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Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

May 2016

May Events

ANNUAL MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS
MAY 17

7 P.M. HOSPITALITY - 7:30 P.M. PROGRAM
GAITHERSBURG LIBRARY - MEETING ROOM I

"Court Watch Montgomery: How This Volunteer Program
Protects Women and Children"

Speaker: Laurie Duker,
Executive Director and Co-Founder of Court Watch Montgomery

The May 17 Branch meeting at the Gaithersburg Library at 7 p.m. will first present, as speaker, Laurie Duker, executive director of Court Watch Montgomery. This is a nonprofit organization whose volunteers monitor restraining order court hearings and other proceedings to ensure that domestic violence victims are being treated properly and with respect by the county court system. Their principal goal is to "reduce domestic violence in our county and the state, as well as to improve the safety of domestic violence victims and their children by monitoring domestic violence cases and identifying problem areas and providing and promising strategies for improvement." Ms. Duker will discuss the current status of court reforms in this area as well as the group's efforts to get guns out of the hands of abusers.

After the speaker's presentation, we will have our annual business meeting during which the newly elected officers will be officially installed for the 2016-17 term. You will find the list of officers and brief biographies further in this newsletter.

BOARD MEETING
MAY 10 - 7 P.M.

The next AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors meeting will be on May 10 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hefner Building on the Asbury campus. Meetings are open to all Branch members.

PLEASE HELP WITH THE BOOK SALE. CALL MARILYN AT 301-926-2725 OR BARBARA AT 301-330-2107.

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PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

This is it: BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE! BOOK SALE! I'm looking forward to assisting with the final preparations and doing some shopping, as well! Liz Hessel and her team are doing a phenomenal job again this year in organizing this monumental task. The Branch, national AAUW and our local community all benefit greatly from the work that we do with the book sale. I cannot say enough "thank yous" to express my gratitude for all the hard work that goes on throughout the year to make the book sale a great success. Please make time to get to Asbury to help sort, stack, supervise or collect money. And encourage all your friends to stop by for some good deals.

Also, on your reading list should be AAUW's report "Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership." This report looks at the underlying reasons women still do not hold the

highest positions in many areas, including in politics and business. The full report and a summary can be downloaded from the website <http://.aauw.org/research/barriers-and-bias>. I hope everyone takes a look at this meaningful report.



Finally, I want to thank all members for having confidence in my leadership by electing me to another term. I look forward to serving for a new year alongside other Board members, both returning and new. Please feel free to give your feedback to me or any of the other Board members. We are here to serve you as best as we can as we all work toward equity for women and girls.



Gaithersburg Branch past president Mary Wykes and current president Heather Reichardt represented AAUW and the Montgomery County Commission for Women at the Senior Forum at Asbury Village on April 8.

MEET THE OFFICERS FOR 2016-17

At the April 19 Branch meeting the following officers were elected for the 2016-17 term.

President

Heather Reichardt has been president of AAUW Gaithersburg for the past year. She serves also on the Montgomery County Commission for Women, as well as working with the AAUW Lobby Corps and taking a lively interest in activities related to her profession. After 25 years with Marriott International as director of lodging and property tax, she is now director for property tax, hospitality, state and local tax and advisory for the Altus Group U.S. Inc. where she covers property tax management and analysis of real estate tax assessment values. She has a bachelor's degree in business administration concentrating on real estate and economics from American University, and she has a master's in institutional real estate from Johns Hopkins University.

Co-Vice President for Program

Carolyn Fisher has been the co-vice president for program for the past year. She also serves as the STEM chair and is a member of AAUW's Lobby Corps. She has 16 years of experience in scientific research and writing, having written meeting summaries for several institutes of the National Institutes of Health, as well as progress reports and funding proposals. She also has edited scientific manuscripts and coordinated and performed biological research. Carolyn is interested in informal STEM education and outreach. She is currently a STEM specialist-in-the-classroom volunteer for Montgomery and Prince George's counties and routinely serves as a science-fair judge in the public school system. Carolyn periodically reviews fellowship applications for Graduate Women in Science and serves as an abstract reviewer for scientific and professional organizations that she supports. She has a doctoral degree from the University of Iowa.

Co-Vice President for Program

Marilyn O'Connell is finishing four years as co-vice president for membership, seeing in a growth in membership. She graduated from the University of Maryland with a bachelor of science degree in business administration. She worked in the personnel department of American Airlines for several years. She was active in the Auxiliary of Good Samaritan Hospital in Babylon, Long Island, organizing fundraising events. When her children were school-age, she worked at Diamond Elementary School in Gaithersburg as a math aide, testing children in the ISM Program, then later oversaw the math program.

Vice President for Membership

Barbara Garrard joined AAUW about a year ago after attending a lecture and learning about the book sale

and our scholarships for women. She then became involved in sorting books and she worked at the 2015 book sale. She earned a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from Fairleigh Dickinson University. She was employed as a federal contractor before working for 25 years for the Montgomery County government managing the data center, network and data security teams. She is a past president and current board member of the Montgomery County Retired Employees' Association and past board member and database administrator for a Washington area genealogy society.

Treasurer

Terry Medlar has been the Branch treasurer for the past three years following her stepping in as acting treasurer in mid-term when the then treasurer resigned. Before that, she was co-president for a year, and she was also a member of the AAUW Lobby Corps. During her term as treasurer, she has done a great deal of work updating the treasurer's records. Terry is a retired software engineer and has a bachelor of arts degree in mathematics from the College of Mount Saint Vincent.

Recording Secretary

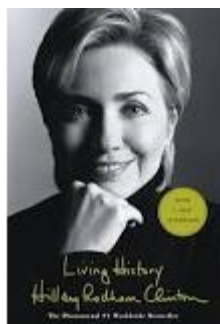
Marybeth Morsink has been recording secretary for this past year. She joined AAUW out of respect and conviction for AAUW principles and advocacy for women's rights. Born in Japan of missionary parents, she grew up on Long Island, New York. She earned a bachelor of arts degree from Wheaton College in Illinois, a master of religious education degree from what is now the New York Theological Seminary, and a master's degree in social work from New York University. She was a professor of social work at the Beirut College for Women in Lebanon, followed by employment by UNICEF in community development, also in Lebanon. Later, in Switzerland, she was a consultant at the United Nations High Commission for Refugees, establishing counseling services in major capitals in Africa. After retirement, she represented Consumers International at the United Nations in Geneva, promoting legislation guaranteeing women's rights.

Corresponding Secretary

Jane Carroll has served as corresponding secretary for the past three years. Prior to that, and almost immediately after joining the Gaithersburg Branch, she became active with book sorting and collecting books for the book sale. She is a graduate of Smith College, where she earned a bachelor of arts degree in sociology, and she is also a graduate of Boston University's graduate program in deaf education. She did editorial work at the Yale University Press, then at the Yale library. She was managing editor for the World Bank prior to her retirement.

BOOK SALE

- **Liz Hessel, Book Sales Chair**



Excitement is growing for our book sale. A silent auction will be conducted to sell a signed copy of Hillary Clinton's memoir, *Living History*. The auction will end on Saturday afternoon. *Living History* is Clinton's revealing memoir of her life through the White House years. The book will be on display in the Special Books section at the front of the room. Anyone can

bid on it. So, if you are interested in owning a signed Hillary Clinton biography, stop by and place your bid! Please let your friends know about this unique opportunity.

Many hundreds of hours have gone into preparing for the book sale. As you read this, we are deeply involved in final preparations. We have an excellent collection of books in great condition.

These books include children's books, as well as a wide array of other topics. If you have any free time, drop in and see how you can help us with the final tasks of sorting or displaying books, or perhaps working a shift as cashier. And don't forget to take some time to shop.



Up to one hundred students are likely to volunteer during the sale. Their help is very important in our success. It is helpful to have an adult work with groups of students, so please spend at least one or more shifts during the weekends when we have large numbers of student volunteers.

We look forward to a great book sale so that we can help more deserving students with scholarships next fall!

MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL 2016-17

Membership dues for the July 1 through June 30 year are now payable. You may use this form so that we have complete and up-to-date information.

Name _____

Address _____

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

Email _____

College/University Attended & Degrees Earned _____

Type of Membership:

- Member \$77 _____
- Life Member \$26 _____
- Dual Member \$18 _____
- Honorary Member \$0 _____

(\$46 of the national AAUW portion of the dues is tax deductible as a charitable contribution.)

Make your check payable to AAUW Gaithersburg and mail it to Marilyn O'Connell, Vice President for Membership,

Do you want your newsletter sent to you only by email? _____ Yes _____ No

BUDGET FOR 2016-17

Treasurer Terry Medlar presented the following budget for 2016-17 to the Board of Directors at their April meeting.

The Board accepted the budget and will present it for approval by the membership at the May 17 Branch meeting.

AAUW Gaithersburg Operational Account Proposed 2016-17 Budget

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

Item	2016 Budget	Actuals as of 4/1/16	2017 Budget	
INCOME				
Membership Income	\$1,026.00	\$1,080	\$1,170	Based on 65 members
Donations	\$70.00	\$0	\$70	
Member Directory Ads	\$100.00	\$0.00	\$0	Advertising for 2013-14 Member Directory 2016 - 2017
TOTAL INCOME	\$1,196.00		\$1,240	
EXPENSES				
Newsletter	\$300.00	\$250	\$300	Printing (\$20) and postage for 9 Newsletters
Meeting Rent	\$360.00	\$257	\$360	Montgomery County Library at \$60 x 6 meetings
Insurance	\$236.00	\$185	\$236	Liability for Branch + 1/3 of Dishonesty Ins.
Interbranch Dues	\$33.00	\$0	\$80	
Hospitality	\$100.00	\$82	\$100	
Bank Fee		\$0		Check order
Member Directory	\$100.00	\$0	\$100	Estimated cost for Directory printing (\$84 in 2010)
AAUW Promotional Material		\$0		
Quicken for new treasurer			\$64	
Donations		\$0		
Programs	\$100.00	\$58	\$100	
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$1,196.00		\$1,240	
Membership \$1582				
Special Projects \$10898				

AAUW PUBLIC POLICY, MARYLAND LEGISLATIVE AGENDA FOR WOMEN, AND THE MARYLAND LEGISLATURE

- Louise Chatlynne, Public Policy Co-Vice President, AAUW of Maryland

AAUW has been pushing hard for equal pay for equal work. In Maryland, AAUW has worked with the Maryland Legislative Agenda for Women to push this, as well as other, legislation. The Maryland Legislature has come to an end for the season, leaving us with some successes and some failures. The Equal Pay for Equal Work bill did pass. In 2016 women make an average of 78 cents on the dollar for doing the same work as men. Senate Bill 481, which passed, puts sunlight on this. Employees cannot now be penalized for discussing salaries, thus revealing pay disparities and allowing women to demand their fair share.

The Maryland Healthy Working Families bill did not pass. This bill would have mandated that employers with at least 15 workers provide paid sick leave. The bill will be reintroduced next session. The Rape Survivors Protection Act would have allowed the mother of a child conceived by rape to petition the court to disallow the father from having a say in anything to do with the child, such as parental visits. This failed at the last minute. It, too, will be reintroduced next session.

GREAT DECISIONS

- **Charlotte Fischer, Coordinator**



The Great Decisions Group will meet at the home of Patsy Marks at 727 Regent Court, Gaithersburg, on Tuesday, May 24, from 2:30 to 4. The topic to be discussed

will be "International Immigration" led by Judy Wymer. Refreshments will be served before the discussion.



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LITERATURE GROUP

- **Mary Wykes**



The Literature Group will meet at the home of Mary Eaton, on Saturday, May 28, at 10 a.m., to discuss "Mr. and Mrs. Madison's War--America's First Couple and the Second War for Independence" by Hugh Howard.

An excerpt from the Kerkus Reviews says, "Skillful history of the War of 1812 and an entertaining portrait of the era's first couple and the social life of the young nation's elite--written largely from the point of view of President Madison and Dolley, the most popular first lady before Eleanor Roosevelt."

When contacting the library to try to obtain a copy today, April 16, I was

told that they have none in the Montgomery County system but will go outside to Prince George's or Harford counties to obtain a copy for me, which may take 10 days.

Light refreshments will be served before our discussion. All members are welcome even if they haven't had an opportunity to read the book. Come and enjoy shared fellowship with other members.

President
Heather Reichardt

Co-Vice Presidents for Program
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Vice President for Membership
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Recording Secretary
Marybeth Morsink

Corresponding Secretary
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AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

BOOK SALE	May 5-7 (Asbury Day May 4)
Board Meeting	Tuesday, May 10 - 7 p.m.
Branch Meeting & Installation of Officers	Tuesday, May 17 - 7 p.m.
Great Decisions	Tuesday, May 24 - 2:30 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, May 28 - 10 a.m.
NCCWSL, Univ. of Maryland, College Park	June 2-4

The American Association of University Women
Gaithersburg Branch
437 Fellowship Circle
Gaithersburg, MD 20877