AAUW NORTH HILLS - MCKNIGHT BRANCH
FEBRUARY MEETING
Wednesday, February 26, 2014
Ryan Room at La Roche College
6:30 pm Refreshments followed by
Meeting & Program:

National Women's History Museum

NWHM LOBBY DAY
MARCH 4, 2014
JOIN US IN TELLING CONGRESS WOMEN’S HISTORY DESERVES A HOME!
Tozier’s Tidbits

The winter of 2014 definitely is the “winter of our discontent.” And Punxsutawney’s most famous rodent just had to see his shadow. Every time I hear the term “polar vortex”, I wish it was an ad for some new-fangled outerwear. Despite having to cancel both our January board and branch meetings, North Hills-McKnight Branch was involved in two meaningful January activities. Michele Buford presented an outstanding program on Human Trafficking to La Roche students on January 15th. This program was made possible through an AAUW-PA Public Policy mini-grant. Our branch is submitting this program as a Branch Highlight at state convention. And Michele will be asked to share the program at a future branch meeting. The second event was the Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast. The twenty-nine AAUW members and friends in attendance were the most of any sponsoring organization. Thanks to all who attended and special thanks to Janice Peischl, who has represented AAUW on the MLK Breakfast Committee for several years.

For the second year AAUW-PA is offering both a “vote by mail” and on-line process for the April 2014 state officer elections. Instructions, a description of the candidates and a ballot can be found in the February issue of the Keystoner. To encourage voting, branch presidents have been asked to give branch members an opportunity to vote at a branch meeting. Presidents will then deliver the completed and sealed ballots in person to the Gettysburg state convention on April 11th. An official ballot and a description of the candidates are printed in this issue of Viewpoints. Also there will be official ballots available at our March 29th meeting so that all members can vote and save the cost of mailing their ballots. Congratulations to Michele Buford who is the candidate for state program vice president. Please fill in your paper ballots or vote on-line. I will proudly deliver your paper ballots on April 11th.

The theme of the 85th AAUW-PA Annual Meeting is “Women on All Fronts.” The dates and venue are April 11-13 at the Gettysburg Wyndham. Highlights of this convention include a gubernatorial candidate forum, a presentation by the director of the Civil War Institute at Gettysburg College, an update from the AAUW National Vice President Julia Brown and workshops on public policy and STEM initiatives. On Friday afternoon (April 11th), visitors can join a guided historic walking tour of Gettysburg. You can register on-line (https://surveymonkey.com/s/2014AnnualMeetingRegistration) or by paper using the form included in this Viewpoints.

Have you thought of potential AAUW members to invite to our free March 29th Shape the Future Event? Anyone who joins on that date will pay half national, state and branch dues. Please ask your friends to come and hear Mary Frailey Calland, author of Consecrated Dust: A Novel of the Civil War North.

Hope to see many of you at the Feb. 25th Branch Meeting when we will explore the on-line National Woman’s History Museum.

Linda Tozier,
President
BRANCH CALENDAR

February Happenings

2/11/2014 Morning Book Group
*The Aviator's Wife*
By Melanie Benjamin
Reviewer: Mary Ann Betush
Hostess: Karen Jackson, 9:30 a.m.

2/15/2014 International Dinner
Theme: Russia
February 15 & 22 Great Decisions, 9:30 a.m.
La Roche College Science Bldg, room 103

February 18 & 25 Great Decisions, 7 p.m.
La Roche College Science Bldg., room 107

2/17/2014 Evening Book Group
*The Light Between Oceans: A Novel*
By M.L. Stedman
Reviewer: Julie Makuta
Hostess: Maripat Kwaczala

2/21/14 La Roche Literary Society
7 p.m., Ryan Room at La Roche
"A Pittsburgh Story"
Speaker: Journalist Bill Moushey

2/26/2014 Branch Meeting and Program
"National Woman's History Museum"
La Roche College, Ryan Room
6:30 p.m. refreshments; 7 p.m. program

March Happenings

March 1, 8, 15, 22 Great Decisions, 9:30 a.m.
La Roche College Science Bldg, room 103

March 4, 11, 18, 25 Great Decisions, 7 p.m.
La Roche College Science Bldg., room 107

3/11/2014 Morning Book Group
*All Standing*
By Kathryn Miles
Reviewer: Cheryl Kirchner
Hostess: Anita Wurthner, 9:30 a.m.

3/12/14 Board Meeting
Hostess: Anita Wurthner

3/17/2014 Evening Book Group
*The Sandcastle Girls*
By Chris Bohjalian
Reviewer: Peggy Garbooshian
Hostess: Joyce Ruzanic

3/29/14 Branch Membership Event
Speaker: Mary Frailey Calland, author of
*Consecrated Dust: A Novel of the Civil War North*
9:30 a.m. La Roche College, Ryan Room

April Happenings

4/2/14 Board Meeting
Hostess: Sina Murphy

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

JEWELS FOR DOLLARS

A Mini Fundraiser

We’re having a jewelry sale at our March 29th Shape the Future meeting. Not gold, rubies and diamonds but costume jewelry that we all have and don’t wear anymore. We’ll sell each ‘piece’ for a dollar; maybe less for earrings; maybe a little more for something a little nicer. Think: Buying jewelry to donate to a women’s shelter, or for a granddaughter to play dress-up. Bring your ‘pouch of jewels’ to any AAUW function in January and February, and give them to Jane Depee, Linda Joy or Katherine Keith. Here’s hoping that our jewels become dollars!

ADDENDUM: It has come to our attention that some members would be willing to donate some “nicer” used jewelry but hesitate to do so if it’s going to be sold for only a dollar. Not to worry. We’ll have a special section for these higher priced items at the March 29th branch meeting when the jewelry will officially be for sale. Just be sure the collector knows which items are to be designated as more valuable,
SAVE THE DATE! (and invite friends)

Saturday, March 29, 2014 -
La Roche College- Ryan Room
9:30 Refreshments
10:30 Meeting/Program

New membership drive/special author program

Mary Frailey Calland,
 Pittsburgh native/author of
Consecrated Dust: A Novel of the Civil War North

THE LIGHT BETWEEN OCEANS
By Sina Murphy

On Monday, March 17, at 7:30 pm, the Evening Book Group will discuss the novel, “The Light Between Oceans” by M.L. Stedman. Ms. Stedman presents us with an exquisite moral dilemma beginning with the miraculous arrival of a child in the life of a barren couple. Julie DeMoss Makuta will be leading the discussion at the home of Maripat Kwaczala. All members are welcome to attend.

FINANCE REPORT
BY LINDA LOEWER

01/01/2014 Balance: $2764.32
Expenses: - $285.17
01/31/2014 Balance: $2479.15
(There was no income in January)

Assets:
AAUW Funds: $846.69
Savings Account: $3243.45
CD: $3700.27 at .3%, matures on 9/26/2014

President's Day
February 17, 2014

George Washington
1st U.S. President

Born: February 22, 1732
Birthplace: Westmoreland County, Virginia
Died: December 14, 1799

Abraham Lincoln
16th U.S. President

Born: February 12, 1809
Birthplace: near Hodgenville, Kentucky.
Died: April 15, 1865
Great Decisions Discussion Series
By Linda Loewer

Our discussions on foreign policy topics began with “Defense Technology.” We learned about the military cutting its forces yet being continuously aware of new dangers and how it might respond to them. It was a very productive meeting and the discussion was quite interesting.

On to Israel and the U.S., followed by Turkey’s Challenges, and the Islamic Awakening, all in February!

Winter weather notice
If La Roche cancels classes or closes due to bad weather, the Great Decisions groups will not meet. Always feel free to contact Linda Loewer at 412-364-9427 if you have questions.
AAUW-PA Annual Meeting Registration Form*—April 11-13, 2014
AAUW-PA 85th Annual Meeting, Wyndham Gettysburg, 95 Presidential Circle, Gettysburg, PA 17325 (717) 339-0020

*For ONLINE REGISTRATION OPTION, VISIT: https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/2014AnnualMeetingRegistration

Name_________________________________Branch_____________________First-time Attendee? _____
Address______________________________________ Phone________________________
Email___________________________________________

Special Needs: Dietary ________________Physical _____________ Need a roommate? ___Fri ___Sat

Please indicate your status: ___Branch member ___Branch President ___State Board Member
___College/University Rep. ___ Student Affiliate ___Guest/Friend

For planning purposes, please indicate which sessions you will attend. The complete agenda is on page 9.

FRIDAY, APRIL 11
___Walking Tour of Gettysburg - 3:00—5:00pm
___Gubernatorial Candidate Forum - 7:00pm

SATURDAY, APRIL 12
___Continental Breakfast 7:45—8:45am
___Concurrent Sessions I - 9:00-9:45am
 SELECT ONE: ___Public Policy Priorities
 ___STEM Initiatives

Concurrent Sessions II - 2:00—2:45pm
 SELECT ONE: ___Sister to Sister
 ___Updates on Public Policy Initiatives

Concurrent Sessions III - 3:00—3:45pm
 SELECT ONE: ___AAUW: College Students' Perspectives
 ___Book discussion

Dinner (Select one): ___Pan seared Filet of Salmon ___Rosemary-Lemon Breast of Chicken
 ___Vegetarian (Chef’s Choice) ___Gluten Free (Chef’s Choice)

CONFERENCE REGISTRATION
$79 by March 10th, $95 afterwards
- Fri. night hotel meal voucher
- Sat. breakfast, beverage service
- Sat. night reception hors d’oeuvres
- Meeting expenses
- AAUW-PA Yearbook

INDIVIDUAL COSTS
- Friday walking tour ($5)
(also payable onsite)
- Saturday lunch ($30)
- Saturday dinner ($40)
- Sunday breakfast ($20)

CHECK TO AAUW-PA
$79/$95 Registration
Individual Costs TOTAL COST*
* excludes hotel cost; contact hotel on your own

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—To make a room reservation, call (717) 339-0020 and mention AAUW-PA, or visit http://www.wyndham.com/groupevents2013/MDTGE_AAUWPA/main.wnt. Room Charge/night = $119.00 + tax double occupancy. Rooms will only be held for AAUW-PA through 3/14.

CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS & DEADLINES
Early Bird Registrations with registration form and full payment must be postmarked by March 10, 2014. Regular Registrations must be postmarked before April 4th. Onsite registration will be available with a $15 late fee. Registration is cancellable with full refund if AAUW is notified by April 4th. Include a stamped, self-addressed postcard or your email address for registration confirmation. Questions? Contact Sherry Crassweller at (814) 237-3861 or (814) 574-2400, aps@psu.edu. Use “Annual Meeting 2014” in the e-mail subject line.

Send registration form and check made payable to AAUW-PA to:
AAUW-PA c/o Sherry Crassweller, 2264 Charleston Drive, State College, PA 16801
Nominations and Elections Committee Report
April 2014 Candidates for Election at Annual Business Meeting
Susan McNamara, AAUW-PA Nominations Chair

AAUW-PA President—Dot McLane

Dot McLane brings to her nomination a wide variety of experience and leadership positions in AAUW at all levels. At national, she has served as member, Board of Directors; chair, STEM Task Force; chair, Branch Program Resources; member, the Public Policy Committee; liaison, Girls Collaborative Project (STEM); and chair, Branch Program Resources.

Dot led AAUW-PA as President, 2006-2008, having previously served as Program Vice President and Bylaws Chair. A member of AAUW-Lansdale since 1999, Dot has served as Finance Officer, Co-President and chair/member of assorted committees.

Dot regularly attends national, state conventions/meetings as well as leader and district meetings. She holds a Ph.D. (1987) and M.S. (1982) in biology from Drexel and a B.A., Biology from Rutgers University.

When asked what she saw as the primary focus of AAUW-PA, and how she would use her position to work toward that goal, Dot replied:

AAUW-PA should serve as a conduit between our national organization and branches membership, ensuring that the connection between them is understood and fully utilized. As state president, I would strive to communicate and disseminate information and resources between national and branches via the state board, to further the mission to which we are all committed.

AAUW-PA Program Vice President—Michele Buford

Currently serving as AAUW-PA Social Media Coordinator, Michele also sits on the Social Media Committee of AAUW National. At AAUW-North-Hills McKnight, she is co-chair for Communications (website/social media), co-chair for Stand Against Racism and co-chair for the distribution of Viewpoints newsletter. In 2013 she was recognized as an AAUW-PA Teal Award recipient.

Michele holds a B.A. in Speech Communication from UNC-Chapel Hill. Following an ABD in Educational Leadership at the University of Phoenix, she earned an Ed.S. in Educational Leadership and an M.Ed. in Curriculum and Instruction from National-Louis University. She has been President of the UNC General Alumni Association in Pittsburgh.

When asked what she saw as the primary focus of AAUW-PA, and how she would use her position to work toward that goal, Michele replied:

The primary focus of AAUW-PA is to increase awareness of the inequalities suffered by women in our society. By creating awareness, we can hopefully spur a desire to make changes in our society and our government to establish equality for women.

As Program Vice President I would like to assist in a campaign for the entire state that focuses on awareness of issues faced by women through the use of all media entities, including social media.
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