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NEWSLETTER

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June Events

JUNE CELEBRATION!
NO SNOWSTORM WILL CANCEL THIS POTLUCK.
PICNIC - PLANNING OUR FUTURE - INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS -
SATURDAY, JUNE 14, AT 12 P.M.

The June Branch meeting will be our annual planning session and potluck picnic, at noon on June 14. Come prepared to offer suggestions for next year's activities and to review the final report from the 2014 successful book sale.

Come prepared as well with one of your favorite potluck food to share, taking care to respect the traditions of our host by not bringing anything prepared with pork or shellfish. All paper goods, water, iced tea, and coffee will be provided. If you have questions about what to bring, call Patsy Marks. Get suggestions from her if you don't want to chance our having all desserts (how sad, eh?).

Be prepared for a grand potluck picnic. After that repast, there will be the installation of officers for the 2014-15 year. We will also share ideas on our activities for our next year.

The location of our celebration is the home of Louise Chatlynne, who is kindly welcoming us back to her house, which, as many of you know, has a lovely back-yard and a great den for our meeting.

BOARD MEETING
June 10 - 7 P.M.
August 12 - 7 P.M.

The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will meet at 7 p.m. on Tuesday, June 10, in the Conference Room in the Hefner Building at Asbury Village. All members are invited to participate.

There will be no meeting of the Board in July, but we will meet again on Tuesday, August 12, at the usual time and place.

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Note: This issue of the newsletter covers June, July and August. There will be no separate issue for July or August.

PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Mary Wykes

May is my favorite month--and so far it has lived up to my expectations--starting with our successful book sale. Thanks to the amazing organizational skills of our book sale chair Liz Clark-Hessel and the hard work of so many members and community volunteers, we will again offer scholarship assistance to many deserving young women, both in local colleges and through the AAUW Funds fellowships and scholarships.

Marilyn O'Connell and I represented our Branch with a table at the Asbury Green Day, showing how we recycled thousands of used books in the book sale as our contribution to Green Day. We met many of the Asbury staff, as well as residents, who commented on how much they enjoyed the sale and purchasing books. We are fortunate to have our annual fundraiser at Asbury Methodist Village and are glad to have it a cooperative effort, bringing benefit to their community as well as funding our Branch goals.

Thanks to Anita Taylor for presiding for me at the Board meeting so that I could celebrate my birthday with my family on a very stormy night. Fortunately, the worst of the storm came while we were inside at the Flaming Pit eating a delicious meal. I understand the Board meeting managed to finish early and avoided the worst of the rain.

This month's Gourmet Group met at my home last evening and I am still enjoying my clean house and the great leftover Crab Imperial, asparagus, and roasted fingerling potatoes. As usual, we had wonderful food and conversation and welcomed Jean DeMuzio and husband Tony, who were attending for the first time. We hope they come to future dinners and luncheons. Since our group size is diminishing because of health problems, we welcome members to visit and see if you would enjoy being a part of the food and fellowship of this long-standing Branch interest group. Please let Jean Friedmann know if you are interested.

I hope you receive both the AAUW Washington Update and the AAUW Mission & Action, both of which I received this week and read with great interest. All members with e-mail addresses should be receiving these articles. In case you didn't receive them or just deleted them without reading, I am going to highlight some items that attracted my interest.

Lisa Maatz, V.P. of government relations, spoke about the media outcry over Jill Abramson's firing from the New York Times position as the first female executive editor, after only three years on the job. This was supposedly because she confronted the paper's leadership after discovering the significant pay gap between her salary and her male predecessor's in both executive and managerial posi-

tions. According to Lisa Maatz, Jill "leaned in"--way in-- and was fired for her trouble. Maatz wonders about the media's lack of outrage when 44 U.S. Senators refused to even debate the Paycheck Fairness Act five weeks ago.



I also noted the item commemorating 50 years since the passage, on May 11, 1954, of Brown v. The Board of Education--a pivotal moment in the Civil Rights Movement. Chief Justice Earl Warren delivered the Supreme Court's decision in the landmark case on the issue of school desegregation. He stated, "We conclude that in the field of public education, the doctrine of separate but equal' has no place...separate educational facilities are inherently unequal."

I was interested to learn how AAUW fit into the decision of Brown v. The Board of Education, since AAUW is an organization founded on the principle of equality in education. The Washington Update said that an AAUW member, sociologist and historian Guion Griffin Johnson, spearheaded an integral plan on behalf of the AAUW North Carolina Division.

Along this line of racial equality in education, I am sure many of us were disappointed that our February Branch meeting was cancelled because of the weather. It was at this meeting that we were to hear from our own member Margaret Williams, along with three other African American teachers from that era, speak about "From the '60s to the Present." This program will definitely be rescheduled next year whenever the panel members are available. Also along this line, I watched with great interest a round-table discussion Gwen Ifill moderated on Brown v. The Board of Education the other night in which they discussed whether the goal of the desegregation of schools has been accomplished. The consensus seemed to be that "place, not race," was often the determining factor of the make-up of schools today.

Another interesting item that I read in the AAUW materials was "What Determines Failure or Success for Student Parents in Community Colleges?" As expected, the article noted that the main determinant of success is the availability of affordable child care, and the report ranked the states in percentage of community colleges providing child care. I was glad to see Maryland ranked number 3, with a total of 14 community colleges out of a total of 16 offering child care.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

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I look forward to our picnic and the opportunity for more informal conversation among our members. It is important that we know each other and develop our friendships as we work together to achieve our goals of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. I want to have a sharing time after our luncheon and the installation of officers in which each of you will have an opportunity to talk about what you like about our Branch meetings and what suggestions you have for change, as well as telling a bit about your background.

The coming year will be my last as president. I appreciate your confidence in electing me again and I hope I can do an even better job of leading the Branch in growing and accomplishing our mission. A year goes so quickly, especially as when the

severe winter weather causes cancellation of two of our 10 meetings! I do hope we have better luck for the 2014-15 year and that we can have the entire series of programs that are planned by our hardworking program planning committee.



Thanks to Louise Chatlyne for again volunteering to have our June potluck and planning meeting at her home. We have decided to move the installation of officers to the June meeting in order to give plenty of time to our charter member Mina Parsant's May program.

Have a wonderful summer--
Mary Wykes, President

Citizenship for Annais Zarate - - - - -Let Us Help

Our Branch would like to help one of our scholarship recipients, Annais Zarate, to become a United States citizen. Annais has been in the U. S. since age 3, but she is not a citizen.

Annais has received many honors and awards, and she was featured in our AAUW May newsletter. Recently, even with graduation activities, she worked at the AAUW book sale. She is graduating from the University of Maryland with a 4.0 average in the biological sciences program, and has accepted a job at the Center for Biomolecular Therapeutics. She plans to pursue a doctorate in virology and a career in biomedical research.

U.S. citizenship is required for eligibility to work for the U.S. government and for some

graduate programs, scholarships and other jobs. Filing the application for citizenship, plus fingerprinting, costs \$680. Annais needs the funds to file the application for citizenship.

Individual contributions may be sent to Terry Medlar or brought to the June planning meeting. Checks should be written to AAUW Gaithersburg and noted for Annais Zarate's citizenship application, and cash should be accompanied with a note stating the purpose. All contributions for this brilliant and deserving student's citizenship will be highly appreciated and certainly self-rewarding to those who give.



Annais Zarate - our 2013-14 scholarship recipient at the Universities at Shady Grove.

INTERBRANCH PLANS FOR THE COMING YEAR

- *Louise Chatlynne, Interbranch Representative*

The Interbranch committee has the following plans for 2014-15. Interbranch will continue to be a sponsor of the Women's Legislative Briefing and provide volunteers for the event. The Sonya Kovalesky Day will take place in November this year; the exact date has not been set. Interbranch will work with Montgomery College to support this program, which encourages middle school girls to study science and math; we will try to increase the number of girls participating. Interbranch also agreed

to look into holding voter registration sign-up stations for the fall election and also sending local candidates AAUW position papers.



Interbranch is a council of AAUW branches in Montgomery County.

AAUW OF MARYLAND ANNUAL CONVENTION

Mary Wykes, AAUW Gaithersburg president, and Terry Wykes, AAUW Gaithersburg treasurer, attended the 72nd AAUW Maryland Annual Convention at the Hampton Inn in Frederick on April 26. State officers for 2014-15 were elected. Outgoing president Pat Stocker of the Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch received accolades and a signed gift for the wonderful job

she has done as the state president the past two years. Mary Wykes was selected to serve on the state nominating committee for 2015-16. Mary's hope is that others of our Branch will serve on the state board of officers.



AAUW Gaithersburg president Mary Wykes at the Maryland Annual Convention.



Outgoing AAUW of Maryland president Pat Stocker is honored at the Maryland Annual Convention.

BOOK SALE A HUGE SUCCESS!

- *Liz Clark Hessel, Chair of Book Sales*

Our book sale was as successful as any we have had! We had many books, lots of customers, and beautiful weather. We will have at least as much money as last year to provide scholarships! Thanks to the many who worked during the sale. We were also assisted by over 20 volunteers from the public and 100 students ranging from 6th grade to college. The sorting we did throughout the year paid dividends, as it was much easier to set up and organize the books in each topic. I hope we can do more of this presorting this coming year.

In total, we sold over 600 boxes of books! On Saturday afternoon, the last day of the sale, we provided free books to about 45 families with children who are unable to afford books. The children were excited and had big smiles as they selected books to take home. After the sale was over, we also allowed schools and other nonprofits to take more than 100 boxes of books for their students and clients. Gaithersburg Elementary, Broad Acres Elementary, Twinbrook Elementary, Friends of the Library, Montgomery County Department of Health and Human Services, and Eduwatch are among the organizations that came.

A big part of our success is due to the hard work done quietly throughout the year. First, thanks to those who helped collect books during the year. Jean Kosow, Cathy Manning and Vivian Otto received many books from Asbury residents and moved them to our year-round

storage. In parallel, Barbara Brooks, Louise Chatlynne, Liz Hessel, Anna Fraker, Jane Carroll, Cathy Manning, Edie Allison, and Anita Taylor sorted books at the transfer station. Cathy Manning (fiction, literature, and children's) and Jane Carroll (foreign language) also sorted specific categories during the year, and Barbara Brooks and Liz Hessel priced the special books. Many members helped sort books on four different occasions during the year. Many carloads of excess books were taken to Wonder Book in Frederick by Louise Chatlynne, Anna Fraker, Jean Kosow, Carla Lyon, Patsy Marks, Anita Taylor and Paul Baumgarten. Publicity and advertising were done by Maria Roberts, Terry Medlar, Patsy Marks and Jean Kosow. Thanks to all who contributed in so many ways.

And last, but not least, we thank our partners--Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg Storehouse, Montgomery Department of Environmental Protection, and Moyer & Sons Moving & Storage. We couldn't do the book sale without them.

To all Branch members: We welcome your ideas on how we might change or improve the book sale next year. So, if you have an idea on how we might do something differently, please share it with Liz Hessel.



A happy customer at the Book Sale

ERRATA

In the May newsletter under "News of our Members" the departure city of the cruise that some of our members took was incorrect. It departed from Charleston, South Carolina, and not from Charleston, West Virginia.

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2014-15

Membership dues for 2014-15 are due July 1. Please send them in now so that we can start processing your renewal. Please use this form so that we have complete and up-to-date information.

Name _____

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College/University Attended & Degrees Earned

Type of Membership:

Member \$77

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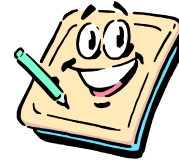
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GREAT DECISIONS

- **Vivian Otto, Coordinator**

On June 24 at 7 p.m. the Great Decisions Group will meet at Patsy Marks's home. Mary Wykes will lead the discussion on "Energy Independence: Inflated Expectations or New Opportunities?" Among the foreign policy issues discussed will be wheth-

er the U.S. is really less vulnerable to a disruption of its petroleum supply and, if so, should we reduce our global activities, especially in the Middle East?



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LITERATURE GROUP

- **Mary Wykes**



The Literature Group will meet at 10 a.m., Saturday, June 28, at the home of Cathy Brown, 442 Russell Ave. (the Villas at AMV), phone 301-987-6692, to discuss the book "A Woman's Education" by Jill Ker Con-

way. In this book, acclaimed author Jill Ker Conway describes the pleasures, the challenges, and the constant surprises (good and bad) of her years as the first woman president of Smith College. All members are welcome. The library has copies of the book.

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HER-STORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**

The June Her-story Interest Group will meet June 25, 2:30 p.m. in the Club Room at Park View on the Asbury campus. This will be a second installment of the May meeting during which we learned of women who preached their versions of the Christian gospel during the First and Second Great Awakenings in the United States (1740s - 1840s).

In June, Patsy Marks will acquaint us with Aimie Semple McPerson who became a celebrated evangelist and healer before founding the Foursquare Church in Los Angeles in 1923. As one of the first preachers to fully employ the "new" media of her day, her message reached thousands.

During this meeting we will plan for the coming year. If you want to learn about any summer activities of the Her-Story

group, contact organizer, Anita Taylor, at 240-361-3101, or at caldwelltaylor33@gmail.com. The Park View is Building 211 at Asbury, and can be found via the Odendhal entrance by driving ahead after passing the gatehouse to the second stop sign, where you turn right onto Fellowship Circle. Follow Fellowship Circle a short way where it curves left to the top of an incline. Park along the street in front or on the side of the building. From here you enter the lobby where the Club Room is on the right. Parking with the shortest walk is at the back of the building where open parking is on top of the parking garage. Enter through the back door at the chapel entrance by buzzing the receptionist, and taking the elevator down to the lobby level.

GOURMET GROUP

- **Jean Friedmann, Coordinator**

The Gourmet Group will be digesting all new food news over the summer

months, with no organized activity.

AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

NCCWSL, Univ. of Maryland, College Park	June 5-7
Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 10 - 7 p.m.
AAUW Nat'l Convention, San Diego	June 18-21
Branch Meeting	June 14 - 12 p.m.
Great Decisions	Tuesday, June 24 - 7 p.m.
Her-Story Interest Group	Wednesday, June 25 - 2:30 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, June 28 - 10 a.m.
Maryland Summer Conference, Gaithersburg	Saturday, July 19
Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 12 - 7 p.m.

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