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NEWSLETTER

May 2017

## May Events

### ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

May 16

7 P.M. Hospitality - 7:30 P.M. Program  
Gaithersburg Library - Meeting Room 2

"The Effects of the Gender Pay Gap on Women and On Student Loans"

Speaker: Dr. Catherine Hill

The May 16 Branch meeting at the Gaithersburg Library at 7 p.m. will feature a presentation by Dr. Catherine Hill on the effects of the gender pay gap on women and on student loans. Student loan debt statistics for 2017 show approximately \$1.4 trillion outstanding student loan debt in the U. S., affecting roughly 44 million borrowers who had an average loan balance of \$37,172. Although the experts talk about the effects of this on the economy, they do not talk about its disproportionate effect on women. Recent AAUW research reveals that women not only take on more student debt than men do, but they also pay back their loans more slowly because of the gender pay gap.

Our speaker, Dr. Catherine Hill, is former vice president for research at AAUW and is the author of many publications on gender bias, women's leadership, and STEM careers. Prior to working at AAUW she was a study director at the Institute for Women's Policy Research and an assistant professor at the University of Virginia. She has bachelor's and master's degrees from Cornell University and a doctorate in policy development from Rutgers University.

After the speaker's presentation, we will have our annual business meeting during which the newly elected officers will be officially installed for the 2017-18 year. Honoring us as the installation officer will be Dian Belanger. With AAUW for nearly 50 years, Dian presently serves as the president of the Kensington-Rockville Branch. In the past she was president of AAUW of Maryland and Middle Atlantic Regional Director. On the national level, she was vice president of the Educational Foundation Program and director of the Legal Advocacy Fund. She is presently a member of the AAUW Archives Corps.

### BOARD OF DIRECTORS MEETING

May 9 - 7 P.M.

Community Room, Hefner Center, Asbury Village

The Board of Directors of AAUW Gaithersburg will next meet on Tuesday, May 9, at 7 p.m. We expect that preliminary results of the book sale will be discussed. All members are welcome.

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## PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

Spring has sprung! I am grateful for the warmer days, the bright green grass and the blooming flowers. But what I'm really grateful for is the incredible amount of hard work and dedication that our members and friends have put into this year's book sale. While many of us were caught up in the crush of long hours right before and during the sale, many of you worked diligently over the last twelve months to make this year's sale another huge success.

This success is known across the state and now at the national level, too. I attended the AAUW of Maryland state convention last month in Easton, celebrating the state's 75th anniversary. Helping to celebrate was the national board chair, Patricia Fae Ho. Each branch had the opportunity to brag about (I mean "discuss") our accomplishments. I may have taken the most time describing how far-reaching our book sale's impact is in the community. I do think Patricia was impressed!

I will get more opportunity to interact with state officers, since I have been elected co-secretary for the next two years. Being secretary certainly forces you to pay attention to everything that is said during meetings! I will do my best to faithfully repre-

sent the Gaithersburg Branch during my term.

Another wonderful part of the state convention was the celebratory dinner held at a yacht club in St. Michaels the evening before the state meeting. There were about 15 former state presidents attending, including our own former Branch presidents Marilyn Leist and Edie Allison. Marilyn seems to be doing very well in Colorado. It was great to see her back on this side of the country. Our interbranch partners were also well represented. Janet Crampton, Pat Stocker and Dian Belanger, former state and former or current branch presidents, said a few words about their time in office.

And speaking of presidents, I am humbled once again by your electing me to continue as Branch president for the coming year. The best part of this position is working with the wonderfully competent and knowledgeable team that supports me. Together, our Branch makes progress toward fulfilling AAUW's mission of advancing equity for women and girls. For this I am truly grateful.



Edie Allison, Marilyn Leist, and Heather Reichardt at the April Maryland state convention in Easton.



Dr. Mary Beth Saffo, 1981-82 AAUW Sarah Berliner Fellowship winner, lectured on "Living In a Fractious World: What Nature Can Teach Us" at the April Branch meeting at Montgomery College's Biosciences Education Building in Germantown. She impressed upon us that the sea squirt is a three-in-one creature—an odd biology of associations as much as are humans.

## UNsung HEROES

### - Mary Wykes, Past President

Unsung heroes—that's what I would call our team who tirelessly and professionally works to provide us with our monthly Branch newsletter from September through June, keeping us informed of the Branch's many events and activities.

Did you know that Dorothy Camara and Qing Jiang have worked together for 12 years as a team, Dorothy as newsletter coordinator and Qing as editor? Dorothy keeps track of what needs to go into the newsletter, edits the copy she receives, and adds additional copy as needed. Qing formats the material, adding delightful graphics. Liz Hessel and Maria Roberts, and sometimes others, send in timely photographs. The first proofreading is done by Dorothy and Heather Reichardt. Qing then sends a final proof to Dorothy, and if everything is okay the newsletter goes to the printer. For many years Carolyn Iverson picked up the finished copy and sent it out. After Carolyn's death, Jane Carroll succeeded her in that job, and this coming year Barbara Garrard will do it. After picking up the newsletter from the printer, she will deposit copies in

the AMV intercampus mail for the many members living at Asbury, add labels for those not receiving internet copies, and take those copies to the post office. Louise Chatlynne forwards the copy to those of us receiving it via e-mail. As newsletter coordinator, Dorothy keeps all the pieces together. So you can see, it is a real team effort and a lot goes on behind the scenes before you get the news of the coming month's events.



Don't forget to thank the team for the work they do that many of us probably take for granted but which is so important to the success of our Branch. And do remember to get your newsletter items in before the last minute so the job won't be quite so hectic for Dorothy. (I just learned that she joined the exclusive club this April of which several of us are members--the 90-year club. Congratulations, Dorothy!)

Dear Members: Your AAUW membership expires on June 30. Please renew now by using this form or by renewing online at [aauw.org](http://aauw.org).

### MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017-18

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_ (H) \_\_\_\_\_ (W) \_\_\_\_\_ (Cell) \_\_\_\_\_

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Type of Membership:

- Member \$77
- Life Member \$28
- Dual Member \$18
- Honorary Member \$0

(\$46 of the national AAUW portion of the dues is tax deductible.)

Make your check payable to AAUW Gaithersburg and send to: Barbara Garrard, Vice President for Membership, 4 Sykes St., Gaithersburg MD 20877.

Do you wish to receive the newsletter by email only (i.e., no hard copy)?

Yes \_\_\_\_\_ No \_\_\_\_\_

## PROPOSED 2017-18 BUDGET

Treasurer Terry Medlar presented the following proposed budget for 2017-18 to the Board of Directors at their April meeting. The Board accept-

ed the budget and will present it for approval by the membership at the May 16 Branch meeting.

### AAUW Gaithersburg Operational Account Proposed 2017 - 2018 Budget

Your Membership Dues of \$77	\$	49	National AAUW
	\$	10	Maryland AAUW
	\$	18	Gaithersburg AAUW

Item	2017 Budget	Actuals as of 4/1/17	2018 Budget	
<b>INCOME</b>				
Membership Income	\$ 1,170.00	\$882	\$900	Based on 50 members
Donations	\$ 70.00	\$0.00	\$70	
<u>Member Directory Ads</u>	\$0.00	\$0.00	\$0	
Unspent in 2017			\$70	
<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 1,240.00</b>	<b>\$882</b>	<b>\$1,042</b>	
<b>EXPENSES</b>				
Newsletter	\$ 300.00	\$276	\$200	Printing (\$20) and postage for 9 Newsletters
Meeting Rent	\$ 360.00	\$240	\$240	Montgomery County Library at \$60 x4 meetings
Insurance	\$ 236.00	\$385	\$252	Liability for Branch + 1/3 of Dishonesty Ins.
Interbranch Dues	\$ 33.00	\$0	\$0	Asked for less money this year.
Hospitality	\$ 100.00	\$0	\$50	
Bank Fee	\$0.00	\$0	\$0	Check order
Member Directory	\$ 100.00	\$0	\$100	Estimated cost for Directory printing
AAUW Promotional Material	\$0.00	\$0		
Donations	\$0.00	\$0		
<u>Programs</u>	\$ 100.00	\$173	\$200	
<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 1,196.00</b>	<b>\$1,074</b>	<b>\$1,042</b>	

Membership \$1031  
Special Projects \$10,405

## BOOK SALE!

### - Liz Hessel, Chair of Book Sales

We have concluded another great book sale with the help of many. In our book sales, we raise significant funds for scholarships and make many books available to the community. A truly community event, the book sale benefits go far beyond the funds raised and the books distributed to needy families.

Our success is due to many. Maria Roberts, Carol Plummer, Jean and Dave Kosow, Terry Medlar, Heather Reichardt and Barbara Garrard helped with publicity and advertising. Mary Wykes, Patsy Marks and Louise Chatlynne recruited members to work at the sale. Barbara Garrard served as assistant treasurer, diligently counting money and making bank deposits. Marybeth Morsink made arrangements with Asbury. Anna Fraker, Fred and Jim Harris, Paul Baumgarten, and Sandra and John Finnerty moved books between houses and Asbury or made numerous trips to Wonder Book with excess books. Barbara Brooks handled the Special Books Department, Sandra Finnerty oversaw much of the Children's Department. Heather Reichardt designed the partners recognition poster. Carol Plummer and Barbara Garrard developed a membership recruiting poster.

Significant energy was expended also throughout the year. Jean and Dave Kosow picked up loads of books donated by Asbury residents and moved them to Cathy Manning's garage where she sorted them prior to their going to year-round storage. In parallel, Barbara Brooks, Elizabeth

Schwartz, Carol Plummer, Liz Hessel, Anna Fraker, Jane Carroll, Cathy Manning, and Edie Allison collected and sorted books at the transfer station. During the year, Cathy Manning (Fiction, Literature, and Children's), Jane Carroll (Foreign Language), and Judy Sholes (CDs and DVDs) sorted into sub-categories. Milla Garber collected Russian books. Barbara Brooks and Liz Hessel priced Special Books. Many members sorted books on the four occasions during the year.



Other partners were essential. Asbury Village provided space and other support, including the hanging of two large banners. Security Public Storage provided storage space. The Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection provided numerous recycled books. Moyer and Sons Moving and Storage gave us a discount on their services. The Montgomery County Volunteer Center provided a way to recruit student volunteers. Wonder Book and Video picked up the unsold books.

To Branch members, we welcome ideas on how to improve. If you have an idea on how to do something different, please share it with Liz Hessel.

Thanks to all who contributed in so many ways!

## A PARTICULAR CONVERSATION WHILE WE WERE SORTING BOOKS

### (Rephrased for Simplicity)

"Why are the book categories arranged alphabetically from right to left, instead of from left to right the way they should be?"

"I don't know. That's the way they've been doing it."

"Shall we petition them to arrange them correctly from left to right?"

"Oh, no! You can't change it! That's the way it's always been done!"

"I think it's a tradition now!"

## GREAT DECISIONS

- **Mary Wykes, Coordinator**

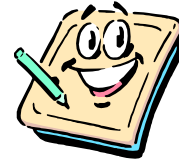


The Great Decisions foreign policy discussion interest group will meet at 2:30 p.m. on May 24 at the home of Judy Sholes.

Judy will lead our discussion on "Saudi Arabia in Transition" by Lawrence G. Potter, director of research and publications for Gulf/2000, a major research and documentation project in the Persian Gulf states based at Columbia University where he also teaches. Since Judy has recently traveled to Saudi Arabia on a work

assignment, she will bring an interesting first-hand view of the topic.

New members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served. If anyone needs a ride, please contact Mary Wykes, coordinator.



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## LITERATURE GROUP

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



The Literature Group will meet on May 27 at 10 a.m. at the home of Mary Eaton. Mary will lead the discussion of the book "Sisters in Law" by Linda

Hirshman, a professor at the Yale School of Law. According to one reviewer, this is the story of how Sandra Day O'Connor and Ruth Bader Ginsburg went to the Supreme Court

and changed the world.

New members are always welcome. Light refreshments will be served .

## HER-STORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**

The May meeting of the HerStory group (2:30 p.m., May 3, the Park View Building Clubroom, Asbury) is open to all members of AAUW. Please join us if you can.

In May, we probably will be finishing our discussion of U. S. first ladies as we close with a slightly out-of-order discussion of Bess Truman. Even we who remember the Truman years are likely to learn much about her than we had previously known. Yes, we knew she was especially pleased to go back to Independence, Missouri, after the presidency, but she did much more in her Washington years than we ever knew.

We also will need to decide where we go from here. One suggestion is to look at the lives of women currently in powerful roles, such as Janet Yellen, Condoleezza Rice, Nancy Pelosi, Madeleine Albright, Hillary Clinton, Margaret Spellings, and Janet Reno. Come and help us decide.

Call Anita Taylor with suggestions or for directions. See you on the 3rd.



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## HAYDEE ROLIN, OUR FRIEND AND AAUW MEMBER, 1922-2017

Haydee Rolin passed away on January 1, 2017, at her home in West Orange, New Jersey, from complications due to kidney disease. She passed peacefully, surrounded by her family.

Haydee was a native of Panama. She received a bachelor's degree from the University of Panama and taught elementary education. She came to the United States in 1949 to study at the University of California at Berkeley and earned a master's degree in economics. Haydee married Etienne Rolin, raising a son and daughter and several German shepherds in the bucolic hills of Marin County. She lived a long and luscious life, embracing her adopted country, thriving with her new European family, while living the American dream.

Haydee moved to Gaithersburg, spending many years here before moving to West Orange, New Jersey, to be near her daughter. Haydee was an active member in AAUW for fifty years, first in the Marin County (California) Branch and then, for 40 years, in the Gaithersburg Branch. She was in charge of cultural events for our Branch and planned a trip to the Women's Art Museum in Washington, D.C., to see the Frieda Kahlo exhibit. She raised money for the Legal Advocacy Fund (LAF) by organizing a bus trip to the Winterthur Museum in Delaware. She helped organize a program for Hispanic mothers and daughters, "A Walk in Two Worlds," to help them adjust in this country. She raised funds from local businesses for the Branch directory. She was a member of the gourmet group. She was the 1997-98 AAUW Funds Nominee, honoring her contributions to the Branch.

Haydee embraced diversity, opening her home to people of all cultures and backgrounds. She thirsted for knowledge, learned French and Italian, valued education and advancement of women well before it became a social movement. She always loved meeting new people, reaching across the void to forge new friendships, discus-

sion and the fostering of personal and spiritual growth in herself and others.

Haydee was well traveled, well read, well loved, and well opinionated. She was a proud member of her church, a realtor in Marin County, a Spanish and French tutor throughout her life. She sought to keep her life meaningful by using her talents and sharp intellect in everything she touched until her final days.

Her persona was grand and elegant and she left a lasting impression wherever she went. She was an integral part of the Batson family life, present for every single holiday, birthday, many vacations, and family dinners. She shared her wisdom and insights generously with her grandchildren; having lived a life spanning so many advances in communication, culture and technology she was remarkably open and adaptable. Haydee was a remarkable giver, teacher, mother, and friend to many during her long life.

Haydee is survived by a son, Etienne Rolin of Bordeaux, France; a daughter, Annette Batson (Anthony) of Montclair, New Jersey; six grandchildren and two great-grandchildren: Alex, Nick, and Genna Batson of Montclair, New Jersey; Dominique Rolin of Brisbane, Australia, and her daughter Erin, 5; Marianne Rolin of Brussels, Belgium, and her son Hugo, 6 months; and Vincent Rolin of Louvain, Belgium. She has a surviving sister, Virginia Barreira Velasquez, of Panama City.

(This obituary was taken mainly from one written by Haydee's daughter, Annette Batson.)

## **AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events**

HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, May 3 - 2:30 p.m.
Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 9 - 7 p.m.
Branch Meeting & Installation of Officers	Tuesday, May 16 - 7 p.m.
Great Decisions	Wednesday, May 24 - 2:30 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, May 27 - 10 a.m.
Nat'l Conference for College Women Student Leaders, Univ. of Maryland, College Park	May 31-June 3
AAUW Nat'l Convention, Washington, D.C	June 14-17

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