

*****AAUW North Hills-McKnight Branch Meeting*****

February 25, 2015

We will meet at 6:00pm at: (no business program)

THE ART PLACE STUDIO

100 Church Road
Wexford, PA 15090

<http://www.theartplacestudio.com>

A BYOB Fun Craft Winter Gathering

Everyone will be creating a work of art!

Clay Sculpture, Paint Wine Glasses or Paint Pottery



Members and Guests RSVP with their reservation to:

Georgiana Likar **by February 23rd** likar@comcast.net

Cost: \$25.00 per person/payable that evening to AAUW

Please bring a beverage/snack for sharing (BYOB-great!)

Tozier's Tidbits

It appears that Punxsutawney Phil is determined to make it harder to get around for the next six weeks. But we are AAUW women and we intend to promote our mission, remain informed on things that count, AND have some fun when we get together. Twenty-nine of us braved the cold and turned out for January's Personal Defense program. Maripat gets the "Good Sport Award" for her spirited self-defense moves.

Great Decisions kicked off its eight-week series with gusto. Everyone is welcome to attend any of the eight sessions on Saturday mornings in La Roche's Science Center classrooms (most in room 103). Of particular importance is the Feb. 14th session on Human Trafficking, led by Judy Hale Reed, lawyer for the Project to End Human Trafficking. Our board has voted to donate \$100 to this extremely worthwhile organization. Both national AAUW and AAUW-PA have designated Human Trafficking as a Public Policy Priority.

The fundraising committee has been working diligently to make "A Night at the Movies" a success. It is our intent that all attendees have a smashingly wonderful time while we raise much needed funds to support our branch projects. We hope that every member will participate in some way. First, we hope that you can purchase a ticket for yourself and another for your spouse or a friend. We are accepting donations of gently used purses, DVDs and gift cards. Please read the Movie Fact Sheet found in this issue of Viewpoints. If you are not able to attend on March 24th, it would be great if you could send a donation. Don't miss out on the fun.

What a delight to read the Celebrating Let's Read Math article in February's Keystoner in which our very own Peggy Garbooshian was quoted for her work with this project in the Avonworth School District. Peggy has kept LRM going for the past six years. Congratulations to Peggy and to our branch. The Keystoner also includes information about the 86th Annual AAUW-PA State Meeting to be held at the Ramada State College on April 10 and 11. We've included a registration form in this Viewpoints for anyone who would like to attend. In our March Viewpoints, we'll feature the state officer elections voting procedures.

And speaking of voting, our branch will be electing officers for three positions for 2015-2017 terms of office: President, Program Vice President and Secretary. The branch nominating committee is comprised of Katherine Keith (chair), Judy Daw, Linda Joy, Cindy Stewart and Anita Wurthner. This committee will meet on March 3rd. If you have a burning desire to serve in one of these offices or if you would like to offer the names of possible candidates, please contact any member of this committee during the month of February.

It is with sadness that I note the passing of two former branch members in January: Henrietta Garrett (a member from 1988 to 2007) on January 17th and Arita Kalogeras (who belonged from 1995-1999) on January 18th. Condolences go out to the family and friends of both women.

Hope to see many of you at our February meeting which is a field trip to The Art Place Studio. Making or painting pottery or painting a wine glass sounds like a nifty thing to do on a wintry night.



Linda Tozier, President



BRANCH CALENDAR

February Happenings

2/10/2015 Morning Book Group

Emily Post

by Laura Claridge

Reviewer: Joette Miller

Hostess: Joanne Ahlstrom & Karin Jackson, 9:30 a.m.

2/16/2015 Bookers of the Evening

Five Days at Memorial

by Sheri Fink

Reviewer: Peggy Schmiedecke

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

2/20/2015 La Roche College Literary Society

Speaker: Author, Mary Frailey Calland

La Roche College, Ryan Room, 7 p.m.

2/25/2015 Branch Meeting and Program

The Art Place Studio

Refreshments, 6 p.m.

Program, 6:30 p.m.

March Happenings

3/4/2015 Board Meeting

La Roche College

Buckman Room, 6 p.m.

3/10/2015 Morning Book Group

Consecrated Dust

by Mary Frailey Calland

Reviewer: Mary Eury

Hostess: Jan Peischl

3/2/2015 Bookers of the Evening

Drue Heinz Dinner & Lecture, 7:30

Speaker: Sheri Fink

3/24/2015 Branch Fundraiser

La Roche College, Kearns Center 5-6:30

McCandless Crossings Cinemark

January Finance Report

by Katherine Keith

Beginning balance	\$2808.69
Income	\$100.00
Expenses	\$219.18
Ending balance	\$2689.51

Join us at the Annual State Meeting

Plan to gather at the Ramada State College on April 10-11 for the 86th Annual AAUW-PA State Meeting. Our theme is Civil Rights + Voter Rights + Women's Rights. The keynote speaker is Susan Russell, Associate Professor at Penn State and 2014-2015 Penn State Laureate. Russell has taken her "Dignity Tour" to Penn State campuses, high schools, and other locations to explore how language can bridge communication gaps between diverse cultures and disciplines.

An AAUW National Update will be given by Eileen Hartmann, National Board Director-at-Large from New York. Workshops on Voter's Rights and Human Trafficking are planned as well as student participation including Northampton Community College students who were awarded a 2013-2014 Campus Action Project grant for their project "Supporting Student Parents", and a panel of our brand new state Student Advisory Council members and Emerging Leader Interns. The current international Humphrey Fellows on Human Rights and Women's Rights will talk about their experiences, this panel from last year's fellows at State Convention was captivating so don't miss this session.

As always we will offer a riveting Business Meeting, awards, networking, a trip to the famous Penn State Berkey Ice Creamery, more food, and fun. Meeting information, Registration and Hotel Reservation Information is available on the state website and in the February Keystoner.



February 25th @ 6:00 pm
Get Crafty at the Art Place (no business meeting)
THE ART PLACE STUDIO

100 Church Road Wexford, PA 15090 <http://www.theartplacestudio.com>

Got artistic talent? If not, we will share our talents with each other at this fun end of winter BYOB/snacks event! Just \$25.00 payable to AAUW McKnight North Hills at event
Members and Guests RSVP to: Georgiana Likar by February 23rd - likar@comcast.net

Your choice when making your own creation: Some examples:

1. **Clay Sculpture-** you choose what make-(I am going to make this bunny)



2. **Paint a Wine Glass** or Two or Service for 12, your choice (must pay for additional glasses)



3. **Paint a Piece of Pottery-**choose from a large selection of items



Please join the fun with “A Night at the Movies”

Our branch will be sponsoring a private showing of a really neat movie at the **McCandless Crossings Cinemark on Tuesday, March 24th**. The Cinemark Corporation has put time limits on how far in advance any group can book a movie. This means that the movie we want (think hotel and marigold) cannot be reserved until mid-February. And **tickets cannot be sold until February 18th**.

Our pre-event party will be held at the **Kearns Spirituality Center from 5:00 to 6:30**. During this time you and your guests can mingle over drinks and scrumptious appetizers and enjoy scintillating conversations while perusing and purchasing nifty items being sold and raffled.

Movie, food and drink, fun, supporting AAUW – all this for \$30

Fun Ways to Help

Join the fund-raising committee which is meeting at the McKnight Road Paneras in Ross on Tuesday, February 17th (6pm). If you plan to eat dinner (we know that no AAUW member turns down a chance to eat and converse with friends), please come at 5:30 so we can begin finalizing our plans at 6:00pm.

Go through your **DVDs** to see if there are any which you could donate for a DVD raffle (oldies but goodies never go out of favor). Give your DVDs to Maryann Anderson and Sylvia Lynn.

Clean out your closets to find some **gently used purses**. Jan Peischl is collecting. Anita Wurthner and Betty Kroneiser will be running the purse sale on March 24.

Over the holidays, did you receive any **gift cards or free admissions to nifty places** that you know you won't be able to use? Linda Tozier and Marilyn Lanz are collecting items valued between \$10 and \$25 to be part of a gift bag raffle.

Do you enjoy planning and presenting **food**? Then call Mary Eury and offer to help with the tantalizing appetizers on March 24th.

Be prepared to purchase a ticket once the details are set, invite your friends, and give a monetary donation if you find that you are unable to attend. We all will have to move quickly once the movie is secured. Look for the final publicity flier to arrive in your inbox on February 18th.

If you have any questions or would like someone to pick up any of your donated items, please call or email Linda Tozier.

North Hills-McKnight Branch holds one large fund raiser every other year. We need your participation in this 2015 event. Thanks in advance for helping

**Pictures from the Fifteenth Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast
*“Honoring Diversity in Our Community”***



From left to right- Speaker Lisa Sylvester (WPXI news anchor), Spirit of Unity Award winner Imani Patterson and her mother. Behind them are her father and brother.



The MLK Breakfast committee posing in front of the poster that was made by our AAUW branch for the Stand Against Racism Day April 25, 2014.

Great Decisions Dates and Topics



8 Topics- 8 Great Discussions!

All Meetings are Saturday 9:30-11:30 a.m.
La Roche Science Building

Russia	February 7	SC 103
Human Trafficking	February 14	SC 103
India Changes Course	February 21	SC 106
U. S. Policy Toward Africa	February 28	SC 106
Sectarianism in Middle East	March 7	SC 103
Brazil in Metamorphosis	March 14	SC 103
Privacy in The Digital Age	March 21	SC 103
Syria's Refugee Crisis	March 28	SC 103

The Great Decisions Briefing Book is available at the Wright Library. Checks should be made payable to North-Hills McKnight AAUW. The cost is \$23.

Contact person: Judy Hays Daw 412-486-0302 Jdaw814@gmail.com

Because **Human Trafficking** is both a national and AAUW-PA Public Policy Priority, our Feb. 14th Great Decisions speaker is of special interest to all of us. Her bio appears below

"Judy Hale Reed, who is a volunteer staff attorney with the Project to End Human Trafficking will be speaking at Great Decisions on Saturday, February 14, 2015 at La Roche College. The program will be held in the Zappala Center, Room 103, from at 9:30 am -11:30 am. Judy has many years of experience both in the United States and abroad. You can learn more about her by visiting the website at <http://www.endhumantrafficking.org/#!/who-we-are/c1mva>

She has particular experience with victim services, advocacy, legal cases, cultural competency, Pennsylvania anti-trafficking laws, and working with coalitions in Washington and Pennsylvania states, as well as coordination and policy experience in eastern Europe (Moldova particularly) and the EU legal framework for anti-trafficking and human rights."

Bookers of the Evening

by Peggy Garbooshian

The Bookers of the Evening will convene February 16, at the home of Ann Carlson at 7:30. Peggy Schmiedecke will review *5 Days at Memorial: Life and Death in a Storm-Ravaged Hospital* by Sheri Fink. Dr. Anna Pou – did she murder 4 patients at New Orleans' Memorial Medical Center during Hurricane Katrina? There will never be a satisfactory answer to that question or many others raised by the 45 bodies found in the debris strewn medical center. Sheri Fink interviewed more than 500 participants and her gripping narrative captures the facts of the situation as well as the thoughts of her witnesses to that period of disorder, confusion and tragedy. (NYTimes) The Bookers also will be attending a Drue Heinz lecture March 2 by Sheri Fink. Sina Murphy has a few extra tickets if you are interested.

BRANCH MEETING ON SELF-DEFENSE, January 22, 2015



Joseph Hoffman, retired Chief of Police discussing techniques of self-defense.



Member, Maripat Kwaczala trying out some of the techniques while Larry Likar oversees the action.

AAUW-PA 86th Annual Meeting Registration Form*—April 10-11, 2015

Ramada Conference and Golf Hotel, 1450 South Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801
(814) 238-3001, www.ramadasc.com

***To register for the meeting online, visit:**

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/AAUWAnnualMeeting2015>

Name _____ Branch _____

Address _____

Email _____ Phone _____

Status: ☐ Outstanding Woman ☐ Spotlight Award Winner ☐ First-time Attendee ☐ Branch Member
☐ Branch Officer ☐ State Board Member ☐ College/University Rep ☐ Student Affiliate ☐ Speaker
☐ Check here if you don't want your name/email included on the List of Attendees (for future networking).

For planning purposes, please indicate which sessions you plan to attend.

FRIDAY, APRIL 10

- ☐ 5:30pm—Dinner (soup, sandwiches, fresh fruit)
☐ 6:00pm—National AAUW Update
☐ 6:45pm—College Student Panel
☐ 7:45pm—Penn State Creamery ice cream and campus drive-by tour (transportation provided)

SATURDAY, APRIL 11

- ☐ Continental Breakfast 7:30—8:45am
☐ Concurrent Session 1 (9:00—10:00am) — Human Trafficking
☐ Concurrent Session 2 (9:00-10:00am) — Voter Rights

Lunch (Select one): ☐ Chicken Breast/stuffing ☐ Crabcakes/red potatoes
☐ Vegetarian (Chef's Choice) ☐ Gluten Free (Chef's Choice)

MEETING COST: —\$55 postmarked by April 3rd (includes all meals)

—\$65 after April 3rd and up through the meeting day

Attendees need to make hotel reservations on their own—see information below.

HOTEL RESERVATIONS—To make a room reservation, call (814) 238-3001. To receive the AAUW-PA rate,

registration must be done over the phone. **Room Charge/night = \$79 + tax for a double occupancy.**

Rooms will only

be guaranteed for AAUW-PA through March 23rd. After this date, guests who have not reserved may call in and

reserve their room and receive the group rate, if there are still rooms available.

CONFERENCE RESERVATIONS & DEADLINES

Mailed registration forms must be postmarked by **April 3rd**. Onsite registration will be available with a \$10 late fee

added (\$65.00 instead of \$55.00). Registration is cancellable with full refund if AAUW is notified by **April 3rd**. 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 2015" in the e-mail subject line.

Send registration form and check made payable to AAUW-PA to:

AAUW-PA

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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VIEWPOINTS

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because equity is still an issue

