

***AAUW NORTH HILLS - MCKNIGHT BRANCH  
NOVEMBER MEETING***

**Wednesday, November 20, 2013**

**La Roche College Ryan Room**

**Rob Skertich & Tom Koedel present:**

***"History of Pittsburgh's Cold War Air  
Defense"***



**6:30 Refreshments**

**7:00 Meeting/Program**



***Duck And Cover!!!***

## Tozier's Tidbits

Our October branch meeting was very well attended by 29 members and one guest. Kristen Brown, head of the women's Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh, presented an informative and moving description of how this center makes a big difference for women in crisis. Members munched on terrific refreshments provided by Mary Eury, Anne Haught and Dorothy Tatrn. Members were encouraged to purchase greens to benefit the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant and to participate in our traveling basket which is the way our branch raises monies for the national AAUW Funds. Since 2009, the philanthropic arm of AAUW has designated six different categories of funds to which branches and individuals can contribute: Legal Advocacy Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Educational Opportunities Fund, Leadership Programs Fund, Public Policy Fund and AAUW Funds (which uses gifts not restricted to a specific fund to support programs with the greatest needs). If you want to know more about any of these funds, please contact me. Individual donations to both the greens sale and AAUW Funds are always appreciated.

November branch offerings include a new adventure into the STEM field. Susan Banerjee has planned a November 15<sup>th</sup> field trip to Tech Shop in Bakery Square, where we will make two take home items using Laser technologies and a 3D printer. The November branch meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday so as not to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. On November 20<sup>th</sup> we will meet in the Ryan Room (our usual meeting place) to learn about the significance of the installations in North Park to Pittsburgh's cold war air defense.

Looking ahead, our branch does not meet in December. On January 15<sup>th</sup>, Michele Buford will chair a member-led outreach program on Human Trafficking for the La Roche students. On February 1<sup>st</sup>, Great Decisions, so capably led by Linda Loewer, will resume its eight week series, offered on Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings at La Roche. Please see Linda Loewer to purchase your book.

The month of November is a time to reflect on the many people and things for which we are thankful. 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*

**HAPPY THANKSGIVING**  
**AND**  
**HAPPY HOLIDAYS**

## MORNING BRIDGE GROUP CELEBRATING HALLOWEEN



## BRANCH CALENDAR

### November Happenings

#### **11/12/2013 Morning Book Group**

*Pittsburgh Noir*

Edited by Kathleen George

Reviewer: Sandy Brown

Hostess: Sandy Brown, 9:30 a.m.

#### **11/15/2013 Tech Shop Trip**

#### **11/16/2013 International Dinner**

Theme: Colonial America

#### **11/18/2013 Evening Book Group**

*Behind the Beautiful Forevers*

By Katherine Boo

Reviewer: Sigrid King

Hostess: Georgiana Likar, 7:30 p.m.

#### **11/20/2013 Branch Meeting and Program**

“History of Pittsburgh’s Cold War Air Defense”

Speakers: Rob Skertich & Tom Koedel

Refreshments, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting/Program, 7 p.m.

#### **11/28/2013 HAPPY THANKSGIVING**

### December Happenings

#### **12/2 & 12/3/2013 Bell Ringing**

for North Hills Community Outreach

#### **12/4/2013 Board Meeting**

Hostess: Georgiana Likar, 7 p.m.

#### **12/10/2013 Morning Book Group**

*Who I Was Suppose To Be*

By Susan Perabo

Reviewer: Dorothy Frayer

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

#### **12/11/2013 - AAUW-PA state wide Lobby Day in Harrisburg**

#### **12/12/2013 - WQED Multimedia Community Cinema, 5:30pm**

Screening of "The State of Arizona". FREE. This movie explores Arizona's controversial law which reshaped the national controversy around immigration reform. For more Information and registration, call 412-253-3263.

### January Happenings

#### **1/8/2014 Board Meeting**

Hostess: Anita Wurthner, 7 p.m.

## A STONE'S THROW

By Sina Murphy

On Monday, November 18, the evening book group will be discussing "Behind the Beautiful Forevers: Life, Death, and Hope in a Mumbai Undercity" by Katherine Boo. This Pulitzer Prize winner jolts the reader's consciousness with the opposing realities of poverty and wealth in a slum in Mumbai only a stone's throw from luxurious hotels. This hard-to-believe, but true, story will be reviewed by Sigrid King. The group will be meeting at the home of Georgiana Likar. All members are welcome to attend.

## The Mountains and Fields of Chile



## FINANCE REPORT

BY Linda Loewer

10/1/13	Balance	\$2149.29
	Income	<u>+1492.00</u>
	Balance	\$2149.29
	Expenses	<u>- 615.61</u>
10/31/13	Balance	\$3025.68

Our assets are as follows:

AAUW Funds: \$845.98

Savings Acct: \$3241.81

CD: \$3700.27 at .3% matures on 9/26/2014



What a pretty table setting at Clare Hokes's for the Chilean International Dinner,

## SAVE THE DATE

By Jan Peischl

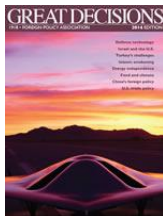
Tony Norman, Associate Editor / Columnist / Book Editor at the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette, will be the keynote speaker at our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast on Monday morning, January 20, 2014.

We shall be awarding the Spirit of Unity Award to a high school student again this year.

A flyer with all the details will be emailed later.



Clare Hoke, Maryann Anderson and Marcia Coleman toasting at the Chilean International Dinner



## GREAT DECISIONS

By Linda Loewer

Join us for lively and informative discussions on international topics that affect you!

The first topic is Defense Technology ... perfect timing with the National Security Agency in the news lately.

How do we use technology to defend our country? And what types of technology do we use? Lots to discuss!

Our first topic will be discussed on February 1, 9:30-11:30am *and* February 4, 7-9pm. Both meetings will be held at La Roche College.

Please call or email Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427 or [loewer@verizon.net](mailto:loewer@verizon.net).

## Membership Update

By Cynthia Stewart

Let's give a big welcome to our newest member, Christine Ley! Christine saw our Chapter's website and attended the September meeting where she had the opportunity to meet some of us. Christine joined shortly thereafter and was formally welcomed at the October meeting.

Please be sure to say hello to her at a future meeting/event and introduce yourself. Here is Christine's contact information to include in your directory.

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## DIRECTORY CHANGES

### NEW ADDRESS

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### E-mail Address Change

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## Ring Bells for NHCO

By Jan Peischl

North Hills Community Outreach has again requested our help to ring the Salvation Army bells. As a service unit, NHCO will receive 90% of the monies collected.

The Red Kettle will be at the Walmart, Gibsonia on Rt. 8. We are hoping to fill shifts on three days the first week of December.

Ringers are needed at two doors on Monday, Dec.2 from 2-4, 4-6, and 6-8; Tuesday, Dec.3 from 2-4 and 6-8; and Wednesday Dec.4 from 2-4. Also ringers are needed for one door only on Tue. from 4-6 and Wed. from 4-6, and 6-8 p.m. It is more fun to ring with someone, so ask a friend to join you.

Sign up as soon as possible so that NHCO will know which shifts are filled. email [peischl@comcast.net](mailto:peischl@comcast.net) or phone 412-367-4546.

# AAUW-PA Public Policy

by Peggy Schmiedecke & Betty Hooker

There is a lot of activity in the Public Policy area right now due to the state Public Policy grant received by Pennsylvania this past summer. Please read the information below and plan on joining us for either the "live" or the "virtual" Lobby Day in Harrisburg on Wednesday, Dec. 11. And don't forget to sign the petitions!

## AAUW-PA Public Policy

**Save the Date! A statewide Lobby Day will be held on Wednesday, Dec. 11.** We will focus on this year's issues, (1) revision of legislation to effectively deal with human trafficking and (2) asking legislators to provide adequate funding for domestic abuse programs. AAUW members from all over the state will participate by either visiting their legislators' offices in Harrisburg or contacting their legislators by phone or email. **If you are interested in meeting with your legislators in Harrisburg, make an appointment as soon as possible. Contact information is available at [www.legi.state.pa.us](http://www.legi.state.pa.us). If you can't make it to Harrisburg, plan to participate by phone or email. More information on Lobby Day and the issues will be sent by email in mid November. Please let Betty Hooker ([bhooker@ptd.net](mailto:bhooker@ptd.net)) know if you are planning to attend the Lobby Day in Harrisburg so that she can send you detailed information. *Please be there or be virtual!***

## Opportunity to Sign Petitions on our Issues

The current Pennsylvania law on *human trafficking* needs to be revised. It lacks the clear definitions and strong penalties necessary to enable the law enforcement community to arrest and prosecute criminals, and there is no statute that is specifically aimed at sex trafficking. Support efforts to improve laws in this area by signing this petition.

### **Human trafficking petition -**

[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/48/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=8966](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/48/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=8966) **or**  
Bit.ly link for human trafficking petition: <http://bit.ly/15X40IG>

One in four women has experienced *domestic violence* at some point in her lifetime. After a long and bitter struggle, Congress passed VAWA in March 2013. However, several days after passage, automatic budget cuts set in motion by sequestration, decreased funding for domestic violence and sexual assault programs by \$20 million. Sign this petition to show the U.S. Congress that you care about this issue.

### **Violence against women petition -**

[http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/48/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action\\_KEY=8965](http://salsa4.salsalabs.com/o/50796/c/48/p/dia/action3/common/public/?action_KEY=8965) **or**  
Bit.ly link for violence against women petition: <http://bit.ly/17POwU9>



## Do you know what you need to save for retirement?

Chances are you're relying on an investment adviser to help you understand your options – but many advisers are not legally prohibited from giving you false or misleading advice that is not in your best interest.

[Even worse, the House of Representatives will soon vote on a bill that would delay a new rule to ensure you are receiving the most accurate investment advice for your retirement savings.](#)

The misnamed "Retail Investor Protection Act" (H.R. 2374) would delay the Department of Labor from updating its rule requiring investment advisers to be free from conflicts of interest that might benefit them at the expense of you, their client. The Department of Labor has conducted extensive analysis and consulted with the financial industry to update this rule, but H.R. 2374 would interfere with the Department of Labor's authority and require the department to meet several additional conditions before issuing the new rule. **Make no mistake: This bill is bad for everyday workers and their families.**

The current rules haven't been updated since 1975, even though the financial and investment landscape has changed significantly since then. More workers now rely on 401(k)s and individual retirement accounts (IRAs) instead of traditional pensions, which means they are more vulnerable to dishonest or misleading investment advice. The Department of Labor is ready to finally update this outdated rule, but the House of Representatives is trying to stop the rule with H.R. 2374.

**H.R. 2374 is expected to come up for a vote this month: [Contact your representative today and urge her/him to oppose the bill!](#)**

Women are already more likely to suffer financial insecurity in their later years, in part because they tend to earn less than men when working in the same position and they tend to live longer than men on average. Our representatives shouldn't be making it harder for women to get the information they need to save for retirement. [Urge your representative to vote against H.R. 2374!](#)

**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.*

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State Website: [www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org)

# VIEWPOINTS

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because equity is still an issue

