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 31st? 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 31st, 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 83rd 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 25th.

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 13th or 14th. 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 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

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

Finance information
By Linda Loewer

1/31/2012 Balance: $3180.77
Deposits: 1058.00
Balance: $4238.77
Expenses: 909.15
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: mcgrathaauwpagotv@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 14th. If you have any input that you would like to share, please email Peggy Schmiedecke at 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

SATURDAY ACTIVITIES: select 1

Workshop Session I
____ 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)
   Coffee with Carolyn (AAUW President)
   Finance
   Facebook
   Website
   Poster discussions

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)
   Bylaws changes
   STEM initiatives
   Finance
   Poster discussions

Workshop Session III
____ E. The College Connection  10:00-10:45 am

Registration Type: 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 $_____

CONVENTION STATUS:
(Indicate appropriate categories)
___ Branch President
___ College/University Rep
___ Member-at-Large
___ State Past President
___ State Board Member
___ Student Affiliate

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.

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; or Sherry Crassweller at 814-237-3861 or 814-574-2400. 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___________________________________________

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Home Phone________________________ Work________________________

Cell Phone________________________ Email________________________

Degree Earned_____________ Major___________________ College/Univ.____________________

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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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because equity is still an issue