



# *Viewpoints*

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## **DRESS FOR SUCCESS**

"The mission of Dress for Success Pittsburgh is to promote the economic independence of disadvantaged women by providing professional attire, a network of support, and career development tools to help them thrive in work and in life."

**Wednesday, March 20<sup>th</sup>**  
**6:30 Refreshments**  
**7:00 Meeting/Program**  
**Ryan Room**

Dress for Success will be accepting donations. Please only bring gently used professional clothing that women entering the work force will be able to wear this spring.



## Tozier's Tidbits

Spring really is just around the corner. Our branch is looking forward to three months of AAUW activities. Our March 20<sup>th</sup> branch meeting is being held on the third Wednesday before the start of Holy Week. This is the first time North Hills-McKnight is awarding a Gateway to Equity Award (an award instituted by AAUW-PA over 10 years ago as a way for local branches to recognize organizations and individuals who promote equity for women and girls). Our Public Policy Chair, Peggy Schmiedecke, will present this award to Dress for Success. If you are interested in bringing donations to our meeting, please check Dress for Success' suggested list found in this issue of [Viewpoints](#).

We will meet once in April at our April 27<sup>th</sup> Bi-annual Fundraiser Luncheon at the Chadwick. Larry Likar's topic appeals to both women and men. Please mail your reservations to Jane Depee before April 17<sup>th</sup>. Luncheon cost is \$35. Our final meeting will be a tea at the Johnston House. Circle May 18<sup>th</sup> on your calendars for a fun way to end our branch year.

Steve Anderson, our February speaker, travelled from Harrisburg to bring us one of the best programs we have ever had. Steve, who works for the Pennsylvania Humanities Council, is an accomplished storyteller who brought to life many Pennsylvania nineteenth century heroes.

Those who attended this meeting also took time to vote for the 2013-2015 slate of AAUW-PA candidates. Voting will also be held at our March meeting. All completed ballots will be delivered to the AAUW-PA annual meeting at the Toftrees. This is the first time voting has been offered to all members, not just those who attend the annual meeting. See me if you want to vote but can't attend our March 20<sup>th</sup> meeting.

Many of you know that Lois Grillette passed away on March 3<sup>rd</sup>. Lois is survived by her son Gary and three daughters – Janet, Judith and Jeanine. Our branch will be sending a \$50 contribution to AAUW Funds in Lois' memory. Each of us has a special memory of Lois. She was an indefatigable fundraiser whose energy and lively spirit nudged us to contribute to our travelling baskets. But most of all Lois was a wonderful person who added much to the essence of who we are as a branch. She will be missed.

*Linda Tozier*, President



# BRANCH CALENDAR



## March Happenings

### 3/12/2013 Morning Book Group

*Clara and Mr. Tiffany*  
 By Susan Vreeland  
 Reviewer: Mary Eury  
 Hostess: Mary Eury, 9:30 a.m.

### 3/15/2013 La Roche Literary Society

La Roche College Science Center 103, 8 p.m.  
*Experiencing the St. John's Bible*  
 Speaker: Sr. Michele Bisbey

### 3/18/2013 Evening Book Group

*Caleb's Crossing*  
 By Geraldine Brooks  
 Reviewer: Peggy Garbooshian  
 Hostess: Jane Depee, 7:30 p.m.

### 3/20/2013 Luncheon Committee

La Roche College Square, 5:30 p.m.

### 3/20/2013 Branch Meeting and Program

"Dress for Success"  
 Ryan Room, La Roche College

### 3/23/2013 International Dinner

Theme: Greece

## April Happenings

### 4/3/2013 Board Meeting

Hostess: Cindy Stewart, 7 p.m.

### 4/9/2013 Morning Book Group

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

## REMINDER

### AAUW Spring 2013 Luncheon

The Chadwick-Route 19 Wexford Flats  
 April 27, 2013  
 Doors open at 11:00 AM  
 Lunch served at Noon  
 Cash bar available  
 Tickets: \$35.00

### "The Many Facets of Climate Change"

Speaker: Lawrence E. Likar  
 Author of Eco-Warriors, Nihilistic Terrorists, and The Environment  
 Chair of La Roche College Department of Justice, Law and Security  
 Retired FBI Special Agent

*Tickets are available to members, spouses, friends, etc. This topic will appeal to men as well as women.*

Please send your check before April 18, 2013  
 Payable to the **North Hills-McKnight AAUW**  
 c/o Jane Depee  
 314 Haugh Drive  
 Pittsburgh PA 15237

We are asking all members to help make this a success by helping with the **Raffle Items:**

**UPDATE:** We now have a super variety of raffle items, including fine jewelry, garden center & dining gift certificates and a Nook!

Thanks to all who have donated and there is still time to contribute either money or items

Please contact me if you have any questions or wish to make a donation.

Thank you!

Georgiana Likar  
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FINANCE REPORT  
 By Linda Loewer

2/1/13	Balance	\$758.77
	Income	<u>253.00</u>
	Balance	\$1011.77
	Expenses	<u>159.10</u>
2/28/13	Balance	\$852.67

## FUN TIMES TWO!

By Sina Murphy

On Monday, March 18, the Evening Book Group will embark on their annual field trip to the Drue Heinz Lecture Series to hear Paula McLain discuss her novel “The Paris Wife” after the group dines on an Italian dinner at the nearby Lucca’s Restaurant.

Then on March 25 at 7:30 pm the bookers will gather at the home of Jane Depee to hear a review of “Caleb’s Crossing” by Geraldine Brooks which will be led by Peggy Garbooshian. This historical novel is a tale of the first Native American to graduate from Harvard and the pressures of a young man attempting to bridge cultural and societal gaps. It’s a wonderful and moving story of two people trying to find their place in the world and the toll these actions took on them.



## House Passes Inclusive VAWA

By Peggy Schmiedecke, Public Policy Chair

The morning of February 28, 2013, the House of Representatives passed the AAUW-supported, bipartisan, Senate-passed Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act (VAWA) by a vote of [286-138](#). This is thrilling but also concerning that 138 representatives *opposed* this bill, which has traditionally been a noncontroversial piece of legislation?

I used the Two-Minute Activist to see how my Representative Keith Rothfus (R-PA 12th) from zip 15237 voted on VAWA (S.47) and learned that he voted against. I then used the Two-Minute Activist to send him an email telling him my dissatisfaction.

Please do the same by going to [AAUW's Two-Minute Activist](#) or copying this URL into your browser <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/> then select - **Tell Your Representatives How You Feel About Their VAWA Vote!**

The House and Senate-passed bills will protect all victims, including Native American and immigrant women; lesbian, gay, bisexual, and transgender individuals; and students on college campuses.

AAUW’s support of the Violence Against Women Reauthorization Act comes directly from our public policy program, which advocates for “freedom from violence and fear of violence in homes, schools, workplaces, and communities.” And we put those words into action.

Less than two years ago, at the 2011 AAUW National Convention in Washington, D.C., more than 600 AAUW members took Capitol Hill by storm. They stopped by congressional offices to urge their senators and representatives to support the Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act and improve campus safety. That bill is a part of the VAWA now passed by both the House and Senate.

The AAUW Action Fund’s [It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard](#) get-out-the-vote campaign also spotlighted the issue this fall during the election. AAUW National Director of Public Policy and Government Relations Liza Maatz and her team thank you for not giving up on this important bill!

## FEBRUARY BRANCH MEETING



Steve Anderson, PA Humanities Council



PA Memorabilia

## MARCH SOCIAL



Linda Tozier, Sylvia Lynn, Maryann Anderson



Ann Carlson, George & Jane Depee, Sina Murphy

## Dress for Success Clothing Donations

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### **In-Kind Donations**

We are always in need of suits and other professional clothing. We have locations in downtown Pittsburgh, Fayette County and Washington County that combined, will assist more than 2,700 women this year.

We help each woman look her best and feel confident for her interview and her new job, and gladly accept your donations of new and gently worn women's interview and work appropriate clothing, shoes, purses, accessories, gift cards and cash. Items that are damaged or more than ten years old cannot be accepted. Don't have suits?

We are in need of professional clothing of all kinds – from suits and scrubs to hospitality and safety uniforms.

**All donations are tax-deductible.**

### **CLOTHING DONATIONS**

- All sizes are accepted, but our greatest clothing need is for
  - sizes 0, 2, 14, women's/plus sizes,
  - maternity wear
  - black casual work pants
  - white and solid colored shells and collared shirts
  - Black, Navy and brown tone suits and coordinated separates
  - Medical smocks, scrubs and pants

**Due to limited space, we can only accept items for the current or upcoming season.** Please clean or dry clean your items (keep your dry cleaning receipts as this is also tax deductible)

- Suits and dress blouses must be on hangers
- Undergarments – NEW with tags or in unopened packages

### **ACCESSORIES AND OTHER ITEMS**

- Closed toe shoes in black, navy or brown tones, 3 inch heel or less
- Non skid black or white shoes and steel toed boots
- Pantyhose – nude or black- unopened
- Black or neutral socks or knee-hi's
- Business appropriate, versatile purses
- Jewelry: earrings (no larger than a quarter); necklaces; working watches
- Make-up and toiletries – new and in unopened packages
- Scarves - good or excellent condition
- Cash donations and Gift cards from Giant Eagle, Walmart and Target are also needed and greatly appreciated

## AAUW-PA Annual Meeting Registration Form\*—April 12-13, 2013

AAUW-PA 84th Annual Meeting, Toftrees Golf Resort & Conference Center, One Country Club Lane, State College, PA 16803

*\*Online Registration also available. To complete:* <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAUWPA2013RegistrationForm>

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_ First-time Attendee? \_\_\_\_\_

Address \_\_\_\_\_

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

Special Needs: Dietary \_\_\_\_\_ Physical \_\_\_\_\_ Need a roommate Friday?  Yes

*Reminder: You must make your own reservations. See bottom of form.*

Please indicate below if you are:

Branch member                       Branch President                       State Past President                       State Board Guest  
 State Board Member                       College/University Rep.                       Student Affiliate

2012-2013 Outstanding Woman?  Yes                      2012-2013 Teal Award Recipient?  Yes

*Check sessions you plan to attend. (Meeting ends at 4:00 pm)*

**FRIDAY, APRIL 12:**

Welcome (Pizza/Salad dinner), 6:00-7:00 pm                       National Update & Town Hall, 7:00-8:15 pm  
 Movie (*Miss Representation*) 8:30-10:00 pm

**SATURDAY, APRIL 13:**

Breakfast, 8:30-10:00 am     Chair Massage in lobby, 9:00-11:00 am     Chair Yoga, 10:00-11:00 am

**Concurrent Sessions 1 (select one)                      9:00-10:00 am**

Focus on AAUW:     Membership                       Student Affiliates                       National Priorities  
 Book Discussions:     *Caleb's Crossing*                       *Enrique's Journey*                       Favorite Books

**Concurrent Sessions 2 (select one)                      10:15-11:15 am**

Leadership:  Leader Coaching and Mentoring  
 Advocacy:  Public Policy     Pay Equity     Marcellus Shale     Human Trafficking     CQ Tracking     Gun Violence  
 Learn and Share:  Icon Identification     Social Media     Visibility & Publicity     Website

**LUNCH CHOICES (select one)**

Curried veggie kabobs     Chicken picatta     Roast pork loin

**Registration:**     \$40 Early Bird by March 20                       \$45 by April 4  
                           \$15 Student Early Bird by March 20                       \$20 Student by April 4 (with Student ID)

**Core Sessions will be from 11:15 am—4:00 pm.**

**DISCOUNT AND REFUND POLICIES**

Early Bird Registrations with full payment must be postmarked before **March 20, 2013**. Regular Registrations must be postmarked before **April 4, 2013**. Onsite registration will be available with a \$15 late fee. Registration is cancellable with full refund if AAUW is notified by April 4, 2013. Include a stamped, self-addressed postcard or your email address for registration confirmation. If you have any questions about registration, contact Sherry Crassweller at (814) 237-3861 or (814) 574-2400, [aps@psu.edu](mailto:aps@psu.edu). Use "Annual Meeting 2013" in the e-mail subject line.

**FOR HOTEL RESERVATION**—Call Toftrees for room reservation: 814-308-0782. Mention AAUW-PA.

Rate: \$99 for double occupancy. AAUW block of rooms will be released on March 20, 2013.

Send registration form/check made payable to AAUW-PA to: **AAUW-PA c/o**  
**Sherry Crassweller, 2264 Charleston Drive, State College, PA 16801**

### 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

