



AAUW Gaithersburg Branch

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NEWSLETTER

October 2025

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Gaithersburg Branch OPEN HOUSE
Saturday, October 4, 2025, 11 am – 1 pm

Gaithersburg Regional Library, Room 1
18330 Montgomery Village Ave
Gaithersburg, MD, 20879

AAUW Gaithersburg Fall Open House!

Join us to:

- Meet members, potential members, and visitors including Delegate Lesley Lopez!
- Learn about the American Association of University Women!
- Enjoy some yummy snacks!
- Help local families by donating baby diapers and wipes to benefit the Upcounty Hub!

October 4th | 11 am – 1 pm

Gaithersburg Library
18330 Montgomery Village Ave, Rm 1
RSVP:
aauwgaithersburg@gmail.com or
drop in!



BRANCH BOARD MEETING
MONDAY, OCTOBER 13 AT 7:30 PM. A New Time

Branch board meetings are switching from the Second Tuesday to the Second Monday of each month through January 2026. The board meetings are open to all. Contact Edie Allison ([edieallison\[at\]gmail\[dot\]com](mailto:edieallison@gmail.com)) for the Zoom link.

OTHER IMPORTANT MEETINGS

GREAT DECISIONS WILL MEET FRIDAY, OCTOBER 17 AT 2:30 PM VIA ZOOM

- Mary Wykes, Coordinator

The Great Decisions Foreign Policy discussion group will meet October 17 to discuss "American Policy in the Middle East: Taking Stock and Looking Forward," led by Averill Farrelly.

New members are always welcome. Contact Coordinator Mary Wykes, 301-717-1040 if you are interested.

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PRESIDENTS MESSAGE

- Heather Reichardt

Welcome to Fall! I looked back at what I wrote for last year's October newsletter. I said that one of my neighbors already had her Halloween pumpkins on the porch. Well, this year we have a huge pumpkin plant that "volunteered" on our front patio. We will have two pumpkins for our Halloween décor. And we did not have to go to the store.

But my more important news is that my grandson was born on September 20 at Holy Cross Hospital! He is the cutest baby ever, of course. Our entire family is very happy.

The big story for our branch this month is the Fall Open House we are having on October 4 at the Gaithersburg Library. I want to hear from more members about how they can help. Many thanks to those who have already responded. See you soon!

Our goal with this event is to attract new members. With new members, we can continue to work toward AAUW's strategic plans and make an impact in our community. In last week's email

from Gloria Blackwell, she said the organization is

"...readvancing our 2025 Strategic Plan — a roadmap that sharpens our focus on advancing equity for women and girls and reaffirms our three core priorities: funding higher education, removing barriers to success in higher education and the workplace, and strengthening AAUW's reach and impact. Your passion and engagement make this vision possible, and together we will amplify our impact in the face of unprecedented challenges to education in America."

Our event is an outreach to the community to learn more about AAUW and increase membership. With increased membership, we can do more to advance our local goals and those of AAUW National. I look forward to seeing everyone this weekend. Thank you!



OTHER IMPORTANT MEETINGS (Continue)

AAUW HERSTORY WILL MEET SATURDAY, OCTOBER 11 AT 2:00 PM IN CONLEY HALL, ASBURY

- Maria Roberts, Coordinator

The Herstory meeting Saturday, Oct. 11, at 2 pm will be different from the usual in two respects: (1) It will take place in Conley Hall of Asbury Methodist Village, located on the lower level of the Trott Building (Bldg. 401). After entering the Asbury campus at 301 Odendhal Ave. Gaithersburg, turn right at the stop sign just past the gatehouse. At the next stop sign, turn left into the Trott Building's parking lot. Inside the building, proceed straight ahead, take a left in the first hall to the elevator; go to the lower level and Conley Hall will be in front of you.

(2) Moreover, the format this time will be different from the usual Herstory meeting. Lynn Neff, Ph.D. will present and interview our Herstory subject woman who will do much of her own talking. Hint: her writings covered what her readers wanted to know; others considered some of her subject matter inappropriate.

We will not be awarding a prize since the woman you will meet is expected to be physically present, and some of those attending will recognize her.

AAUW Maryland 2025 Fall Meeting
Native-Americans in Maryland, Past to Present

Saturday, October 18, 2025, 9:00 am to 2:30 pm
Woods Memorial Presbyterian Church
611 Baltimore-Annapolis Blvd.
Severna Park, Maryland

Join members of all AAUW Maryland branches for an excellent program: Archaeologist Dr. Katherine Sterner will introduce us to the people who lived throughout the Chesapeake Bay Region for thousands of years before Europeans arrived. Recognizing the over 20,000 Native Americans currently living in Maryland, Caroline LaPorte, Indian Law Research Center, will cover legal issues facing Indigenous women, and Dr. Donna Brown, American Indian Higher Education Association will explain the unique character of Native American higher education.

- ◇ To register with Eventbrite [click here and pay online](#).
- ◇ To register by Mail, complete [this registration form](#) and mail to: Roxann King, 2535 Painter Court, Annapolis MD 21401

SAVE THE DATE: ATLANTIC REGIONAL CONFERENCE, SEPTEMBER 2026

The Hotel Room Block Will Open Soon



MEMBERSHIP CORNER

- Dr. Carolyn Fisher

AAUW Member Responsibilities

In 2023, in the Civility Matters initiative, AAUW leadership, including the Member Rights and Responsibilities Task Force, prepared the AAUW Member Responsibilities. This is a great time to look at them again: Stay informed; be respectful; promote inclusivity and equity for all; vote; pay dues; and commit to engage, are summarized in the linked flyer.

Building Relationships for Future Collaborations with AAUW Fellows

AAUW Fellowships and Grants shared the names and contact information of current and recent fellows in the

Gaithersburg, MD area who have opted to be contacted. We will be continuously reaching out to them for potential speakers for future programs.

Stay tuned for future updates.

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Dr. Carolyn J. Fisher

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AAUW GAITHERSBURG CALENDAR OF EVENTS

October Open House/Branch Meeting	Saturday, October 4 – 11 am – 1 pm
HerStory - in Person	Saturday, October 11 – 2:00 pm
October Board Meeting - Zoom	Monday, October 13 - 7:30 – 8:40 pm
Great Decisions – Zoom	Friday, October 17 – 2:30 pm
AAUW MD Fall Program/Meeting	Saturday, October 18, 9:00 am - 2:30 pm
	In person or via Zoom

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