

# AGENDA

## AAUW Maryland State Convention Gaithersburg

Saturday, April 26, 2025  
Pathways Baptist Church  
200 West Diamond Avenue, Gaithersburg MD 20877

### Women Supporting Women: Global Influences and Opportunities

8:30 am Registration & Continental Breakfast

9:00 am Welcome – Edie Allison, AAUW Gaithersburg Branch  
Welcome – Heather Reichardt, AAUW Maryland President  
Welcome from Gaithersburg Mayor, Jud Ashman

9:15 am **The Challenges and Joys of Immigrating to the US: Delegate Lily Qi**



Born in Shanghai, China, Lily Qi grew up in the height of the Chinese Cultural Revolution. She immigrated to the US in 1989 and became a US citizen in 1999. She represents the 15th legislative district in the Maryland House of Delegates and previously worked as a chief administrator for economic development under Montgomery County Executive Ike Leggett.

Executive Ike Leggett.

10:00 am Break

10:15 am Panel Discussion:  
**Women Supporting Women Domestically and Globally**



**Bria Marie Hodge**, Director of Small Business Development, Latino Economic Development Center. The LED mission is to serve as a catalyst that drives the economic and social advancement of low-to-moderate income Latinos and other underserved communities.



**Robyn Nietert**, President, Women's Microfinance Initiative. She will address issues of supporting women in three African countries. WMI promotes women's economic participation through small loans and carries the hope of prosperity to poor, rural areas of Uganda, Kenya and Tanzania.

**Moderator:** Kate Stevenson, former Co-President, Maryland AAUW

11:15

**Women Supporting Women:  
Results from the Maryland Legislative Session**

Roxann King, AAUW Maryland Vice President for Public Policy

12:00

New Officer Voting and Installation

12:30

Lunch

1:15

Business Meeting (separate agenda to be provided)

4:00

Adjourn