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The President's Message

Fall has certainly arrived. The nights and early mornings are cool, but the days are pleasantly warm. The trees are beginning to turn but the grass is still green and growing. Gardens are alive with mums, asters and, in my case, a species of daisy that is a fall bloomer in pale shades of peach. If you are a stargazer, the fall constellations are up in the evening. Professional baseball is in post season while football games are available at all levels. And, tragically, hurricane season has arrived in full force.

Another sign of fall is our annual September picnic. We had a wonderful evening full of good food, fellowship, and fun. It was good to see so many of you and spend time with you. If you were not able to attend and someone did not bring you one, physical copies of our yearbook were handed out. I still have some in the car for those who would like one. Just reach out to me and I will try to get one to you.

I suspect this newsletter will look a little different than the usual. As discussed at the Founder's Day lunch last spring and at the picnic, we will have a reduced schedule of branch meetings this year. Traditionally, the newsletter has been published at the beginning of each month so that you would have the information you needed for that month's branch meeting or program. In the past, there have been no newsletters in January, July, and August because there were no programs planned for those months. This year, we have programs planned for December, March, and May so you should expect newsletters near the beginning of those months. (Continued on next page)

AAUW MISSION STATEMENT

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We are open to suggestions for other programs, but will probably need someone to take the lead for organizing the program.

Even though we do not have a program planned for this month, I wanted you to receive a newsletter so that you would know about these schedule changes. It will also give us a chance to give you an “extended” calendar of our various small group meetings.

I hope you are doing well. As always, I am happy to hear from you via phone or email with any ideas or concerns. Meanwhile, take care and, if possible, enjoy this beautiful weather.

Charlotte



Afternoon Literature Schedule 2024-2025

Afternoon Lit meets the third Monday at 1:30 at members' homes. This year the hostess is also the presenter, reviewing a book of her choice. Light refreshments are served. Call Judy Thompson if you have questions.	
October 21	Judy Thompson
November 18	Judy Chaney
There will not be a December meeting.	
January 20	Meet for lunch and share a book, TBD
February 17	Georgi Kauffman
March 17	Judy Chaney & Carole Myers
April 21	Suzanne Beckwith
May 19	Vivian Michael



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Evening Literature Schedule 2024-2025

Evening Lit meets on the fourth Tuesday at 7:00 at members' homes.				
Date	Host	Book	Author	Reviewer
Oct. 22	Andrea Kautz	Remarkably Bright Creatures	Van Pel	Suzanne Beckwith
Nov. 26	Judy Chaney	Empires of Light	Jill Jonnes	Judy Chaney
No meeting in December				
Jan. 28	Restaurant TBD	Share a book and plan for the remainder of the year		

Second Friday Lunch

The next lunch will be on **Friday**, October 11, Café del Sol, 1130 Conrad Ct., Hagerstown, at 12:30 p.m. Please let Sharon Chirgott know if you are interested in attending by the end of Wednesday, October 9 so a reservation can be made.



Mark your calendars for future lunch dates:

November 8, Rice Thai, 40 N. Potomac St., Hagerstown

December 13, Branded Chophouse, 7704 Old National Pike, Boonsboro

January 10, Clear Spring Country Diner, 11855 National Pike, Clear Spring

February 14, The Grill at Runways, 18421 Henson Blvd., Hagerstown

March 14, The Sycamores at Stonebridge, 1959 Golf Course Road, Martinsburg

April 11, Panagiota's Taste of Greece, 115 E. German St., Shepherdstown

Ideas for future lunch sites always NEEDED!



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Recipe of the Month

Tillie's Ginger Cake

Contributed by Marilyn Young

4 C flour
2 C sugar
1 ¼ C cold butter (2 ½ sticks) cubed
½ t ground ginger
½ t ground cinnamon
¼ t ground cloves
½ t ground nutmeg
1 C plus 2 T buttermilk
1 ¼ t baking soda
2 eggs, room temperature
¼ to ½ C confectioners' sugar for garnish, optional

Preheat oven to 350 degrees and grease a 9x13 inch baking pan.

Create a crumb mixture by mixing the flour and sugar together in a large mixing bowl, cutting in butter. Reserve 2 C of this mixture.

In the same bowl mix in the rest of the batter ingredients.

Sprinkle half of the reserved crumb mixture into the pan and then carefully pour the batter on top. Pour the rest of the crumb mixture on top and bake for 35 minutes or until a knife inserted in the middle comes out clean.

Dust with confectioners' sugar to finish. Cut into squares.

Proposed Calendar of Activities

Date	Event	Location / Hostess	Time
Fri. Oct. 1	2 nd Friday Lunch	Café del Sol	12:30 p.m.
Mon. Oct. 21	Afternoon Lit.	Judy Thompson	1:30 p.m.
Tues. Oct. 22	Evening Lit.	Andrea Kautz	7:00 p.m.
Mon. Nov. 4	Board Meeting	Zoom	7:00 p.m. TENTATIVE