AAUW North Hills-McKnight Branch Meeting

Wednesday, April 23, 2014

6:30 pm refreshments

7:00 pm meeting/program

THE MANY HELPFUL PEOPLE (AND DOGS) IN OUR COMMUNITY

Two Programs: -Gateway Hospice, 
Sr. Linda Larkman

-Canine Companions for Independence, 
Carolyn Hrach

See you then!
The month of March ended on a gigantic high note with our second Shape the Future Program. Thank you to Cindy Stewart for making this membership drive a huge success. Welcome to our six new members. Look for their bios in this issue of Viewpoints. Wasn’t it interesting to hear Mary Frailey Calland’s description of her research before writing Consecrated Dust: A Novel of the Civil War North. Thank you, Georgiana Likar, for arranging this program. The used jewelry sale made a profit of $130+. Look for Jewelry Sale, Part 2 at our May 21st dinner (Thank you Marilyn Lanz, Jane Depee, and Linda Joy). Katherine Keith sold 50-50 tickets (bringing in $25) and Susan Banerjee sold $79 worth of Red Thread Bracelets to combat human trafficking. And thanks to each of you who helped that day by inviting guests, providing refreshments and supporting our branch with your presence. Congratulations to Susan Banerjee (our Spotlight Award winner), Georgiana Likar (our 2014 Outstanding Woman) and the Women’s Center and Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh (our Gateway to Equity Award recipient).

The 85th AAUW-PA Convention in Gettysburg promises to be exciting. North Hills-McKnight Branch will be ably represented by Michele Buford (state social media chair), Peggy Schmiedecke (state public policy chair) and me (state membership vice president). Michele will be elected and installed as AAUW-PA Program Vice President for 2014-2016. Our January 15th Human Trafficking Presentation will be recognized both as a public policy incentive grant winner and a branch highlight winner.

April concludes with two speakers at the April 23rd branch meeting. Refreshments begin at 6:30. We will be electing two new branch officers for 2014-2016: Maripat Kwaczala as Membership Vice President and Katherine Keith as Finance Officer. A representative from Gateway Hospice will speak at 7:30, followed by Carolyn Hrach from Canine Companions for Independence. The next day, April 24th, our branch can participate in two events at La Roche College. To observe Stand against Racism Day, Michele Buford has organized a giant wall petition which everyone can sign in the hallway leading to the La Roche College Square. Photos of this petition will be sent to the national AAUW headquarters. The actual paper petition will be saved for use in the 2015 Martin Luther Jr. Day Breakfast. And our branch is invited to attend La Roche Adjunct Professor Joseph Hoffman’s presentation, Personal Defense Tactics for Women, at 10:15 a.m. in the La Roche Art Gallery. You must reserve your spot for this class before April 18th by calling 412-536-1104. Mr. Hoffman was scheduled to speak at our cancelled January branch meeting.

Looking forward to seeing you in April,

Linda Tozier,
President
BRANCH CALENDAR

April Happenings

4/7/2014 Evening Book Group
Drue Heinz Dinner & Lecture, 7:30 p.m.
Speaker: Ann Patchett

4/8/2014 Morning Book Group
Planning Meeting & Luncheon
Hostess: Donna Martin, 9:30 a.m.

4/11-4/13/14 AAUW-PA 85th Annual Meeting
Gettysburg, PA
Wyndham Gettysburg

4/21/2014 Evening Book Group
Mrs. Lincoln's Dressmaker
By Jennifer Chiaverini
Reviewer: Maripat Kwaczala
Hostess: Jane Depee

4/23/2014 Branch Meeting
Topic: Canine Companions & Gateway Hospice
La Roche, Ryan Room, 6:30 p.m.

4/26/2014 International Dinner
Country: Turkey

May Happenings

5/7/2014 Board Meeting
Hostess: Barbara Matthews

5/13/2014 Morning Book Group
Winter Garden
by Kristin Hannah
Reviewer: Marilyn Loichinger
Hostess: Barbara Matthews, 9:30 a.m.

5/19/2014 Evening Book Group
And the Mountains Echoed
by Khaled Hosseini
Reviewer: Sina Murphy
Hostess: Barbara Matthews, 7:30 p.m.

5/21/2014 Annual May Dinner
6 p.m. La Roche College
College Center Square

Peggy Schmiedecke awarding the Gateway to Equity Award to the Women's Center & Shelter of Greater Pittsburgh

Guest speaker, Mary Frailey Calland, discussing her research and book Consecrated Dust, at the March branch meeting
Our selection for the 2014 Outstanding Woman Award is Georgiana Likar. Georgiana, our current Program VP, has made exceptional contributions to our branch since joining. Of significant note, she volunteered as Chairperson for our 2013 Spring Luncheon Fundraiser which, through her leadership, raised over $3,000 for our branch scholarships.

Congratulations Georgiana!

NOMINATING COMMITTEE
by Cynthia Stewart

According to the by-laws of the North Hills-McKnight Chapter, a nominating committee of five members was appointed by the board of directors in February. Serving on the nominating committee were the following: Mary Eury, Dorothy Frayer, Peggy Garbooshian, Jan Peischl, and Cindy Stewart, chair. This year, because it is an even numbered year, the offices of Vice President for Membership and Finance Officer are open. The committee met at Panera in Wexford on March 4th and prepared a list of nominees. The committee is pleased to announce the name of Maripat Kwaczala as a candidate for Membership VP and Katherine Keith as the candidate for Finance Officer. Both names were presented to the board at the March 13th meeting and were included in March Viewpoints and in this month’s Viewpoints for membership review. The candidates will be elected at the April meeting and installed at the May Dinner Meeting.

MRS. LINCOLN’S DRESSMAKER
by Sina Murphy

On Monday, April 21, at 7:30 pm, the Evening Book Group will meet to discuss Jennifer Chiaverini’s book, “Mrs. Lincoln’s Dressmaker,” a historical novel that unveils the private lives of Abraham and Mary Lincoln through the perspective of the First Lady’s most trusted confidante and friend, her dressmaker, Elizabeth Keckly. It’s a compelling read and sure to elicit lots of discussion led by Maripat Kwaczala at the home of Jane Depee. All members are welcome.

Susan Banerjee, Spotlight Award Winner 2014
Susan made a difference to our branch by arranging a very informative and successful tour of the Pittsburgh Tech Shop, which educated our members on some of the new tools and innovations in STEM technology.

Congratulations Susan!

GREAT DECISIONS WRAP UP
by Linda Loewer

Thank you all who participated in Great Decisions this year. Our topics were all very interesting and continue to be in the news … such as National Geographic’s “Will Coal Ever Be Clean?” and the United Nations’ report on Climate Change.

Thank you to Cindy Stewart who assisted in identifying our guest speakers. They were wonderful!

Don’t forget to submit your ballot on line at http://www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=opinion_ballot.

See you next year!
Equal Pay Day – April 8, 2014
by Peggy Schmiedecke

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women’s earnings finally catch up to men’s earnings from the previous year. Thanks to the gender pay gap, it takes women an extra three months of wages to make up that 23-percent difference.

Equal Pay Day 2014 is particularly significant because it falls between two legislative anniversaries that have helped women make progress in the workplace — but not quite enough progress. January 29, 2014, is the fifth anniversary of the Lilly Ledbetter Fair Pay Act, and July 2, 2014, is the 50th anniversary of the Civil Rights Act.

Equal Pay Day was originated by the National Committee on Pay Equity (NCPE) in 1996 as a public awareness event to illustrate the gap between men’s and women’s wages.

Since Census statistics showing the latest wage figures will not be available until late August or September, NCPE leadership decided years ago to select a Tuesday in April as Equal Pay Day. (Tuesday was selected to represent how far into the work week women must work to earn what men earned the previous week.) The date also is selected to avoid religious holidays and other significant events.

Because women earn less, on average, than men, they must work longer for the same amount of pay. The wage gap is even greater for most women of color.

Wear RED on Equal Pay Day to symbolize how far women and minorities are "in the red" with their pay!
Susan Banerjee selling Red Threat Bracelets to combat human trafficking at our March "Shape the Future" meeting

DEFENSE TACTICS FOR WOMEN SEMINAR
by Georgiana Likar

The Department of Public Safety is proud to offer a Defensive Tactics for Women seminar that will be presented by Adjunct Professor Joseph Hoffman. The seminar will be held in the Art Gallery on Thursday, April 24th, from 10:00am to 11:15am.

Professor Hoffman has an impressive resume that includes 15 years of service as the Chief of Police for the White Oak Police Department, 25 years of service as a Special Agent in the United States Treasury Department and Pennsylvania Crime Commission.

Professor Hoffman is the Lead Instructor for White Oak Judo and Defensive Tactics and holds a 5th Degree Black Belt in Kodokan Judo and a 2nd Degree Black Belt in Shingitai Jujitsu.

Come dressed as you are, there is no need to change into athletic clothing.

Please RSVP to David.Hilke@laroche.edu by Friday, April 18th, if you plan to attend

Financial report for March 2014
by Linda Loewer

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Additional snapshots of our March meeting
Thanks to Ann Carlson, Branch Photographer
**Shape the Future Membership Welcome**

Our branch successfully "grew our membership" by six new members at the March 29th event. Let's welcome the following people and be sure to update our directories to include their information.

**Joette Miller**  
BS-Slippery Rock-Education, Social Studies  
Northaven Court  
Glenshaw, PA 15116  
412-487-0845  
Joette has been a member of National and attended our February program. Warm welcome and big thanks to Joette for assisting at the Shape the Future morning.

**Samantha Mendelowitz**  
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info@nourishnutritionhealth.com  
Samantha found us via our website! We're delighted to have you as part of our branch.

**Lauren Ley**  
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LLevy730@gmail.com  
Lauren is the daughter of one of our newer member, Christine Ley. Glad you've joined!

**Shirley McIlvried**  
BSN-University of Pittsburgh  
8723 Highland Rd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237  
412-364-7329  
howardmciii@comcast.net  
Shirley and her husband Howard have been active and participating members of Great Decisions for many years. We are thrilled to welcome Shirley!

**Sherry Yuhaniak**  
BS-California State University-Education  
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Allison Park, PA 15101  
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shy50@juno.com  
Please be sure to introduce yourself to Sherry at the next event or meeting. Welcome!

**Janet Fesq**  
MBA-Ohio State  
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Bradford Woods, PA 15015  
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wvrgrl2@yahoo.com  
Janet, great to have you as a member! We look forward to seeing you in the near future.
REMEMBRANCE OF MARILYN GARRETT
by Jan Peischl

Marilyn Garrett died peacefully on Monday, March 31. A long time member of AAUW, she was a faithful and valued contributor to the Morning Book Group. She served as chair person for several years and regularly reviewed books each year. Her favorite authors were James Herriot, Lillian Braun and Jan Karon. Her wit and humor were her trademark. She could sum up any book in a few words and have everyone laughing. And she loved cats!!!

Marilyn and husband Bob were also members of our International Dinner Group for many years. They are the parents of David (married to Susan) and Richard and grandparents of Gordon and Christina. As a member of Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church, she sang on the choir, served on church council and various committees and women's organizations.

Marilyn graduated summa cum laude from the University of Pittsburgh with a BA, major in English and a minor in chemistry.

We will miss Marilyn's wit and personality. Our branch has sent a $50 donation in Marilyn's memory to AAUW Eleanor Roosevelt Fund.
ANNUAL MAY DINNER

Wednesday, May 21st, 2014

Social time at 6:00 PM followed by dinner

La Roche College – College Center Square

Buffet Menu Items Include:

Mixed Field Greens Salad

Chicken Marsala or Florentine Flounder

Buttermilk Mashed Potatoes

Steamed Lemon-scented Broccoli

Dinner Rolls

Assorted Cakes & Pies

All dinners are $25.00 – Guests are welcome!

Please send your check payable to North-Hills McKnight AAUW to:

Anita Wurthner 2545 Red Oak Court, Allison Park, PA 15101

Please contact Anita Wurthner if you have any special dietary needs.

adwurthner@verizon.net

Checks are due to Anita by Thursday, May 15th
NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT AAUW DUES FORM FOR 2014-2015

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

Rejoin NOW for greatest raffle chances!
Now is the time to renew your North Hills-McKnight Branch membership. This qualifies you for our free membership raffle drawing. If you pay your dues by the end of APRIL, you will be entered TWO times for a drawing that will refund the full $70. If you pay by MAY 21st, you’ll be entered ONE time for the free membership drawing.

Make check payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW and send it by June 15, 2014. Mail CHECK and BRANCH DIRECTORY INFORMATION FORM to: Linda Loewer 132 Circle Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Branch Directory Information: enter as you want it printed.

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You may bring your CHECK and BRANCH DIRECTORY FORM to the April 23rd Meeting or the May 21st Dinner Meeting.
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