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## Gaithersburg Branch

NEWSLETTER

April 2020

### April Events

BOOK SALE POSTPONED!

OTHER CANCELLATIONS

Taking every precaution regarding the coronavirus, we are postponing the book sale that was to take place this month. We will postpone it hopefully to this autumn.

The monthly branch meeting, which was originally planned not to be held in April so that we could work on the book sale, will of course not be held. Also, the April meeting of the board of directors is cancelled. See inside for notes on the special interest groups.

As you stay at home to protect yourself and others, keep in mind what columnist Kathleen Parker points out: When Shakespeare was quarantined during the plague he wrote "King Lear." Do your best.

#### Renew Your Membership for the July 2020 to June 2021 Year

In April, AAUW will send you an email inviting you to renew your membership and providing a convenient link that allow you to renew without having to log into the AAUW site. Online dues payment is requested; it will help your treasurer avoid trips to the bank to deposit checks. If you do not receive an email from AAUW, perhaps because your membership has lapsed, the email went into your spam folder, or an outdated email is listed with AAUW, contact Edie Allison at 301-231-0109 or edieallison<at>Comcast<dot>net.

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## TEMPORARY PRESIDING OFFICER'S MESSAGE

- *Heather Reichardt*

Greetings everyone. I am the Temporary Presiding Officer for March and April. This is a difficult message to write. There is not much to preside over during the current coronavirus pandemic crisis that we are all living through.

Our branch activities, including the March meeting and the April book sale, have been suspended. We don't know if additional meetings and events will be cancelled either by our choice or on order of the government. The Maryland AAUW and National AAUW have cancelled events, as well. We are all sticking very close to home. As I write today, the County Executive may issue a 'stay at home' order. Our interest groups may be able to meet, if only outside of Asbury.

Looking toward the future, we hope to have a May branch meeting where we will install our new officers. And we will plan for our annual June brunch meeting, this year with our March speaker rescheduled. As you may have seen in an email, we are looking to schedule the book sale at Asbury in the early Fall. We are still waiting for confirmation on a set of dates that would work.

AAUW Maryland has rescheduled the state convention for June 27 in Annapolis. At least now it will not conflict with our meetings. I encourage everyone to attend if you are able.

We do have some branch business that must get done regardless of the lack of in-person meetings:

1. voting on our slate of officers for next year, and
2. approving the branch operating budget.

We will send out an email to all members that will include a survey link that will record every-

one's votes. Please keep an eye out for the email message and link and reply with the survey as soon as you can.



I wish I had some great ideas for things to do while sequestered during a pandemic. I am still working every day, thanks to the current state of internet technology. I can communicate with any colleague throughout the country without even using the phone or sending an email. If you are crafty and creative, I guess you have a lot of time to make new things. My daughter has already reconstructed/updated two pieces of clothing – they look very fashionable! Or you can try some new recipes! I bet many books will be read in the next month or so.

We also need to think about how to help others who may be suffering during this crisis. Thank you in advance if you are able to contribute to a local hunger or housing organization that can help others in the community.

Let's all keep each other in our thoughts and prayers to be safe and stay healthy throughout this crisis. Please keep communication going and let others know how you are doing. Feel free to contact me or other board members via email or phone. I REALLY look forward to seeing everyone as soon as we can get together again!

## PATHWAY TO RATIFICATION - APRIL 1920

- *Dorothy Camara*

*Continuing our series on the pathway to ratification of the 19th Woman Suffrage Amendment, 100 years ago this month we find the focus on Delaware.*

Delaware lost its chance to make history by failing to ratify the Woman Suffrage Amendment by becoming the 36th state needed for the Amendment to become the law of the land. Although the Delaware Senate ratified the Amendment, the House killed it by failing to ratify.

Suffragists were particularly active in Delaware. Keenly aware of past strong disapproval of

woman suffrage which saw the previous speaker of the House kidnapped and held captive in the basement of a Dover tavern until the vote for suffrage was taken, now this month the suffragists were falsely encouraged by the fact that the governor had given up his strong opposition. With the Delaware defeat, the suffragists now plan an intense campaign in Tennessee, seeing Tennessee as the do-or-die state for the success of woman suffrage.



## LETTERS FROM SCHOLARSHIP RECIPIENTS

Dear AAUW Gaithersburg,

Thank you so much for gifting me this generous scholarship in my time of need....

I'm a Computer Science Major. I've been programming since the seventh grade, and interested in computers and technology (especially video games) since I was about 3 years old. Somewhere along the line, I realized what I wanted to do is develop video games, especially VR/AR games. I would also be happy developing software that would impact the medical world as well. I intend to transfer to UMBC and major in computer science with a concentration in game development and minor in Japanese. Before and

after my senior year I want to work at a game development company in Japan, and intern at a local one after getting my associate's degree.



I'm really excited to be starting college in the Fall. I'm looking forward to making new friends and joining clubs, and you are part of the reason that's possible. Once again, I really appreciate this award.

Thanks so much,  
Jasmin Calaway

## 2020-21 PROPOSED BUDGET

Treasurer Edie Allison presents the following budget for the branch Operating Funds account for 2020-21. The budget received preliminary approval by the Board of Directors and now requires approval by the general membership. The vote will be taken by email (see the Temporary President's message herein).

Also appearing below for your information is the statement on book-sale income and expenses for 2018 and 2019.

	A	B	C	D	E
2	Item	2018 Sale Year	2019 Sale Year		Budget Notes
3					
4	<b>INCOME</b>				
5	Gross Book Sales	\$ 16,087	\$ 20,855		
6	Income outside annual sale	\$ 7,888	\$ 5,700		Sales of books unsuited to our sale: to book wholesaler and internet sales
7	Donations	\$ 500	\$ 286		
8	Carryover from Prior Sale	\$ 3,945	\$ 3,316		Equals reserve from prior sale
9	<b>TOTAL INCOME</b>	<b>\$ 28,420</b>	<b>\$ 30,157</b>		
10					
11	<b>EXPENSES</b>				
12	Sale Expenses	2255	\$ 1,787		Supplies, printing, table rental, moving co.
13	Sale advertising	389	\$ 207		Internet site and print pubs
14	Maryland Sales Tax	788	\$ 999		
15	Storage Lockers-12 months	2382	\$ 2,940		6% of sales, excluding sales to some commercial dealers
16	Print, mail announcements	395	\$ 300		Locker rental increases every year.
17	Local college/university scholarships, and mentoring and advocacy programs for girls and women.	\$ 18,895	\$ 18,100		Branch board recommends recipient universities and foundations and amounts for approval of the branch membership.
18	Reserved for expenses before next sale	\$ 3,316	\$ 5,824		
19	<b>TOTAL EXPENSES</b>	<b>\$ 28,420</b>	<b>\$ 30,157</b>		
20					
21	Income and expenses for each sale are tallied from the end of the prior sale through the named sale.				

Draft Membership and Operating (M&O) Account Budget 2020- 2021						
Item	Budget 2018-2019	2018 - 2019 Actuals	Budget 2019-2020	2019-2020 Actuals at March 1, 2020	Proposed Budget FY 2020-2021	Proposed Budget Notes
INCOME						
Membership Income	\$ 936	\$ 787	\$ 936	\$ 738	\$ 738	2019-2020: 38 paid +3 free regular members +6 Shape The Future 1/2 price mbrs + 6 honorary life (free); no change 2020-2021
Interbranch Dissolution		\$ 128	\$ -	\$ -	\$ -	
Donations	\$ 20	\$ 23				Current Year Online Contrib to AAUW Greatest Need = \$1020 Branch has \$1,829 in M&O account on 3-01-2020
Carryover from Prior Year					\$ 282	
TOTAL INCOME	\$ 956	\$ 938	\$ 936	\$ 708	\$ 1,020	
EXPENSES						
paid to MD AAUW				\$ 60	\$ 30	State dues for 3 free members + 1/2 MD dues for 6 STF (no additional MD dues for STF starting in 2020)*
Newsletter Printing	\$ 200	\$ 205	\$ 185	\$ 113	\$ 200	
Meeting Room Rent	\$ 240	\$ 200	\$ 240	\$ 120	\$ 160	Print 9 monthly newsletters and 50 stamps
Insurance	\$ 385	\$ 385	\$ 385	\$ 190	\$ 385	MC Library \$40 x 4 meetings-3 paid by March 1
Hospitality	\$ 66		\$ 61		\$ 60	Ann. Liability \$190 paid
Bank Fees				\$ 15	\$ 15	Dir & Offecier Liability, \$337/year, not purchased in 2019
Promotional Material				\$ -	\$ 50	Supplies that are not donated
Programs	\$ 65		\$ 65		\$ 120	bounced checks + excess number deposits fee
TOTAL EXPENSES	\$ 956	\$ 790	\$ 936	\$ 437	\$ 1,020	225 tri-fold flyers
						Speaker gifts
* In 2019-2020 Shape the Future gives 1/2 price national membership; branch gives 1/2 price and starting in 2020 MD will give 1/2 price .						

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## BOOK SALE 2020

### - Liz Hessel, Chair of Book Sales

AAUW Gaithersburg will not hold our book sale this month as scheduled because of the coronavirus. We hope to hold it later this year, maybe in September or October. However, we continue to collect books, DVDs and CDs. As you and your friends do your spring cleaning, remember that we are taking your donations even now. We are particularly looking for children's books. The Gaithersburg Middle School principal is searching for donated books to give to the children who are receiving meals through their schools so that they can continue to read during this crisis. If you have children's books or know of a source of them, please contact Liz Hessel

at liz<at>meral<dot>com or 301-840-1258. We will facilitate their pick-up and distribution to the schools. Remember to contact me if you have any ideas regarding the book sale.



## GREAT DECISIONS

- *Mary Wykes, Coordinator*



The April meeting of the Great Decisions group was scheduled for Wednesday, April 22, at 2:30 p.m. at my home at 18900 Diary Road,

Montgomery Village, at which time I was scheduled to lead the discussion on "Competition and Cooperation in the Red Sea Region."

At this time, because of the pandemic, it is uncertain whether we will meet. As time progresses I will let you know whether we can meet at that time.

Meanwhile, stay safe and stay home!

## LITERATURE GROUP

- *Mary Wykes for Coordinator Jean Young*



The Literature Group had not planned to meet in April because it would have taken place during our annual book sale

which has since been rescheduled because of the pandemic. Since we still may be social distancing in April, I hope we all enjoy some good

books to suggest for discussion next year when hopefully our lives will return to normal.

Stay safe and try to keep in touch with your friends virtually!

## HERSTORY APRIL I "Might-Have-Been"

- *Anita Taylor, Coordinator*

Hi, colleagues. Please continue to take care of yourselves and those you care about. And, sadly, we clearly can't argue with the coronavirus facts. So, we will not have any meeting about HerStory on April 1. Plans for the May 6 meeting ride on the progression of the virus.

In the meantime, we should all do our best to continue to find books for our postponed book sale.



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## **AAUW Gaithersburg Calendar of Events**

Great Decisions

Wednesday, April 22 - 2:30 p.m.

(VERY TENTATIVE)

All other April events are cancelled.

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