



# AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research.

NEWSLETTER

April 2024

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### NO APRIL BRANCH MEETING!

**We invite everyone to WORK and SHOP  
at the Used Book Sale**

*Sponsored by AAUW Gaithersburg Branch  
in cooperation with Asbury Methodist Village*

- **Thursday April 11, 9 am to 8 pm**
- **Friday April 12, 9 am to 8 pm--Senior Citizens Discount Day**
- **Saturday April 13, 9 am to 4 pm--Bag Day, \$12 per large grocery bag**

**Over 30,000 books well sorted into over 60 categories!**

- History, Politics, Photography, Cookbooks
- Fiction, Sci-Fi, Mystery, Large Print
- Children's and young adult books
- Many Math, Science and Engineering books
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**An Exceptional Collection of Art Books**

**Most books are \$4 or less**

**Cash, Checks or Credit Cards accepted**

***Proceeds support scholarships for women and mentoring & advocacy programs for girls and women.***

**Location:**

**Rosborough Center Community Rooms, Bldg. 409 Asbury Methodist Village, Gaithersburg, MD. 20877**

Enter the Asbury Methodist Village campus at 301 Odendhal Ave, Gaithersburg. From the gatehouse, proceed straight ahead to the second stop sign, a T-intersection. There Rosborough Center is on the right and the parking lot is on the left.

**Contact: [booksale\[at\]meral\[dot\]com](mailto:booksale[at]meral[dot]com) or call 301-840-1258 (no text)**

**AAUW GAITHERSBURG BOARD WILL NOT MEETING IN APRIL**

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## Presidents Message

- **Edie Allison**

Gaithersburg AAUW plans that our major April celebration will be the Used Book Sale, returning in all its glory after the pandemic enforced interruption. If you have not yet volunteered to help with the event logistics, sorting, arranging, and selling about 30,000 books, please contact Liz Hessel at [booksale\[at\]meral\[dot\]com](mailto:booksale[at]meral[dot]com) or call 301-840-1258.

Whether you are able to help with book sale coordination or not, please consider browsing the aisles of books for one or many that you have been meaning to read. Friends and family are also welcome.

I think we are all ready to celebrate the flowers and sunshine of April, which may lead us to think about the quality of the environment around us. On a global scale, April 22 is Earth Day, when about 1 billion people in 193 countries will participate in events devoted to environmental protection. This year's theme is "Planet vs Plastics," a topic most of us have to consider almost every day. Montgomery County's major celebration,

## AAUW National Election

April is also AAUW national election. I encourage you to vote in the AAUW-US election on expanding membership to all people who support AAUW's purpose, which requires a vote to change the AAUW-US bylaws. The national election on revising the bylaws will be open for online and paper voting from April 2 to May 15. Revision of the bylaws requires approval of two-thirds of votes. Past votes on this issue have failed by narrow margins – 63% vote for approval in 2021 fell just short of the 66.7% favorable vote. Your Yes vote for expanded membership will align AAUW membership with its diversity and inclusion goals. Watch your email inbox for your ballot with your unique Elector ID and Password from [vote@simplyvoting.com](mailto:vote@simplyvoting.com). All members without an

GreenFest will be April 27 from 11 am to 4 pm at the Black Rock Center for the Arts in Germantown. The event will introduce you to clever ways to cut your energy consumption and the amount of waste you and your family generate. I am sure environmental justice will also be a major topic of interest.



There are other important events that deserve your attention: the League of Women voters is presenting the Board of Education Virtual Forum on April 11 from 7:00 to 8:30 pm. It is well worth the effort to squeeze this forum in between your book shopping. The announcement and registration instructions are located elsewhere in this newsletter.

email address on file with AAUW-US will receive a paper ballot by mail.

Finally, check other parts of the newsletter for cancellations of the April branch meeting and HerStory, which would otherwise impinge on the book sale. These meetings will return in May.



You are invited to a Board of Education virtual Candidates Forum.

**THURSDAY, APRIL 11, 2024 from 7:00-8:30 PM**

Moderator: Tonia Bui, from AA MOVE - Asian Americans Mobilize, Organize, Vote & Empower

Did you know that Education affects everyone whether you have school age children or not.

Be an INFORMED voter to make your choices in the May 14, 2024 Primary Election.

See what the candidates have to say.

**At large:** Lynne Harris, Sharif Hidayat, Melissa Kim, Jonathan Long, Rita Montoya, Fitzgerald Mofor

**District 2:** Brenda Diaz, Ricky Fai Mui, Rebecca Smondrowski, Aby Thioye, Natalie Zimmerman

**District 4:** Shebra Evans, Bethany Mandel, Laura Stewart

**Register here for the zoom webinar.**

**or**

**Watch Live on YouTube [here!](#)**

**Co-sponsored by:**

- League of Women Voters of Montgomery County

- Montgomery County Council of PTAs
- NAACP-Montgomery County Identity, Inc.
- American Association of University Women METRO DC PFLAG
- OCA - Asian Pacific American Advocates
- Alpha Kappa Alpha Sorority, Inc.® Theta Omega Chapter
- Delta Sigma Theta, Potomac Valley Alumnae Chapter
- Chinese American Parent Association of Montgomery County
- AA MOVE - Asian Americans Mobilize, Organize, Vote & Empower
- Montgomery College - MC Votes

## Remembering Anneke Levelt Sengers

Anneke Levelt Sengers passed away on February 28, 2024. She is remembered not only for her rigorous research in the thermodynamics of fluids and fluid mixtures but for her pioneering advocacy on behalf of women in science.

Born in Amsterdam, Anneke earned her Ph.D. in Physics at the University of Amsterdam. After a 1958 postdoctoral fellowship at the University of Wisconsin, Anneke returned to the US in 1963 with her husband, Jan Sengers, to work at the entity now called the National Institute of Standards and Technology. Their four children are US born and bilingual.

Anneke's research focused on the critical modifications that fluids undergo as they change between liquid and vapor phases; her work was recognized with many honors, but she did not stop there. Elected to membership in both the National Academy of Sciences and the National Academy of Engineering, Anneke made it a priority to foster a welcoming climate for women in science. In her report entitled, "Pride and Prejudice in Science and Engineering" she sought to end prejudice that wastes women's talents and inhibits their potential contribution to scientific fields.

As a leader in the Inter-American Network of Women in Sciences she took that message hemisphere-wide, developing both visibility and opportunity for women scientists. Moreover, acting locally as well as globally, Anneke spoke with Gaithersburg High School students in the Beloved Community Initiative of Asbury Methodist Village and to AAUW's Gaithersburg Branch on advocacy for women in science.

Recognizing Anneke for her high energy, her achievements and her indomitable spirit, a Russian colleague dubbed her "The most thermodynamic woman in the world." Thank you, Anneke, for leading the way for women in science and engineering.

## GREAT DECISIONS APRIL 19, 2:30 pm meeting

- **Mary Wykes, Coordinator**



The Great Decisions interest group will meet via Zoom on Friday, April 19 at 2:30. Topic for discussion will be "Global Trade and Green Energy" as authored in the FPA 2024 Study Guide by Bud Ward, environmental analyst for NPR. Mary Wykes will be the discussion leader of this timely topic. New members are always welcome. Contact Coor-

inator for the zoom link and copy of Study Guide article at: Mary[dot]Wykes[at]aol[dot]com.

## AAUW HerStory: WILL NOT MEET IN APRIL

- **Maria Roberts, Coordinator**

Herstory Interest Group will not meet in April because of the book sale. HerStory will resume May 11.

Check the May newsletter for details.



### AAUW GAITHERSBURG BRANCH

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# **AAUW GAITHERSBURG CALENDAR OF EVENTS**

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|---|----------------------------------|
| Great Decisions – Zoom                    | Friday, April 19 - 2:30 p.m.     |
| 2024 Used Book Sale                       | Thursday – Saturday, April 11-13 |
| AAUW Maryland Spring Convention hosted by | Saturday, April 20               |
| HerStory will not meet in April           | Returning May 11                 |
| Board Meeting will not be held in April   | Returning May 14                 |
| There will not be an April Branch Program | Next program May 21              |

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