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NEWSLETTER

June— August 2018

June— August Events

BRANCH ANNUAL PLANNING MEETING & POTLUCK

Saturday, June 9 - 11:30 A.M.

Life Style Room, Diamond Building, Asbury Village

We are ready to celebrate another year of accomplishment and camaraderie at our Annual Planning Meeting and Potluck. This is a fun time and a stimulating time. We feature good food as we celebrate ourselves, look forward to the future, and honor our surprise AAUW Fund Honorees who have been conspicuous in the past year for their contribution to the Branch.

Bring your merry selves, some food to share, and your ideas.

Need directions? Enter Asbury Village campus at 301 Odendhal Avenue. After passing the gatehouse, go right at the stop sign to the Hefner Center (Building 417), which is on your right. Walk straight back from the Hefner entrance and take the elevator at your right to the ground floor. Turn left and walk through the bistro. Go down the corridor at the right. (You are now in the Diamond Building, though it may not be apparent.) Take the next corridor, again to the right. The second door on the right is the Life Style Room.

BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, June 5 - 7 P.M. (Change in Date!)

Tuesday, August 13 - 7 P.M.

Conference Room, Hefner Center, Asbury

The AAUW Board of Directors meeting will meet on Tuesday, June 5, and August 13 at 7 p.m. in the Conference Room at the Hefner Center of Asbury Village. Branch members are welcome to participate.

Please note that the June 5 Board meeting is one week earlier than usual so that it will precede the Branch meeting.

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It is time to renew your membership now for 2018-19.



PRESIDENT'S MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

As I write, I am thinking about our May and June meetings. Both are always special. In May (which, by the time you read this, you will have attended), we install next year's officers; and in June we have a fun potluck picnic meeting to close out the year. I really enjoy the installation ceremony that AAUW suggests we follow. And I feel honored and privileged to serve one more year as your president.

JUNE 2018 = VOTING 2 TIMES!

No, I don't mean "vote early and vote often...."

Yes, the Maryland primary election is at the end of this month. I know everyone will diligently cast your vote for our local and state elections either in person or by mail.

And, for your second vote, AAUW is also having an election. We will vote on three Bylaws changes proposed by the AAUW Board of Directors. These are very serious changes that you need to consider. Since it is difficult to summarize the issues, I direct you to either the AAUW website or to the most recent Outlook magazine. I hope everyone has already reviewed the descriptions for the proposed changes and placed your votes. If not, please note that voting ends at 9 p.m. on June 9 and the deadline to order a paper ballot has passed. You will need to vote online. The issues are:

- PROPOSAL 1. Shall AAUW implement a staggered-term model for the AAUW Board of Directors that includes directors serving for three years per term, with four elected and

one appointed each year?

- PROPOSAL 2. Shall the AAUW Bylaws be amended to allow up to five nonmembers of AAUW to be members of the AAUW Board of Directors?

- PROPOSAL 3. Shall the AAUW Bylaws be amended to eliminate the degree requirement for membership in AAUW?



If you do not have a computer, please contact a friend or member who does to make sure your voice is heard. This is your vote!

I am looking forward to seeing everyone at our June meeting and sampling lots of delicious offerings from everyone who attends! We will have a wrap-up discussion. The Board and I are eager to hear from you regarding what you liked over this past year and what your suggestions are for the upcoming year.

Unfortunately, I will not see you at our June meeting, and I will miss sampling the delicious offerings from everyone who does attend. There will be a wrap-up discussion, and the Board will be eager to hear about what you liked over the past year and what suggestions you have for the upcoming year.

Have a great summer and stay cool!

REMEMBERING JEAN FRIEDMANN

- *Mary Wykes*

Our dear friend and colleague, Jean Friedmann, died on May 6 as a result of an automobile accident in Spartanburg, South Carolina, while visiting her daughter Tara Anderson.

My first knowledge of the tragic accident came when I saw a post of long-ago photos on Mother's Day of her with her daughter Tara, and then another with a baby. It was at a time when everyone was posting retrospective photos of themselves with their mothers and I thought nothing of it until I started reading further about her having been in an auto accident and not recovering. I was very busy getting ready for Mother's Day and also my 93rd birthday and it didn't register at first. But then, with more awareness, I tried to reject it as a bad dream. Nevertheless, I started checking Internet obituary sites in South Carolina and Maryland, finding nothing. Then Jean Hirsch's husband, Roland, found in the Frederick Post a notice of an auto accident in South Carolina in late April which claimed the life of an 83-year-old Frederick woman, Jean Friedmann. Then I knew it was for real. I called Jean's long-time friend from the Rockville-Kensington Branch, Dian Belanger. Dian, not having heard anything, contacted Jean's son and now heard the details.

Dian and Jean's friendship date to the 70's when they were docents at the Smithsonian and car-pooled together from Rockville. Through Dian, Jean joined the Rockville-Kensington Branch of AAUW. After she and Paul moved to Frederick, rather than joining the Frederick Branch, she joined the larger and more active Gaithersburg Branch. I knew her very well through our Gourmet Group. She and Paul were active members for many years and we had great times at their home and at several interesting restaurants in Frederick.

Jean helped with the book sale every year and just this year on the Friday of the sale, after we had all worked our shifts, Jean, Diane Carvey, Liz Clark Hessel and I had a wonderful long lunch at Mythos on Stouffer School Road. Lunch ended when Jean looked out the window and saw heavy snow falling, and she left quickly to get back to Frederick. Escaping a freak late March snowstorm was the last time we saw her.

Jean's children have planned a memorial service for her at the Lakelands Community Center, 960 Main Street, Gaithersburg, from 2-4 on Saturday, June 23. That is where she had the service for both her son Paul Fleming and her husband Paul Friedmann within the past couple of years.

The family has asked that, in lieu of flowers, if friends wish to make a contribution in her memory, it be to Planned Parenthood or the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund--two of her favorite organizations.

ELECTION RESULTS



At the April 24 Branch meeting the following officers of the Board of Directors were elected for the 2018-19 year: Heather Reichardt, president; Marilyn O'Connell

and Judy Sholes, co-vice presidents for program; Anna Fraker, Patsy Marks and Mary Wykes, co-vice presidents for membership;

Edie Allison, treasurer; and Barbara Garrard, secretary.

Formal installation of these officers was at the May 22 Branch meeting and they assume their term on July 1, 2018.

RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP NOW

Your AAUW membership expires on June 30, so renew now for 2018-19. Continue hearing informative speakers. Take part with other active women in the Lobby Corps, or one of our study groups, or working on our book sale. You receive a monthly newsletter, interact with other impressive women who come from a diversity of career fields, and you have a chance to assume leadership.

Choose how you wish to renew in any of these ways:

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 life member \$0

A whole world of women and girls rely on your support!

WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY

August 26 celebrates the 1920 adoption of the 19th Amendment to the U.S. Constitution, which gives women the right to vote.

But, beyond this, it celebrates women's organizations throughout the country who work toward equal opportunity in education and employment.

Reaching this goal took decades of struggle on the part of women. Be proud that you and AAUW Gaithersburg are a direct line in upholding that tradition.

Amendment XIX

The right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any state on account of sex.



(Ratified August 18, 1920. Became law August 26, 1920.)

GREAT DECISIONS

- **Mary Wykes, Coordinator**



The next meeting of the Great Decisions Group will be at the home of Vivian Otto on Wednesday, June 27, at 2:30 p.m., .

The timely topic for discussion will be "Turkey: a Partner in Crisis," as written in our Foreign Policy study guide by Omar Tospinar, He is a professor in the National War College, a nonresident at

the Brookings Institute and author of several books on the subject.

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

There will be no meetings in July and August. The group will resume meeting on September 26 with the topic "U.S. Global Engagement and the Military."

LITERATURE GROUP

- **Mary Wykes for Coordinator Jean Young**



The Literature Group will meet at the home of Jean Young on Saturday at 10 a.m., June 23. There will be no meeting in July or August.

For the June 23 meeting members are asked to bring two recommendations for our reading list for next year, which begins in September. and to give a brief review and comments as to why they would like their selections discussed. The group then will select

which of the two offerings they wish to read. Hosts and discussion leaders for each month's meeting for the coming year will also be assigned.

This is a wonderful time for new members interested in being part of a lively book club to join.

HER-STORY INTEREST GROUP

- **Anita Taylor, Coordinator**



Patsy Marks's presentation on Elizabeth Warren was postponed at our last meeting and will now be presented at our June 6 meeting at 2:30 in the Club Room of the Park View Building at Asbury. We will not meet in July or August.

Next year we will focus on the list of important women that Judy Sholes made available. On September 5, we start with Anna Fraker telling us about Carrie Chapman Catt and Anita Taylor introducing Alice Paul. The timing is close since we will have just passed the 99th anniversary of national suffrage for women in the U.S. These two women actually put together the final story of how American women almost earned suffrage (assuming we leave out many African American women).

For the rest of the year, Jean Hirsch will talk about Elizabeth Blackwell and Mary

Edwards Walker, Maria Roberts will discuss Zora Neale Hurston, Dorothy Camara will do Fannie Lou Hamer, and Mary Wykes will bring us information about Frida Kahlo. Jean Hirsch will lead us in re-exploring Harriet Tubman on a different occasion. We are hoping someone will re-introduce us to the notable Charlotte Perkins Gilman and Lisa Meitner. Some other possibilities are for us to meet the women who developed the modern MeToo movement or perhaps look to other prominent contemporary women---for example, Theresa May of England or Sheila Johnson of BET and of other fame. Come help us decide. Call or write Anita Taylor for information.

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AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events

Board Meeting (Change in date)	Tuesday, June 5 - 7 p.m.
HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, June 6 - 2:30 p.m.
Branch Meeting & Potluck	Saturday, June 9 - 11:30 a.m.
Literature Group	Saturday, June 23 - 10 a.m.
Great Decisions	Wednesday, June 27 - 2:30 p.m.
AAUW of Md. Summer Leadership Conference, Bel Air, MD	Saturday, July 21
Board Meeting	Tuesday, August 13 - 7 p.m.
WOMEN'S EQUALITY DAY	Sunday, August 26
HerStory Interest Group	Wednesday, September 5 - 2:30 p.m.

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