use your writing skills. Please provide any contact information for publicity venues.

c. Help identify how to publicize the book sale to people and organizations with an interest in books in foreign languages. We always

have a large collection of these books-- last year we had about 50 boxes of them in over 15 languages, with the greatest number being in Chinese, French, German, Korean, and Spanish. These have appeal to local residents who read these languages. Help us find them. Provide contact information if possible.

3) Help presort specific categories. You can do this at home. By presorting, we can identify books of higher value and price them accordingly for the Special Books area. We can take the books to your house and pick them up when you are done.

a. If you have an interest in a specific topic, volunteer to sort books from that category (e.g., Jane Carroll is sorting Foreign Language). We are specifically looking for someone to presort CDs, DVDs, Politics, Science, and Literature, but if you have an interest in any other subject, we would be happy to have your help there.

Many hands make light work. Please find time to help with these ongoing book sale activities. If you can help with any of these tasks, please contact Liz Hessel



## GREAT DECISIONS

- **Mary Wykes, Coordinator**

Vivian Otto will be the hostess for our Wednesday, November 29, 2:30 p.m., Great Decisions meeting at her home. The discussion will be on the timely topic of "Nuclear Security," led by Mary Wykes. Light refreshments will be served. New members are

always welcome. Please let Vivian know if you will be attending.



## AAUW GAITHERSBURG BRANCH

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## LITERATURE GROUP

- **Mary Wykes, for Coordinator Jean Young**



The Literature Group will not meet in November and December. The January book selection will be "Endurance" by Alfred Lansing and Nathaniel

Philbrick. We will meet at the home of Jean Young on Saturday, January

27, at 10 a.m. (A short review of the book will appear in the December newsletter.) New members are always welcome.

## HERSTORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**

The HerStory Interest Group will meet on Wednesday, November 1, at 2:30. Dorothy Camara will report on the incredible story of Aung San Suu Kyi of Burma.

Then we will meet on December 6 at 2:30, with Maria Roberts reporting on Janet Yellen. In the 2018 year, Mary Wykes, on January 3, reports on the remarkable Angela Merkel. On February 7 Jean Hirsch discusses Ruth Gruber, a journalist-photographer-writer.

Anyone with interest in reporting about powerful women may volunteer for March, April, May or June. Possibilities? For example: Ruth Bader Ginsburg (Supreme Court), Sheryl Sandberg (Facebook COO), Beyonce, Phebe Novakovic (CEO, General Dynamics), Cher, Jean

Oelwang, (CEO of Virgin United), Oprah Winfrey, Madeleine Albright, Condoleezza Rice, Kathryn Bigelow — and the list could be extended far from these as well.



Unless you get subsequent changes of location or time, we gather on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Club Room at Park View (Asbury Building 211). Call Anita for more information.

## **AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events**

HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, November 1 - 2:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Tuesday, November 7 - 7 p.m. (Note change in date)
Branch Meeting	Tuesday, November 14 - 7 p.m.
Great Decisions	Wednesday, November 29, 2:30 p.m.
HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, December 6 - 2:30 p.m.

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