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North Hills–McKnight Branch Newsletter

January 2013

Saturday, January 26, 2013

## HUMAN GENETICS

presented by  
Dr. Lisa Parker

9:30 AM Refreshments  
10:00 AM Meeting/Program  
La Roche College  
Ryan Room

Dr. Parker mentored  
Rebecca Skloot,  
author of  
“The Immortal Life of  
Henrietta Lacks.”





## Tozier's Tidbits

Happy New Year! 2013 and winter weather have arrived as a package deal. Fortunately our AAUW branch never has been slowed down by the elements. For the next five months, AAUW members have some terrific activities in which we can participate.

I hope that many of you have sent in your reservations for the January 21st MLK, Jr. Unity Breakfast. Our branch has been active in the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition since its inception thirteen years ago. Our Saturday January meeting (Jan. 26<sup>th</sup>) will start with refreshments at 9:30, followed by the branch meeting at 10:00 and the program at 10:30 am. Dr. Lisa Parker's topic is Human Genetics. Linda Loewer will lead us in eight sessions of Great Decisions, offered on Tuesday evenings and Saturday mornings (beginning on Feb. 2nd.) Linda will be selling Great Decision books on January 26th.

January is the time our nominating committee begins its search for new officers. This year we need to fill the offices of President, Program Vice President and Secretary for two year terms, beginning July 1, 2013. This year's Nominating Committee is comprised of Sylvia Lynn (chair), Irene Lietz, Julie Makuta, Donna Martin and Cindy Stewart. Please send your suggestions for candidates for any of these offices to Sylvia.

In February and March we will return to evening meetings. The program for Feb. 27<sup>th</sup> will be provided by the Pittsburgh Humanities Council. In March we will meet on the third Wed (March 20<sup>th</sup>) to precede Holy Week. The program will be "Dress for Success."

Please save Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup> to participate in our biennial branch fundraiser, an author's luncheon to be held at the Chadwick. Georgiana Likar has volunteered to chair this event. While several members already have volunteered to be part of the planning committee, it's never too late to join the committee by calling Georgiana. Look for short articles each month in our Viewpoints with more information about how you can help.

I will close with updates about our fundraising efforts. Our two traveling baskets (chaired by Lois Grillette) made a total of \$315 which was designated for the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund as our 2012 contribution to AAUW Funds. The greens sale (chaired by Joan Killinger and Sina Murphy) made a profit of approximately \$1062. Profits from the greens sale are used to fund the Sr. Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant. Thanks to everyone who participated in both of these activities.

North Hills-McKnight Branch continues to thrive because of YOU. Please join us in 2013 as we continue to be a positive force for women and girls in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

Linda Tozier, President

## BRANCH CALENDAR

### January Happenings

#### 1/8/2013 Morning Book Group

*The Postmistress*

By Sarah Blake

Reviewer: Sandy Brown

Hostess: Linda Joy, 9:30 a.m.

#### 1/12/2013 Pittsburgh Branch

Speaker on Human Trafficking

1 p.m. Pittsburgh Athletic Association

#### 1/16/2013 Branch Fundraiser Meeting

Hostess: Georgiana Likar

6 p.m.

#### 1/21/2013 Evening Book Group

*Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption*

By Laura Hillenbrand

Reviewer: Sina Murphy

Hostess: Maripat Kwaczala

#### 1/21/2013 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast

#### 1/23/2013 Community Cinemas

Movie: *Soul Food Junkies*

5:30 p.m., WQED

#### 1/26/2013 Branch Meeting and Program

"Human Genetics"

Speaker: Dr. Lisa Parker

9:30 a.m. refreshments

10 a.m. Program

### February Happenings

#### 2/6/2013 Board Meeting

Hostess: Linda Loewer, 7 p.m.

#### 2/12/2013 Morning Book Group

*In the Garden of Beasts*

By Erik Larson

Reviewer: Anita Fletcher

Hostess: Joanne Ahlstrom, 9:30 a.m.

#### 2/18/2013 Evening Book Group

*The Paris Wife*

By Paula McLain

Reviewer: Margaret Hartley

Hostess: Shirley Peetz

#### 2/27/2013 Branch Meeting and Program

Speaker from the Pittsburgh Humanities Council

## BOOKERS OF THE EVENING

By Sina Murphy

On a May afternoon in 1943, an Army bomber crashed into the Pacific Ocean and disappeared, leaving only debris, a slick of oil and gas, and blood. Then a face appeared. It was that of a young lieutenant, the plane's bombardier. And so began one of the most extraordinary odysseys of World War II.

This fascinating book is "Unbroken: A World War II Story of Survival, Resilience, and Redemption" by Laura Hillenbrand, and will be reviewed by Sina Murphy on Monday, January 21 at 7:30 pm at the home of Maripat Kwaczala. All members are welcome to attend.

## DECEMBER FINANCE REPORT

By Linda Loewer

12/1/2012	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$1933.85</b>
	Deposits:	\$2043.00
	Expenses:	\$3519.08
12/31/12	<b>Balance:</b>	<b>\$457.77</b>

## THANK YOU FROM MARJAH, AFGHANISTAN

By Jen Jones



Lcpl Christopher Jones (USMC) appreciates your thoughts and kind packages. He is there for his second deployment and this time he has

electricity and a bed in the hut...also more time on their hands. This time Chris is able to keep us posted on facebook and I hear more from him than when he is stateside! His impression of the Marjah area is that our presence has made a difference, especially for the women (who can now be seen on the roads) and the number of children attending school. Again, Thank you

## Public Policy Spotlight –

January is Human Trafficking Awareness & Prevention Month

By Peggy Schmiedecke



What is Human Trafficking?

Human trafficking is a form of modern day slavery.

Victims of trafficking are tricked, lured, coerced, or otherwise removed from their home or country, and then exploited for commercial sex or labor purposes. Right now, human trafficking is the fastest growing crime in the world. It is a crisis taking place across the United States with traffickers exploiting both U.S. citizens and foreign nationals. Pennsylvania is not immune to this crime - it is happening all over our state.

The Project to End Human Trafficking (PEHT) is a non-profit organization that was founded in 2004 as part of the anti-slavery movement. Dr. Mary Burke is a faculty member in the Psychology Department at Carlow University where she is the Director of Training for the Doctoral Program in Counseling Psychology. Dr. Burke collaboratively founded and directs the Project to End Human Trafficking. This United States based non-profit group works regionally, nationally, and internationally to raise awareness about the enslavement and economic exploitation of human beings.

To learn more please go to <http://www.endhumantrafficking.org/about>



### LUNCHEON FUNDRAISER

By Anita Wurthner

At our luncheon this year, we will have gently used books for sale. The books will be wrapped so it will be a surprise for our guests.

Please put aside your gently used books to donate. You may give the donations to Sina Murphy, Mary Eury, or Anita Wurthner beginning January 1, 2013.

### MEMBERSHIP UPDATE

By Cynthia Stewart

Our branch would like to *welcome* two new members! Kristen Kelly, a recent graduate from Carlow University, joined in October, 2012. Anne Haught, who joined in November, 2012, has degrees from Penn State and Slippery Rock University. Please extend a warm welcome to Kristen and Ann at the next meeting. Listed below is their contact information for you to add to your 2012-2013 directory. We are delighted to have both as members and look forward to their involvement in our branch!

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University.

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## Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast

By Jan Peischl

The flyer for the MLK breakfast has been emailed to all branch members. Please plan to attend this celebration of the life and work of this great man.

See flyer for details. New this year - we shall be awarding the Spirit of Unity Award to a high school student. Please try to get your reservations in by the deadline, January 14.



### Great Decisions 2013

– Inspiring Learning About the World!

**Join us as we discuss global topics that affect us all.**

Meetings take place on Saturday mornings (9:30 – 11:30am) and Tuesday evenings (7:00 – 9:00pm) in February and March, starting February 2, at La Roche College. Attend either discussion group time or mix & match depending on your schedule.

Our topics this year are:

1. The Future of the Euro
2. Egypt
3. NATO
4. Myanmar
5. Intervention
6. Iran
7. China in Africa
8. Threat Assessment

Books are available at La Roche College's Wright Library & at the January branch meeting. Cost for the book is \$23.00 which covers the readings for each topic as well as other materials provided during each discussion.

Please contact Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427 or [loewer@verizon.net](mailto:loewer@verizon.net) with questions or to be added to the mailing list.



### Community Cinema - January

**Wednesday, Jan 23 5:30p**

at [WQED Multimedia](#), Pittsburgh, PA

Please join us for a FREE Community Cinema screening of *Soul Food Junkies*.

To many African Americans, soul food is sacrament, ritual, and a key expression of cultural identity. But does this traditional cuisine do more harm to health than it soothes the soul?

Filmmaker Byron Hurt explores the upsides and downsides of soul food, a quintessential American cuisine. *Soul Food Junkies* explores the history and social significance of soul food to black cultural identity and its effect on African American health, good and bad.

This screening is brought to you in partner with the African American Chamber of Commerce on Wednesday, January 23, 2013 5:30 - 7:30 pm WQED Multimedia Hillman Conference Room 4802 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA .

WQED Multimedia brings you Community Cinema, a free monthly documentary screening series on topics important to our community, region, and world. Pittsburgh's Community Cinema provides an opportunity to view films from the award-winning PBS series Independent Lens, prior to their release on television. Pittsburgh's Community Cinema is an educational forum to explore and discuss the many important and timely social issues featured in the films. Pittsburgh's Community Cinema gives you a chance to share and act. Community Cinema is a lens that sharpens our world view and we're bringing it to you monthly with our community partner, the Girls Coalition of Southwestern Pennsylvania. More information, including a roster of this year's Community Cinema documentaries, at [wqed.org/communitycinema](http://wqed.org/communitycinema) An excellent presentation from WQED. <https://communitycinemajanuaryaaccwp.eventbrite.com/>

Go to link to register. Let Jen Jones know if you want to carpool

**Thirteenth Annual**  
**Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast**  
 “Honoring Diversity in Our Community”



Speaker:  
**Louise Lippincott**  
 Teenie Harris Project Manager - Carnegie Museum of Art

**Spirit of Unity Award**  
 Christine Mikhael, Senior  
 Fox Chapel Area High School

**Monday, January 21, 2013**  
**LA ROCHE COLLEGE**  
**Zappala Student Center**  
**9000 Babcock Boulevard, North Hills**  
**Registration at 8:00 AM      Breakfast promptly at 8:30AM**  
*Limited seating – make reservations now!*  
*Seating cannot be guaranteed without reservations.*

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 For reservations to the *13th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast*, please return this portion of the form along with your check, **made payable to the North Hills Anti-**

**Racism Coalition**, in the amount of \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for students postmarked by **January 14, 2013**. **No reservations accepted without payment.** Send reservations with payment to:

North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition  
 MLK Breakfast  
 P. O. Box 101519  
 Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Name \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

Number of Students \_\_\_\_\_

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

Telephone \_\_\_\_\_

Organization \_\_\_\_\_

(please list names on reverse side)

OPEN SEATING

Although I am unable to attend, I enclose my donation to support this worthwhile function. \$ \_\_\_\_\_

### 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

