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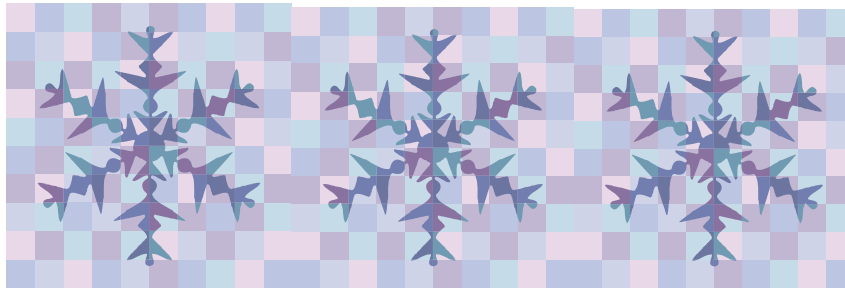
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North Hills–McKnight Branch Newsletter

JANUARY 2011

COME ON IN OUT OF THE COLD!
YOU WON'T MELT!



It will be warm at

THE CARING PLACE!

200 Warrendale Village Drive, Warrendale

Come join us on SATURDAY, JANUARY 22, AT 9:45

We'll have coffee and goodies in their meeting room, a short tour of the facilities, and presentation on The Caring Place, a child-based, family centered program of peer support for grieving children.

You'll be interested in seeing the beautiful memorial quilts on all the walls (they alone are worth the trip) and we'll have information on and discussion of the March Luncheon fund raiser as well!

Directions: The Caring Place is 2 miles north of the Pine Tree Shoppes on Route 19 that has a Panera and the furniture store, Arhaus. Turn LEFT at the traffic light at Wexford Bayne Rd. (An Exxon station and 7/11 will be on your right). Go up the small hill about 3/10 of a mile. (Wheatland Rd. will be on your left). Turn RIGHT into that new shopping center that contains the Jumping Jacks play land. The Caring Place is the building a bit off to your right once you are fully in the parking lot. It needs a sign on the parking lot side of the building. Just drive around and park in front of the building.



From the President

Just in time for those who are tired of gray cloudy days, a party of friends gathering for talk, laughter and fun. A Wine and Cheese party at Ann and Bill Carlson's, 201 Glenn Avenue, Glenshaw, PA, 7:30 PM, January 29, 2011. Please plan to attend and remember that parking will be a challenge so call a friend and car pool if possible.

Homeless Children's Education Fund (HCEF) is a program which works to meet the needs of homeless children in Allegheny Co by providing tutoring and activities at Shelters. Work in progress is an expanding committee of musicians, music educators, and HCEF staff is in the early stages of developing a music program for the children who access homeless services in Allegheny County. While still in the visioning stage of this effort, the group is exploring music curriculum options and developing a timeline that could have a pilot project ready to introduce into one of the HCEF Learning Centers by Sept. 2011. One of the needs for this program is for musical instruments in working condition and instructional music books. Do you have any gathering dust in your home that might find a home with a child? If so bring them to our meetings for the next few months or call (412-486-0151) for pick up. No pianos or organs. It came just before Christmas, I held in my hand a project begun in 1992 and it felt good.

Jerry's parents both passed on in 1991 and while cleaning their family home I discovered a box of letters Dad had written to Mom during their courtship in 1937. I had always wanted to put them together in a book because the story told is of a nation enduring a depression, a war beginning, a very cold North Dakota winter, and a couple falling in love. 2010 became the year that I finally put it together with the help of Dorrence Publishing, here in Pittsburgh, it was published. Remember a year ago when I challenged the membership to try something different? Well this was different and every step was new uncharted territory. Still felt good to hold the book.

-Sylvia



BRANCH CALENDAR

January Happenings

1/11/2011 Morning Book Group

Lark & Termite by Jayne Ann Phillips

Reviewer: Mary Ann Betush

Hostess: Audrey Parobeck, 9:30 a.m.

1/17/2011 Evening Book Group

The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo by Stieg Larsson

Reviewer: Sigrid King

Hostess: Joyce Ruzanic, 7:30 p.m.

1/22/2011 Branch Meeting and Program

The Caring Place

9:45 a.m. Refreshments, tour and presentation

1/29/2011 Midwinter Social

7:30 p.m., Ann & Bill Carlson's home

February Happenings

2/2/2011 Board Meeting

Hostess: Linda Loewer, 7 p.m.

2/8/2011 Morning Book Group

The Great Gatsby by F. Scott Fitzgerald

Reviewer: Marilyn Garrett

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

2/12/2011 International Dinner

Theme: Brazil

2/21/2011 Evening Book Group

Hotel in the Corner of Bitter and Sweet by Jamie Ford

Reviewer: Teneal Caw

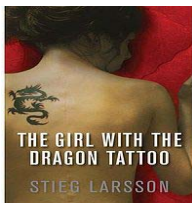
Hostess: Sina Murphy, 7:30 p.m.

2/26/2011 Branch Meeting and Program

La Roche College

9:45 a.m. Refreshments; 10:15 Branch meeting; 11 a.m. Program "Poetry and Translations" with Nola Garrett and Natasha Garrett





BOOKERS of the EVENING

by Sina Murphy

THRILLER OF THE YEAR!

On Monday, January 17, Sigrid King will be reviewing "The Girl with the Dragon Tattoo" by Stieg Larsson, a very dark-hearted, captivating page turner about a young woman you really don't want to mess with! This book grabs you and won't let go!

It's going to be an interesting discussion at the home of Joyce Ruzanic at 7:30 pm. All are welcome.

MARCH 2011 LUNCHEON

By Anita Wurthner

We made some great plans on Monday, November 20, 2010, for the Luncheon, which will be held on March 26, 2011. The theme this time will be **Women in the Arts**. A Book Sale will be a new addition to the other auctions. More help is needed with the Silent Auction, Basket Auctions, and Door Prizes and Book Sale. We need your help. Email me – adwurthner@verizon.net or call me at 412.486.5161 if you can help.

What Can You Do?

Please mark your calendar – Saturday, **March 26, 2011** and **plan to attend** the Luncheon and bring a friend or two.

Donate new items for the auction, a gift card, or a money contribution. Money contributions will be used to purchase a stay at a bed and breakfast.

Donate your gently used books, CDs, and DVDs for the Book Sale.

Volunteer to help in some way to help with the Luncheon.

With working together and combining our talents, we can once again make the March Luncheon a successful one.

MLK Breakfast

By Joanne Ahlstrom

By the time this issue of Viewpoints arrives it may possibly be too late to make reservations for the 11th annual MLK Breakfast to be held at La Roche College on January 17, 2011. If you would like to attend please phone Mary Sheehan immediately at 412-367-0383 to ask if seats are still available. Dr. Larry E. Davis, Dean, School of Social Work at Pitt will be the keynote speaker. He comes highly recommended by several Breakfast Committee members who have heard him speak on other occasions. Dr. Patricia P. Green, Superintendent of the North Allegheny School District will receive the Spirit of Unity Award. Professor Astrid Kersten of La Roche College will be the M.C. Piano entertainment during the coffee hour will again be provided by two of the Sisters of Divine Providence.

GREAT DECISIONS

By Linda Loewer

Is your head spinning from all the spin on TV? Do you want to learn more about what's going on in the world and where the U.S. fits into it all? Come join us at Great Decisions! We'll be talking about some exciting topics this year! Choose either Saturday morning meetings (9:30am – 11:30am) at La Roche College, Science Bldg Room 103 OR Tuesday evening meetings (7pm – 9pm), also at La Roche College, room to be announced, starting Jan. 29th. Books are available to purchase at La Roche's Wright Library for \$23.00. Call or email Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427 or loewer@verizon.net.

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE A SUCCESS!

By Joan Killinger and Sina Murphy

A big thank you to our members who supported this year's Green Sale. Our branch made a profit of \$1,091.50. This money will go to our La Roche Scholarship Fund.

Special thanks are extended to Sister Rita Yeasted and Susan McKinney for their large orders and enthusiastic participation in this annual fundraiser.

10,000 Villages

By Sylvia Lynn

10,000 Villages provided a wonderful array of items to buy as well as information about their organization at our December open house. Shopping, an incredible cookie table and good friends made for a fun evening. Jennifer Miller, spoke about the artisans who sell through 10,000 Villages and the difference the money earned is making in their communities. She gave us a listing of Fair Trade Resources which some of you may find interesting to peruse. Happy discovering.

tenhousandvillages.com
fairtradefederation.org
wfto.com
fairtrade.net
transfairusa.org
serrv.org
equalexchange.org
divinechocolateusa.com
fairforlife.net
greenamericantoday.org
oxfamamerica.org
fairtraderresource.org

Thanks from North Hills Community Outreach

By Jan Peischl

Our branch rang the Salvation Army bells on Friday, Nov. 12th at the Duncan Manor Shopping Center. Because they are a service unit of the Salvation Army, NHCO will receive 90% of \$179.94, the amount we collected. Thanks to Shirley Peetz, Linda Tozier, Sylvia and Jerry Lynn, Lois Grillette, Joanne Ahlstrom, and Jan Peischl who volunteered for the 2 hour shifts with the "red kettle". Had there been a prize for best outfit, Lois would have won in her red and white outfit topped off with Santa hat and complete with red shoes.

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to three more new members!

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Please add Ellen, Georgiana, and Tara to your directory and introduce yourself at a meeting. We're excited you've joined us, Ellen, Georgiana, and Tara. (and thanks for recruiting them, Betty Kroniser, Peggy Schmiedecke, and Sylvia Lynn)!

New Interest Groups?

By Irene Lietz

Are you a movie lover who would love a regular "ladies night out"? How about board games—maybe a group open to couples, complete with an on-site sitter for the wee folks? Or could you be intrigued by a mystery group that plans to be ready for whatever the hostess can dream up—you may know the cost and what to wear, but nothing else! Members (and prospective members) have recently proposed all of these ideas, but we're looking for *someone interested in taking the lead*: call a meeting to see who else might like to come play with you and see what comes of it. What do you think? Do you have an itch for something new to do in the new year with your wonderful AAUW friends? If so, talk to Sylvia Lynn for how-to guidance. We look forward to hearing from you!

Zonta's Glass Slipper Ball March 5

By Irene Lietz

In a wonderful show of collaboration, Zonta North, who recently partnered with us on the October human trafficking program, invited us to display our logo on all of their promotional materials as a supporter (no money required) of their major fundraiser on March 5, 2011: the Glass Slipper Ball. Some of our members have attended this swanky event in the past and had very positive reports. The \$50,000 they hope to raise goes towards scholarships for single moms through HEARTH, Crisis Center North, POWER, North Hills Community Outreach, and Girls Hope. Besides the free publicity for AAUW, we will have a chance to visit one of their meetings to briefly share AAUW information (and will host them at ours), include a promotional item in their goodie bag at the ball, if desired, and have the opportunity to serve on the GSB committee or volunteer to work that night, without joining Zonta. In exchange, we have agreed to make an effort to sell tickets, invite you to contribute to the Silent Auction and to attend the event, and advertise the GSB to you. It's a worthy event that aligns with our mission, doesn't take away from anything that we want to accomplish for AAUW, costs us nothing, while giving us great community exposure. In other words, it's a win-win. If interested in more info, see their website at www.ZontaThreeRiversNorth.com. We'll have more details via email over the next month or so.



Fresh Blueberry Crumb Pie

Submitted by Sylvia Lynn

Joan Killinger served this Blueberry pie at Morning Bridge in December. It was so good, we decided it should be shared. Enjoy.

Crumb Crust/Topping

- 1 cup hazelnuts or almonds (about 4 ounces)
- 2 cups all purpose flour
- ½ cup granulated sugar
- ¾ cup (1 ½ sticks) chilled butter cut into small pieces

Filling

- ½ cup granulated sugar
- 1 ½ T. cornstarch
- 2 pints fresh berries (such as blueberries, raspberries, and/or strawberries)

Preheat the oven to 350 F. To prepare crumb crust/topping, spread nuts in a medium baking pan. Roast the nuts, stirring occasionally, until toasted, about 10 minutes. Remove nuts from the oven and turn out onto a cloth towel. Rub off and discard the papery skins. Increase the oven to 450 F.

In a food processor fitted with the metal blade, process the nuts until finely ground, about 10 seconds.

In a large bowl, mix together the nuts, flour, and sugar. Using a pastry blender or 2 knives, cut the butter into the flour mixture until coarse crumbs form. Using fingers, evenly press half of the crumb crust/ topping mixture into the bottom and sides of an 8 or 9 inch tart or springform pan.

To prepare the filling, in a medium bowl, mix together the sugar and the cornstarch. Gently fold in the berries. Spoon the berry mixture into the crust, spreading evenly. Sprinkle the berry mixture evenly with the remaining crumb crust/topping. Bake until topping is golden and filling is bubbly, 30 minutes, Transfer the pan to a wire rack to cool for 10 minutes. Serve warm.

Watch nuts very carefully when you are grinding them in the food processor. If you grind them too long, the result will be nut butter.

Midwinter Social

Singles, Couples, Trios...

**Join us for an evening of wine, cheese and conversation to
brighten the winter cold**

**Saturday, January 29, 2011
7:30 p.m.**

at the home of Bill and Ann Carlson

**Please bring your beverage of choice; the snacks will be
provided by our branch.**

**In order to provide adequate snacks, please RSVP
No later than January 25
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MISSION STATEMENT OF AAUW ASSOCIATION AND EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, 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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because equity is still an issue

