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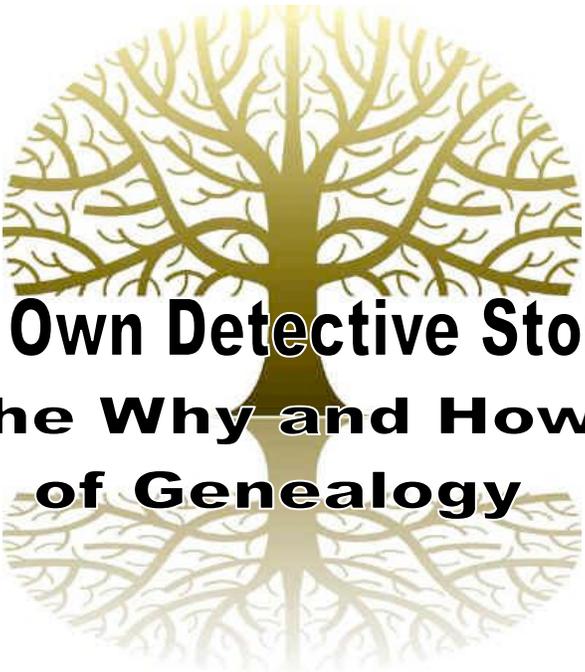
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North Hills–McKnight Branch Newsletter

February 2012

Wednesday, February 22nd  
6:30 Refreshments  
7:00 Meeting/Program  
La Roche College - Ryan Room



## **Your Own Detective Story: The Why and How of Genealogy**

Presented by Elissa Powell,  
Certified Genealogist and  
Certified Genealogist Lecturer

Don't miss this opportunity to learn how to  
Research your roots!

## Tozier's Tidbits

Punxsutawney Phil's prognostication of six more weeks of winter made me realize how fortunate it's been to be having such mild weather. Just in case our furry friend is correct, this is our branch cancellation policy: *Our meeting will be cancelled if La Roche College closes for bad weather.* Please check the school closings on the five o'clock news. I will try to email an announcement of the cancellation if timing permits.

January was a busy month. Branch members had the opportunity to honor Dr. Martin Luther King, Jr. both at the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition's MLK, Jr. Breakfast and the Taste of Gullah international dinner. All of us who heard Mark Jones' presentation about the good work in Afghanistan by the Army Corps of Engineers came away with a feeling of gratitude for Mark and all the military. January ended with our Nominating Committee securing candidates for Membership Vice President and Finance Officer for the next two years. Congratulations to Cindy Stewart and Linda Loewer for accepting these nominations and thank you to Julie Makuta (chair), Maryann Anderson, Heather Dills, Janette Kohr and Janice Peischl being such an efficient committee.

I am looking forward to this month's meeting with local genealogist Elissa Powell, founder of the Genealogical Research Institute of Pittsburgh. Please consider inviting to this program someone you know with an interest in genealogy. Refreshments begin at 6:30, meeting at 7:00 and program at 7:30. If you missed our first Conversations and Cocktails, you will have another chance on February 27<sup>th</sup>. Please see Jen Jones' notice.

Looking ahead to March, have you thought about who you are going to invite to the March 31<sup>st</sup> Shape the Future event? This free event is a perfect opportunity for you to share with others all the wonderful things our branch does that make us unique. What a great way to conclude Women's History Month by spending a Saturday morning hearing Lucille Adkin's presentation on nineteenth century women composers, accompanied by

pianist Charles Wilson and guest vocalist La'keeta Pittman! Please pick up invitations for your guests at our February meeting.

*Linda Tozier*, President



## BRANCH CALENDAR

### February Happenings

#### **2/14/12 Morning Book Group**

*Cleopatra*

by Stacy Schiff

Reviewer: Judy Sparlin

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

#### **2/20/12 Evening Book Group**

*Outliers: The Story of Success*

by Malcolm Gladwell

Reviewer: Teneal Caw

Hostess: Ann Carlson, 7:30 p.m.

#### **2/22/12 Branch Meeting and Program**

Your Own Detective Story: The Why and How of Genealogy

Refreshments, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting/Program, 7 p.m.

### March Happenings

#### **3/7/2012 Board Meeting**

Hostess: Jan Peischl, 7 p.m.

#### **3/13/12 Morning Book Group**

*The Nine Tailors*

by Dorothy Sayers

Reviewer: Marilyn Garrett

Hostess: Janet Boy, 9:30 a.m.

#### **3/12/12 Evening Book Group**

*Cutting for Stone*

by Abraham Verghese

Reviewer: Peggy Garbooshian

Hostess: Kate Stuart, 7:30 p.m.

#### **3/17/12 International Dinner**

Theme: St. Patrick's Day

#### **3/31/12 "AAUW Shape the Future Event"**

Nineteenth Century Women Composers

## COCKTAIL AND CONVERSATIONS!

By Jennifer Jones

Monday, February 27....a leap year cocktail and conversations!

Bring your husband, friend, partner, side kick.... sorry no pets.

North Park Lounge, across from La Roche at the corner of Duncan and Babcock.

There will be games and laughter if we play it right!

5:30 to 7:30.

No host but some appetizers will be available.

RSVP: [xojones@aol.com](mailto:xojones@aol.com) or 412 548 3443 or just show up!

## GREAT DECISIONS

By Linda Loewer

Many Great Decisions participants attended Mark Jones' presentation on Afghanistan. They were excited to hear a first-hand account of the progress and success of some of our projects!

We start out this month talking about the changes in the Middle East and what type of relationship the U.S. might have with the new governments. It's a complicated situation with many issues to attend to. We'll follow up with a discussion related to these changes: "Promoting Democracy." What does this mean for the U.S.? What might democracy look like in other countries and cultures? And how does this affect us living in the U.S.?

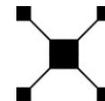
Please join us on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30am or Tuesday evenings from 7:00 to 9:00pm, in Room 108 of the Science Building at La Roche College.

If you have any questions, please call Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427 or email her at [loewer@verizon.net](mailto:loewer@verizon.net).



## LET'S READ MATH

By Peggy Garbooshian



Let's Read Math was on the move in January. Cindy Stewart and Jan Peischl joined Peggy Garbooshian in presenting what we call *The Greedy Triangle* Program to all 6 kindergarten classes at Avonworth elementary school the mornings of January 10, 11, and 12<sup>th</sup>, --- to rave reviews from both the students and the teachers. We have a pre lesson activity, read the book *The Greedy Triangle* to the students, and then the fun begins! Just give 5 and 6 year olds toothpicks and "dried" mini marshmallows free reign and who knows what will be created. (Peggy's basement is filled for about three weeks with containers of marshmallows drying out so they are less sticky). When we walk around the little tables and chairs we're able to discuss as well as show visually so many new and different math concepts ---sides, angles, pentagons and other shapes (even quadrilaterals), 2 dimensional objects, 3 dimensional objects, why trusses (made up of triangles) are so much stronger than simple squares, prisms, etc. It's a lesson for all of us. All the creations go home to the parents in extra large lunch bags with a parent note attached explaining our program. One of the kindergarten teachers had us end the morning's presentation with a "Museum Walk". Mr. D. went over the rules for museums with the kids, no talking, no touching, etc. and their quiet examination of other students' creations was just a perfect way to end our hour together. It is now the official finish to our LRM Greedy Triangle Program. Next up, in March, will be *Grandfather Tang's Story*, introducing tangrams, which many of you will remember having fun with a couple of years ago. Lots of help will be need for that presentation and if you haven't been in a kindergarten class in a bit, you'll be amazed at what is going on.

**FINANCE REPORT**

By Linda Loewer

Jan. 1, 2012 Balance: \$3244.73

January expenses: 63.96

Jan. 31, 2012 balance: \$3180.77

(There was no income in January.)

AAUW Funds: \$3837.54

Savings Account: \$3233.30

CD: \$3670.79

**HAPPY VALENTINE'S DAY****BAD  
WEATHER**

If La Roche closes due to inclement weather, there will be no meeting on February 22<sup>nd</sup>. Hopefully Phil's prediction was incorrect and we won't have six more weeks of winter!

**USED PILLOWCASES**

By Julie Makuta

La Roche College Campus Ministry is collecting gently used pillowcases for cat beds for a local animal shelter. Please bring your pillowcases to the February meeting or drop them off in Julie Makuta's office at La Roche (210 College Center).



**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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