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Branch Meeting
Saturday, April 14, 10:00 a.m., Fox Hill,
8300 Burdette Road, Bethesda

Gayatri Datta
Founder and President of SistersLivingWorks.org

Sisters Living Works
“Reaching Out and Saving Lives”



Gayatri Datta is the Founder and President of SistersLivingWorks.org, an organization whose mission is to raise awareness of the suicide epidemic in India and provide suicide prevention education and resources to the public with a primary focus on the women of India. Having lost loved ones to suicide, she felt compelled to do something to reduce the stigma, to encourage those in need to seek help, and to prevent Suicide.

India has one of the highest suicide rates in the world. Almost 150,000 individuals die by suicide every year in India. Suicide is the leading cause of death for women and girls ages 15-49.

Cultural and social factors, like the dowry system, forced marriages, poverty, and gender inequality, are contributing factors for suicide among women in India. In addition, lack of mental health care resources and the stigma associated with seeking mental health care create reluctance to seek suicide-related help.

Since its founding in 2015, Sisters Living Works has:

- Spread awareness to thousands of individuals in numerous schools, colleges and communities.
- Reached hundreds of individuals who have lost a loved one to suicide.
- Educated reporters, media and the community about how to best report and discuss suicide.
- Communicated with thousands of individuals through our website, social media, brochures, and speakers to reach the masses.
- In 2018 for the first time a Run/Walk- **Into the Light**- to Raise awareness was organized. This was the first of its kind in India.

Please visit us at www.sisterslivingworks.org
Sisters Living Works is registered as a 501c3 organization

MEMBERSHIP DUES - 2018-2019

Regular Members \$82 (\$85 if paid after May 31)
Includes \$59 for national association (raised \$10),
\$10 for AAUW Maryland, and
\$16 for Bethesda-Chevy Chase Branch

\$56 is TAX DEDUCTIBLE

Paid Life Members	\$26
Honorary Life Member	0
Dual Member (multiple branches)	\$16

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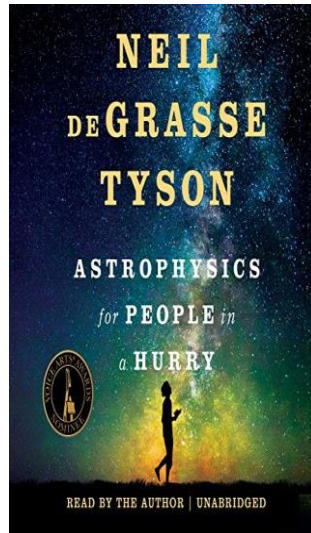
DEGREE(S) & COLLEGE/UNIV_____

If you have an e-mail address on file with AAUW, you will have the opportunity to renew on line. They will send you the information via e-mail. If you would prefer to send a personal check, please send this form and a check made out to B-CC AAUW to: Charlene Currie, 5709 Trafton Place, Bethesda, Maryland 20817.

April AAUW Book Club Announcement

Astrophysics for People in a Hurry

By Neil deGrasse Tyson



Meeting: **Friday, April 27**

Time: 12:30 pm

Location: The home of Pat Stocker

Metropolitan, #1021

7620 Old Georgetown Road

Bethesda

RSVP: Pat Stocker at patstocker@aol.com or 301-254-7141

Bring your own sandwich; beverages will be provided

What is the nature of space and time? How do we fit within the universe? How does the universe fit within us? There's no better guide through these mind-expanding questions than acclaimed astrophysicist and best-selling author Neil deGrasse Tyson.

But today, few of us have time to contemplate the cosmos. So Tyson brings the universe down to Earth succinctly and clearly, with sparkling wit, in digestible chapters consumable anytime and anywhere in your busy day. While waiting for your morning coffee to brew, or while waiting for the bus, the train, or the plane to arrive, *Astrophysics for People in a Hurry* will reveal just what you need to be fluent and ready for the next cosmic headlines: from the big bang to black holes, from quarks to quantum mechanics, and from the search for planets to the search for life in the universe.

MAKE RESERVATIONS NOW
AAUW Education Foundation Luncheon
Noon, Saturday, May 12, 2018
Normandie Farm
10710 Falls Road, Potomac

“Perspectives on Global Health”
Sir George Alleyne



Our May Luncheon will feature a physician of international importance. He will share perspectives from a career of public service in health. Sir George Alleyne is Director Emeritus, Pan American Health Organization (PAHO). He served two four-year terms from 1995 to 2002 in the position of Regional Director at PAHO, which is also the WHO's Regional Office for the Americas. In October 2003 he was appointed Chancellor of the University of the West Indies. He currently holds an Adjunct professorship on the Bloomberg School of Public Health,

Johns Hopkins University.

From 2003 through 2010 he served as the UN Secretary General's Special Envoy for HIV/AIDS in the Caribbean region. In that position he was responsible for ensuring follow-up to the United Nations General Assembly special session on HIV/AIDS and the Pan-Caribbean Partnership against HIV/AIDS, in the Caribbean region.

A native of Barbados, Sir George studied medicine at the University of the West Indies and graduated as the gold medalist in 1957. He was made a Knight Bachelor by Queen Elizabeth II in 1990, and in 2001 was awarded the Order of the Caribbean Community, the highest honor that can be conferred on a Caribbean national.

He will be introduced by his long-time friend Olive Lewis.

At this meeting, you will also have the opportunity to make a contribution to the AAUW Educational Foundation. Bring your checkbook!

Please make reservations now for the May luncheon. See form below.

Educational Foundation Luncheon Reservations
Saturday, May 12, Noon
Normandie Farms, 10710 Falls Road, Potomac, MD 20854
Reservations due no later than May 9, 2018

Make check payable to B-CC AAUW for **\$38**

Entrée Selection – choose one:

- (1) London Broil (beef)
- (2) Grilled Salmon

Send completed form with check to

Jane Josephs, 9109 Friars Rd., Bethesda, MD 20817

Name: _____

Number of reservations _____

Entrée choice:

- ☐ London Broil
- ☐ Grilled Salmon

Phone number _____

E-mail address _____

MEETINGS – MARK YOUR CALENDARS

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| April 7
Saturday | Board Meeting , 10:00 am, at the home of Olive Lewis,
5600 Wisconsin Avenue, #202, Chevy Chase (301-654-4166).
All members are welcome. |
| April 11
Wednesday | Gourmet Group , 7:00 pm, at the home of Karen Braun,
8027 Cobble Creek Circle, Potomac. A dinner celebrating spring
will be prepared. Call Karen at 301-983-1216, if you would like to
attend. |
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