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## The Annual May Dinner Meeting in Pictures



# May 25, 2014

## STARTING IN SEPTEMBER, OUR BRANCH MEETINGS WILL BEGIN WITH REFRESHMENTS AT 6:00, FOLLOWED BY THE MEETING AT 6:30.

#### **Membership Dues Notice**

Members, please be reminded that your 2014-15 dues need to be paid by June 15, 2014 if you want your membership information printed in the new Branch Directory. Please send dues ASAP to Linda Loewer 132 Circle Drive Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Make check payable to North Hills - McKnight AAUW. Dues amount is \$70. Form on page 5.

## **Tozier Tidbits**

It's been a good year for North Hills-McKnight AAUW. And each of you had a part in the success of our branch. To build on this success, we will need your continued enthusiastic participation in our programs and activities. It's never too late to fill in the program survey found in the May <u>Viewpoints</u> and return it to Program Vice President, Georgiana Likar, by email or snail mail. In the fall, our branch will resume holding Wednesday evening meetings in the Ryan Room at La Roche College. New in September, refreshments will begin at 6:00 p.m., with branch meetings starting at 6:30 p.m. The January meeting will be scheduled on a Saturday morning. We will be holding our biennial fundraiser in the spring of 2015 to raise monies for all branch philanthropic causes. We will need 100% branch participation in this effort to ensure its success. Please plan to be part of a branch fundraising committee that will begin meeting in early fall.

If anyone is interested in attending the AAUW-PA Summer Retreat in Lewisburg on July 12<sup>th</sup>, the agenda and registration form are included in the latest issue of the <u>Keystoner</u>. This is a wonderful way to find out what is happening at the state level of AAUW. Since the retreat is held in conjunction with the state board meeting, Michele Buford and I will be there from Friday to Sunday. Our branch is entitled to have two additional members attend the Saturday meeting free-of charge.

Thirty-eight members enjoyed the food and fellowship at our May 21<sup>st</sup> annual dinner. Kudos go to Georgiana Likar and Anita Wurthner for organizing a great meal in a great venue. Special thanks go to Anita for the decorations. I installed Maripat Kwaczala as Membership VP and Katherine Keith as Finance Officer. A big thank you goes to Cindy Stewart for serving as Membership VP the past three years and to Linda Loewer for her four years as Finance Officer. Congratulations to our seven members who were recognized for their Membership Milestones. Sr. Rita was recognized for her twenty-five years as College/University Liaison for La Roche College. Thank you Sr. Rita for your dedication to this important position. Julie Makuta and Peggy Schmiedecke have been designated by La Roche College as C/U Liaisons starting July 1<sup>st</sup>. The used jewelry sale finished with a flourish, bringing in \$194. Thanks to everyone who provided and purchased jewelry. The unsold jewelry has been donated to Treasure House. The sale of Tech Shop key chains and coasters has brought in over \$200 to date. Linda Loewer won the free dues raffle. And speaking of dues, it you have not yet renewed your membership for 2014-2015, please mail your \$70 dues check to Linda Lower right away. Thank you for your support. Have a wonderful summer.

Linda Tozier, President





Sina Murphy, wearing a Burka she obtained in Afghanistan when she was in the Peace Corp, reviewed the book "And the Mountains Echoed" by Khaled Hosseini at the home of Barbara Mathews.

#### AN EXTRAORDINARY WOMAN

On Monday, June 16, the Evening Book Group will meet at 7:30 to discuss Robin Oliveira's "My Name is Mary Sutter: a Novel." Debbie Rosenfelder will lead the discussion of this compelling story of a skilled midwife who aspired to be a doctor during the Civil War era but was ridiculed for wanting too much for a woman. However, minds were changed as the war wound on with its butchery and Mary's skills were desperately needed. This is a wonderfully researched novel and an excellent read. All members are always welcome. The meeting is being held at Debbie's house at 8310 Van Buren Drive, 15237. If you would like to join us, just give Debbie a call (412-367-4751) or email her at <u>rosenfelderd@verizon.net</u>

Submitted by Sina Murphy, Chairperson

## YOU ARE INVITED!

On Saturday, August 30, 2014 at 7 p.m., the International Dinner Group of AAUW is having a cocktail party at the home of Ann Carlson. The purpose is to set up the dinners for 2014-2015.

Please bring the following with you:

Your calendar for 2014-2015, an hors d'ouvre to share, and your favorite beverage to drink.

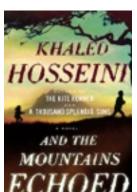
Existing dinner members are invited and so is anyone interested in learning about the dinners. ALL AAUW members and significant others are very welcome to attend this planning meeting.

RSVP Ann Carlson, 412-487-1309 or annwca@aol.com by 8/27/14.



Financial Report by Linda Loewer for May 2014

May 1, 2014	Balance:	\$2947.28
Income:	\$1271.50	
Balance:	\$4218.78	
Expenses:	\$106.20	
May 31, 2014	Balance	\$4112.58



### New Officers for 2014-2016 installed by President Linda Tozier

Katherine Keith, Treasurer; Linda Tozier, President Maripat Kwaczala, Program Vice President





#### **Membership Milestones**

During the recent May dinner meeting held at La Roche, members who reached Branch milestones were recognized by outgoing Membership VP, Cindy Stewart and newly installed Membership VP, Maripat Kwaczala. Certificates were presented and warmest congratulations extended to the following:

30 years - Alice Moore

- 25 years Nell Sutherland
- 10 years Rita Hohman
- 5 years Teneal Caw
- 5 years Linda Clautti
- 5 years Julie Makuta
- 5 years Judith Matheny

We are proud of our members who have supported women's advocacy for many years!

#### **New Members**

Please welcome two members to our Branch! Carolyn Hrach was a presenter at our April meeting, "Canine Companions for Independence". Happily, she enjoyed the evening so much, she decided to join our Branch shortly thereafter. Amy Stepko, daughter of longtime member, Marilyn Lanz, has also joined. We are thrilled to add both members to our roster and look forward to their active participation. Listed below is membership information.

Carolyn Hrach 193 Seneca Place Mars, PA 16046 BS Math - Purdue University 724-759-3053 Carolyn.Hrach@gmail.com

Amy Stepko 2533 Matterhorn Dr. Wexford, PA 15090 BA Psychology - Kenyon College 724-933-3197 amystepko@gmail.com

## NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT AAUW DUES FORM FOR 2014-15

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)

\_\_\_\_Put an x here if you want an extra directory. Add \$2. Write check for \$72.

Make check payable to North-Hills McKnight AAUW and send it by June 15, 2014.

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