



# Viewpoints

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North Hills–McKnight Branch Newsletter

March 2012



**AAUW is shaping the future!**

**March 31, 2012**

Please bring a friend to the meeting.

New members are able to join AAUW for a discounted price this month.

**Nineteenth Century Women Composers**

**with**

**Lucille Adkins**

**featuring**

**Pianist, Charles Wilson**

**and**

**Vocalist, La'Keeta Pittman**

**9:30 AM -Refreshments**

**10:00 AM – Program**

**La Roche College Chapel**



Door prizes and optional mystery bag fundraiser. Each bag costs \$10.00 and you will win at least a \$10.00 gift card. Many gift cards are worth \$20.00, \$25.00, and \$50.00!



## Tozier's Tidbits

What is a Shape the Future Event and why is our branch holding one on March 31<sup>st</sup>? In 2002 AAUW's national membership committee created a campaign for branches to attract new members by offering membership incentives to both participating guests and branches. Each person who joins AAUW at this public event will pay half the price of national dues. In addition AAUW-PA dues are half-price at the event. Local branch dues remain at \$11. For every two new members who join on March 31<sup>st</sup>, our branch earns one free national membership, up to a maximum of three free memberships per year. This is a fantastic opportunity for you to invite guests with an associate or equivalent (RN) or higher degree from regionally accredited institutions. Special invitations were handed out to those members who came to our February branch meeting. If you need an invitation to give to a guest, you can contact either Cindy Stewart or Julie Makuta. Or you can simply invite someone in person or via telephone.

What a perfect way to celebrate the last day of Women's History Month with a free lecture and music featuring nineteenth century women composers! Even if you don't have someone to invite, please come for the fun, entertainment, food, door prizes and mystery bag fundraiser. This event will take place in the Chapel Lobby and Chapel of La Roche College. You should enter via the chapel doors.

Have you ever wanted to find out what happens at an AAUW State Convention? This is the perfect year for you to attend since the 83<sup>rd</sup> Annual Convention is being held at the Double Tree by Hilton Hotel in Green Tree. The registration form is included in this issue of Viewpoints because the early bird registration ends on March 25<sup>th</sup>.

Our branch has budgeted money to cover registration costs. The Saturday Keynote speaker is national AAUW President, Carolyn Garfein. Perhaps you'd like to help with registration on April 13<sup>th</sup> or 14<sup>th</sup>. Contact Sylvia Lynn. I'll be involved with the convention the entire weekend. I encourage you to come.

I will close with a few thoughts about February events. Our branch meeting on genealogy was well-attended. Thanks to Janette Kohr and Debbie Rosenfelder who filled in as hostesses at the last minute.

Fourteen members, two spouses, one student affiliate and one boyfriend played games with gusto at the second Conversations and Cocktails.

Thank you, Jen Jones.



And almost fifty people are participating in Great Decisions, 28% of whom are branch members. What a great community outreach, thanks to Linda Loewer!

*Linda Tozier*, President

Happy St. Patrick's Day



## BRANCH CALENDAR

### March Happenings

#### **3/12/12 Evening Book Group**

*Cutting for Stone*

by Abraham Verghese

Reviewer: Peggy Garbooshian

Hostess: Kate Stuart, 7:30 p.m.

#### **3/13/12 Morning Book Group**

*The Nine Tailors*

by Dorothy Sayers

Reviewer: Marilyn Garrett

Hostess: Janet Boy, 9:30 a.m.

#### **3/15/12 Panel Discussion and Reception in Celebration of International Women's Day**

*Trafficking of Women and Girls: A Global Challenge in Our Own Backyard*, moderated by Deborah Acklin, President & CEO, WQED Multimedia

#### **3/17/12 International Dinner**

Theme: St. Patrick's Day

#### **3/18/12 Presentation and Discussion**

*Voting Our Consciences: Separation of Church and State*

Discussion led by Mary Traupman, Attorney

#### **3/25/12 Fifteenth Annual Interfaith Gathering**

*Living Forgiveness and Compassion*

Sponsored by the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition

#### **3/31/12 "AAUW Shape the Future Event"**

Nineteenth Century Women Composers

### April Happenings

#### **4/4/2012 Board Meeting**

Hostess: Mary Eury, 7 p.m.

#### **4/10/12 Morning Book Group**

*Planning Meeting & Luncheon*

Hostess: Jan Peischl, 9:30 a.m.

#### **4/16/12 Evening Book Group**

*The Hunger Games*

by Suzanne Collins

Reviewer: Julie Makuta

Hostess: Margaret Hartley, 7:30 p.m.

#### **4/25/12 Branch Meeting and Program**

Marcellus Shale

Presenter: Andrew Mack, Conservation Biologist

Refreshments, 6:30 p.m.

Meeting/Program, 7 p.m.

## COCKTAILS AND CONVERSATIONS!



Joan Killinger and Ann Carlson enjoying the second "Cocktails & Conversations" evening, held at the North Park Lounge on February 27, 2012.

### GREAT DECISIONS

By Linda Loewer

Guest speaker Lisa Nutt spoke about Mexico to both the Saturday morning and Tuesday evening groups. She generously cooked traditional Mexican food which was delicious and enjoyed by everyone! Our discussion about cyber security was enhanced by a talk by Bill Spangler who discussed ways in which we personally are affected (the hacking of our emails, for example) to the larger context, such as the hacking of the Department of Defense. Both were great speakers that gave us insight into important topics.

Please feel free to join us for the rest of our discussions: Saturday mornings and Tuesday evenings until March 27.

### AN ABSORBING TALE

By Sina Murphy

The Bookers of the Evening will be gathering on Monday, March 12, at 7:30 pm at the home of Kate Stuart, 5762 Franklin Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044, to hear Peggy Garbooshian lead a discussion of the best-selling novel, "Cutting for Stone" by Abraham Verghese. Moving from Addis Ababa to New York City and back again, this is an unforgettable story of love and betrayal, medicine and ordinary miracles---and two brothers whose fates are forever intertwined. If you would like to join in the discussion, just give Kate a call.

February 22, 2012 Meeting

Elissa Powell, Certified Genealogist,  
Guest speaker



Our Genealogy Tree

#### A THANK YOU FROM

Linda Robins  
Volunteer Coordinator  
North Hills Community Outreach  
(Submitted by Jan Peischl)

#### **NHCO thanks you for being a bell ringer for this year's Salvation Army Kettle Campaign!**

We thought you might like to know that...

71 volunteers

Gave

106 hours of service

And raised

\$6,550

A special thank you to

The route 8 Wal-Mart in Gibsonia

**We hope you'll join us again next year!**

Fox Chapel Area AAUW:

# Young Women's Recognition Night

**Tuesday, March 13, 7:00-9:00  
PM**

\*Middle School Math and Science  
Recognitions\*

Panel Presentation\* Keynote Address\*  
STEM displays\*

*at the Fox Chapel Presbyterian Church  
384 Fox Chapel Road, Fox Chapel, PA  
15238*

Be a part of our exciting evening March Event as we recognize young women for, and encourage them to pursue, their strong interest and potential in math or science. Don't miss the opportunity to join in a special biennial celebration of our branch's guiding principles in action at our fourth biennial *Young Women's Recognition Night* to encourage young girls to pursue math and science studies in high school and beyond.

Girls from grades 6-8 were selected by their math and science teachers at Dorseyville Middle School to be recognized for their interest and enthusiasm in the study of math or science. The recognition, together with a panel discussion by women working or studying in the STEM fields, interaction with the panelists and displays provided by Girls of Steel FIRST Robotics Team 3504, Robert Morris University and Carnegie Mellon University about STEM activities, are designed to encourage these middle school students to continue to pursue their education and even careers in one of these fields.

The program will begin with short addresses by the panelists: **Kathryn Jackson**, Senior VP and Chief Technology Officer at Westinghouse Electric Company; **Gabriela Marcu**, PhD student in Human-Computer Interaction at CMU; **Linda Ortenzo**, Director of Carnegie Science Center STEM programs; and **Rachel Round** and **Remy Niman**, Girls of Steel robotics team members. The Award Ceremony follows this inspirational period. The students and panelists will then meet in break-out groups to continue the discussion about studying and working in STEM (science, technology, engineering, math) fields.

Keynote Speaker **Colleen Smith**, Outreach Coordinator, Penn State Electro-Optics Center, will then address the adult audience about the AAUW research publication *Why So Few? Women in Science, Technology, Engineering and Math*. The event will end with a dessert reception.



## UPCOMING DIVERSITY EVENTS

Submitted by Jan Peischl

### MARCH 15, 4-6 PM

Panel Discussion and Reception in Celebration of International Women's Day 2012. **Trafficking of Women and Girls: A Global Challenge in Our Own Backyard** Dr. Mary Burke, Carlow University S.S.A. Brad Orsini, Federal Bureau of Investigation Dr. Muge Kokten Finkel, University of Pittsburgh - Moderated by Deborah Acklin, President and CEO, WQED Multimedia. Location: Point Park University, University Center - GRW Theater, 414 Wood Street, Pittsburgh, PA. This event is free of charge. Please call 412-281-7970 or email [welcome@worldpittsburgh.org](mailto:welcome@worldpittsburgh.org) with questions.

### MARCH 18, 2012, 3 PM

Kearns Spirituality Center, 9000 Babcock Blvd. **Voting Our Consciences: Separation of Church and State** In this election year, the subject of religion and politics has raised questions of primary importance to us. What are the Constitutional issues? Presentation and discussion led by Mary Traupman, Attorney; A Sister of Divine Providence. Sponsored by The Pittsburgh North People for Peace. 412-367-0383 or [pnpp@verizon.net](mailto:pnpp@verizon.net)

### MARCH 25, 2012 3-5 PM

15th Annual Interfaith Gathering, **Living Forgiveness and Compassion** - How different faiths practice forgiveness and compassion. Location: Unitarian Universalist Church, 2559 W. Ingomar Rd. Sponsored by the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition. 412-486-9036 or [www.northhillscoalition.com](http://www.northhillscoalition.com)

#### Finance information By Linda Loewer

1/31/2012	Balance:	\$3180.77
	Deposits:	<u>1058.00</u>
	Balance:	\$4238.77
	Expenses:	<u>909.15</u>
2/29/2012	Balance:	\$3329.62

## Pictures from our January 2012 Meeting



Mark Jones, Chief of Technical Services, U.S. Army Corps of Engineers, discussing his experiences in Afghanistan



Afghan products



Mark Jones and Sina Murphy, AAUW member, in discussion about Afghanistan

**AAUW-PA Presents:**  
**Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Training**  
**Friday, April 13, 2012**  
**Pittsburgh, PA**  
***No fee, but registration required!***

**9am-11:30 AM: Get Out the Vote Training Part 1**

This session includes voter turnout techniques, methods to recruit volunteers and to build coalitions, information on registering voters and preparing voter guides. Box lunches will be provided for participants.

This session will be held at a downtown Pittsburgh location to be notified to participants prior to the session.

**Noon: Pay Equity Event**

This event will be a rally in Market Square Pittsburgh (pending permit) to sing an Equal Pay Song, Distribute "The Simple Truth" and pay gap pins, and generally to raise awareness of the pay gap.

**1:15pm-4:35 pm: Get out the Vote Training Part 2**

This session will be held at the Doubletree by Hilton, Greentree, Pittsburgh. It will include information about millennial women, and the need to educate and mobilize the millennial generation. The campaign "It's My Voice, I will be heard" is planned to engage millennials, and training will include steps for planning and targeting the campaign. It will also discuss issues and candidate forums, public relations, and what comes next.

*This workshop is provided by a public policy impact grant from AAUW, and national staff will make the presentations.*

**Registration is open to all interested; you need not be an AAUW member to attend.**

**Registration by email is preferred.** Please send an email to: [mcgrathaauwpa+gotv@gmail.com](mailto:mcgrathaauwpa+gotv@gmail.com) with the information below.

- Your name:
- Your email address:
- Your phone:
- Which session(s) will you be attending
  - Part 1: 9am-11:30
  - Pay Equity
  - Part 2: 1:15pm – 4:35 pm Doubletree Hotel

Do you have any dietary restrictions or accessibility issues?

AAUW-PA members may also register as part of their convention registration.

If you have any difficulties with the email, please leave a message at 412-656-5097

**PUBLIC POLICY NOTE –**

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, Public Policy Chair

This is the year we set the PA public policy priorities for 2012-2014. Below you will find the first version. This will be presented at convention on April 14<sup>th</sup>. If you have any input that you would like to share, please email Peggy Schmiedecke at [pschmiedecke@comcast.net](mailto:pschmiedecke@comcast.net). She will forward your suggestions, this will save time in trying to discuss all the suggestions at the convention itself.

AAUW Pennsylvania  
Proposed Public Policy Priorities 2012-2014

AAUW Pennsylvania's public policy goals are to educate citizens about the impact of public policies on women and girls, and to advocate for policies which will advance equity for women and girls. AAUW Pennsylvania also supports good governance, an informed citizenry, and community dialogue on critical issues. Biennial priorities are intended to complement national priorities and to be a focus for active educational and advocacy efforts of members in the state.

To enable members and all citizens to participate fully in a representative democracy and self-governance, AAUW-PA will:

- Increase their awareness of issues so they may be fully informed and empowered voters
- Provide information on civil discourse and disagreements, and encourage women to have their voices heard in opposition to negative campaigning.
- Familiarize members with a variety of methods to advocate for policies
- Promote the voting habit and social spread of voting
- Support and encourage millennial women as they "learn the ropes" and see clear reasons to develop the voting habit

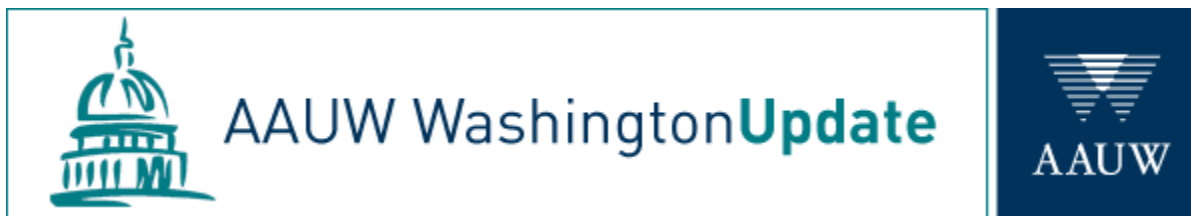
AAUW-PA will support a strong system of public education

AAUW-PA will advocate for measures which improve the economic self-sufficiency of women, including pay equity and reductions in bias and discrimination.

AAUW-PA believes that equal access to legislative processes is a fundamental requirement of a representative democracy. We oppose measures likely to suppress voters.

An efficient and effective government can improve the wellbeing of women also, so AAUW-PA will advocate for measures to improve the operations and transparency of government.

AAUW-PA members have become informed citizens regarding Marcellus Shale. We will advocate for policies which are sound environmentally and fiscally.



## **AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund Supports Title IX Suit against Ball State University**

*Fired Tennis Coach Claims Retaliation for Speaking Out*

Submitted by Jane Depee

WASHINGTON — The American Association of University Women (AAUW) Legal Advocacy Fund announced that it will provide case support to the Title IX retaliation lawsuit *Bull v. Board of Trustees of Ball State University*.

The lawsuit was filed by Kathy Bull, the former head coach of Ball State University's (BSU) women's tennis team, a position she held for 21 years. She filed the suit under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 after BSU fired her midseason in 2009. Bull alleges that her firing was unlawful retaliation for her vocal advocacy for gender equity in the school's athletics department.

"This case is unbelievable," said AAUW Executive Director Linda D. Hallman, CAE. "**Across five years, 11 of the 12 head coaches for women's sports teams resigned or were fired from BSU.** Bull spoke out about the treatment she endured and has been penalized for doing so. We are proud to stand with her in her pursuit of fairness for herself and all advocates of equity."

The case will go to trial on April 9, 2012, in the U.S. District Court for Southern Indiana. AAUW's financial support will help offset the plaintiff's legal costs.

"Having the support of AAUW will mean that thousands of women on campuses across the country will be able to have their voices heard and not fear retaliation or loss of their job," said Bull.

AAUW was instrumental in the passage of Title IX, which prohibits sex discrimination in federally funded education programs and activities. AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund support has been crucial in the success of many gender discrimination cases during its 31-year history.



**Registration Form  
AAUW-PA: Building a Powerful Network**

AAUW-PA Convention and 83rd Annual State Meeting, DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel, Pittsburgh, Green Tree

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Branch \_\_\_\_\_  
 Address \_\_\_\_\_ Phone \_\_\_\_\_  
 City, State, ZIP \_\_\_\_\_ E-mail \_\_\_\_\_  
 Special Needs: Dietary \_\_\_\_\_ Physical \_\_\_\_\_ First  
 Time at AAUW-PA Convention Yes No Circle if 2011-12: Outstanding Woman

Check the items below that you will attend:

**FRIDAY ACTIVITIES:**

- \_\_\_ Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Part 1 9:00-11:30 am
- \_\_\_ Get Out the Vote (GOTV) Part 2 1:15-4:45 pm
- \_\_\_ Pizza Party 6:00-7:15 pm
- \_\_\_ Town Hall 7:15-9:00 pm

**CONVENTION STATUS:**  
(Indicate appropriate categories)

- \_\_\_ Branch President
- \_\_\_ College/University Rep
- \_\_\_ Member-at-Large
- \_\_\_ State Past President
- \_\_\_ State Board Member
- \_\_\_ Student Affiliate

**SATURDAY ACTIVITIES:**

**Workshop Session I—select 1**

- \_\_\_ A. AAUW Topics 8:00-8:45 am  
(membership, fund raising, archives)
- \_\_\_ B. "Hear My Voice on My Issues" 8:30-9:30 am  
(Marcellus Shale, education, campus safety, pay equity)
- \_\_\_ C. Chat Groups (circle one) 8:00-9:00 am  
Coffee with Carolyn (AAUW President)  
Finance  
Facebook  
Website  
Poster discussions

**Send Registration Form with your check made payable to AAUW-PA to:**

**AAUW-PA Convention  
c/o Sherry Crassweller  
2264 Charleston Drive  
State College, PA 16801**

**Discount and Refund/Cancellation Policies**

In order to assure that we are able to meet our contractual obligations, the following policies are in effect:

- ✓ Early Bird Registrations with full payment must be postmarked before **March 25, 2012**, to qualify for the discount.
- ✓ A discount for students in post-secondary education is available to individuals who can show a current tech school/ college/ university ID.
- ✓ Registrations with full payment must be postmarked before Friday, **April 4, 2012**. Forms and payments postmarked after that date must be completed onsite with a \$15 late fee.
- ✓ Registrants making cancellation requests by March 30 will receive a 90% refund; on or before April 4, 50%. Refund requests received after April 4, 2012, cannot be honored, and failure to attend will result in forfeiture of fees. (You may send a substitute branch member in your place.) All approved refunds will be issued after the convention.

**Workshop Session II—select 1**

- \_\_\_ D. Internet and Social Media Security and Tip 9:00-9:45 am
- \_\_\_ E. Branch Success Sampler 9:45-10:45 am
- \_\_\_ F. Chat Group (circle one) 9:00-10:00 am  
Bylaws changes  
STEM initiatives  
Finance  
Poster discussions

**Workshop Session III**

- \_\_\_ E. The College Connection 10:00-10:45 am

<b>Registration Type:</b>	Early Bird	Regular	
Registration	\$65	\$75	\$ _____
Student (with student ID)	\$25	\$30	\$ _____

**Meals:**

___ Friday Pizza	\$ 8.00	\$ _____
___ Saturday Awards Lunch, Buffet	\$26.00	\$ _____
___ Saturday Keynote Dinner—Choose 1		
Chicken Florentine	\$33.50	\$ _____
Mediterranean Primavera Pasta	\$33.50	\$ _____
___ Sunday AAUW Funds Breakfast	\$23.00	\$ _____
Total Enclosed		\$ _____

To obtain confirmation of your registration, please include a stamped, self-addressed postcard or your e-mail address. If you have any questions, contact Suzanne Kerlin at 814-237-5251 or 814-360-1177, [suzkerlin@aol.com](mailto:suzkerlin@aol.com); or Sherry Crassweller at 814-237-3861 or 814-574-2400, [aps@psu.edu](mailto:aps@psu.edu). Please use "Convention 2012" in the subject line.



## NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT AAUW DUES FORM FOR 2012-2013

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, 2012.  
Mail CHECK and FORM to: Linda Loewer 132 Circle Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

**Branch Directory Information:** Enter as you want it printed.

Name \_\_\_\_\_  
(Last) (First) (M.I.)

Address \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ Zip Code \_\_\_\_\_

Home Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Work \_\_\_\_\_

Cell Phone \_\_\_\_\_ Email \_\_\_\_\_

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### Rejoin NOW for greatest raffle chances!

Now is the time to renew your North Hills-McKnight Branch membership. This qualifies you for our *free membership raffle drawing*. If you pay your dues by the end of **March**, you will be entered **THREE times** for a drawing that will refund the full \$70. If you pay by the end of **April**, you'll be entered **TWO times** and if you pay by the end of **May**, **ONE time**.

**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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State Website: [www.aauwpa.org](http://www.aauwpa.org)



# VIEWPOINTS

**North Hills-McKnight Branch**  
**Georgiana Likar, Distribution Manager**  
**10150 Grubbs Road, Wexford, PA 15090**

because equity is still an issue

