



Viewpoints

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North Hills–McKnight Branch Newsletter

September 2011

MEET and GREET

Wednesday, September 28th
In the Ryan Room at La Roche College
Social at 6:00 PM
Meeting at 7:00 PM



Bring a guest or two!

AAUW board members will provide appetizers and desserts.

**There will also be a memorial book sale in honor of
Carol Cooper.**

Tozier's Tidbits

After a twenty-four year hiatus and with much excitement, I am beginning a second term as your branch president. Some things have changed since 1987 and some things have remained the same. Those of us who joined in the 1980's certainly have changed physically. BUT we continue to care about our wonderful organization and support it enthusiastically. Our branch ranks among the leaders in Pennsylvania for its consistently fine programming, its outreach to the community and its ability to attract new members. We should give ourselves a collective "pat on the back" for these achievements.

When you receive the new branch directory, please take some time to look over the exciting programs that we are offering for the 2011-2012 year. Plan to invite potential members to these meetings. We have a lot to offer. Maybe this is the year you join a new interest group. This is a wonderful way to get to know more of our members. I am very excited that 2012 state convention is being held in April at the Greentree Radisson Hotel. It would be so neat if our branch had the largest delegation at this event. I promise that the AAUW-PA membership vice president will acknowledge our convention attendance (because this is my position on the state board!)

I would be remiss if I did not take this opportunity to thank some leaders who helped our branch thrive during the past two years. Thanks to the following outgoing officers: Sylvia Lynn (Past President), Peggy Garbooshian (outgoing Program Vice President) and Janice Peischl (outgoing Secretary). Irene Lietz has resigned as Co-Membership Vice President due to her increased work responsibilities. Thank you, Irene, for three great years in this capacity. I am happy to announce the appointment of Cindy Stewart as Co-Membership Vice President, a job she will share with Roberta Smiley-Betzler.

The national convention in DC was a well-run event that offered many fine workshops and interesting speakers. I had a particularly fun time because I was finishing my two-year term on the national board and because I roomed with my long-time friend with whom I taught second grade in Lakewood, Ohio in the mid 1960's. All of the proposed by-laws and public policy changes passed. Dot McLane (from Lansdale) was elected as a Director-at-Large. I was appointed to the national Leadership Corps. This means that I still will be called to visit

branches and states to help with membership issues. And when I travel, I will continue to tell everyone about the success of our branch. We are the best!

I look forward to seeing you at our opening meeting on Wednesday, September 28th. We will be gathering at 6:00 pm at La Roche for a "Meet and Greet" and of course EAT!

Linda Tozier, President



BRANCH

CALENDAR

September Happenings

9/13/2011 Morning Book Group

Major Pettigrew's Last Stand

by Helen Simonson

Reviewer: Linda Joy

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

9/19/2011 Evening Book Group

The Art of Racing in the Rain

by Garth Stein

Reviewer: Debbie Rosenfelder

Hostess: Debbie Rosenfelder, 7:30 p.m.

9/24/2011 International Dinner

Theme: Our Garden's Harvest

9/28/2011 Branch Meeting and Program

La Roche College, Ryan Room

"AAUW Appetizer and Dessert Potluck Social"

Social, 6 p.m.

Meeting, 7 p.m.

October Happenings

10/5/2011 Board Meeting

Hostess: Sylvia Lynn, 7 p.m.

10/11/2011 Morning Book Group

Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier

by Joanna Stratton

Reviewer: Suzann Frishkorn

Hostess: Suzann Frishkorn, 9:30 a.m.

10/17/2011 Evening Book Group

The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks

by Rebecca Skloot

Reviewer: Jane Depee

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

10/26/11 Branch Meeting and Program

"STEM (Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math)

Refreshments, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting/Program: 7 p.m.

A SWEET STORY

By Sina Murphy

The Bookers of the Evening will be meeting on Monday, September 19, 2011, at 7:30 pm at the home of Debbie Rosenfelder, 8310 Van Buren Drive, 15237. Debbie will be leading the discussion of the novel, "The Art of Racing in the Rain" by Garth Stein. Once you start this novel, you won't want to put it down. A heart-wrenching but deeply funny and ultimately uplifting story of family, love, loyalty, and hope, it is a captivating look at the wonders and absurdities of human life--all told by Enzo, the DOG.

If you cannot attend, please call Debbie at 412-367-4751 or email her at rosenfelderd@verizon.net. Guests are always welcome.

LOSS OF BRANCH MEMBER

By Linda Tozier

Many of you know that Carol Cooper passed away on June 26th. Jane Depee, Clare Hoke and I attended both the viewing and funeral at Simons Funeral Home. Carol is survived by her husband, Bruce, and two daughters, Cathy and Cindy. Our branch has sent a \$50 contribution to the Educational Opportunities AAUW Fund in Carol's memory.

Carol was active in our branch in the late 1970's and early 1980's, serving as branch treasurer from 1979 to 1981. Three weeks after I moved here in 1981, Carol was the first person I met in my neighborhood who helped me find out where the North Hills Branch was meeting. Carol's love of books was responsible for the many contributions she made to our branch's used book sale. The September meeting's book sale will be held in memory of Carol. She will be missed.

FINANCE REPORT

SUBMITTED BY LINDA LOEWER

Checking account balance: \$5010.50
 EF savings account: \$4490.28
 General savings account: \$3231.67
 CD: \$2342.64



Great Decisions 2012 Topics

By Linda Loewer

Our 2012 Great Decisions topics have been announced! They all look interesting and some will bring us up-to-date on subjects we've discussed in the past.

Here's the rundown:

- Middle East
- Promoting democracy
- Mexico
- Cybersecurity
- Exit from Afghanistan & Iraq
- State of the Oceans
- Indonesia
- Energy geopolitics

Meeting dates: Tuesday evenings, 7-9pm:

Jan. 31-introduction;

Feb. 7, 14, 21, 28;

March 6, 13, 20, 27

Saturday mornings, 9:30-11:30am:

Feb. 4, 11, 18, 25;

March 3, 10, 17, 24

(Note that there is no introduction meeting for the Saturday group. Instead we'll be attending the Jan. 28 branch meeting for the program on Afghanistan's future. Check your directory for more information.)

If you have any questions, please call Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427.

**Pennsylvania STEM Girls Collaborative
 Annual Conference
 Winchester Thurston School, North Campus
 Allison Park, PA
 September 24, 2011
 8:00 AM - 4:00 PM Eastern**

This conference will introduce attendees to exemplary practices for collaboration and gender equitable practices that motivate girls to pursue interests in STEM. Opportunities will be provided to develop new collaborations and connect with local resources. Mini-grant awardees will showcase their projects and exemplary practices. An optional networking reception will be held in the same location on Friday, September 23, 2011 from 7:00-9:00 PM
 Register: <http://www.ngcproject.org/pa>.



**AMANDA YAKLICH
TO RECEIVE
SISTER MATILDA KELLY
INCENTIVE GRANT**

By Jane Depee

Amanda Yaklich is currently a senior student at La Roche College and is this year's recipient of our Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant. She plans to graduate in December with a bachelor's degree in elementary education and a certification in special education. She hopes eventually to be fortunate enough to secure a teaching position in Western Pennsylvania.

When Amanda finished high school, she was not sure what she wanted to do with her life. She took some courses in a Community College and also completed a forty hour training course to become a certified nursing assistant. She worked in assisted living facilities and provided care for geriatric patients. When she finally decided that elementary education was where she belonged, Amanda really blossomed. Because of her hard work and excitement for the field, she currently has a 3.79 QPA.

At our September 28th branch meeting, we will present Amanda with a check for \$1500, which she says will be used to help with tuition. To date, she has been relying heavily on student loans.

The money for this grant was raised by our annual sale of the Greens. Thanks very much to everyone who generously support this effort. The profit we make all goes to the good cause of helping a very deserving mature (at least 25 years of age) female student at La Roche obtain her degree.

Many thanks to Sylvia Lynn, Sina Murphy, and Linda Tozier for serving on the selection committee. Their time was invaluable in reading the applications thoroughly and helping to choose our winner. It will truly be a pleasure to present this award to such a deserving candidate.

WELCOME TO OUR NEW MEMBERS

Nora Bell and Maripat Squillace Kwaczala have joined us recently - and we are thrilled! Please add their information to your directory and introduce yourself at the next meeting/event. Some of you were delighted to meet Nora and Maripat at the Evening Book Group in July. Special thanks to Peggy Garbooshian for recruiting them.

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HOLIDAY GREENS SALE 2011



It is hard to believe, but the Holidays will soon be here. We hope this year's Holiday Greens Sale will help simplify your decorating ideas and gift giving. This traditional fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to purchase quality wreaths and other greens, fresh from the Pacific Northwest. If you truly do not need or want to purchase any greenery, we encourage you to contribute to this fundraiser by sending in a donation. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** of the profits go to our annual La Roche scholarship. An order form is included in this month's Viewpoints. Additional order forms, as well as glossy/colored fliers, will be available at the September and October branch meetings. All orders must be received by **Thursday, October 27.**

You may bring your completed order form to the branch meeting or send it to Joan Killinger, 2611 Autumnwood Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116. Payment may be made when you pick up your order, except for Gift Items. Please include payment for all Gift Items with your order. All checks should be made payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW. If you have any questions, please call Sina Murphy at 724-443-9163 or Joan Killinger at 412-486-2919

INTERNATIONAL DINNERS

Another year of fun-filled international dinners has been planned.



<u>DATE</u>	<u>THEME</u>	<u>HEAD HOSTESS</u>
September 24, 2011	Our Garden's Harvest	Nell Sutherland
November 5, 2011	Election Day	Audrey Parobeck
January 14, 2012	MLK, Jr. Day	Anita Fletcher/Jan Peischl
March 17, 2012	St. Patrick's Day	Sylvia Lynn
May 5, 2012	Cinco de Mayo	Clare Hoke

HERvotes

By Peggy Schmiedecke

Linda Hallman, executive director and CEO of the Association of American University Women (AAUW) said, "From Women's Equality Day 2011 to Election Day 2012, we will be reaching out to women and urging them to talk to the other women in their lives – their moms, their sisters, their daughters, their friends, their neighbors and their coworkers – so that we can increase voter turnout and bring forward women's voices in the national discussion on jobs, health care, education and family economic security."

AAUW along with a coalition of women's organizations, representing millions of women, announced plans to counter the attacks on women's economic and health security through a new multi-organization effort, **HERvotes**. The goal is to mobilize women voters in 2012 around preserving women's Health and Economic Rights (HER rights.)

On August 26th **HERvotes** 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. The full list may be viewed via <http://blog-aauw.org/hervotes/advances-for-women-at-risk/>

Each month we will spotlight one of the 10 historic laws now in danger and reiterate any AAUW CALL TO ACTION:

Title IX of the Education Amendments (1972)

Title IX prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs or activities. Title IX greatly expanded equal access to college education, professional and graduate schools and dramatically increased equal access to sports opportunities so that today girls and women represent over 40% of all college and high school athletes. Title IX also plays a vital role in increasing gender equity in science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) education by improving the climate for women in those fields.

Threat:

A combination of administrative budget cuts, regulations, private school vouchers schemes, and pressure from congressional opponents threatens to weaken enforcement of Title IX.

AAUW CALL TO ACTION - Being a 'Two-Minute Activist' is an easy way to make your voice heard in Congress regarding the pending cuts or eliminations. Once you set up your information, it is a simple mouse click to send a prepared statement by AAUW (or you can edit and include your own comments.) **Demand Strong Title IX Enforcement** via <http://www.capwiz.com/aauw/issues/alert/?alertid=53191501>

MORNING BOOK GROUP 2011-2012

Date	Reviewer	Book & Author	Hostess
September 13, 2011	Linda Joy	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson	Linda Joy
October 11, 2011	Suzann Frishkorn	Pioneer Women: Voices from the Kansas Frontier by Joanna Stratton	Suzann Frishkorn
November 8, 2011	Shirley Teasley	Anthill by E.O. Wilson	Mary Ann Betush
December 13, 2011		Favorite poem to read or A Christmas Memory of yours	Marilyn Lanz
January 10, 2012	Mary Ann Betush	The Mistress of Nothing by Kate Pullinger	Audrey Parobeck
February 14, 2012	Judy Sparlin	Cleopatra by Stacy Schiff	Joanne Ahlstrom
March 13, 2012	Marilyn Garrett	The Nine Tailors By Dorothy Sayers	Janet Boy
April 10, 2012		Planning Meeting & Luncheon	Jan Peischl
May 8, 2012	Sandy Brown	Writing Jane Austen by Elizabeth Aston	Barb Matthews
June 12, 2012	Joanne Ahlstrom	Farewell to Manzanar by Jeanne Wakatsuki Houston	Pauline Edison

BOOKERS OF THE EVENING 2011-2012

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September 19, 2011	Debbie Rosenfelder	The Art of Racing in the Rain by Garth Stein	Debbie Rosenfelder
October 17, 2011	Jane Depee	The Immortal Life of Henrietta Lacks by Rebecca Skloot	Sina Murphy
November 21, 2011	Sigrid King	Major Pettigrew's Last Stand by Helen Simonson	Shirley Peetz
January 16, 2012	Sina Murphy	Clara and Mr. Tiffany By Susan Vreeland	Bunny Roessing
February 20, 2012	Teneal Caw	Outliers: The Story of Success by Malcolm Gladwell	Ann Carlson
March 12, 2012	Peggy Garbooshian	Cutting for Stone by Abraham Verghese	Kate Stuart
March 19, 2012		Lecture by Abraham Verghese At Drue Heinz	
April 16, 2012	Julie Makuta	The Hunger Games by Suzanne Collins	Margaret Hartley
May 21, 2012	Irene Lietz	Who I Was Suppose to Be by Susan Perabo	Peggy Schmiedecke
June 18, 2012	Barbara Matthews	In the Garden of Beasts by Erik Larson	Irene Lietz
July 16, 2012		Planning Session	Peggy Garbooshian

North Hills International Day of Peace 2011

Sunday September 18, 2011

Time: 3 PM to 6 PM



Come Celebrate with Us

Point Grove on Lakeshore Drive, North Park

(see reverse side for directions)

**Free Food, Music and Activities
for the Whole Family
Including Colorful Procession
of World Flags**

Please bring a side dish or dessert for a 4:00 pm buffet

**Sponsored by: The Pittsburgh North People for Peace and
the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition**

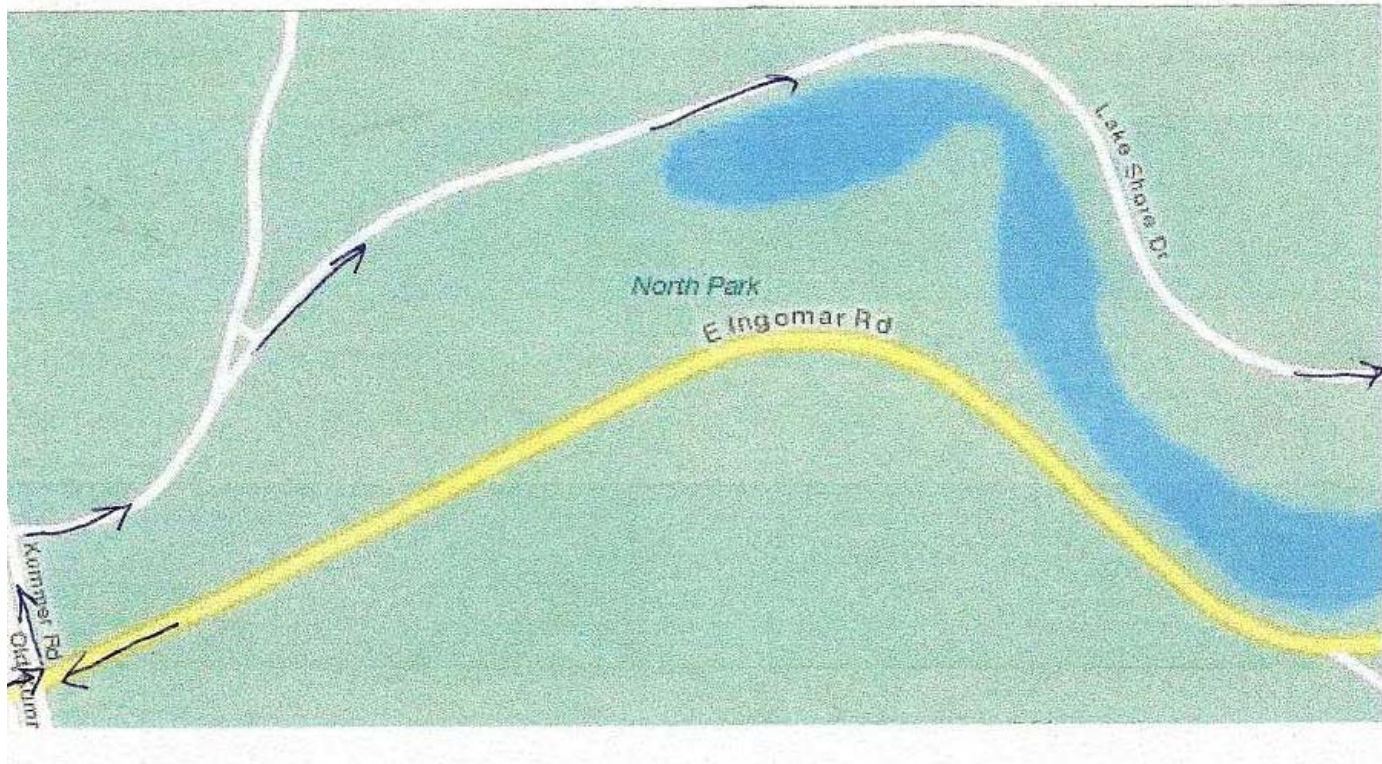
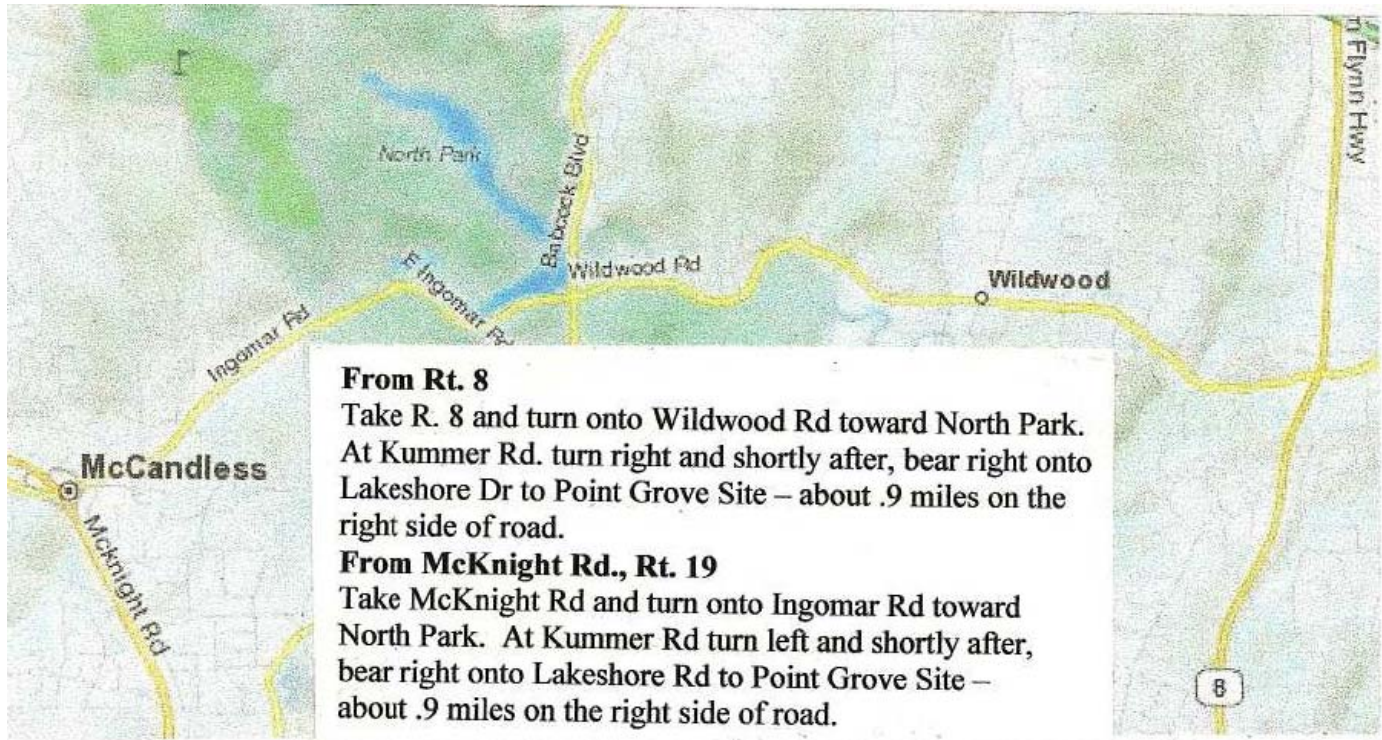
**Partnering Organizations: North Hills Ebony Women, Inc.,
North Hills-McKnight AAUW, League of Women Voters of Greater
Pittsburgh, Sisters of Divine Providence**



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DIRECTIONS TO THE NORTH HILLS INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE
POINT GROVE on LAKESHORE DRIVE, NORTH PARK



2011 HOLIDAY GREENS SALE



Please use the order form below. You may bring your order to the September or October Branch Meeting or send it to Joan Killinger, 2611 Autumnwood Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116. All orders must be received by Thursday, October 27. Payment may be made when you pick up your order, except for Gift Items. Please include payment for Gift Items with your order. All checks should be made payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW.

Name _____ Telephone # _____

<u>QUANTITY</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	22" Noble Fir Wreath (W2)	19.00	_____
_____	10 ft. Western Cedar Garland (G3)	20.00	_____
_____	Holiday Centerpiece (C5)	16.00	_____
_____	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W3)	29.00	_____
_____	22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W4)	20.00	_____

Individual Direct Delivery Gift Items:

_____	22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W4M)	37.00	_____
_____	Western Cedar Gift Garland (G3M)	42.00	_____
_____	Gift Centerpiece (C5M)	33.00	_____
_____	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W3M)	40.00	_____
_____	Cone Gift Basket (N7M)	30.00	_____
_____	Evergreen Gift Set (EGM)	69.00	_____

Please provide the following information for EACH of your Gift orders and staple it to the order form.

From: _____ Telephone: _____

Send to: _____ Telephone: _____

Address: _____

Message: _____ Gift Item Sent: _____

North Hills-McKnight AAUW Check Request

Requestor _____ Date _____

Office/position _____

Payee: "Self" or Name _____

Address (if needed) _____

Purpose of expense(s) _____

Please attach all receipts by stapling or taping them to the back; attach additional pages if needed. Normally receipts or other documentation are required for all expenditures/reimbursements; if not available, please explain.

<u>Item</u> (No need to itemize items purchased together for same purpose)	<u>Amount</u>
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Total

Signature _____

Treasurer's records:

Date Paid _____

Board Approval (if needed):

Check # _____

Beaver Valley Branch


 AAUW

10th Annual Kitchen Tour

Touring & Tasting Delights

Saturday, October 1, 2011

Tour 5 kitchens in
Beaver & Brighton Township
11 am to 3 pm

Visit Marketplace & Café
Dutch Ridge Elementary School
10 am to 4 pm

<p style="text-align: center;">AAUW Beaver Valley Branch</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Touring & Tasting Delights</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Visit Dutch Ridge Elementary School Marketplace featuring Specialty Boutiques Bake Sale Handbag Sale Raffle 10 am to 4 pm</p> <p>Tour tickets Pre-sale \$15 At door \$18 Gourmet Box Lunch Tickets \$10 Presale only All tickets available at Hostess Shoppe and A Cook's Wares in Beaver</p> <div style="text-align: center;">  </div>	<p style="text-align: center;">Saturday, October 1, 2011</p> <p>Tour Kitchens 11 am to 3 pm 1301 Corporation St., Beaver 1012 Fifth St., Beaver 120 Allen Dr., Brighton Twp. 960 Beacom Dr., Brighton Twp. 275 Bradys Ridge Rd., Brighton Twp.</p> <p style="text-align: center;">Chefs Russ Wilbur, Chef 1810 Tavern, Bridgewater Jason Benegasi, Chef/Owner BIBA Restaurant, Beaver Galan Blyth, Chef Clark's Restaurant, Moon Twp. Tahj Merriman, Chef/Partner Waffles Incaffeinated, New Brighton Susan Bellucci, Executive Chef Italian Ovens</p> <p style="text-align: center;">http://aauwbeavervalley.com For Information: 724.846.4260</p>
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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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Association Website: www.aauw.org



VIEWPOINTS

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because equity is still an issue

