AAUW North Hills-McKnight Branch Meeting

Wednesday, November 19, 2014

6:00 p.m. Refreshments

6:30 p.m. Meeting/Program

"LIVING IN LIBERTY-
Eradicating Human Trafficking"
Shelby Priano

"We are an anti-human trafficking organization in Pittsburgh PA working together to "eradicate human trafficking one life at a time."
**Tozier’s Tidbits**

Our October branch meeting was very well attended by 29 members and two student speakers. The La Roche Student Group One Youth shared information about their Guatemalan outreach and about their December 4th spaghetti dinner to be held in the La Roche College Square at 6:30 pm. The cost is $5. For reservations and more information contact Kimberly.aland@stu.laroche.edu. It was especially rewarding that Jalyn Evans, founder of One Youth, was one of the e-student affiliates who joined AAUW during our branch 2012 voter registration. Members were encouraged to purchase greens to benefit the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant and to participate in our traveling basket which is the way our branch raises monies for the national AAUW Funds. Since 2009, the philanthropic arm of AAUW has designated six different categories of funds to which branches and individuals can contribute: Legal Advocacy Fund, Eleanor Roosevelt Fund, Educational Opportunities Fund, Leadership Programs Fund, Public Policy Fund and AAUW Funds (which uses gifts not restricted to a specific fund to support programs with the greatest needs). If you want to know more about any of these funds, please contact me. Individual donations to both the greens sale and AAUW Funds are always appreciated.

The November branch meeting is scheduled for the third Wednesday so as not to conflict with the Thanksgiving holiday. On November 19th we will meet in the Ryan Room (our usual meeting place) to learn about “Living in Liberty,” an effort to eradicate human trafficking in Pittsburgh. Joette Miller has mailed out all directories. If you have not yet received yours, please contact Joette at 412-487-0845.

Looking ahead, our branch does not meet in December. Please update your yearbooks to include the following two programs: Saturday, January 24th – Personal Defense for Women at 9:30am and Wednesday, February 25 – Field Trip to the Art Place in Wexford at 6:30 pm. On February 7th, Great Decisions will resume its eight week series, offered on Saturday mornings by a committee of branch members. Please contact Cindy Stewart for further details and Jane Depee to purchase your book.

The month of November is a time to reflect on the many people and things for which we are thankful. I am thankful for AAUW, which has made such a remarkable difference in my life. AAUW has been with me and helped me deal with several life changes. AAUW has provided a worthwhile mission to promote to the greater community. And AAUW has given me wonderful, supportive friends who have made my life so much richer. May each of you have a glorious holiday season.

**Linda Tozier, President**
November Happenings

11/11/2014 Morning Book Group
Five Days at Memorial
By Sheri Fink
Reviewer: Cheryl Kirchner
Hostess: Sandy Brown, 9:30 a.m.

11/17/2014 Evening Book Group
The Odds
By Kathleen George
Reviewer: Sharon McCrae
Hostess: Nora Bell, 7:30 p.m.

11/19/2014 Branch Meeting and Program
“Living in Liberty” Eradicating Human Trafficking
Refreshments, 6 p.m.
Meeting/Program: 6:30 p.m.

11/22/2014 International Dinner
Theme: Scotland

December Happenings

12/3/2014 Board Meeting
Hostess: Debbie Rosenfelder 6 p.m.

12/4/2014 One Youth Spaghetti Dinner
La Roche College Square, 6:30 p.m.
Contact: Kimberly.aland@stu.laroche.edu

12/9/2014 Morning Book Group
A Call to Action
By Jimmy Carter
Reviewer: Joanne Ahlstrom
Hostess: Anita Wurthner

January Happenings

1/8/2014 Board Meeting
La Roche College Square 6 p.m.

1/24/2014 Branch Meeting and Program
Personal Defense for Women
Refreshments, 9:30 a.m.
Meeting/Program, 10 a.m.

Pictures from October Branch Meeting on One Youth
Courtesy of Ann Carlson, Photographer

Peggy Schmiedecke talking with our two One Youth guest speakers Jalyn Evans & Makavie Kanneh

THE ORIGIN OF ONE YOUTH
Study Abroad in Guatemala

GUATEMALA

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CHANGE IN BYLAWS
NORTH HILLS-MCKNIGHT BRANCH

As per our bylaws, any change in bylaws requires that members be given a written notice at least 30 days prior to voting at the general membership meeting. At the Board meeting in October, the following change was recommended to ARTICLE XII. BOARD OF DIRECTORS:

**Current:** Meetings of the board shall be held at least nine (9) times per year.

**Proposed Change:** Meetings of the board shall be held at least six (6) times per year.

Voting on this proposed change will occur at the November branch meeting to satisfy the 30 days written notice requirement. Please come to the November meeting to hear the excellent program, "Living in Liberty" and to vote.

Cindy Stewart By-laws/ Branch Policy Appointee

Congratulations to Sr. Rita

Sister Rita Yeasted PH.D. was honored on Monday, October 13, 2014 by La Roche College. She was appointed the Dr. Dorothy Saladiak Distinguished Professor of English. The Vice President bestowed this award, the first time it was given. Dr. Dorothy Saladiak was in attendance as well as the College President, many faculty members and students, her family and friends - including five AAUW members.

In her remarks Sr. Rita compared teaching to gardening: seeds are planted. Some grow immediately while others need time and additional nourishment before they will bloom.

The ceremony was followed by a lovely reception in the Cantellops Art Gallery. Sr. Rita will now be able to spend more time doing those things that she loves, research and writing, and less time doing administrative work. We are definitely proud of her both as a member of AAUW and a woman!

Submitted by Jan Peischl

Bookers of the Evening

will meet Monday, November 17 at 7:30 at Nora Bell’s. Our reviewer will be Sharon McCrae, the director of the Shaler North Hills Library, thanks to Ann Carlson. We are reading The Odds by Kathleen George, a mystery author whose books are often set in Pittsburgh. This is #4 in George’s Richard Christie mystery series. A young boy from the North Side dies of a suspicious overdose. Most of us are not too familiar with the characters in this series so an adventure lies ahead. In this novel, Christie is in the hospital, another on the team is on vacation, and another’s life is falling apart. We have 4 young Philips kids, abandoned and living on their own and we have the charmer, Nick Banks, just out of prison working off a debt to an old acquaintance involved in the drug trade….Sounds like fun to me!

By Peggy Garbooshian

Katherine Keith, Finance Officer, reports that there were no financial transactions during October.
SAVE THE DATE
By Jan Peischl

Lisa Sylvester, newscaster for Channel 11, WPXI, will be the keynote speaker at our annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast on Monday morning, January 19, 2015.
We shall be awarding the Spirit of Unity Award to a high school student again this year.
A flyer with all the details will be emailed later.

New Member Information
by Maripat Kwaczala

Please welcome Rita Martin to our Branch! Rita attended our September branch meeting as a guest of Georgiana Likar and decided to join that evening!
We are thrilled to add her to our roster and look forward to her active participation. Listed below is her membership information. Please update your directory.

Rita M. Martin
10585 Grubbs Road
Wexford, PA 15090
BA-English-IUP; MS-Library Science
University of Pittsburgh
724-935-2490
ritadelmar1@gmail.com

Ring Bells for NHCO
By Jan Peischl

North Hills Community Outreach has again requested our help to ring the Salvation Army bells. As a service unit, NHCO will receive 90% of the monies collected. The Red Kettle will be at the Walmart, Gibsonia on Rt. 8. We are hoping to fill shifts on three days the first week of December. It is more fun to ring with someone, so plan to ask a friend to join you. When the days and hours are finalized I will be sending an email with the details and a sign-up sheet.

GREAT DECISIONS

Jane Depee and Cindy Stewart looking over the information about Great Decisions 2015

GREAT DECISIONS TOPICS 2015

RUSSIA AND THE NEAR ABROAD
PRIVACY IN THE DIGITAL AGE
SECTARIANISM IN THE MIDDLE EAST
INDIA CHANGES COURSE
U.S. POLICY TOWARD AFRICA
SYRIA'S REFUGEE CRISIS
HUMAN TRAFFICKING IN THE 21ST CENTURY
BRAZIL'S METAMORPHOSIS

Note: Great Decisions will only be offered on Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30. The dates are February 7, 14, 21, 28 and March 7, 14, 21, 28.
**Girls of Steel FIRST TEAM**

By Amy Stepko

As part of its commitment to STEM initiatives, the North Hills–McKnight branch is pleased to be a sponsor of the Girls of Steel FIRST team. FIRST (*For Inspiration and Recognition of Science and Technology*) is a 501(c)(3) public charity whose mission is:

...to inspire young people to be science and technology leaders, by engaging them in exciting mentor-based programs that build science, engineering and technology skills, that inspire innovation, and that foster well-rounded life capabilities including self-confidence, communication, and leadership.

FIRST presents a different challenge (‘mission’) annually, which focuses the efforts of the teams. This year’s challenge is to find a better or more innovative way to help someone learn.

The Girls of Steel FRC* team 3504 is an all-girls, high school level FIRST robotics team that has just started its fifth season. The team was founded in 2010 at Carnegie Mellon University’s Field Robotics Center. The idea for the team evolved from efforts to promote robotics programs for high school girls in the Pittsburgh area.

The Girls of Steel participates in annual challenges at regional FIRST competitions, including Pittsburgh, Cleveland, Washington D.C., and Cincinnati regional competitions, and has qualified to compete at the World Championship competition in St. Louis four times. There are 55 girls from 29 schools on the team this year. This number includes 18 junior team members who are 8th graders who attend select meetings to learn about what it is like to be on the team as a high school student. Girls of Steel students mentor four FLL** teams – Pine Richland’s Rambotics and 3 other FLL teams in the Pittsburgh Area. Our branch support is being used to help Rambotics as they begin their first FLL year – they have a great all-girls team and are working hard to do well at the scrimmage and then regionals!

For more information, please visit the Girls of Steel website at [http://www.frc.ri.cmu.edu/girlsofsteel/](http://www.frc.ri.cmu.edu/girlsofsteel/) or the FIRST website at [http://www.usfirst.org/](http://www.usfirst.org/).

* FIRST Robotics Competition for Grades 9-12

** FIRST LEGO League for Grades 4-8
HALLOWEEN FUN

Bookers of the Evening

Morning Bridge Group
**We are active in cultural events, as community volunteers and known by many titles.**

**AMERICAN ASSOCIATION OF UNIVERSITY WOMEN**
**North Hills-McKnight Branch 2014-2015**

*AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.*

Check us out at [http://northhillsmcknight-pa.aauw.net/](http://northhillsmcknight-pa.aauw.net/)

All programs are at La Roche College and are open to the public.

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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