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NEWSLETTER

June 2015

June Events

JUNE CELEBRATION!
ANNUAL POTLUCK PICNIC AND PLANNING MEETING
June 13 - 11:30 A.M

The June 13 Branch meeting will be a potluck and celebration of our past year's activities, and will be devoted also to:

1. Sharing some of everyone's favorite food as we always do during our pot-lucks
2. Getting to know new members and deepening our acquaintance with long-timers
3. Contributing ideas for programs for the meetings of 2015-16
4. Discussing tasks and opportunities for volunteering

You will note that this is a Saturday mid-day event. It's a potluck lunch/brunch. Bring your food between 11:30 and noon; begin eating at noon; the meeting begins no later than 1:15 p.m.

Join us in the Villas Community Room, which is the 400 Building at Asbury. Entrance is via Russell Avenue, and for GPS users the address is 400 Russell Avenue. Parking at this site is limited. So, **please carpool to the extent that you can.**

BOARD MEETING

June 9 - 7 P.M.

Change in Meeting Place: Sellers Library

The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will meet on June 9 at 7 p.m. Please note that, due to renovations in the Hefner Building, the usual meeting place is changed. The meeting will be in the Sellers Resource Library in the Rosborough Building at Asbury. Take the corridor to the left of the theater; the library is immediately across the corridor from the theater. Board meetings are open to all members.

There will be no Board meeting in July. An August meeting will be held if Branch business makes it needed. Follow-up announcements will be sent via e-mail in early August.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- *Mary Wykes*

As I write my last president's message, I think of how I have loved every minute of the six terms I have been either president or co-president. I am happy that I am to be succeeded by a talented newer, younger member--Heather Reichardt. I will work closely with her to pass on any institutional knowledge of our Branch which might be helpful to her. I am sure the rest of our members will do the same.

The May Branch meeting was so well attended. We welcomed four new members and had a number of guests. The program, re-scheduled from January, was fascinating. Jim Johnston, from the Maryland Historical Society, compared slavery in D.C and Maryland before the Civil War, giving us information many of us were unaware of.

We appreciated the beautiful job Marilyn Leist did in handling the installation of our new officers. We will miss her when she returns to her family in Boulder. It has been great to have her back here with us for the few years she has been CEO at Ingleside at King Farm, but we know she will be glad to get back home.

We were proud to learn that the book sale was the most successful so far. We will again be able to fund a number of scholarships and

fellowships for deserving young women as a result of the combined efforts of many members of our Branch and students seeking SSL credit from community schools. Liz Clark Hessel is commended for the fabulous job she has done to up-grade and continue improving the book sale over the years and her ability to get others to help in the monumental year-long effort.



I can't end this without saying thank you to all who remembered my birthday and attended the surprise party my son and daughter had for me on May 3. As someone recently said via a Facebook post, "I thought getting old would take longer"; but here I am 90 and can't do much about it except feel extremely grateful for my health, friendships, and all the blessings I have received over my lifetime.

Again, it has been an honor to be your president and I hope the Branch will continue to flourish in the years ahead. Women still have a lot of unmet goals and challenges and we can continue lobbying to effect them.

GREAT DECISIONS

- Vivian Otto for Coordinator Charlotte Fischer

The Great Decisions Group will meet on June 23 from 2:30 to 4 at Patsy Marks's home. Joan Read will lead the discussion on "U.S. Policy Toward Africa." We welcome all members and visitors. Come and share your knowledge about the four pillars of

U.S. Africa policy and the 2014 U.S.-Africa summit.

The group is not meeting in July or August.



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LITERATURE GROUP

- Mary Wykes



The selection for the June 27, 10:30 a.m. Literature Group will be "Martha Jefferson Randolph-- Daughter of Monticello" by Cynthia A. Kierner.

The meeting will be at the home of Mary Eaton. Light refreshments will be served. There will be no meeting

in July. The next meeting will be the last Saturday in August, at which time selections and locations for the meetings will be decided for the coming year.

HER-STORY INTEREST GROUP

- Anita Taylor, Coordinator

The Her-Story Interest Group met in late May to make plans for summer and fall. As a result, as of the newsletter print deadline, we have nothing to report about June or other summer meetings. If you would like to be a part of this group, which explores women in history from ancient times to the contemporary, be sure that the group convener has your name, e-mail or telephone or land mail contact information. That way you can be notified when the summer plans have been made.

In the past couple of years the group has met at 2:30 on the fourth Wednesday of each month, but the meeting schedule, as well as meeting focus, is revisited each year, so that may change too. Again, if you are interested in receiving this information, contact Anita Taylor.



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2015 Book Sale Huge Success - Liz Hessel, Book Sales Chair

Thanks to everyone in the Branch for their help with the Book Sale. It was a huge success – we sold more books than ever before which will mean a tidy sum of money for our scholarship fund. In addition, 45 families from the nearby area who could not afford to buy books received a free bag of books and it brought such excitement to the children who carefully selected books to take home to read!

Over the 11 days between set up and clean up, about 150 volunteers logged over 1,500 hours of time working on the various aspects of the sale at Asbury Methodist Village. This included over 40 members who volunteered about 590 hours, more than 90 school students who worked about 900 hours, and 15 community volunteers. Sorting provided a nice opportunity for fellowship among our members and a chance to get to know some of the students.

We also thank our book sale partners. We couldn't do it without them. Thanks to Asbury Methodist Village for the space and support, Gaithersburg Storehouse for year round storage, JK Moving Services for moving the books to Asbury, the City of Gaithersburg for their help with

publicity, the Montgomery County Department of Environment, and Wonder Book - who picked up the leftover books. If you see representatives from these organizations, be sure to express your appreciation.



We brought in about 1,000 boxes of books and had only 324 boxes left after the sale. Both the dealers and the community customers seem to appreciate the excellent level of sorting and organization. We attribute the improved sales to a better overall quality of books this year. As you talk to friends and neighbors over this coming year, be sure they know we accept donations year round and we would be happy to have their books, CDs and DVDs. They can contact Liz Hessel at liz@meral.com. Mark your calendar - next year's sale is May 5-7, 2016.

As you think back over the book sale, please be sure to jot down any improvement ideas you have and submit them to Liz Hessel. We believe in continuous improvement.



*Jean Kosow, Maria Roberts and Anita Taylor are prepared to help customers check out at the book sale.
Picture by Liz Clark Hessel*

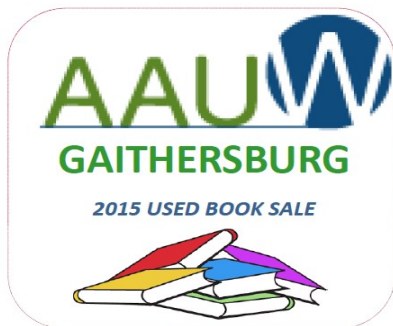
OFFICERS INSTALLED FOR 2015-16

At the May 19 Branch meeting AAUW Gaithersburg officers were installed for 2015-16. Heather Reichardt will become President as of July 1. Joining her will be Anita Taylor, returning as Co-Vice President for Program and joined by new Co-Vice President for Program Carolyn Fisher. Marilyn O'Connell returns as Vice President for Membership, Terry Medlar as Treasurer, and Jane Carroll as Corresponding Secretary. Marybeth Morsink joins the group as the new Recording Secretary.

The installation ceremony was officiated by former Branch and state president Marilyn Leist. In her opening remarks, Leist touched on some history of AAUW, its mission, the camaraderie of membership, and the opportunity of developing leadership skills. She extended plaudits to outgoing president Mary Wykes for the work she has done. Leist introduced and thanked other outgoing officers Patsy Marks, co-vice president of program, and Dorothy Camara, recording secretary. Following the review of the duties of the Board officers, Leist called upon the membership to fulfill their duty of offering the Branch officers their suggestions, collaboration and support. President-Elect Reichardt then addressed the membership, introducing her background and activities.



Heather Reichardt is installed as new Branch president.
Picture by Maria Roberts



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AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 9 - 7 p.m.
Branch Meeting	Saturday, June 13 - 11:30 a.m.
Great Decisions	Tuesday, June 23 - 2:30 p.m.
AAAUW Nat'l Convention, San Diego	June 18-21
Literature Group	June 27 - 10 a.m.
Literature Group	August 29 - 10 a.m.

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

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