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FUNNY FIGHTING WOMEN:
How Feminist Activists Use Humor to Change the World

Rachel V Kutz-Flamenbaum
2013-2014 AAUW American Fellowship Recipient

Sociologist and Women's Studies Scholar
Studying Women's Movements
University of Pittsburgh

Collection of donations for NHCO Spring Share

February 20, 2016 Ryan Room, La Roche College

1:00 p.m. Refreshments

1:30 p.m. Branch Meeting

2:00 p.m. Program



President's Note:

Did you know February has about 10 "Month of xyz" to its name: Black History Month, American Heart Month, and Great American Pie month to name a few. February also has over 55 Daily Holidays, Specials, and Wacky days to celebrate! Needless to say, with all these activities, our branch needs you and there is work to be done.

"We make a living by what we get, but we make a life by what we give." –Winston Churchill

We are half way through our exciting program season. This second half will be jammed packed with awesome opportunities for networking, promoting new memberships, and engaging with our community. Please bring a friend to our Shape the Future-Women in Sports on March 26. Anyone who joins that day will benefit from 50% off national, state, and branch dues.

The AAUW-PA State Convention will be held in Tannersville, PA on April 15-17. Check out your February Keystoner for state convention's agenda, lodging information, and registration deadlines. Also, please consult your February issue of the Keystoner for instructions on how to vote for the next State President and VP of Program officers. Voting can happen by paper ballot or on-line via Survey Monkey.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAUWelection2016>

Online voting is available now through midnight, April 8, 2016.

I would love to see you at our next meeting on Feb 20 themed Women in Politics featuring Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum, AAUW American Fellowship Recipient (2013-2014).

-President
Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.

BRANCH CALENDAR



February Happenings

2/9/2016 Morning Book Group

The Boston Girl

By Anita Diamant

Reviewer: Joanne Ahlstrom

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

2/15/2016 Bookers of the Evening

Dead Wake: The Last Crossing of the Lusitania

By Eric Larson

Reviewer: Betty Kroniser

Hostess: Sina Murphy, 7:00 p.m.

2/20/2016 Branch Meeting and Program

La Roche College, College Center

"Women in Politics"

Speaker: Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum

Meeting 1:30 p.m.

Program: 2 p.m.

March Happenings

3/8/2016 Morning Book Group

Me Before You

By Jo Jo Moyes

Reviewer: Jan Peischl

Hostess: Sandy Brown, 9:30 a.m.

3/21/2016 Bookers of the Evening

All the Light We Cannot See

By Anthony Doerr

Reviewer: Sina Murphy

Hostess: Jane Depee, 7 p.m.

3/26/2016 Branch Meeting and Program

Shape the Future: Women in Sports

Speaker: Carol Semple Thompson

La Roche College Chapel

9 am. to noon

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE WAS A SUCCESS

By Joan Killinger and Sina Murphy

The Greens Sale was very successful. We made a profit of \$1,299.00, which was above our Goal.

A big thank you to our members who purchased Greens and also to those who made a donation to the Fund Raiser. All proceeds will benefit the La Roche Grant.

Special thanks are extended to Sister Rita Yeasted, our usual top sales person..

Basket Needed for State Convention



AAUW-PA will be conducting a Specialty Basket Auction to benefit AAUW Funds. Our branch basket theme will be *Wine*. We are looking for donations of wines, napkins, crackers and non-perishable appetizers to include. Mary Eury and Linda Tozier will be collecting your donations until April 1st so that Linda can transport the basket to the state convention on April 15th.

Final Call for Tech Savvy Volunteers

To date, Branch Members Mary Eury, Dorothy Frayer, Ursula Lesic, Barbara Matthews and Debbie Rosenfelder have signed up to volunteer for Tech Savvy.

There will be two opportunities to help: On Thursday, May 12th, a few volunteers will prepare the participant packets at 4:00 pm in the Buckman Room; On Saturday, May 14th, all volunteers are asked to work from 7:00 am to 4:00 pm assisting with registration, parent activities, and helping participants find their workshop rooms. Several western PA branches will also be volunteering. Volunteer spots are limited.

If anyone else is interested in volunteering, please contact Linda Tozier **asap**.

Martin Luther King Unity Breakfast

submitted by Jan Peischl

146 attended the 16th Annual Breakfast on Jan. 18th. Of that number 7 are AAUW members and 4 spouses and 41 are students (33 students from La Roche, the rest from Fox Chapel, North Allegheny and Shaler School Districts.)

Candi Castleberry Singleton was a dynamic speaker.

The Spirit of Unity Award was given to Eli Berman, a Fox Chapel senior who initiated a Student Union, a space for students to talk about race, gender and other identities.



AAUW: Jim Murphy, Eileen Fearnley, Janette Kohr, Sylvia Lyn, Sina Murphy, Victor and Janice Peischl. Marilyn Loichinger and husband David as well as Shirley McIlvried and Howard (the photographer) are not in the photo.

Finance Report by Katherine Keith

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| Dec. 1 beginning balance: | \$5641.55 |
| Income: | \$1963.28 |
| Expenses: | \$3257.04 |
| Dec. 31 ending balance: | \$4347.79 |
| Jan 1 beginning balance: | \$4347.79 |
| Income: | \$0 |
| Expenses: | \$597.76 |
| Jan 31 ending balance: | \$3750.03 |

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| Passbook Savings Account: | \$3097.03 |
| CD: | \$3720.77 |



In the center front wearing the black and white print is Candace Okello, Ass't Director of Multi-Cultural Affairs at La Roche College. She arranged for 31 students to attend.

SAVE THE DATE

Saturday, March 26th
9:00am to 12 noon
La Roche College Chapel

SHAPE THE FUTURE *Women in Sports*

Guest Speaker: **Carol Semple Thompson**,
A Sewickley native and "one of the greatest golfers in
sport's history" (Pittsburgh Magazine)

Featuring: **Gene Collier**, Sports Journalist,
Comedian, & Author of *The Chief*
Plan on bringing a friend or two!

December Holiday Social

pictures submitted by Betty Kroniser

Ten Thousand Villages, Pampered Chef and Dove Chocolate vendors and the North Allegheny Bradford Woods Singing Tigers



LUNCH WITH THE BUNCH

AAUW North Hills-McKnight Branch
SPRING 2016

Our lunch group will meet on the 4th Wednesday of the month at 12:30 pm. Check the web sites for more information about the restaurant and their menu.

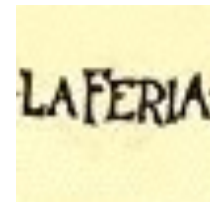
Wed., Feb. 24 **Wild Sage** - American cuisine - Hampton
wilsage.com. 12:30 pm

The logo for Wild Sage, featuring the words "WILD SAGE" in a purple, serif font with a small decorative flourish between the words.

Wed., Mar. 23 **Lidia's** - Italian cuisine - The Strip
www.lidias-pittsburgh.com. 12:30 pm



Wed., Apr. 27 **LaFeria** - Latin American cuisine - Shadyside
laFeria.net. 12:30 pm



Wed., May 25 **Nola on the Square** - Market Square - New Orleans cuisine
www.nolanonthesquare.com. 12:30 pm



Contact Anita Wurthner, by email (adwurthner@verizon.net) or phone (412-486-5161), at least 4 days before the planned lunch. Please feel free to ask friends or family. Carpooling will be available.

January Tea a Huge Success

by Linda Tozier; pictures submitted by Ann Carlson

Thirty-three members and guests were treated to a positively wonderful time on January 29th. Despite a trace of snow, everyone gathered at Ann Carlson's home for a sumptuous variety of great food catered from A Fare to Remember and great tea, steeped in 14 teapots. Many beautiful hats made their way out of the recesses of our closets! Our branch was uplifted by bringing people together just for fun. We supported a deserving woman entrepreneur. And our branch made a small profit. Thanks to Ann Carlson for being a wonderful hostess.

Tea Committee – Maryann Anderson, Ann Carlson, Marcia Coleman, Linda Joy and Linda Tozier (chair)



PLEASE READ: TIME SENSITIVE INFORMATION
DEADLINE: MARCH 22, 2016
AAUW GROUP ID: 10-2914

PLEASE HELP AAUW RAISE FUNDS WITH THIS CANDY FUNDRAISER!

Dear Members,

Valentine's Day and Easter are around the corner. Why not buy your candy from our local Sarris Candies which will give AAUW 25% of all orders received by March 22. The company only does this twice a year, and that is their own deadline. You can place orders online for your convenience. You will be able to have your candy order delivered directly to your home as well. You can also give our group ID number to your friends, so that their orders will also give AAUW 25%. This is a "no-brainer!" Help yourself and help AAUW in the process!!

Please note: Funds raised will go toward AAUW mission-based programs, activities and services.

Here are the directions to begin TODAY:

1. Go to www.sarriscandiesfundraising.com (This is the only site that will gain us 25% of our purchases. If you do not see anywhere to put in our group ID, you are on the wrong page.)
2. Click on **START SHOPPING.**
3. Put in the **Group ID # which is 10-2914.**
4. Select your items. You can order any items, not just Valentine and Easter items.
5. Select your delivery options.
6. Place your order.

Remember: You can submit orders until March 22, 2016. Don't delay!!!

THANK YOU!

AAUW North Hills-McKnight
Alcoa Foundation
La Roche College
Tech Savvy: Bring a Day of STEM to
Girls in Your Community



Draft Event Schedule – May 14, 2016

| Time | Students | Adults |
|----------------------|---|--|
| 7:00 - 8:00 | Welcome Volunteers, Instructors / Speakers, College, Employers; Conduct Last Minute Briefings | |
| 7:30 – 8:30 | Registration and Breakfast (incl. baseline surveys) | |
| 8:00 – 8:30 | Welcome / Program Introduction | |
| 9:05 – 9:35 | First Keynote Speaker - Alcoa | |
| 9:40 – 11:00 | Design & Engineering Challenge – Last Tower Standing | |
| 11:00 – 12:00 | STEM Workshops <i>Girls pre-register</i> | Imagine Careers |
| 12:00 – 1:00 | Lunch – Dining Hall | Lunch – Dining Hall |
| 1:00 – 2:00 | STEM Workshop <i>Girls pre-register</i> | Visit Resource Tables |
| 2:00 – 3:00 | Zig Zag - Speed Talking <i>Meet STEM Professionals - Engage with Savvy Skills</i> | TBD – Exploring panel of Colleges to discuss key topics |
| 3:00 – 3:15 | Closing Ceremony: Test the Winning Design & Engineering Challenge | |
| 3:15 – 3:45 | Second Keynote Speaker – Elisabet Rodriguez Dennehy | |
| 3:45 – 4:00 | Post-Survey, final thoughts/door prizes – Committee Chair | |

| Girls' Hands-On "Tech" Workshops | R Building Room # | Description |
|----------------------------------|-------------------|---|
| Computer Science: Hour of Code | | La Roche Professors Jane Arnold, Jeff Purdue – description coming |
| REACH – Information Technology | | La Roche Professor Michaela Noakes– description coming |
| CHEM SOLVE – 2 mini lab sessions | | La Roche Professors Dr. Don Fujito, Dr. Becky Bozym – description coming |
| STEM TOPIC? | | AAUW Peggy Schmiedecke opens discussion 2-2-16 with her contacts at Junior Achievement. Exploring partnership and workshop session. |
| Robotics | | AAUW Dr. Susan Banerjee confirmed Girls of Steel 2-3-16 |
| 3D Printing | | AAUW Dr. Susan Banerjee bringing 3D Printers |

Note: The workshop proposed by La Roche Professor Dr. Kate Silvis has now become the Designing & Engineering Challenge – Last Tower Standing creating an open workshop. This open workshop is now being explored with JA.

Tech Savvy – May 14, 2016 at La Roche College

By Peggy Schmiedecke, Tech Savvy Grant Committee

The Curriculum Committee Co-Chairs which include Dr. Susan Banerjee and Peggy Schmiedecke have been working hard and have accomplished a lot in the last 45 days. We hosted two meetings with the four La Roche College professors who committed to conducting workshops. We solidified what they will do in their workshop and confirmed that they would deliver each session twice. One of the workshops was changed to being an engineering and design challenge that would be completed by all the girls and adults with a competitive twist – The Last Tower Standing. This change opened a workshop slot. At the College Success Forum held on 2-2-16 Peggy did double duty presenting Tech Savvy at a session which resulted in networking to start getting the word out about Tech Savvy. This led to an opportunity to open a discussion with her Junior Achievement (JA) contacts regarding Tech Savvy. JA has STEM programs for middle school students and they are very interested in exploring a partnership with AAUW – stay tuned.

We are thrilled that Susan was able to confirm on 2-3-16 another pending workshop with her contacts at Girls of Steel! They agreed that they would be a workshop provider; this fulfills our Robotics STEM topic.

Additionally on 2-3-16 Dr. Kate Silvis (one of the La Roche professors working with us) conducted an Act 48 session about STEM with middle school teachers and she promoted our upcoming conference.

We are working diligently to get the draft schedule (included in Viewpoints) confirmed. Once it is confirmed it goes to AAUW National for final approval, and this leads to the development of the online registration form that AAUW National will create for us. The plan is to have this form on our website by or before March 1st. This will help us to move forward with marketing the conference. In the meantime, Peggy has begun reaching out and emailing principals and guidance counselors for the 9th grade girls. In the next two weeks, emails will go to the 6 – 8th grade middle schools. Things are happening!



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Shifting Alliances in the Middle East
The Future of Kurdistan
International Migration
Rise of ISIS
Climate Geopolitics
Korean Choices
Cuba and the U.S.

All meetings open to the public.

Saturday mornings, 9:30am - 11:30am

February 20, 27;

March 5, 12, 19;

April 2, 9, 16

Location: La Roche College
Science Building, Room 103



The Great Decisions Briefing Book features thought-provoking analyses on each issue of concern to U.S. policymakers today. Each article is written by carefully selected experts, offers questions and tools for discussion, as well as policy options for U.S. officials.

The \$25.00 cost covers the book, handouts, mailings, as well as honoraria for guest speakers. Books may be purchased from the Wright Library at La Roche College after January 9. Checks should be made payable to North Hills-McKnight AAUW.

Although not required, the briefing book is helpful in understanding each topic.

Please contact Judy Daw at 412-486-0302
or jdaw814@gmail.com with questions
about the Great Decisions 2016 program.

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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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