AAUW NORTH HILLS - MCKNIGHT BRANCH MEETING  
January 24, 2015  

"Personal Defense for Women"  

Joseph Hoffman (retired Chief of Police-White Oak)  

9:30 AM Refreshments  
10:00 AM Meeting/Program  

Location:  La Roche College, Ryan Room
Tozier’s Tidbits

Happy New Year! 2015 and winter weather have arrived as a package deal. Fortunately our AAUW branch never has been slowed down by the elements. For the next five months, AAUW members have some terrific activities in which we can participate.

I hope that many of you have sent in your reservations for the January 19th MLK, Jr. Unity Breakfast. Our branch has been active in the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition since its inception fifteen years ago. Our Saturday January meeting (Jan. 24th) will start with refreshments at 9:30, followed by the branch meeting at 10:00 and the program at 10:30 am. Joseph Hoffman (retired Chief of Police, White Oak) will lead us in personal defense activities. Great Decisions will be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:30 to 11:30 am (beginning on Feb. 7th) in the La Roche Science Building, Room 103. Great Decision books are available for a cost of $23 from Jane Depee (gdepee@verizon.net or 412-364-6266) and also in La Roche’s Wright Library.

January is the time our nominating committee begins its search for new officers. This year we need to fill the offices of President, Program Vice President and Secretary for two year terms, beginning July 1, 2015. This year’s Nominating Committee will be chaired by Katherine Keith. Please send your suggestions for candidates for any of these offices to Katherine (Katherine@keith.org or 724-612-4197).

In February we will stir our creative juices with a February 25th evening field trip to The Art Place Studio, 100 Church Road in Wexford. The cost is $25. Each participant will be making something to bring home. Look for full details in the February Viewpoints.

We still are working out the details for our March biennial fundraiser. While several members already have volunteered to be part of the planning committee, it’s never too late to join the committee by contacting me (linda.tozier@verizon.net or 412-369-5770). The fundraising committee will be meeting on Wednesday, January 21st (6pm) at the Panera’s on McKnight Road. Look for details after this date. Our branch will need the participation of every member to ensure the success of this fundraiser.

I will close with updates about our fall fundraising efforts. Our traveling basket (chaired by Mary Eury) made almost $150. This amount was designated for AAUW Funds as our 2014 contribution. The greens sale (chaired by Joan Killinger and Sina Murphy) made a profit of approximately $1200. Profits from the greens sale are used to fund the Sr. Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant. Thanks to everyone who participated in both of these activities.

North Hills-McKnight Branch continues to thrive because of YOU. Please join us in 2015 as we continue to be a positive force for women and girls in the North Hills of Pittsburgh.

Linda Tozier, President
BRANCH CALENDAR

January Happenings

1/13/2015 Morning Book Group
The unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry
by Rachel Joyce
Reviewer: Sandy Brown
Hostess: Linda Joy, 9:30 a.m.

1/19/2015 MLK, Jr. Unity Breakfast
La Roche College, Zappala Student Center
Registration 8 a.m.; Breakfast: 8:30 a.m.

NOTE: There is still time to send in your reservation. Please invite others.

1/19/2015 Bookers of the Evening
The Invention of Wings
by Sue Monk Kidd
Reviewers: Jane Depee & Deb Rosenfelder
Hostess: Maripat Kwaczala, 7:30 p.m.

1/21/2015 Fund Raising Committee Meeting
Panera, McKnight Road, Ross, 6 p.m.

1/24/2015 Branch Meeting and Program
Personal Defense for Women
Refreshments, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting/Program, 10 a.m.

February Happenings

2/4/2015 Board Meeting
La Roche College
Buckman Room, 6 p.m.

2/7/2015 International Dinner
Theme: Italian

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: Sina Murphy, 7:30 p.m.

2/25/2015 Branch Meeting and Program
The Art Studio
Refreshments, 6 p.m.
Program, 6:30 p.m.

HOLIDAY GREENS SALE WAS A SUCCESS
By Joan Killinger and Sina Murphy

The Greens Sale was a success making a profit of $1,200.00
A big thank you to our members who purchased Greens and also to those who made a donation to the Fund Raiser.

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

The Bookers of the Evening will meet January 19th at Maripat Kwaczala’s home at 7:30 to discuss The Invention of Wings. Jane Depee will give us some information on the author, Sue Monk Kidd, and Deb Rosenfelder will act as facilitator. Come prepared to be part of this discussion. This book is a fictionalized account of the Grimke sisters, Sarah and Angelina, who were at the forefront of the abolitionist and women’s rights movements. Their story is wound around the intriguing narrative of a young slave, Hetty, who was given to Sarah for her 11th birthday. Much of the story is historically based; Kidd has fleshed out mountains of research into a believable and elegantly rendered narrative. Hetty is actually a real person but her story here is almost entirely fabricated.
Thank You Bell Ringers!
Submitted by Jan Peischl

North Hills Community Outreach has sent thanks to the 76 volunteers who rang bells for the 2014 Salvation Army Kettle Campaign at the Route 8 Gibsonia Wal-Mart.

116 volunteer hours raised $8152!

Our AAUW volunteers were Marci Filiaggi, Peggy Garbooshian, Janette and Tom Kohr, Marilyn Loichinger, Sylvia and Jerry Lynn and daughter Angela, Barbara Matthews, Jan Peischl, and Linda Tozier.

What’s Up with “A Night at the Movies”?

Our branch still is hoping to secure a really neat movie at the McCandless Crossings Cinemark for the end of March. The Cinemark Corporation has put time limits on how far in advance any group can book a movie. This means that tickets cannot be printed or sold until mid-February.

How Can You Help?
Be part of the fund-raising committee which is meeting at the McKnight Road Paneras in Ross on Wednesday, January 21st (6pm).
Go through your DVDs to see if there are any which you could donate for a DVD raffle (contact Anita Wurthner).
Donate any gift cards (valued $10 or more) that you know you won’t use to be part of a gift bag raffle (contact Linda Tozier or Amy Stepko).
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.

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.

By Katherine Keith

Beginning balance: $3853.10
Income: $1773.00
Expenses: $2817.41
Ending balance: $2808.69
Pictures of Members and Guests Enjoying International Dinner

Theme: Scotland
Fifteenth Annual
Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast
“Honoring Diversity in Our Community”

Speaker:
Lisa Sylvester
Anchor - WPXI Channel 11 News

Spirit of Unity Award
Imani Patterson
North Hills Senior High School

Monday, January 19, 2015
LA ROCHE COLLEGE
Zappala Student Center
9000 Babcock Boulevard, North Hills

Registration at 8:00 AM    Breakfast promptly at 8:30AM
Limited seating – make reservations now!
Seating cannot be guaranteed without reservations.

For reservations to the 15th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast, please return this portion of the form along with your check, made payable to the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition, in the amount of $18.00 for adults and $9.00 for students.
Please mail reservations including payment by January 12, 2015 to:

North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition
MLK Breakfast
P. O. Box 101519
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Name ____________________________________________ Number of Adults ____________
Address ____________________________________________ Number of Students ____________

City ___________________ State _______ Zip Code _______

Telephone ____________________________________________ (please list names on reverse side)

Organization ____________________________________________ OPEN SEATING

Although I am unable to attend, I enclose my donation to support this worthwhile function. $______________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $______________
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