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The American Association of University Women

**NORTH HILLS -MCKNIGHT BRANCH**

Invites you to a



## **SPRING LUNCHEON**

The Chadwick-Route 19 Wexford Flats

Saturday, April 27, 2013

### ***"The Many Facets of Climate Change"***

**Guest Speaker: LAWRENCE E. LIKAR, J.D., M.A., CPP**

**Author- Eco-Warriors, Nihilistic Terrorists, and the Environment**

**Professor and Chair, La Roche College Department of Justice, Law, and Security  
Supervisory Special Agent of the Federal Bureau of Investigation (Retired)**

**Doors open at 11:00 AM Raffles & Auctions**

**Lunch served at Noon/Cash Bar Available**

**Tickets: \$35.00**

Lunch: Chicken Maison, parsley potatoes, green beans, tossed salad, chocolate mousse

**Please send your check for \$35.00 payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW to Jane Depee,  
314 Haugh Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 before April 18, 2013 (phone 412-364-6266)**



## Tozier's Tidbits

Spring is the season in which the North Hills-McKnight Branch celebrates our successes and honors branch members whose contributions have enhanced who we are. AAUW-PA created the Outstanding Woman Award in 1979 as a way for branches to honor members who have made significant contributions to the branch. Page 9 of our membership directory lists all thirty-five women who have been Outstanding Women. Congratulations to Marcia Coleman who is our 2013 Outstanding Woman. Last year AAUW-PA initiated the TEAL Award to recognize a branch member who has done something special during the current branch year. Congratulations to Peggy Schmiedecke, our first TEAL Winner.

Once every other spring, North Hills-McKnight conducts fundraisers to enable our branch to continue providing quality programming for our members. The types of fundraisers our branch has sponsored have included rummage sales, yard sales, flea markets, book sales, virtual events such as teas to send Susie to college, theater productions, operatic performances and luncheons with dynamic speakers. This year's fundraiser on April 27th at the Chadwick in the Wexford flats continues this tradition. Larry Likar is a fantastic speaker whose timely topic is well-received by both women and men. Invite your friends. The speaker, the food and the raffles are all going to be great. We guarantee they'll have a great time. The participation of every member is essential for this event to be a financial success. Send your reservation to Jane Depee today.

Please plan to join us for our first-time Tea and Annual Meeting on Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at the Johnston House on Route 228. The cost is \$24.00. Our tea is scheduled for 11:00 am. Julie Makuta will be taking reservations.

Do you have family members or friends who are graduating from college this spring? You can help them celebrate this accomplishment by giving them a free one-year national membership in AAUW through the Give-a-Grad-a-Gift program. It costs you nothing but offers a life-time of possibilities to the honoree. Please contact me for more information about how to do this.

**Linda Tozier, President**

## BRANCH CALENDAR

### April Happenings

**4/9/2013 Morning Book Group**

Planning Meeting and Luncheon  
Hostess: Jan Peischl, 9:30 a.m.

**4/9/2013 Equal Pay Rally**

Market Square, 12-1 p.m.

**4/13/2013 AAUW-PA Annual Meeting**

Toftrees, State College

**4/15/2013 Evening Book Group**

*The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can  
Make a Big Difference*

By Malcolm Gladwell

Reviewer: Cindy Stewart

Hostess: Cindy Stewart, 7:30 p.m.

**4/27/2013 Spring Luncheon**

The Chadwick, 11-2:30 p.m.

### May Happenings

**5/1/2013 Board Meeting**

Hostess: Sina Murphy

**5/14/2013 Morning Book Group**

*Rules of Civility*

By Amor Towles

Reviewer: Mary Ann Betush

Hostess: Mary Ann Betush, 9:30 a.m.

**5/20/2013 Evening Book Group**

*State of Wonder*

By Ann Patchett

Reviewer: Linda Loewer

Hostess: Debbie Rosenfelder, 7:30 p.m.

**5/11/2013 International Dinner**

Theme: Italian

**5/18/2013 (Saturday) Tea**

**Installation of New Officers**

Johnston Tea House, Mars, PA  
11 a.m.



## AAUW Tea

Johnston Tea House, Mars PA

Saturday, May 18<sup>th</sup> at 11:00 AM



Please join us for the final meeting of  
the year and installation of new officers.

The cost is \$24.00.

Please send your check made out to  
North Hills-McKnight AAUW to  
Julie Makuta,  
150 Skylark Drive,  
Glenshaw PA 15116

no later than Friday, May 10<sup>th</sup>.

### THE TIPPING POINT

By Sina Murphy

The Bookers of the Evening will be meeting on Monday, April 15, at 7:30 pm to discuss Malcolm Gladwell's book, "The Tipping Point: How Little Things Can Make a Big Difference." In this widely acclaimed bestseller, Gladwell explores that magic moment when an idea, trend, or social behavior crosses a threshold, tips, and spreads like wildfire. Cindy Stewart will be leading what will surely be a lively discussion and will also be hosting the group at her home. All members are welcome to join us.

## OUR OUTSTANDING WOMAN AWARD FOR 2013 Goes To MARCIA COLEMAN



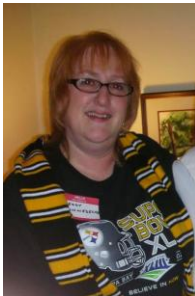
"The Outstanding Woman is awarded to a member of a branch for meritorious service to the branch and to the community over multiple years". North Hills McKnight's Outstanding Woman for 2013 exemplifies that description. Marcia Coleman is our selection for Outstanding Woman.

Marcia has been the auditor for our books for many years using her skills and knowledge to make sure we as a branch remain financially stable. She also contributes to the branch in a number of small but significant ways; providing centerpieces to the luncheons, co-chaired the International Dinner group, member of the board, fund raising efforts, etc. She is an asset to our community due to her work with the Halloween parades and activities for her homeowners' group, volunteering at Anchorpoint counseling ministry, work she does for the high school students and the knitting of warm caps for an African children's charity. She is active in church work and her garden club. Marcia is a person who when you are in the community and mention her name people know her.

Marcia was born in the warm city of Buffalo, NY and attended the equally warm University of New Hampshire where she majored in Occupational Therapy. After marrying Robert Coleman she began a nomadic life, moving frequently. She has lived in New York, Germany, Tennessee as well as Pennsylvania. Robert and Marcia are parents of three children and grandparents of four grandchildren. They are also veteran flyers, hitting the airways at a moment's notice to visit distant relatives.

We are proud of our Outstanding Woman.

## OUR FIRST TEAL AWARD Goes to PEGGY SCHMIEDECKE



"The Branch TEAL Award is given to someone who made a big difference in something important to the branch within the last year". Peggy Schmiedecke is our choice for the TEAL Award. She organized a successful Voter Registration drive in collaboration with La Roche College and Carlow University. She is serving at the AAUW state level on Public Policy activities. She is enthusiastic about AAUW and the work we do collectively to ensure a better future for Women and Girls.

## Stand Against Racism - April 26

Submitted by Jan Peischl

The Stand Against Racism is a movement of the YWCA with the goal of bringing people together from all walks of life - across the country - to raise awareness that racism still exists.

The methodology is to bring together like-minded organizations that share in our vision of eliminating racism and celebrating the richness of diversity. By inviting community organizations to partner with the YWCA, they can maximize the outreach of this mission, attracting hundreds of thousands of participants.

Our branch has agreed to participate. I did a short presentation at our March branch meeting and distributed buttons and book marks. **Wear your Stand Against Racism button on April 26th.** Racism Hurts Everyone - Take a stand for Peace, Justice, Freedom and Dignity for all.

## Foreign Policy Discussion Group

By Linda Loewer

Thank you to all who attended any of the discussions we held this year. Some of our highlights included learning about Myanmar, learning from our Egypt expert, skyping with our guest speaker in Washington, DC, and learning firsthand about human intervention, NATO in Afghanistan, and how to assess threats. Our speakers were so informative. I thank you all for attending and look forward to next year. But first, think summer and warm weather!

## GREEK INTERNATIONAL DINNER

MARCH 23, 2013



Linda Tozier showing a map of Greece



Hosts: Jan and Vic Peischl

## FINANCIAL REPORT

BY Linda Loewer

March 1, 2013	Balance	\$852.67	AAUW Funds:	\$1845.03
	Income	79.00	Savings Accounts:	\$3240.14
	Balance	\$931.67	CD:	\$3691.04
	Expenses	<u>423.74</u>	(at .25%, matures on 9/26/2013)	
March 31, 2013	Balance	\$507.93		



### MARCH BRANCH ACTIVITIES



Guest speaker from Dress for Success



Peggy Schmiedecke presenting our 1<sup>st</sup>  
*Gateway to Equity Award*  
to Dress for Success  
for promoting equity for women and girls.



Awardees: Marcia Coleman & Peggy Schmiedecke  
Along with Sylvia Lynn and Maryann Anderson



**PA STEM Girls  
Collaborative Project**



Building the Capacity of STEM Practitioners  
to Develop a Diverse Workforce

**Professional Development**



**Role Models Matter  
Training**

*Coming Soon ...*

from California to a Pennsylvania  
location near you!

**Sign Up Now!**

The PA STEM Girls Collaborative Project will be holding full-day [Role Models Matter](#) Forums throughout Pennsylvania this spring and summer. The cost to attend is only \$25. *Please share with those in your network who may be interested; this is a great opportunity for role models and organizations to come together!*

To register, click on the location you plan to attend:

- Tuesday, May 7, 2013: [Carnegie Science Center](#), Pittsburgh, PA
- Wednesday, May 8, 2013: [Saint Francis University](#), Loretto, PA
- Friday, May 10, 2013: [Franklin Institute](#), Philadelphia, PA
- Wednesday, June 26, 2013: [Ephrata Public Library](#), Ephrata, PA

The **Role Models Matter Project**, funded by the National Science Foundation, is a collaborative effort between Techbridge, the Society of Women Engineers, the National Girls Collaborative Project and Girl Scout Councils to bring resources to role models and girl serving organizations.

With a goal to increase girls' interest in STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering and Mathematics), resources were created to train STEM professionals to interact with girls in a meaningful and impactful way.



Role models play a critical role in creating opportunities for girls to envision a career in STEM. The Role Models Matter training is an opportunity to prepare role models, organization leaders, educators, and volunteer trainers how to increase and improve the quality of outreach to girls in STEM. During the training, you will:

- Learn what elements contribute to an effective role model visit
- Practice how to integrate STEM careers through ice breakers, introductions, career showcases and hands-on activities
- Hear tips and techniques to engage girls in meaningful discussions

For more information, contact [Lisa Kovalchick](#) or [Colleen Smith](#).

Partners



## NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT AAUW DUES FORM FOR 2013-2014

Membership includes national, state, and branch dues at the same rate as last year.  
Dues are \$70 (National-\$49, State-\$10, Branch-\$11) (\$46 tax deductible)

\_\_\_\_\_ Put an X here if you want an extra directory. Add \$2. Write check for \$72.

**Make check payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW and send it by June 15, 2013.**  
**Mail CHECK and BRANCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM to:**  
**Linda Loewer 132 Circle Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

**Branch Directory Information:** Enter as you want it printed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

Degree Earned \_\_\_\_\_ Major \_\_\_\_\_

**College/Univ.** \_\_\_\_\_

**Rejoin NOW for greatest raffle chances!**

Now is the time to renew your North Hills-McKnight Branch membership. This qualifies you for our ***free membership raffle drawing***. If you pay your dues by the end of APRIL, you will be entered **TWO times** for a drawing that will refund the full \$70 and if you pay by the end of **May, ONE time**.

You may bring your **CHECK** and **BRANCH DIRECTORY FORM** to the **APRIL 27<sup>th</sup>** luncheon or the **MAY 18<sup>th</sup>** Tea.

### MISSION STATEMENT OF AAUW ASSOCIATION AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

### MISSION STATEMENT OF AAUW LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND

*LAF provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.*

### AAUW MEMBERSHIP

*AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associate's or higher degree from a regionally accredited college or university.*

### AAUW DIVERSITY STATEMENT

*In principle and practice AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.*

### BRANCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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# VIEWPOINTS

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because equity is still an issue

