



AAUW

Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

June-August 2017

June - August Events

JUNE CELEBRATION!
ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING AND POTLUCK
June 10 - 11:30 A.M.
Club Room - Park View Building - Asbury

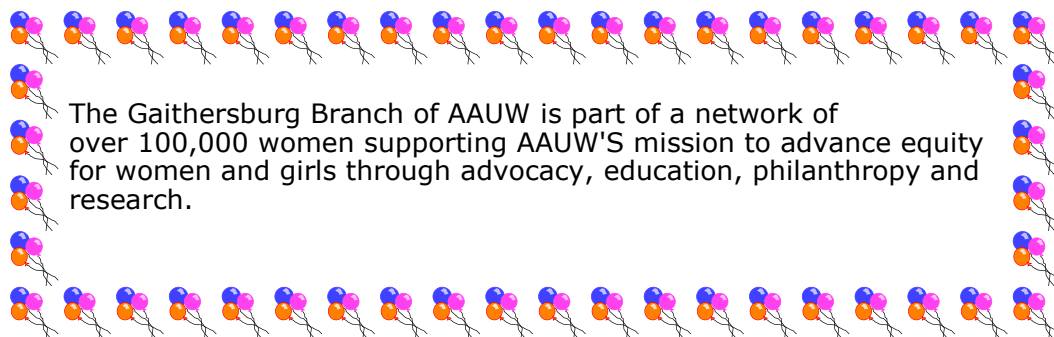
It's a picnic-like atmosphere at our annual meeting, with potluck goodies appearing and members celebrating our past year's activities, sharing friendships, getting to know newer members better, and sharing ideas for next year's program. Please make a point to join us on June 10 at 11:30 at the inviting Club Room at Park View, and bring a potluck to share. This is when we bask in our identity as women working for equity.

BOARD MEETING
June 6 (NOTE CHANGE) & August 8
7 P.M.
Community Room, Hefner Center, Asbury

The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will meet on the first Tuesday, June 6, and on the second Tuesday, August 8, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hefner Center at Asbury Village. Note that the June meeting is a week early in order to conduct business that is necessary to bring to the membership at the June 10 Branch meeting.

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- Heather Reichardt

Since we're at the end of our program year, I want to thank all members again for your support during 2016-17. As Liz Clark Hessel men-

Have a wonderful summer!

Last month we informed you of the death of Haydee Rolin. You may make donations in her memory to Women for Women International at <http://www.womenforwomen.org> or to Mary Knoll at http://maryknollsociety.org/?utm_medium=referral&utm_source=maryknoll.org.

MEMBERSHIP NEWS

- Barbara Garrard, Vice President for Membership

Two new members have joined our Branch, one returnee and one transfer.

Betty Valdes: Welcome back to Betty, a former member. Betty originally joined about eight years ago as a mentor for Goals for Girls. She has a Bachelor of Arts degree in political science and Latin American history from George Washington University, a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Arizona, and a Master of Public Policy degree from the University of Maryland. She worked for the Montgomery County government for 29 years, first as the Hispanic/Latina advisor under three county executives and then, for 18 years, as the community affairs officer at the Department of Public Libraries, retiring in 2010.

Betty is certified as a cable TV producer by MMC-TV. She is the creator, producer and host of "Que Pasa," a cable show catering to the informational needs of the Hispanic community since 1992.

Barbara Keate: Barbara was a member of the Rehoboth, Delaware, branch for 25 years, serving as treasurer and on their scholarship committee. She was raised in the D.C. area where she earned a nursing degree from Georgetown University before attending Catholic University for her bachelor and master of art degrees, she worked as a psychiatric nurse, and she raised eight children.

After 33 years in Delaware, Barbara moved to Asbury and immediately looked for the local AAUW branch to join.

Dear Members: Your AAUW membership expires on June 30. Please renew now!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2017-18

Name _____

Address _____

Telephone _____ (H) _____ (W) _____ (Cell) _____

E-mail _____

College/University Attended and Degrees Earned _____

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 _____

2017 - ANOTHER SUCCESSFUL BOOK SALE!

- **Liz Hessel, Book Sales Chair**

The book sale opened on Thursday morning, greeted by lines of book dealers and eager customers. They gobbled up great quantities of boxes and bags of book even before noon. The brisk business continued throughout the day; volunteers were busy keeping the tables neat and orderly. We were busy into the evening on Friday, and by that time virtually all the back-up boxes of books that had overflowed onto the floor were gone, having migrated to the sales tables. Saturday brought eager customers taking advantage of bag day. As the hours passed, the books flew off the tables and we could see empty table tops without books. What a difference from when we started! Overall we had between 700 and 800 customers – a great turnout.

So what did it take to make this year's sale such a success? There were over 1,500 hours of volunteer time in the two weeks surrounding the book sale! Thirty-five Branch members contributed over 600 hours of their time. We were joined by 85 middle and high school students who volunteered over 700 hours, and about 30 community adults and college students donated nearly 200 hours! This time was in addition to the hundreds of hours during the year that members spent collecting and sorting books.

We may all take pride in this great success! Financially, we came out just slightly below our best year. This great accomplishment means we will have more funds to disperse for scholarships and the other programs we support than we had last year. And, above this, we will add funds from sales of other books we have sold to Wonder Book.

How many books did we have? Probably over 30,000.

We brought about 975 boxes into the room and successfully had only about 325 left over. We sold almost all of our children's books – 165 boxes! And in many other categories, very few books remained at the end of the sale.

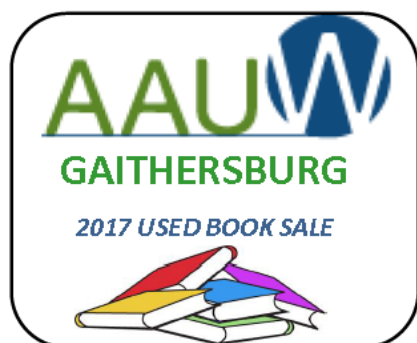


About 40 families with children who could not afford books were given free books – what excitement it gave the children. We also shared the unsold books with about a dozen non-profits for use with their customer or client base. These organizations include Identity, which works with Hispanic youth in Gaithersburg; Rockville Science Center; Friends of the Library – Germantown and Potomac; Manna Foods, which provides books to children who accompany their parents to get free food; Gaithersburg Middle School and other nearby schools.

A big thanks to everyone who helped at the book sale and during the year. Also, we sincerely appreciate our partners whose support was essential. These include Asbury Methodist Village, who provided space and on-site support; Gaithersburg Storehouse, who supplied storage space during the year; the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, who provided access to recycled books; the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, who provide a system to recruit volunteers; and the Montgomery County Public Schools, who publicize our need for student volunteers.



Thursday morning throng at the book sale



Thank you for your help!

ASBURY
Methodist Village
Anticipate More



Moyer & Sons
MOVING & STORAGE, INC.



**AND ALL OUR WONDERFUL
VOLUNTEERS!!**

**Montgomery County
VOLUNTEER CENTER**

Partners Recognition Poster designed by Heather Reichardt



Volunteer workers make the book sale a success.

GREAT DECISIONS

- **Mary Wykes**



Mary Wykes will be both host and leader for the Wednesday, June 28, 2:30 p.m., meeting at her home at 18900 Diary Road, Montgomery Village, 301-948-

6218 or 301-717-1040. Light refreshments will be served.

The topic will be "U.S. Foreign Policy and Petroleum" as presented in the Foreign Policy discussion guide by Jonathan Chanis. He currently manages New Tide Asset Management, a company focused

on global and resource consulting. He has a doctorate in political science from the Graduate School, City University of New York, and a bachelor's degree in economics from Brooklyn College. He has taught graduate and undergraduate courses on energy security, international politics, and political economy, as well as working for over 25 years in the field of commodities trading.

New members are always welcome.



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LITERATURE GROUP

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



The Literature Group will meet at the home of Jean Hirsch on Saturday, June 24, at 10 a.m. Jean will lead the discussion on the deeply impressionable book "Night" in which Elie Weisel,

relates his experience in Nazi death camps.

The group will not meet in July. In August

on the 26th at 10 a.m. we will meet at the home of Jean Young. At that time we will select next year's reading list.

Light refreshments are served at our meetings, and new members are always welcome.

HERSTORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**

The HerStory interest group decided to move our attention to remarkable modern women. Each of us will introduce a person of significance. We will begin June 7 at 2:30 p.m. at the Park View Clubroom at Asbury. Anita Taylor will review the work of Frances Oldham Kelsey. Kelsey turned university degrees in biochemistry and pharmacology into important positions where her good eye and quick thinking kept the U.S. from the sad effects that thalidomide was causing in Europe. I may bring some information about some of her contemporaries at the time.

The group also agreed not to have a regular meeting in July or August, although we may have a special meeting to remember the final years of the suffrage campaign. Then, on September 6, we'll continue studying modern women in power as Dorothy Camara tells about Aung San Suu Kyi; then on October 4 Maria Roberts will discuss Janet Yellen,

and on November 1 Mary Wykes will bring us more information about Angela Merkel. We'll not meet in December but will start the New Year on January 3.

For anyone wanting to join us, you could choose to bring more background about Sandra Day O'Connor, Ruth Bader Ginsburg, Oprah Winfrey, Christine Madeleine Odette Lagarde, Melinda Ann Gates, Theresa May, Elizabeth Warren, Maria Corazon Sumulong Cojuangco-Aquino--or any other as you choose.

As you will remember, we meet on the first Wednesday of each month at 2:30 p.m. in the Park View Clubroom at Asbury Village. Call Anita Taylor for more information.

AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

Board Meeting	Tuesday, June 6 - 7 p.m. (Change in date)
HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, June 7 - 2:30 p.m.
Branch Annual Meeting & Potluck	Saturday, June 10 - 11:30 p.m.
AAUW Nat'l Convention, Washington, D.C	June 14-17
Literature Group	Saturday, June 24 - 10 a.m.
Great Decisions	Wednesday, June 28 - 2:30 p.m.
Summer Leadership Conference, Frederick	Saturday, July 29
Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 8 - 7 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, August 26 - 10 a.m.

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