



AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

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NEWSLETTER

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Gaithersburg AAUW VIRTUAL BRANCH MEETING!

Tuesday, November 19, 2024

Log in to Zoom meeting: 7:00pm*

Presentation begins: 7:15pm

PRESENTATION: Meet Branch Scholarship Recipients

Some of the branch scholarship recipients at Montgomery College and The Universities at Shady Grove will share information about what they are studying and their future goals. These young women are future role models for younger local students. Their scholarships are supported by our April book sale.

**NOTE – The Zoom link will be sent to members and friends a few days prior to the meeting.*

OTHER IMPORTANT MEETINGS

AAUW Board Meeting, Tuesday November 12 at 7:00 pm

Contact Heather Reichardt at [hjr1234\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:hjr1234@gmail.com) or 301-466-1246 if you would like to participate in the board meeting. The board meeting is open to all.

AAUW HerStory Saturday, November 9 at 2:00 PM

- Maria Roberts, Coordinator

AAUW HerStory will meet Saturday, November 9 at 2:00 pm in the Park View Club Room at Asbury Methodist Village.

Lynn Neff will introduce us to a 20th Century woman -- she was born in what is now one of the world's smallest countries, but the benefits of her work are felt in 120 countries.

For more information or directions to the meeting location contact Maria Roberts, [meroberts27700\[at\]jcs\[dot\]com](mailto:meroberts27700@jcs.com).

GREAT DECISIONS FRIDAY, November, 15 at 2:30 pm

- Mary Wykes, Coordinator

The Great Decisions interest group will meet on Zoom to consider the last topic of our 2024 Study Guide on Friday, Nov. 15 at 2:30 pm. It is "Pandemic Preparedness: Ending the Deadly Cycle of Panic and Neglect" authored by Carolyn Reynolds, Co-founder of Pandemic Action Network.

New members are always welcome. For a copy of the Study Guide material and Zoom link contact coordinator Mary Wykes, 301-717-1040.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

By the time you receive the newsletter, there will be only 4 days left until Election Day, November 5. I think everyone would agree that we are tired of the onslaught of political ads! It will be over soon, although many experts predict that we will not know the outcome of the presidential race for some time after Election Day. As it currently stands, this is not good news.

November Branch Meeting:

The better news is that our November branch meeting will be a forum for our recent scholarship recipients! This is always a special meeting. We can see the fruition of our very hard work on the book sales when we hear from the women students who benefit from all that hard work. They are always so appreciative of our donations. And it is great to hear about their future plans and aspirations. Please feel free to invite your friends and family to any of our branch meetings. The more the merrier.

Increasing Membership:

And speaking of more, we must consider more ways to increase our membership so we can spread out our work related to AAUW's mission. We are including the current membership form in this newsletter so you can print it out and share it with your friends and family members. One of the best ways to encourage new members is to engage with them personally.

Another effort to attract new members is to have an open, public membership event. Other branches have done this and been successful in gaining new members. Please review the article from our Membership Vice President, Carolyn Fisher, regarding how you can help with the membership event we are planning in the spring.

Brief Summary of the Regional Conference:

It is hard to be brief about the Regional Conference. The conference sold out, which was a testament to the hard work of the multi-state planning committee. All of the sessions included relevant topics with expert speakers. There were main room sessions providing in depth information on all the hot topics: ERA, AI, Election Strategies, and Reproductive Justice. The breakout sessions are where we learned about how to improve various aspects of branch operations. Edie Allison and Carolyn Fisher also attended from Gaithersburg. At least 15 Maryland members attended altogether.



There was so much excitement about how well the conference went that the committee has already chosen Pennsylvania as the host state for 2026! Hopefully, the location will be close by. Philadelphia would be ideal.

Thank you all for your continued support of the branch and I look forward to seeing everyone on Zoom on November 19!

Best regards,
Heather Reichardt, President

MEMBERSHIP CORNER

- Dr. Carolyn Fisher, Membership VP

Your dedication and membership in Gaithersburg, Maryland, and National AAUW are greatly appreciated.

The early planning phase is underway for a March 2025 Branch Program/Brunch that will focus on energizing our current members and expanding our Gaithersburg membership to new heights.

Save the date flyer and email script will be developed for advertising to your networks once the date is confirmed. The venue will be the Gaithersburg Regional Library from 10:30 am to 12:30 pm. The tentative agenda will include (order of

the program and topics subject to change) welcome and acknowledgement of guests; an introduction to AAUW and benefits of membership, including the options; icebreaker and prizes; milestones of AAUW-Gaithersburg and upcoming activities; brunch/music; a keynote speaker; and closing. Keep an eye out for periodic updates.

News to Peruse

A review of [AAUW Membership Responsibilities](#)

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