



# AAUW

## Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

March 2016

### March Events

March 15 - Gaithersburg Library, Room 1  
Earlier Time→ Hospitality 6:30 P.M. - Program 7 P.M.

"League of Women Voters Programs and Processes  
and a Report on 2016 Maryland Choices"  
Carla Satinsky, League of Women Voters

We're in for a special event at our March 15 meeting at the Gaithersburg Library, Room 1. Carla Satinsky, of the League of Women Voters, will focus on preparation for the Maryland April primaries. She will introduce the league to us, describing the process used to develop its popular voters' guide, demonstrating its format and the process of getting candidate information. As an added attraction, she will introduce a representative from the Board of Elections, who will demonstrate Maryland's new paper-ballot voting machine on which you will be able to practice.

Carla Satinsky is a long-time resident of Montgomery County, devoting her skills to service to the community as a member of the League of Women Voters for more than 35 years, chair of the Montgomery County league in 1981-82, chair of our United Way campaign, and a trustee on the Montgomery County libraries board. In addition, for 28 years, she has produced the "Montgomery Week in Review," a cable television and online program presenting Montgomery County news, events, and newsmakers.

This unique evening is the perfect time to invite your friends and neighbors to an AAUW meeting. Be sure to note the earlier meeting time of 6:30 p.m., on March 15, in Meeting Room 1 at the Gaithersburg Library.

### BOARD MEETING

March 8 - 7 P.M.  
Hefner Conference Room

At the March 8 AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors meeting we return to the Conference Room in the Hefner Building at Asbury Village, and we return to the 7 p.m. time. The new décor may be disorienting, so: As you enter the building, walk straight to the blue wall. Go left at the blue wall. Follow the corridor, following the exit signs. The Conference Room is at the left at the last exit sign, which is marked with a left arrow.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

**- Heather Reichardt**

Thanks to everyone for attending the February potluck meeting. The dishes were tasty; our speaker's colleague even came bearing a nice crockpot casserole. Not much food was left over, so I hope everyone left satisfied in body and mind. Special thanks to Jean Hirsch, Marie Van Wyk, and Maria Roberts for organizing the beverages and the serving items.

To nourish our mind, our speaker, Dr. Frederic Abramson, provided a great amount of information to digest regarding the emerging science and business of genetic testing for personal health and wellness. I was intrigued by all the facets of our everyday lives that may actually be controlled by one's genes compared to environmental factors or by direct actions and choices. Of course, Abramson acknowledged that nature and nurture do work together on some level to form the whole person. It was a fascinating presentation, and I may do more research on the subject.

Speaking of health, please keep my mother in your thoughts. She was in the hospital in mid-February and is now at a rehab center in West Chester, Pennsylvania. We hope she will spend a significant amount of time there in order to build up enough strength to move to a more permanent situation.

And you may have seen the email notifying us that our dear member Anita Taylor suffered a stroke while on her trip to Mexico. Thankfully,

Aurora Sevilla was with her and was able to shepherd her back to Shady Grove Hospital and then to rehabilitation at the Wilson Health Center at Asbury for recovery. We will keep you up to date as we all send positive thoughts to Anita to get well soon.



I look forward to seeing everyone at our March meeting, which will be back at the Gaithersburg Library.

Here's a reminder of the hospitality volunteers for the remainder of the year. We are still looking for one or two members to coordinate the overall hospitality effort. Thanks for your efforts!

March—Charlotte Fischer, Marilyn O'Connell  
April—Marybeth Morsink, Terry Medlar  
May—Louise Chatlynne, Anna Fraker  
June—All members to bring favorite potluck dish

The Montgomery County Commission for Women is presenting a talk by Dr. Tobie Beckerman, OB/GYN, on "Adult Sex Ed: It's Time to Talk About It: Sexual Health for Women Over 45."

This will be on Monday, April 11, at the Council Office Building, 100 Maryland Avenue, Rockville.

The meeting is free but RSVP to [bit.ly/211kMBt](http://bit.ly/211kMBt)



*Maria Roberts and AAUW Gaithersburg president Heather Reichardt at the Women's Legislative Briefing held at The Universities at Shady Grove on January 31. Heather is also a member of the Montgomery County Commission for Women, the organization responsible for the event.*

## BOOK SALE

### - Liz Hessel, Book Sales Chair

As we prepare the book sale, I think about the many happy faces of children and customers at last year's sale. And I also think about the scholarship recipients who spoke at the September meeting and told us how important their scholarship was to help them stay in school and reach their goals of graduating. It helps me keep focused and remember the value of the time we spend now to prepare for the sale.

Looking forward to the book sale in May, we continue to collect and sort so many great books. We would love to have more customers. This is where YOU can help!

We are trying to identify other groups and organizations who would share information about our book sale with their members. If you belong to a book club, women's group, profession-

al association, neighborhood group, etc. that has a newsletter, blog or website, please share the name of the group and its contact information with us so that we can send them information and invite their members to come to the book sale. Send the information to Liz Hessel at [liz@meral.com](mailto:liz@meral.com) now so that we can get our AAUW book sale information into their upcoming announcements.



Also, if you know of businesses that have bulletin boards for neighborhood announcements where we could post information about the book sale, please send the name of the business and its address to Liz.



Mary Wykes, Margaret McMillan and Diane Carrey helping to sort books in preparation for the book sale.



## GREAT DECISIONS

- **Charlotte Fischer, Coordinator**



The Great Decisions Group will meet at the home of Kay Trivison Tuesday, March 22, from 2:30 to 4 p.m. The discussion will be on "The Rise of ISIS." Refreshments will be served before the discussion.

For further information, contact Charlotte Fischer,



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## LITERATURE GROUP

- **Mary Wykes**



The Literature Group will not meet in March because the usual time would be on the Easter weekend. Our next meeting, therefore, will be on Saturday, April 2, at 10 a.m., at Jean Kosow's home. We will discuss "Orphan Train," the New York Times bestseller novel by Christina Baker Kline. This story takes place between 1854 and 1929, a period when "so-called orphan trains ran regularly from the cities of the East to the farmlands of the Midwest, carrying thousands of abandoned children whose fates would be determined by pure luck. Would they be adopted by a kind and loving family or would they face a childhood and adolescence of hard labor and servi-

tude?...Orphan Train is a powerful tale of upheaval, resilience, and second chances and an unexpected friendship"- a great read!

Light refreshments will be served at the meeting and all are welcome. If you want to get a head start on the next book, which will be discussed on Saturday, April 30, that selection is "Heart of Everything That Is" by Drury and Clavin. That meeting will be at Jean Young's home, and more information about it will be in the April newsletter.

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## HER-STORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**

The HerStory Interest Group will not meet on March 2 as previously planned, but the group will meet as scheduled on Wednesday, April 6, at 2:30. Participants in the group will be informed later in March where the meeting will be held.

We will continue our discussion of the first ladies, noting how the Recon-

struction Era affected the daily lives of Eliza Johnson and Julia Grant, and coming to know these women and how they coped with the bitterness of the new society.



## **AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events**

Board Meeting	Tuesday, March 8 - 7 p.m.
Branch Meeting	Tuesday, March 15 - 6:30 p.m. (Earlier time)
Great Decisions	Tuesday, March 22 - 2:30 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, April 2 - 10 a.m.
HerStory Group	Wednesday, April 6 - 2:30 p.m.
Hold This Date:	
Book Sale	May 5-7, 2016

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