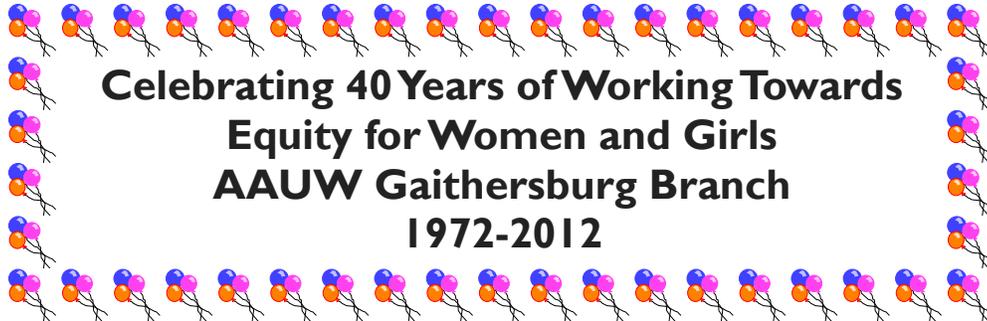




AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

December 2012
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Celebrating 40 Years of Working Towards Equity for Women and Girls AAUW Gaithersburg Branch 1972-2012

December and January Events

BRANCH MEETING
December 11 - 6 P.M.
HOLIDAY POTLUCK BRUNCH AND PROGRAM

"Blessed is the season that engages the whole world in a conspiracy of love." - Hamilton Wright Mabie

Once again we'll join together to celebrate this lovely season of the year with a potluck dinner. We'll gather at 6 p.m. on Tuesday, December 11, at Conley Hall at Asbury Methodist Village. Please bring a dish to share. If possible, please contact Sue Woodruff and let her know what you are bringing.

As our annual holiday charity, we will be collecting money at our dinner to put together a Valentine Day's party for the Rockville Women's Center. We hope you will contribute to this gift.

BRANCH MEETING
JANUARY 19 - 10 A.M.

Our program for January is on a topic of great concern to all. Beth Van Meter, a professor of nursing at Montgomery College, Rockville, will talk on issues of domestic violence. Prof. Van Meter is a nurse practitioner who will share information about partner violence, child abuse, and elder abuse. This program will be on Saturday, January 19, from 10 a.m. to noon, at Arcadia Place, Asbury Methodist Village. We hope to see you there.

BOARD MEETING
December 10 - 7 P.M.
January 14—7 P.M.

The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will meet on Monday, December 10, and Monday, January 14. Meetings are at 7 p.m. in the conference room of the Hefner Building at Asbury. All members are welcome to participate.

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THE CO-PRESIDENT'S BLOG

- *Mary Wykes*

I hope all of you received and have read the most recent AAUW Action Network e-mail entitled "AAUW Gives Thanks." Just in case you missed it, I would like to highlight just a few of the advances we have seen for women and girls this year, advances for which we might want to reflect and give thanks.

We are thankful that women's issues were a key part of the 2012 elections nationwide, due in part to the AAUW Action Fund's "It's My Vote--I Will Be Heard" campaign.

We are thankful that the U.S. Olympic team sent more female athletes than males for the first time in history and for winning 29 of the U.S. 46 gold medals.

We are thankful for the health and bravery of Malala Yousafzai, the 14-year-old Pakistani girl shot for documenting Taliban atrocities and promoting women's education, and thankful for the tremendous outpouring of support around the globe as she recovers.

We are thankful and proud that on March 17 Senator Barbara Mikulski (MD) became the longest serving woman in Congressional history.

We are thankful for AAUW's new research report, "Graduating to a Pay Gap," featured in Reuters, U.S. News and World Report, and The Washington Post and highlighting how the gender difference in women's wages affects women's ability to re-pay their student loans.

Thanks for the 40th anniversary of Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 ensuring equal opportunity for all students and the re-

lease of a coalition report chaired by AAUW recognizing this milestone--also the 40th anniversary of the Pell Grant program, an indispensable part of millions of students' dreams for higher education in the U.S. and, of course, we are thankful that our Branch continues to grow as we have just celebrated the 40th anniversary of our founding with the wonderful luncheon and program at Ingleside on October 13.



We are thankful for President Obama's administration's creation of the Master Teacher Corporation program to boost science, technology, engineering, and math education (STEM)--part of the administration's effort to produce 100,000 additional math and science teachers in the next ten years.

Also we are thankful for the U.N. declaring the 1st International Day of the Girl Child on October 11, 2012. AAUW was proud to celebrate international women and girls empowerment on this day as they do every day.

AAUW was ranked as a top-rated women's empowerment organization of 2012 by the organization, Great Non-Profits.

AAUW Executive Director Linda Hallman was honored in the inaugural publication, "100 Women Leaders in STEM."

Best wishes to all our members for a happy, healthy, safe and joyful holiday season. Hope to see you at our Holiday Dinner on December 11.

NOTE: This issue of the newsletter covers both December and January. There will be no separate issue in January.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Marilyn O'Connell, Vice President for Membership

Members at our November Branch meeting had the pleasure of meeting our newest member, Mary Eaton. Mary, a life member, moved from Harrisburg, Penna., to the one and only free-standing home at Asbury. Mary graduated from Allegheny College with a degree in education.

Jean Eden, who joined AAUW in 1995, has moved to Asbury from Damascus.

We are happy that Sue Geiger, a charter member and daughter of Mary Schlager, who was founder of our branch in 1972, has re-joined our Branch. Sue has a B.A. in early childhood studies from Hood College and an M.Ed. in library media from McDaniel. She worked as a classroom teacher in primary grades in Frederick County and Montgomery County, and as a media specialist/librarian, and also as a consulting teacher for the Montgomery Public Schools. Sue is currently retired.

Lynn Morgan has also joined our

Branch. Lynn is an attorney. She earned an undergraduate degree at Oxford University and her law degree from Washington University. Lynn is a member of the handbell choir at the First Baptist Church in Gaithersburg.



Welcome to all our new members. We now have 58. Let's try for 60. Please bring your friends to the holiday party and introduce them to all of our interesting members and activities.

BOOK SALE

- Liz Hessel

Mark your calendar – our next book sale is May 9 – 11, 2013.

The Branch collects books year round and we need your help! Additional volunteers are needed to help sort and pick up books throughout the year. Help is also needed to price Special Books – which is done by looking up prices on the Internet. You can do this at home!! We would also like to form a Publicity Committee and are looking for members.

Please let Liz Hessel know if you can help with any of the activities to support the book sale. Proceeds of the book sale support: scholarships at Montgomery College and The Universities at Shady Grove, our middle school mentoring program, the Legal Advocacy Fund, and graduate level fellowships for women.



At the 40th Anniversary Celebration Founders of the Branch



L - R: Mina Parsant, Anna Fraker, Susan Geiger

Past Presidents of the Branch



L - R Anna Fraker, Marilyn Leist, Edie Allison, Jean Kosow

Photos by Liz Clark Hessel

INCOME TAX ADVICE

- Dorothy Camara, Recording Secretary

As income tax season approaches, we'd like to repeat what we know about the tax implications regarding your dues. Part of National's activities is political; that part which is not political allows you to take \$46 off your dues as tax deductible. Contributions to the charitable funds, such as AAUW Funds and the Legal Ad-

vocacy Fund, are deductible. However, our local branch is not filed as a charitable organization; therefore, contributions to us are not tax deductible.



SONYA KOVALEVSKY PROGRAM AT MONTGOMERY COLLEGE

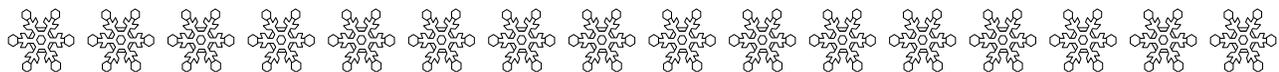
- Louise Chatlyne, Interbranch Representative

On Saturday, October 27, was the first of the five programs that will make up the Sonya Kovalevsky Program at Montgomery College to encourage eighth-grade girls to pursue careers in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math (STEM). Thirteen girls from around Montgomery College participated, along with their parents. They attended workshops on computer science, robotics, cryptology and biology. There was also a special workshop for the parents on finance. Several members of Interbranch participated to help the program run smoothly, including Diane Rumble and me from the Gaithersburg Branch.

that they can make STEM part of their life plan. There is room for up to 23 girls to participate, so they are still recruiting for the remaining four programs. Please contact Ingrid Scott at 240-567-5216 or ingrid.scott@montgomerycollege.edu for questions about the program and how to enroll an eighth-grade girl.



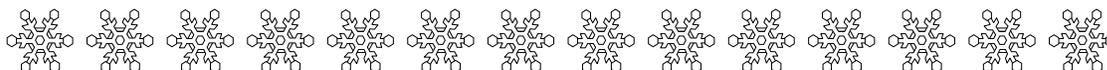
Future programs will take place on December 1, February 22, and April 26. All are designed to show girls that STEM subjects are fun and



SNOW POLICY



In case of snow or other inclement weather events occurring at the time of any of our meetings, we will follow the Montgomery Public School advisories.



Gourmet Group

- Jean Friedmann, Coordinator

The Gourmet Group will not be meeting in December. The January meeting will be planned by Haydee Rolin, who favors lunching at a Moroccan restaurant in Gaithersburg. You can

call her for details if you would like to join us.



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GREAT DECISIONS

- Vivian Otto, Coordinator

There will be no Great Decisions meeting in December. On January 22 we will have a dinner social at which we will plan for our 2013

meetings. The place of the dinner is to be determined.



Women's Herstory Interest Group

We have caught Anita Taylor out of town for her news on the Women's History group. We know, from her item in last month's newsletter that the group is meeting on Wednesday, December 5, at 2:30, at her apartment. That session will continue the study of *America's Women*, covering

chapters 9-11 and the travails of war, recovery and repair, and then the initial moves in developing the West.



Watch your e-mail for news of the January meeting.

ERRATA

- Please note the following corrections to the article, "AAUW Gaithersburg Celebrates 40th Anniversary!" that appeared in the November newsletter.
- Sue Schlager Geiger was also a charter member introduced at the anniversary celebration. Mary Schlager was the "founding mother" of AAUW Gaithersburg. Dian Belanger is also the AAUW national archivist, as well as the former president of AAUW of Maryland.

CHANGE YOUR DIRECTORY

Please note that Dorothy Camara has a new e-mail address

AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

Women's History	Wednesday, December 5 - 2:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Monday, December 10 - 7 p.m.
Branch Holiday Party	Tuesday, December 11 - 6 p.m.
Board Meeting	Monday, January 14 - 7 p.m.
Branch Meeting	Saturday, January 19 - 10 a.m.
Great Decisions	Tuesday, January 22 - 7 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, January 26—10 a.m.
Women's Legislative Briefing	Sunday, January 27 - 12-6 p.m.
Save These Dates:	
AAUW Gaithersburg Book Sale	May 9-11
AAUW Nat'l Convention, New Orleans	June 9-12

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