



**AAUW** North Hills-McKnight Branch  
Invites women and girls of all ages to our

**Shape the Future** event: **Women in Sports**

Guest Speaker: **Carol Semple Thompson**,  
“...one of the greatest golfers in sport’s history” (Pittsburgh Magazine)

Featuring: **Gene Collier**, Sports Journalist, Comedian,  
& Co-Author of *The Chief*

Saturday, March 26<sup>th</sup>  
9:00 am to 12 noon  
Magdalen Chapel  
La Roche College Campus

Light refreshments will be served.  
This event is free to the public (both members and guests)  
please register by March 23<sup>rd</sup>.



## President's Note

*"A Woman is like a tea bag. You never know her strength until she is in hot water."*

*--Nancy Reagan.*

*Rest In Peace Nancy Reagan*

*July 6, 1921- March 6, 2016*

How true is this quote? Nancy got this right. I don't know about you, but recently I've been pushed to my limits, and I'm amazed on what has been accomplished. It is awesome to work with a group of strong women. Together we can do many significant things and break barriers.

During our last meeting, Dr. Rachel Kutz-Flamenbaum presented her talk titled "Humor in the U.S. Women's Movement." This was a great learning experience. March 26 is our Shape the Future-Women in Sports Event. This event is free to the public, and anyone who joins that day will benefit from 50% off national, state, and branch dues. Great savings! Awesome cause! Invite a friend today.

### **AAUW NORTH HILLS PITTSBURGH BRANCH!**

Your executive committee and I have been working on changing our branch's name to allow us to better identify our branch as part of the Greater Pittsburgh Area. I'm proud to say our new name **AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch** has been unanimously approved by AAUW PA board in January and AAUW National board in February. We are in the final stages of updating our administrative documents to reflect our new name. Our goal is to fully operate under AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch before our Tech Savvy Conference on May 14. If you have any questions, we have appointed Linda Tozier to answer any questions you might have in regards to our new name.

-President

Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.

P.S. Don't forget to vote for the next State President and State VP of Programs by April 8.

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

## BRANCH CALENDAR

### 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 a.m. to noon

### April Happenings

**4/12/2016 Morning Book Group**

*Planning Meeting & Luncheon*

Hostess: Donna Martin, 9:30 a.m.

**4/18/2016 Bookers of the Evening**

*Plainsong*

By Kent Haruf

Reviewer: Jane Depee

Hostess: Cindy Stewart, 7 p.m.

**4/20/2016 Branch Meeting and Program**

*"Gateway to Equity Award"*

La Roche College - Ryan Room

Meeting, 6:30 p.m.

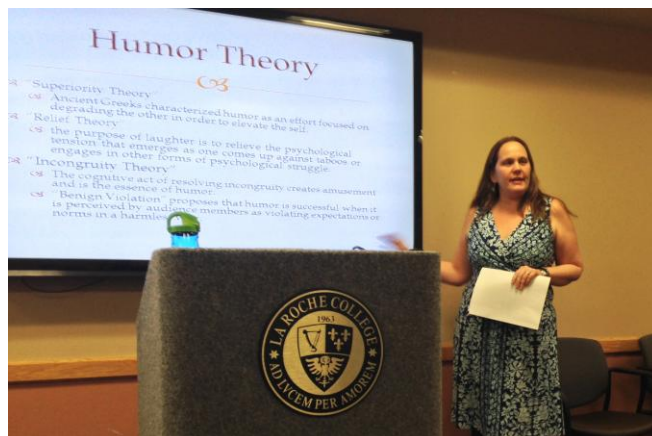
Program, 7 p.m.

## NOMINATING COMMITTEE

The nominating committee is charged to find the next Finance and Membership Vice President officers for July 2016-June 2018 term. Look out for an email March 20th to see who will be on the slate. Voting for the new officers will happen April 20th during our branch meeting.

Nominating Committee Members  
 Sina Murphy, Chair  
 Betty Kroniser  
 Julie Makuta  
 Linda Clautti  
 Ursula Lesic

## FEBRUARY MEETING GUEST SPEAKER: Rachel V. Kutz-Flamenbaum



## FINANCE REPORT

by Katherine Keith

Feb. beginning balance:	\$3760.03
Income	640.00
Expenses	5.00
Feb. ending balance	4395.03



## La Roche College - Keynote Address: Thursday, April 21

"A Pathway to Environmental Sustainability," presented by keynote speaker Richard V. Piacentini, executive director of Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens. Mr. Piacentini has been a leader of the green transformation of Phipps facilities and operations, is board member of International Living Future Institute (ILFI) and a recipient of ILFI and U.S. Green Building Council Leadership Awards.

[Register for Conference](#) **Keynote Address - Thursday, April 21, 2016 - 6:30 pm**

Registration starts 6 p.m. at College Center Square. If you would prefer to register by phone or have further questions, please 412-536-1136.

## Conference Activities

**Wednesday, April 20 - 12- 1 p.m.** in the Ryan Room, Zappala College Center: Lunch and Learn with Waste Management

Learn how waste management uses imaginative ways to turn waste into a resource for a brighter, more sustainable future and what it can do for you with these solutions. Please RSVP to [charlotte.reed@laroche.edu](mailto:charlotte.reed@laroche.edu) to attend the free lunch.

**Thursday, April 21- 9 a.m. - 11 a.m.** in the Ryan Room, Zappala College Center: Sustainable Design Presentations

La Roche design students will discuss sustainable design and LEED certified buildings as they present a variety of case studies on buildings from Pittsburgh and around the world.

**4:30 - 5:30 p.m. in front of the Wright Library: Tree Pittsburgh Tour**

Learn about the various trees on La Roche's campus and what they do for the environment in this educational tour.

**Friday, April 22 - Volunteer Activity with the Pittsburgh Parks Conservancy: Details TBD**

All events are free, learn more <http://www.laroche.edu/global>.

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](http://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!**



## Public Policy News

### Changes in 2016 Pennsylvania Primary Election Dates

**March 28:** Last day to REGISTER to vote in the primary. You may do so online at:

<https://www.pavoterservices.state.pa.us/Pages/VoterRegistrationApplication.aspx>

**April 19:** Last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot

**April 22:** Completed absentee ballots must be received by Board of Elections

**April 26, Tuesday: PA GENERAL PRIMARY**  
7:00 AM to 8:00 PM

### Allegheny County Registered Voters Needed to Staff Polling Places

If interested, contact the Allegheny County Elections Department at (412) 350-4500. You may choose to work at ANY Allegheny County polling place that has an opening. It's a 6:00 AM to 9:00 PM day but there are breaks and monetary compensation

## GREAT DECISIONS

**March 12: Migration**

**March 19: Rise of ISIS**

**April 2: Climate Geopolitics**

**April 9: Korean Choices**

**April 16: Cuba and the U.S.**

**9:30-11:30 a.m.**

**La Roche College**

**Zappala College Center**

## March is Women's History Month

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke

The AAUW at La Roche Student Organization is collaborating with one of the Multicultural Affairs Film for Thought Series: "Miss Representation" the program which will include a synopsis and issue introduction before the film and short discussion after.



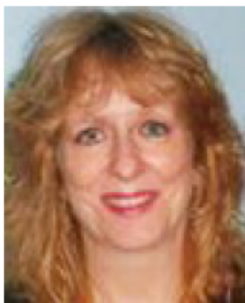
An invitation is being extended to the AAUW North Hills-McKnight Branch to participate on Wednesday, March 16, 2016 at 5 – 7 PM in AJ Palumbo Science Center (SC) Room 103. This is a free program and food will be provided.

"Miss Representation" is a 2011 American documentary film written, directed and produced by Jennifer Siebel Newsom. It explores how mainstream media contribute to the under-representation of women in influential positions by circulating limited and often disparaging portrayals of women.

## ***Nominations and Elections Committee Report*** **April 2016 Candidates for Election at Annual Business Meeting**

*Rosemary Baker, AAUW-PA Nominations Chair*

### **State President—*DOT McLANE***



Dot McLane is being nominated for a second term as president. Her AAUW experience includes her current position on the AAUW national board of directions, including being a member of the AAUW Finance Committee, and in the past as chair, STEM Task Force; chair, Branch Program Resources; member, Public Policy Committee; liaison, Girls Collaborative Project (STEM); and chair, Branch Program Resources.

A member of AAUW-Lansdale since 1999, Dot has served as Finance Officer, Co-President and chair/member of many committees. Dot regularly attends national, state conventions/meetings and leader and district meetings. She holds a Ph.D. (1987) and M.S. (1982) in biology from Drexel and a B.A., Biology from Rutgers University.

When asked what she saw as the primary focus of AAUW-PA, and how she would use her position to work toward that goal, Dot replied: "AAUW-PA should serve as a conduit between our national organization and branches membership, ensuring that the connection between them is understood and fully utilized. As state president, I would strive to communicate and disseminate information and resources between national and branches via the state board, to further the mission.

### **Program Vice-President—*SANDY HOMEL***



Sandy is currently AAUW-Pa. Program Vice-President, and has been an AAUW member since the mid 1970s in three different branches. She was Chair of an Educational Issues Conference and received an AAUW Educational Named Gift Award. She has served on fundraising, policy and issues committees and chaired the Bucks County Women's History Award committee. She is currently Doylestown Branch Program Vice President. Sandy has certification in math, English and secondary education and a Ph.D. in Educational Leadership and Policy Studies. She has been an Assistant Superintendent and Director of Secondary Education. She is an Adjunct Professor at Temple University.

AAUW-PA ELECTION PAPER BALLOT-2016-2018  
(Please mark choices with an "X".)

President Nominees:

Dot McLane  Other \_\_\_\_\_

Program Vice-President Nominees:

Sandy Homel  Other \_\_\_\_\_

**Mail ballot, using instructions provided, to Rosemary Baker, Nominations Chair.** Your mailed ballot must be received no later than **Friday, April 8, 2016**, in order for it to be valid and counted. Thank you.

# AAUW-PA 2016 Election Voting Instructions

*Rosemary Baker, AAUW-PA Nominations Chair*

***If you are coming to the State College Annual Meeting, you will vote there. Otherwise vote via either of the options below.***

## OPTION 1: ONLINE VOTING

**Instructions:** Click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAUWelection2016> or paste into your browser. **Online voting is available now through midnight, April 8, 2015.** Clicking this link will bring up an initial screen that will include instructions and three boxes asking for voting confirmation information: 1) first name; 2) last name; and 3) branch. **This information will not be connected to your vote.** Voter names and branch affiliation are required only to verify that you are 1) a current paid AAUW-PA member and 2) that you are not voting multiple times.

Clicking the “next” box on screen one will bring up the actual ballot. It looks exactly like the paper ballot that includes the titles of each office—President and Program VP, the two candidates’ names; and an option for a write-in.

Branches may facilitate online voting at a branch meeting. It requires only a computer, a site with internet access, and a degree of voting privacy.

## OPTION 2: PAPER BALLOT VOTING

**INSTRUCTIONS:** Clip out and return the official ballot (on page 4) and return to your branch president or to the Nominations Chair by mail. To be valid and counted, mailed ballots must be **received** no later than **Friday, April 8, 2015**, by Rosemary Baker at the address below. Voting instructions must be completed exactly as required in order for your ballot to be valid. Please ask for clarification from your branch officers or from AAUW-PA officers before voting if you have any questions or concerns about the appropriate way to file your ballot.

**Read** the information about the nominees on page 2 and make your choice for each office. Mark an “X” in the blank provided on the ballot. Fold and insert the completed ballot into a small (4” x 6” or similar) envelope. **Do not place any writing or marks on this envelope.**

**Insert** the **blank envelope**, containing the ballot, into a larger (#10 or similar) envelope. Do not write on or put a mark of any kind on this envelope; it must be blank. Seal the envelope and, on the reverse or flap side of this envelope, do the following:

**PRINT legibly** your name as it appears in AAUW membership records so that the Nominations and Elections Committee can locate it in our membership files.

**SIGN your name** as you normally would, below your printed name.

**PRINT the name of your branch** —or— if you are not a member of any particular branch, **PRINT** the letters “MAL” below your signature.

**FILE** your ballot either by returning it to your branch president to bulk mail, or by mailing it yourself.

If mailing your ballot yourself, please send it to: **Rosemary Baker, AAUW-PA Nominations, 2625 Anthony Court, Easton, PA 18045.**





**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.*

**BRANCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

Branch Presidents: Susan Banerjee	479-283-3358 or owo.syg@gmail.com
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Branch Membership VP: Maripat Kwaczala	412-366-0194 or kwaczala1@verizon.net
Viewpoints Editors: Maryann Anderson	412-486-3233 or reming80@verizon.net
& Sylvia Lynn	412-486-0151 or sylviaklynn@gmail.com

Branch Website: <http://northhillsmcknight-pa.aauw.net>

CONNECT2AAUW: 800-326-2289 or connect@aauw.org

Association Website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

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

# VIEWPOINTS

**North Hills-McKnight Branch  
Linda Tozier, Distribution Manager  
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because equity is still an issue

