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Women's Spirituality through Providence Colored Glasses

with Sister Michele Bisbey



Sister Michele Bisbey is a Professor of Religious Studies and Division Chair of Humanities at La Roche College. She has presented on topics related to spirituality nationally and internationally and has recently authored "Glimpses of Providence."

Wednesday, November 16th

6:30 Refreshments

7:00 Meeting/Program

Ryan Room at La Roche College

Tozier's Tidbits

Those of us who attended the October branch meeting enthusiastically participated in two interactive activities Zachary Koopmans uses at Carnegie Science Center's Girls Math and Science Partnership events. The membership approved the first of two recommendations from our Philanthropic Task Force. For 2011 our branch will supplement the profits from the AAUW Funds traveling baskets to give \$500 each to Eleanor Roosevelt Fund and the Public Policy Fund. The task force believes that our branch donations to these two funds will make a stronger impact in promoting our mission. The second recommendation concerning the La Roche scholarship will be presented at the November meeting.

Have you checked out our new branch website? Past President Sylvia Lynn's persistence in connecting us to Site-Resources (the new AAUW website provider) has paid off. This aauw.net site allows our branch to continue posting all relevant and valuable local information along with new national information that is updated automatically. North Hills McKnight will pop up every time AAUW is googled. Way to go, Sylvia!

The month of November is a time to reflect on the many people and things for which we are thankful. Sister Michele Bisbey, our November speaker, will talk about how women look at spirituality. I hope that many of you plan to come. Please note that our meeting date is November 16th, the third Wednesday, due to Thanksgiving. The doors open at 6:30 for refreshments, with the business meeting starting at 7:00 and the program at 7:30. This is our last meeting for 2011.

I am thankful for AAUW, which has made such a remarkable difference in my life. AAUW has been with me and helped me deal with several life changes. AAUW has provided a worthwhile mission to promote to the greater community. And

AAUW has given me wonderful, supportive friends who have made my life so much richer. May each of you have a glorious holiday season.

Linda Tozier, President

BRANCH CALENDAR

November

Happenings

11/8/2011 Morning Book Group

Anthill

by E.O. Wilson

Reviewer: Shirley Teasley

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

11/9/2011 Arts & Entertainment Trip

Teutonium Club

11/11/2011 Arts & Entertainment Trip

Fabergé at the Frick

11/16/11 Branch Meeting and Program

"Women's Spirituality Through Providence Colored Glasses"

Refreshments, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting/Program: 7 p.m.

11/21/2011 Evening Book Group

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

By Helen Simonson

Reviewer: Sigrid King

Hostess: Shirley Peetz, 7:30 p.m.

11/28/2011 AAUW's 130th Anniversary

11/28-11/30/2011 Bell Ringing

Gibsonia Walmart on Route 8

December Happenings

12/7//2011 Board Meeting

Hostess: Lois Grillette, 7 p.m.

12/13/2011 Morning Book Group

A Favorite Poem to Read or

A Christmas Memory of Yours

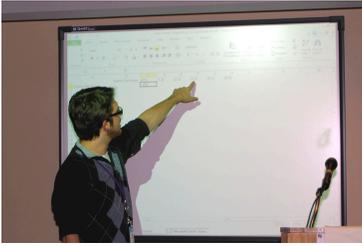
Hostess: Marilyn Lanz, 9:30 a.m.

January Happenings

1/4//2012 Board Meeting

Hostess: Linda Loewer, 7 p.m.

1/16/2012 Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast



Zachary Koopmans from the Carnegie Science Center
Guest Speaker at our October Branch Meeting

NEW WEB SITE

By Sylvia Lynn

Our North Hills McKnight AAUW web site has moved to the AAUW national web site which allows us to have a quick access to a great deal of the information. As you can imagine the learning curve was a bit interesting with many messages going back and forth to Megan who very patiently led me through the process of learning about Word Press. I hope all of you will take the time to check out the site and if you have ideas or see areas that need a correction send me a note.

Check it out at <http://northhillsmcknight-pa.aauw.net> , you will find Viewpoints and more on the site.

We are posting our meeting information on an 'on line daily news' called North Hills Patch. This is an interesting daily which gives you information about your neighborhood. To view it go to Patch.com, from there you can go to a blue icon labeled 'Around The Rivers' and you can read what is happening in neighborhoods all around us. You can also register and have the "Patch" sent to you every day on line. I find it fascinating and a great way to see what is happening in my local community. Give it a try.



Kate Stewart & Casie Smiley participating in the October Branch Meeting on STEM



FINANCE REPORT

By Linda Loewer

10/1/11	Balance:	\$3218.77
	Income:	<u>394.80</u>
	Balance:	\$3613.57
	Expenses:	<u>402.66</u>
10/30/11	Balance:	\$3210.91

EF Fund balance: \$4492.54
Savings account balance: \$3233.30
CD: \$3670.79 renewed for 1 year at .55% interest rate



Current Events Interest Group

By Pauline Edison

Several members have expressed an interest in starting a Current Events discussion group. If you

think you would like to join please email (pedison60@hotmail.com) or call 412 366 6246. If there is enough interest we should arrange an organizing meeting to discuss how to set up the group. There are certainly plenty of current events to discuss and our varied experiences and expertise will help us to have interesting discussions. I hope we have enough people to make this new AAUW group an exciting endeavor.

Deadline for the next Viewpoints
January 4, 2012

RING BELLS FOR NHCO

By Jan Peischl

North Hills Community Outreach is in need of bell ringers for the Salvation Army Red Kettle. Because they are a service unit, **NHCO** will receive 90% of the contributions. **New location is the Gibsonia Walmart** on Route 8. We shall try to fill the schedule for three evenings from 4 to 8 pm. Monday through Wednesday, Nov. 28 - 30. Tuesday shifts are already filled. Please consider volunteering Mon. or Wed. Call Jan at 412-367-4546 or email peischl@comcast.net to sign up for the 2 hour shifts - 4 to 6 and 6 to 8 pm.

A MAN'S LAST STAND

By Sina Murphy

The Bookers of the Evening will be meeting on Monday, November 21, at 7:30 pm at the home of Shirley Peetz. Sigrid King will be reviewing the novel "Major Pettigrew's Last Stand" by Helen Simonson. This is the first novel by Ms. Simonson, and she writes a relevant tale of "forbidden" love even for a middle aged military veteran who risks his place in the village by taking a last stand for what he wants. All members are welcome. If you would like to attend, please call the hostess, Shirley Peetz.

Submitted by
Sina Murphy

October Branch Meeting



Looks like a serious discussion about STEM going on by Barbara Matthews and Maripat Kwaczala

TEUTONIA MANNECHOR

By Anita Wurthner



A visit to the Teutonia Mannechor (German Club) for a buffet lunch is planned for Wednesday, November 9, 2011. The cost for the buffet is \$12.25 –this includes the buffet, a soft drink or coffee and tax. The tip for the waitress will be extra. Alcoholic drinks are extra.

We will meet at the Teutonia Mannechor at the door at 11:30am. The Club is located on 857 Phineas Street, Pittsburgh, on the North Side.

Please contact Anita Wurthner – 412-486-5161 – with your reservation by November 6, 2011, and if you want to carpool.

GREAT DECISIONS 2012

By Linda Lower



The world is a-changin' whether we're ready or not!

Come to learn and join the discussion about important global issues that so often affect us in our day-to-day lives.

These exciting conversations begin in January!

Middle East realignment

Promoting democracy

Mexico

Cybersecurity

Exit from Afghanistan and Iraq

State of the Oceans

Indonesia

Energy geopolitics

Check your branch directory for specific dates and times. Books will be available at the Wright Library (La Roche College) after January 1 or at board and branch meetings through the end of February. Please call Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427 or email her at loewer@verizon.net if you have any questions.

HERvotes

By Peggy Schmiedecke

This is our next law in the continued review of **HERvotes which** released a list of the top 10 historic laws that impacted women's lives and security, but are now in danger of being weakened, cut or eliminated by extremist policies at the federal, state and local levels. This time we will feature the #2 law:

Social Security Act (1935)

Social Security is the bedrock of older women's financial security – virtually the only source of income for 3 in 10 women 65 and older – and a critical source of disability and life insurance protection throughout their lives.

Threat:

Bills introduced by conservative Members of Congress would gut the current Social Security program and disproportionately impact women's economic security. The Joint Select Committee on Deficit Reduction could propose benefit cuts, such as a reduction in the annual cost-of-living adjustment that would especially hurt women, or an increase in the retirement age.

Tell the House to Help Keep the Promises of Social Security – Take Action Now

Several weeks ago, thousands of you took action [urging your senators](#) to cosponsor a bill that would close Social Security's funding gap by lifting the cap on payroll taxed for Social Security purposes.

Now it's time to send the same message to the House of Representatives. We need the House to hear the same, powerful support for an even stronger Social Security. Right now, 94 percent of Americans pay into Social Security on the basis of their whole salary -- but the wealthiest 6 percent do not. Because the cap for individual income stands at \$106,800, someone who makes that much pays exactly the same amount into Social Security as does a millionaire or a billionaire.

The No Loopholes in Social Security Taxes Act (H.R. 797) would gradually lift the cap so that by 2033, the wealthiest 6 percent of Americans will be on equal footing with everyone else. This plan would extend the full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years, ensuring that the program continues to help provide retirement security for future generations.

Here at AAUW, we think of Social Security as a promise, a commitment that we as Americans make to care for one another across the generations. Although [Social Security is among our nation's best and most efficiently-run anti-poverty programs](#), or copy this URL into your Browser http://www.aauw.org/act/issue_advocacy/actionpages/socialsecurity.cfm

It's critical for elderly women -- more than half of whom would fall into poverty without it. So, we are particularly interested when good ideas come along aimed at strengthening and improving Social Security.

Take Action! Ask your representative to become a cosponsor of the No Loopholes in Social Security Taxes Act (H.R. 797). You can send a message by clicking the "Take Action" link above or by visiting [AAUW Two Minute Activist](#) or copy this URL into your browser <http://capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=55264506&PROCESS=Take+Action>



AND



Happy Holidays!

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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.

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