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ANNUAL MAY DINNER

Wednesday, May 18, 2016

Social time at 6:00 p.m. (cash bar) Dinner at 6:30 p.m.

Frescos

10545 Perry Highway, One Wexford Square
Wexford, PA 15090

Buffet Menu

Farmhouse Salad
Asiago Chicken (Sundried Tomato Butter Sauce)
Roasted Salmon (Dill Thyme Butter)
Balsamic Roasted Yukon Potatoes, Roasted Baby Carrots (Honey Butter)
Penne Pasta with Tomato Cream
Artesian Bread, Coffee/Tea
Sorbet

Dinner costs \$35.00. Guests are most welcome

Please mail your check, payable to North Hills - McKnight AAUW to:
Betty Kroniser, 920 Camelot Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Reservation and Payment Deadline is May 8, 2016

Continuing to collect new or "gently read" children's books for donation to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services SummerFood book program.



President's Note

April was a busy month for our branch. April 12 was Equal Pay Day, and activities on the La Roche campus was spearheaded by Peggy Schmiedecke. Linda Tozier and Peggy Schmiedecke and 4 students (Alaya, Kessha, Alyssa, and Carolyn) from our AAUW La Roche Student Affiliate group attended State Convention April 15-17. I'm very thankful for their willingness to travel across the state to attend state convention in **Tannersville, PA.**



We had a full house turnout at our April 20th meeting and awarded our Gateway to Equity to Dr. Theresa Richards and Carnegie Mellon University' Girls of Steel Robotics. The energy in the room was comfortable and engaging. The two students, Mikayla and Jimin, told me they had a wonderful time presenting about their FIRST Robotic program to our membership. I'm very pleased that Maripat Kwaczala, (Membership V.P.) and Katherine Keith (Finance) officers were unanimously approved by membership vote to continue a second term. I want to give a special thank you to Cindy Stewart for taking initiative this year in leading our Great Decision program. You and your team did a wonderful job.

As you know Tech Savvy is May 14, and I'm very thankful for all the support from our branch and our sister branches: AAUW Beaver Valley Branch, AAUW Butler Branch, AAUW Fox Chapel Branch, and AAUW Pittsburgh Branch to help us make our first AAUW Tech Savvy conference a success. I would like to make a special thank you to Peggy Schmiedecke and Linda Tozier for their strong commitment towards Tech Savvy. It's GO time, and we are gearing up to have one awesome conference. Stay tuned for highlights after the conference. WESA NPR will be covering the conference and will feature our Tech Savvy conference on their Pittsburgh Tech Report May 17!

We are about to complete another year of programming and celebrate our accomplishments at our Annual May 18th dinner. This year will be a little different and we will conduct some business by voting on our newest revised Branch Bylaws, which was inspired by AAUW national's model bylaws for branches. Then we will continue with our normal May Dinner activities (install our Membership V.P. and Finance Officers, give Outstanding Woman and Member Making a Difference Awards, and recognize membership milestones).

Lastly, we will have our joint board meeting on June 1 at 6 p.m. at Sina Murphy's house. If you are interested in joining and/or continuing to be on our board and helping us with our next year's programming and activities, please let me know.

Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.
President

BRANCH CALENDAR

May Happenings

5/10/2016 Morning Book Group

Killing Mr. Watson

Reviewer: Barb Matthews

Hostess: Fran Bogus, 9:30 a.m.

5/14/2016 Tech Savvy Conference

La Roche College, Zappala College Center

7:30 a.m. - 4 p.m.

5/16/2106 Bookers of the Evening

The Wives of Los Alamos

by TaraShea Nesbit

Reviewer: Debbie Rosenfelder

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

5/18/2016 Annual May Dinner

Location: Frescos, 6 p.m.

5/25/2016 Lunch with the Bunch

Location: Nola on the Square, 12:30 p.m.

Cuisine: New Orleans

June Happenings

6/1/2016 Joint Board Meeting

Hostess: Sina Murphy, 6 p.m.

6/14/2016 Morning Book Group

The Art of Hearing Heartbeats

by Jan-Philipp Sendker

Reviewer: Marilyn Lanz

Hostess: Pauline Edison, 9:30 a.m.

6/20/2016 Bookers of the Evening

The Nightingale

by Kristin Hannah

Reviewer: Peggy Garbooshian

Hostess: Barbara Matthews, 7:30 p.m.

July Happenings

7/18/2016 Bookers of the Evening

Annual Planning Dinner, 6 p.m.

Hostess: Peggy Garbooshian

CMU's Girls of Steel Robotics

accepting the
Gateway to Equity Award
April 20, 2016

Dr Theresa Richards, Jiimin Oh, and Mikayla Trost
and Program VP, Betty Kroniser



Member **Linda Tozier** stepping up to the dessert table with Susan Donahue, State Finance Director, at the AAUW-PA Convention



Finance Report for April

Beginning Balance: \$3224.18

Income: \$825; Expenses: \$340.33

Ending Balance: \$4408.85

TWO MORE NEW BRANCH MEMBERS FROM SHAPE THE FUTURE!

by Maripat Kwaczala, Membership VP

Once again I am so pleased to announce that we have two more members! Please add the following information to your directories:

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Make sure to look for our new members at future Branch meetings and please introduce yourself to welcome them into our group. Thank you!

LA ROCHE COLLEGE STUDENTS at DESSERT SOCIAL at AAUW-PA CONVENTION

l.to rt. Alyssa Rhymer, Alaya Rhymer and Carolyn Fulwider



AAUW Student Organization

By Peggy Schmiedecke, Staff Advisor



(l to r) Julie Makuta, Shelly Draskovich, Peggy Schmiedecke

On May 6, 2016 at the La Roche College Graduates' Lunch and Awards Presentations we made history. We had our first Student Leadership Award given to the AAUW at La Roche SO's founding President and graduating senior Shelly Draskovich. She was simply thrilled to receive this award. We also gave her AAUW cords to wear to commencement on May 7th.

The Colleen Ruffe, Vice President for Student Life & Dean of Students stated "AAUW is a national organization with the mission of advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy, and research. AAUW student organizations give students the resources and support to engage their community. Students gain leadership skills, create change on their campus, address equity issues, and connect with a national community." The AAUW Student Leadership Award was presented to Michelle Draskovich because she is a student who lives out that mission and has been highly active in the student organization



It Happened in Tannersville – by Linda Tozier

The AAUW-PA 87th Annual Meeting was held at the Chateau Resort and Convention Center in Tannersville from April 15 to 17. Having grown up in nearby Stroudsburg, I remembered this place as the old Camelback Ski Resort. It was fun to reconnect with many of the AAUW members I've met in the last 33 years. I consider myself fortunate to have attended every state convention since 1983.

Some of the convention highlights included listening to Heather Mason, LAF litigant, who shared the story of her gender discrimination lawsuit which AAUW LAF funds helped her settle. Another highlight was Dr. Catherine Hill's presentation of her latest report – "Barriers and Bias: The Status of Women in Leadership" which AAUW launched on March 30, 2016 at the Newseum in DC. Giving to AAUW Funds supports all AAUW research. Dr. Hill said that future research topics include student debt, more STEM, diversity and the wage gap. Keynote speaker Cordy Galligan, AAUW VP of Marketing and Business Dev., lighted up the room with her suggestions of how to market our branches. Cordy introduced the new 6-minute AAUW video "One AAUW: Changing the Climate for Women and Girls." It would be great to show this video at our September Branch Meeting.

Convention business included re-election of President Dot McLane and Program Vice President Sandy Homel for second terms, passing bylaws changes, and introduction of a Branch Handbook that is chock-full of useful information for use by all members. AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh sent entries for three branch awards: Gateway to Equity – presented to Girls of Steel at our April 18th branch meeting, Outstanding Woman and Member Making a Difference awards (both of which will be announced at our May 18th dinner). 17 branches honored Gateway to Equity persons or groups; 26 Outstanding Woman were announced; and 21 branches honored Members Making a Difference. The wine basket our branch prepared for the LAF Basket raffle made \$80. Thanks again to everyone who contributed to the basket and to Mary Eury for her beautiful assembly.

And what about the fun? It was fun to watch the four La Roche students (whom Peggy Schmiedecke drove to convention) interact with some of us old-timers and the other e-SAFs from Pitt and Lock Haven University. Way to go Alaya Rhymer for being part of the Student Advisory Council presentation! I had great fun portraying AAUW Founder Marion Talbot in a reader's theater along with six members who portrayed Marion's family and friends. The script is available for our use. And lastly, I certainly had fun sharing news from our branch during meals and especially during the Saturday night dessert social.

Want to learn more about AAUW-PA and have lots of fun. Why not consider attending the 88th annual meeting, April 21-23, 2017, at Heritage Hills Golf Resort in York?



The Marion Talbot Story Reader's Theater

l.to rt. Susan McNamara, narrator

Deb Roney portraying Gertrude Martin, Ex. Sec'y, Assoc. of Collegiate Alumnae

Linda Tozier portraying Marion Talbot, AAUW founding member

Dot McLane portraying Alice Hayes, AAUW founding member



Heather Mason, LAF litigant

AAUW AAUW-PA 2016 Convention - April 15-17, 2016 Report

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW La Roche SO Advisor



(left - right) Sara Best, University of Pittsburgh, Amiyra Brodie, Lock Haven University, Alaya Rhymer, La Roche College, Deb Roney, Huntingdon Branch and AAUW PA Board C/U Liaison

Student Affiliates and the AAUW Mission –

The student panel talked briefly about AAUW's mission, its effect on them personally, its impacts on campuses and communities, and how it provides chances for them to contribute to mission-based work. The panelists will then invite audience participation.

Alaya Rhymer, from St. Thomas, U.S. Virgin Islands, is a first-year student at La Roche College majoring in Forensic Chemistry. Alaya is the secretary of the new La Roche College SO and is active in the Black Student Achievement organization. Alaya received a Rising Star Award at the AAUW-PA 87th Annual Meeting – Leadership in Action.

AAUW-PA 2016 Convention - April 15-17, 2016 Report



Alaya Rhymer received a Rising Star Award at the AAUW-PA 87th Convention – Women’s Leadership in Action –

Alaya’s reflections about the conference -
“One of the many things that I took away from this conference was to get involved in the community so that we as women, our voices can be heard. We deserve much more than what we are being offered to anyone. As I look forward to this coming fall semester, I am bringing with me new ideas and events to plan for our student organization so that we are more involved in our community as well as others.”



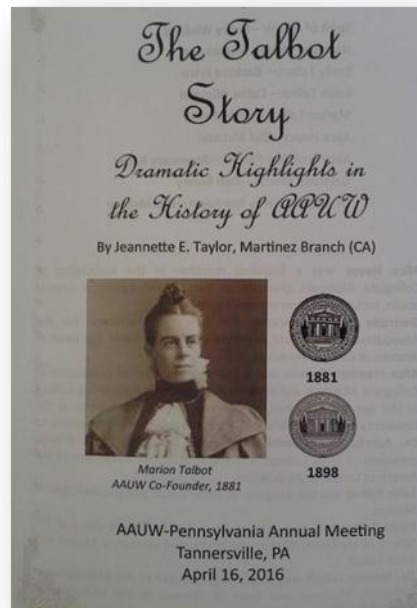
AAUW at La Roche Student Organization (SO) members that attended the AAUW-PA Meeting.

(left to right) Carolyn Fulwider, Alyssa Rhymer, Keesha Stuart, Alaya Rhymer. Each of the students are freshman and serve on the board of their SO.

They want to thank those who financially supported them to attend; AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch, La Roche Office of Freshman Admissions, La Roche Student Development Office and AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch members Katherine Keith and Peggy Schmiedecke.

Reflections from Alyssa Rhymer, “I attended my first AAUW conference where I learned more about this women's group and I also got insight on how beneficial being in a women's group can be. I was able to meet new people and experience different outcomes from other schools that are a part of AAUW. Although this conference was very informational, I did not quite get the impression I was looking for. However, I did gather a lot information so that now I am able to showcase different ideas and activities here at La Roche and also for the AAUW women's group. I am looking forward to seeing these ideas be a part of La Roche College and help women to see a difference in their community and around the world.”

AAUW-PA 2016 CONVENTION
APRIL 15-17, 2016 REPORT



(left to right) Our very own member Linda Tozier played Marion Talbot who was a founding member of AAUW and Dean of Women at the University of Chicago for 25 years. Rosemary Baker playing Alice Freeman Palmer a founding member of AAUW who became the President of Wellesley College at the age of 26.

Luncheon Theater: The Talbot Story

Dedication

Presented by the Spirit of AAUW

This is the story of A. A. U. W.

It is the story of Marion Talbot, too,
for 'tis to her we college women owe

Much, - for the educational opportunities we were to know,

Marion Talbot, a founder and central figure in its start

To our Association, during a long lifetime, she gave her heart

Thirteen years as Association secretary she spent...

Then two years as President.

For over sixty-five years, a source of inspiration

A Memorial to Dr. Marion Talbot – this is our dedication.

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT AAUW DUES FORM FOR 2016-2017

Membership dues include national, state, and branch dues at the same rate as last year. Dues are \$70. (National-\$49, State-\$10, Branch-\$11) (\$46 is tax deductible)

NOW is the time to renew your North Hills-McKnight Branch membership. If you pay by May 18th, you will be entered for our *free membership raffle drawing* (\$70 will be refunded to you.) This is your last chance to qualify for the free membership raffle.

Even though we have a new branch name, please make checks payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW. You may mail your CHECK and THIS FORM (if you want to change any of your information in the current directory) to the address below OR bring them to the May 18th Dinner meeting.

**Mail check and form by June 15, 2015 to:
Katherine Keith, 130 Woodbine Lane, Mars, PA 16046**

Branch Directory Information: enter the **changes** as you want it printed.

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Home Phone: _____ Work: _____

Cell: _____ Email: _____

Degree(s) earned: _____

Major(s): _____

College/University: _____

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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because equity is still an issue

