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NEWSLETTER

May 2018

May Events

BRANCH ANNUAL BUSINESS MEETING AND INSTALLATION OF OFFICERS

Tuesday, May 22 (Note change in date)
7 P.M. Hospitality - 7:30 P.M. Program
Meeting Room 3 - Gaithersburg Library

Election Preparations Margaret Jurgensen, Montgomery Board of Elections

The primary election in Maryland on June 26 is fast approaching, and our speaker for our May 22 Branch meeting will help us prepare for it. Margaret Jurgensen, election director for the Montgomery County Board of Elections, will give us information about "Election Preparations." Stressing the importance of being prepared, she will explain what the institution of the Board of Elections does to get ready and what a voter should do to be prepared to vote.

Please plan to join us for this timely presentation and be sure to invite your friends to come to learn about the election process in Montgomery County and the role that we each play in that process.

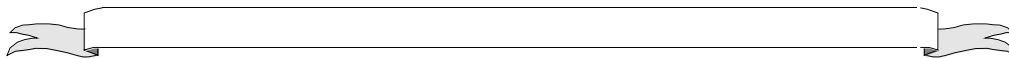
Following Jurgensen's talk, there will be a vote on the budget for 2018-19 and then the ceremony installing officers of the Board of Directors for 2018-19.

BOARD MEETING May 8 - 7 P.M. Conference Room, Hefner Center, Asbury

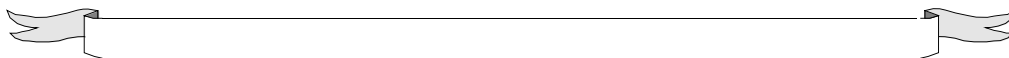
The AAUW Gaithersburg Board of Directors will meet on Tuesday, May 8, at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room of the Hefner Center at Asbury Village. Board meetings are open to all members.

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Its time to renew your membership. See page 4.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

Dear Members and Friends,

I have a plain and simple message for this month that boils down to two words: Thank you. I don't say this enough, but I am so grateful for the many things and the people associated with AAUW. Here's my short list (it could go on and on...):

- Thank you to the Executive Board, without whom we would not have our brilliant Branch meetings and accomplish our regular business.
- Thank you to Dorothy Camara and Qing Jiang, without whose efforts you would not be reading this newsletter.
- Thank you to Liz Hessel for organizing a fundraising book sale that positively impacts an incredibly large swath of our community.
- Thank you to all the members and friends who faithfully volunteer at the book sale.
- Thank you to Louise Chatlynne for keeping the lines of communication flowing with her email notices.

- Thank you to the members who bring tasty treats to our meetings.
- Thank you to the members who make contributions above and beyond their dues.
- Thank you to Anita Taylor, Jean Young and Mary Wykes for their coordination and leadership of our Great Decisions, Literature, and HerStory discussion groups.



In other words, I am thankful for all of you who continue to support me, the Board, the Branch, the community and each other. AAUW Gaithersburg is a wonderful place to be.



The meeting of the Maryland State Convention at the Catonsville campus of the Community College of Baltimore County on April 14. The theme of the convention was "Moving Forward with Focus, Relevance, Impact." President Heather Reichardt represented the Gaithersburg Branch.



Dian Belanger of the Rockville-Kensington Branch, Deborah Vagins, new senior vice president for public policy and research at AAUW national, and Gaithersburg Branch president Heather Reichardt at the Maryland State Convention. Vagins presented to the convention an AAUW update and a view of strategic plans. Other speakers talked on ageist and sexist stereotypes and a public policy update.

Just Joking**EXHAUSTION OF A BOOK SALE CASHIER****- Dorothy Camara**

Being a cashier at the book sale can get intense and exhausting. When I start giving back the customer's own \$20 bill as change for an \$8 purchase, I know I'm getting tired. I give a senior citizen discount when asked for one on Asbury Day, and I know I'm getting even more tired. A good-looking male customer asks if I would check him out. I say, "Sure--you're a hunk," and I know I'm approaching

exhaustion.

But after counting his books, I mix up the letters for the DVD items and ask another nice man if I could see his BVDs, then I know that, if the morality of AAUW is to survive, I'd better quit now and go home!

**THE AAUW 2018 BOOK SALE****- Liz Hessel, Chair of Book Sales**

Your many hours of hard work over the past year resulted in another successful book sale. A little snow slowed us down slightly on the first day, but a record crowd on Saturday cleared out many books. Sales were near last year's level. The final tally is not complete since we are still counting expenses. But we will have significant funds for scholarships again this year!

Thanks to everyone who helped in sorting, displaying, cashiering, cleaning up, and moving out leftover books. We also thank the high school and college volunteers, and the adult volunteers from the community. And we could not do the sale without the cooperation of our partners, Asbury Methodist Village, Moyer's Moving and Transit, the Montgomery County Department of Environmental Protection, the Montgomery County Volunteer Center, and Wonder Book and Video. Be sure to convey your appreciation to representatives from these organizations.

With our sale, we aim also to promote literacy in the community by sharing books with those who find it difficult to afford them. About 30 of these families selected a bag of books. And we gave over 700 books to community nonprofit

organizations. These included South Lake and Germantown elementary schools, Gaithersburg Middle School, Friends of the Library at Potomac and Germantown, and Books to Prisons. In addition, throughout the year we give boxes of books to Manna Foods to distribute to needy families who go there for food.



Before the book sale fades from memory, would you help give us ideas on how to improve.

- Ask yourself, what did you see that needs improvement?
- How could we do this better, faster, smarter next year?
- What could I help with over the next year?

Please send your ideas to Liz Hessel

2018-19 Proposed Budget. Treasurer Edie Allison submits the proposed AAUW Gaithersburg budget for 2018-19 for approval by the membership at the May 22 Branch meeting. The proposed budget was approved for submission to the membership by the Board of Directors at its April 10 meeting.

Draft Membership and Operating Account Budget 2018-2019				
Item	2016-2017 Actuals	2017-2018 Budget	Proposed Budget 2018-2019	Notes
INCOME				
Membership Income	882	900	\$ 936	Assumes 52 members, same as prior year
Donations	0	70	\$ 20	
Member directory ads	0	0		
Unspent from Prior Year		226		
TOTAL INCOME	882	1196	956	
EXPENSES				
Newsletter	276	300	\$ 200	Printing and 100 stamps
Meeting Room Rent	240	240	\$ 240	MC Library \$40 x 6 meetings
Insurance	385	252	\$ 385	Annual Branch Liability + 3-yr Dishonest Acts Liability
Interbranch Dues	0	0		
Hospitality	0	50	\$ 66	Supplies, not donated
Bank Fees	0	0		
Member Directory	0	100		
Promotional Material	0	0		
Donations	0	0		
Programs	173	200	\$ 65	Speaker gifts
TOTAL EXPENSES	1074	1142	\$ 956	
Edith Allison, Treasurer				

IT'S TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP FOR 2018-19

Your AAUW membership expires on June 30. There are various ways you may renew for 2018-19.

Respond to AAUW national's personalized email sent to you on April 8 (memberinfo@aapg.org) which allows you to renew by credit card with one click.

Pay online by going to the AAUW website, logging onto the Member Services Database and selecting the Membership Payment Program, MPP.

Send your check to Edie Allison, Treasurer, 11224 Troy Road, Rockville MD 20852

Dues for membership types are:

- Member \$87 (\$56 tax deductible as a charitable contribution)
- Life member \$28
- Dual member \$18
- Honorary member \$0

GREAT DECISIONS

- **Mary Wykes, Coordinator**



Judy Sholes will be the hostess and discussion leader. "Media and Foreign Policy." The study guide article is written by Susan D. Moeller, professor of media and international affairs at the University of Maryland, College Park, and the director of the International Center for Media & the Public Agenda, a research center that bridges the Philip Mer-

rill College of Journalism and the School of Public Policy. Light refreshments will be served. New members are always welcome. The date of the meeting is Wednesday, May 23, at 2:30 p.m.



LITERATURE GROUP

- **Mary Wykes for Coordinator Jean**

The next meeting of the Literature group will be at the home of Mary Eaton, at 10 a.m., Saturday, May 26. Mary will lead the discussion of the highly acclaimed biography, "Clementine; The Life of Mrs. Winston Churchill" by Sonia Purnell.

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

HER-STORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**



May 2 brings us AAUW's HerStory monthly meeting. Patsy Marks tells us more than most of us know about what Elizabeth Warren has brought us. We should come to the session to learn those things. Our June 6 meeting doesn't have a set meeting topic yet; we will decide the June (and later meetings) topic at the May meeting—another reason you need to be there in May. We have talked of at least two possibilities: Will we turn to the stories in Joanna L. Stratton's *Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier*? Or to the women who developed the modern MeToo movement? Or, should we look to other prominent "modern" women—for example, Theresa May of England or Sheila Johnson of BET and other fame, or see my last paragraph here. Come help us decide.

As usual, we will meet in the Park View Club Room (211 Building on Asbury campus). Call (or write) Anita Taylor for information

Oh, and in case you haven't noticed, recently we have lost some remarkable modern women. Not only is Barbara Bush now gone, but we have also lost Ursula K. LeGuin, notable linguist and science fiction writer; Yvonne Staples, a remarkable voice and business organizer; Anna Chennault, writer, business executive and Washington hostess who became a Republican Party activist and one of Richard Nixon's primary influences in his opening relations with China. These women, among others, might be of interest as we study the prominent women of our current history.

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AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, May 2 - 2:30 p.m.
Board of Directors	Tuesday, May 8 - 7 p.m.
Branch Annual Business Meeting & Officer Installation	Tuesday, May 22 - 7 p.m.
Great Decisions	Wednesday, May 23 - 2:30 p.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, May 26 - 10 a.m.
NCCWSL, Univ. of Maryland College Park	Wednesday, May 30 - Saturday, June 2
HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, June 6 - 2:30 p.m.

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