Branch General Meeting

Save the Date: September 28, 2016
6pm at La Roche College

Branch meeting schedule will be every 4th Wednesday with the exception of a couple of Saturdays this year. A schedule will be given at our first branch meeting and this will be uploaded on the website.

September 28 at 6 p.m. will be our first general meeting of the year. Traditionally the program for this first meeting is a social event and we will be awarding our Sister Matilda Kelly AAUW Incentive Grant to Jodie Sauer. This first meeting you will have an opportunity to learn how you can get involved with our branch and join committees. We will also have a short power point presentation about key outcomes from our 2016 TECH SAVVY conference that happened in May.

The October meeting will be a Saturday October 22 at 9 a.m. at La Roche College Ryan Room. Please see the flyer for all our programing on page 14.

Next Board Meeting will be September 7, 2016 at 7pm at Sina Murphy’s home.

Please note that Tuesday October 4 will be our October board meeting at 7pm. Location TBA.

Susan is looking for members to join our board. If you love what we are doing, and would like to help us with carrying out our mission by being on our board, please email owo.syg@gmail.com.

Board Meeting Update
President’s Note:

Olympic Games in Rio are over and the US sent over 292 women. This is a reflection of awesome work from empowering women in sports and Title IV.

One year down one to go. I am looking forward to an exciting year for our branch. Looking back to what we have accomplished last year- new branch name, Tech Savvy, and revisions to our ByLaws to name a few were huge accomplishments. The May Annual Dinner was a success thanks to Betty Kosiner. Congratulations to Katherine Keith and Cindy Stewart our branch’s Member making a difference and Outstanding woman for 2016.

I want to thank Maryann Anderson and Syliva Lynn for over a decade of service to the Viewpoints. They have step down and are passing the torch to Gerry Collier. Gerry Collier will be our new Viewpoints Editor!

During my first year as your President, I quickly realized that I did not have the depth knowledge of everyone in our membership. I think it’s time for us to get to know each other better. I’m asking you to fill out a short online survey that will ask you to insert a short bio about yourself. Please include where you went to school, what degree you graduated with, past jobs, current jobs, and why you love AAUW. This project will take some time to gather everyone’s bio, but I think it’ll be a really cool way to learn about each other and start new conversations. Also if you can email us your headshot to our branch’s email address, that would be great. Just for your piece of mind, these bios and pictures will be saved to our branch’s gmail account gdrive (aka the cloud). I hope we all participate in this. I can’t wait to learn more about you.

Here is the link to short online survey.

Branch’ email address: northhillsAAUW@gmail.com

President
Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.
We had 91 students registered for our Tech Savvy May 14. 76 girls and 32 parents actually came to our conference. We had representation of over 25 school districts! I would like to thank everyone that took part in our Tech Savvy conference for middle school girls. Special thanks to all our collaborators, sponsors, women in STEM, and volunteers. Without your help this would not be possible.

Check out a few blogs and posts from NPR and AAUW National! Tech Leaders Aim To Inspire Next Generation Of Females In Science

By Melinda Roeder • May 17, 2016

http://wesa.fm/post/tech-leaders-aim-inspire-next-generation-females-science#stream/0

AAUW National highlighted our AAUW Tech Savvy Confernece in their June 3 Blog!

Inspiring Tomorrow’s Innovators at AAUW Tech Savvy in Pittsburgh

http://www.aauw.org/2016/06/03/inspiring-tomorrows-innovators-at-tech-savvy-pittsburgh/

More Pictures will be shared at our September Branch Meeting

AAUW National: Nichole Phillips and Emily checking out our program booklet.
Annual May 18 Dinner at Frescos

Membership Milestone:
45 Years: Annabelle Few
40 Years: Marge Backus; Nell Sutherland
35 Years: Audrey Parobek; Jan Peischl; Barbara Matthews
30 Years: Marcia Coleman; Joan Killinger
25 Years: Pauline Edison; Lenora Osso; Anita Wurthner
20 Years: Joanne Ahlstrom
10 Years: Dorothy Frayer
5 Years: Susan Banerjee; Nora Bell; Joyce Donadee; Cheryl Kirschner; Maripat Kwaczala; Georgianna Likar

REMINDER TO PICK UP YOUR 5, 20, 30, 40 years Milestone AAUW PIN at our First General Meeting!

Ladies having fun!

Credit: Ann Carlson
June 10, 2016

AAUW
North Hills Pittsburgh Branch
1933 Dubonnet Court
Allison Park, PA 15101

Dear AAUW Members,

I extend my sincerest gratitude on behalf of the Allegheny County Department of Human Services for your generous donation of more than 220 books for the children being served by our SummerFood Program.

Your donation will be a great kick-off to a summer of reading for our children. It is always our concern that the skills of the children slide backward during the summer which can result in academic challenges when school begins. Many of the children we serve have little or no access to libraries when school is not in session which is one of the reasons we are partnering with local libraries to support our SummerBooks for SummerFood initiative. Providing reading material for them will help to prepare them for the school year, as well as supporting our literacy efforts throughout the summer.

The support that the Department of Human Services receives from the private sector has been crucial to our ability to provide for our residents in need, most especially for our children. Thank you for so readily joining us in this effort.

Sincerely,

Karen Blumen
Deputy Director
Office of Community Relations

MARC CHERNA, DIRECTOR
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Great Decisions: A Look Back and Forward

Great Decisions, sponsored by the Foreign Policy Association, is a national, civic education program that encourages learning about U.S. foreign policy and global issues. For over twenty years, the North Hills Pittsburgh Branch of AAUW has done an outstanding job of presenting this eight week program during the months of February and March. The last several years the program has been delivered by a committee of the Branch who were determined to continue this public service “outreach” to the North Hills community.

Great Decisions 2015-2016 had a successful year with approximately 25-40 people from the community attending each week. Participants spent Saturday mornings from 9:30-11:30 a.m. watching informative DVD’s, reading articles, listening to knowledgeable and fascinating speakers, engaging in conversation and q/a, and generally developing a greater understanding of global affairs. Special thanks is extended to the following Branch members who helped so that the program could continue this year:

Sina Murphy - Guest speaker contact
Jane Depee - Briefing Book Order/LaRoche Library contact
Judy Hays Daw - E-Communicator
Mary Eury and Katherine Keith - Publicity, Promotion
Chris and Linda Loewer - Technology training and assistance

Facilitators
Maryann and Fred Anderson - Kurdistan
Peggy Garbooshian - Cuba
Linda Joy - United Nations Post 2015
Betty Kroniser - The Rise of ISIS
Linda and Chris Loewer - Shifting Alliances in Middle East
Sylvia and Jerry Lynn - International Migration
Rita Martin - Climate Geopolitics
Rita Yeasted - Korean Choices

The Great Decisions Committee is in need of a chairperson or two co-chairs for the 2016-2017 year. Many on the committee and past facilitators have indicated a willingness to participate again next year. Responsibilities for chairperson include: scheduling and facilitating two committee meetings, attending program sessions, finding facilitators, scheduling dates/topics, arranging for technology training, securing log-in password from LaRoche, scheduling rooms at LaRoche, purchasing gift cards for speakers, writing articles for Viewpoints.

To members of the Branch who have been in the audience as a Great Decisions participant, many thanks for coming out to support the program. To new members and members who have not participated, please consider participating in any capacity for 2016-2017. The only requirement is that you are interested in learning.

It has been a positive experience these past two years to serve as chairperson of this committee. Heartfelt thanks to the Branch members who made this year so successful and worthwhile.

Cindy Stewart
Past Chairperson, Great Decisions
www.fpa.org/great_decisions/?act=gd_main
This year we invite you to participate in our BINGO fun. At the first general meeting we will give you your first BINGO card for free. This card will look a little different from traditional Bingo cards. Instead of letters and numbers, words specifically for AAUW will be used. Each Bingo Card is unique and made by an excel macro that randomizes each card. This game will continue throughout the year and the winner(s) of AAUW BINGO will be awarded at the MAY DINNER! At each general meeting and in each Viewpoints going forward will have AAUW BINGO words or important dates that will look like this DEMO below.

DEMO: Here’s your BINGO AAUW Words!

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Book Groups

Morning Book Group
Meets Tuesday Mornings
September 13, 2016
Book/ Author: Plain Songs by Kent Haruf
Hostess: Mary Ann Betush
Reviewer: Jane Depree

Booker of the Evening
Meets Monday evenings.
September 19, 2016
Book/ Author: Without you There is No Us by Sukie Kim.
Hostess: Maripat Kwaczala
Reviewer: Katherine Keith

Bridge Group
Meets Every Thursday at 9:30am. Please contact Deborah Hackney for more information

Lunch Bunch
First Meeting will be a dinner meeting with outdoor entertainment
Narcissi Winery- Rt. 910
September 14, 2016
6:30pm
Contact Anita Wurthner

International Dinner Group
Please call Clare Hoke if interested.
New Members Corner

Kelly Clouser

Last year Kelley joined AAUW National. She contacted me because she wanted to join a local branch. She lives in the Ben Avon area. So she is renewing her national membership and joined our branch (State and local.)

Her information for the directory and newsletter is as follows:

Kelley Clouser
336 Breading Ave, Pittsburgh, PA 15202
M.Ed--Millersville University, Educational Leadership
BS, Elementary Education--Susquehanna University
kmclouser@gmail.com

Jenna Dolhi

As a result of our Tech Savvy event, we have another new member. However she accepted a new position as a Visiting Assistant Professor at Ashland University.

Congrats Jenna!

BS Biology, Shippensburg University
Ph D Microbiology, Miami University of Ohio
jdolhi@gmail.com

Finance Report for
May-June 2016

Beginning Balance: $4408.85
Income: $6045.12
Expenses: $5252.28
Ending balance: $5201.69

Submitted by Katherine Keith
“Building Blocks for Peace”

International Day of Peace

Festival

Sunday, September 18th, 3:00 - 5:30 pm
Point Grove, Lakeshore Drive—North Park

What is the International Day of Peace?
The International Day of Peace was established by the U.N. General Assembly in 1981. September 21st has been set as the annual day with the intention of having the entire world observe a full day of global peace and nonviolence.

What’s happening here in the North Hills?
A festival in North Park on Sunday, September 18th.

Who is it for?
All ages & all cultures. A special invitation to youth and people of all the diverse cultures represented in the North Hills.

What will we do?
There will be music, dancing, and activities for all to participate. There will be wonderful food (all are invited to bring something to share from their cultural background).

What’s the high point?
The afternoon will conclude with a procession of 195 U.N. flags recognizing each country in hope for peace throughout the world.

Don’t miss a minute of our fun-packed festival!
Free raffle at 3:15!
Indian dancing, Drumming, Filipino dancing, youth performances!
Procession of international flags!
Food! Covered dishes welcome!
Rain or shine!

More info: Email info@PNPP.Northpgh.org or call 412-760-9390

The IDP Planning Committee is made up of representatives from Pittsburgh North People for Peace, North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition, La Roche College, League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh, North Hills Ebony Women, Inc., North Hills-McKnight AAUW, and the Sisters of Divine Providence.
AAUW-PA WESTERN DISTRICT ANNUAL FALL MEETING
Membership Nuts & Bolts
Sat, Oct 15th
10 – 2pm
Butler Co. Com. College, Cranberry Campus
Email Reservations to Linda Tozier, DC by 10/10
toziert@verizon.net
Event is free. Lunch will be provided.
Please come and reconnect with our 13 western branches.
Messages From National

I’m pleased to share that the first batch of AAUW Action Fund Voter Guides for the 2016 Elections has been published! These nonpartisan, head-to-head candidate comparisons show how candidates and elected officials stack up on issues important to women and their families this election year.

The AAUW Action Fund voter guides are intended to help inform voters in pressing races across the country, and provide nonpartisan information about candidates’ positions on issues like equal pay, education funding, and reproductive rights. Candidates’ positions on the issues are determined using their voting records, public statements, campaign position papers, as well as information posted by trusted sources on the internet.

For the first round of guides, please see the races pertaining to your state.

Presidential Race
☐ President
☐ Vice President

Senate Races
☐ Pennsylvania Senate

The Action Fund will release additional guides for House, Senate, and Gubernatorial races

every two weeks through September. If there’s a race you think we should consider, let us know – and be sure to include in your request any branch plans for putting the guide to use. Though the AAUW staff is unable to create guides for all competitive races in this election cycle, branches and state organization are encouraged to create their own voter guides using our templates for House, Senate, and State-wide races.

Voter guides are part of the AAUW Action Fund It’s My Vote: I Will Be Heard campaign to educate and mobilize young women voters. Be sure to share them broadly with your membership and beyond. They’re an excellent resource when attending town halls or candidate events; think of any “unknown” or “mixed” designations as an opportunity to pin down a candidate’s position!

Any questions can be directed to votered@aauw.org.

Best,
Elizabeth Holden
Grassroots Advocacy Manager

AAUW National Leadership Change

Leadership change: After eight years of dedicated service, AAUW CEO Linda Hallman has retired, effective July 29. Linda has been instrumental in keeping AAUW as relevant today as when we opened our doors in 1881, and we wish her success in future endeavors.

A transition committee has been appointed per the AAUW Business Continuity/Succession Plan. Mark Hopkins, AAUW’s chief strategy officer, has agreed to act as interim CEO until a new CEO is hired. Our dedicated leadership and staff remain eagerly committed to their part in fulfilling AAUW’s mission.

Yours in AAUW,
Patricia Fae Ho
Reminder AAUW NATIONAL’s new address

1310 L St NW,
Suite 1000,
Washington, DC 20005

PA State Happenings:

AAUW-PA Call for Nominations

AAUW-PA is seeking nominations for the following offices to fill 2017-2019 terms on the State Board.

**Finance Officer:** Responsible for planning, directing, and documenting the financial matters of the state and preparing a proposed annual budget for approval at the summer board meeting.

**Membership Vice President:** Responsible for planning, coordinating, implementing, and reporting membership activities and supporting branches and their efforts to maintain and grow membership.

**Secretary:** Responsible for keeping the official records of the state, including all meetings of the state, the board of directors, and the executive committee.

The state board currently meets four times annually: in July, October, January and at the State Convention or Annual Meeting. Board expenses for attendance at meetings are paid by AAUW-PA. If you are interested in serving on the state board in either of these capacities, please complete the Candidate Application which will be posted on the AAUW-PA website shortly and return it, along with a photo to Brigid Heydt at (email preferred) aauwpaaauweast@gmail.com or 450 Maple Street, Jenkintown, PA 19046 by **October 1, 2016**. To recommend a candidate, get a copy of the form or obtain more information contact Brigid by e-mail.
What’s happening in Western PA Area Branches?

The **Beaver Valley Branch** will be hosting their 15th Annual Kitchen Tour on Saturday, September 24, 2016. This fundraiser benefits scholarships for local women students, both traditional and non-traditional. The tour begins at Dutch Ridge Elementary School in Brighton Twp., Beaver, PA at 9:30. At DRE, there will be raffles, bake sale, vendors, gently used accessories and handbags for sale, and a luncheon. Five homes in the Beaver and Brighton Twp. area will be featured, and five chefs will be preparing various dishes for tasting. The tour runs from 11 a.m. to 3 p.m. For tickets and more information, please call [724-846-4260](tel:7248464260) (Mary Beth Quinn).

If you would be kind enough to forward this email to the branches in our region, I would truly appreciate it. On behalf of Betsey Uslenghi, Debi Breit-Adams, and the entire BV branch, thank you!

Vivian Mahli
Education Fund Chair
Beaver Valley Branch--AAUW

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**Congrats Linda Tozier!**

**AAUW PA Western District Coordinator**

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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.

BRANCH CONTACT INFORMATION

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Viewpoints

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because equity is still an issue