AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

VIEWPOINTS

Branch General Meeting

November 16, 2016
La Roche College in the Ryan Room
General meeting starts at 6 pm
Presentation starts at 7 pm

SENATOR JOHN HEINZ HISTORY CENTER
IN ASSOCIATION WITH THE SMITHSONIAN INSTITUTION

Please join us for an exciting program about **First Ladies of Western PA** presented by Judy Sutton of Heinz History Center.

We will be collecting non-perishable food donations for a local food bank.

Holiday Mystery Bags - Fundraiser at the Christmas Party on Dec. 3.
This is a good time to recycle your new, unwanted gifts from last year.
Other suggestions for donations are:
Gift Cards
Gift Certificates
Bottle of Wine
Lottery Tickets
K-Cup Coffee
Assorted Teas
Specialty Jellies
Holiday Candy
Event Tickets
Accessories
Jewelry
Cookies
Holiday Social Food Items - A sign-up sheet will be available to let you know what items we need and/or what specialty item you want to share with us.

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December 3 is our Holiday Social Holiday Mystery Bags - Fundraiser at the Social on Dec. 3. See below for more donation suggestions.

AAUW PA

Our branch got featured for Tech Savvy in the PA Keystoner. Check out the Keystoner here: http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2012/02/201612-AAUW-PA-Keystoner-E-News.pdf

AAUW National

National invite members to come to headquarters in DC for Membership appreciation week. RSVP is a must.

See page 10 for more details.

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

Save the Date December 3

December 3, 2016 Holiday Social
Glenshaw Presbyterian Church, 300 Glenn Avenue, Glenshaw, PA 15116

9:00 a.m.	Breakfast/Brunch
9:00 a.m. - Noon	Holiday Mystery Bag
10:30 a.m.	Holiday Sing-A-Long

Donation Collection - Women's White Athletic Socks for Pittsburgh Homeless

President's Note:

Nothing is impossible the word itself says I'm Possible- Audrey Hepburn

Today November 8, 2016 is a historical day! I am so happy to be in this moment with you all. Now we just have to wait and see.

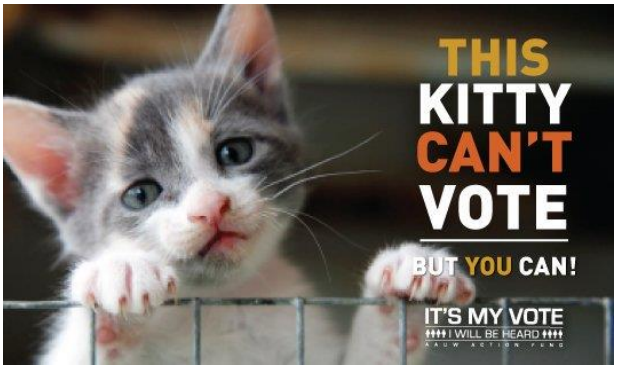
Our October meeting was done so well. Thank you Betty Kroniser for organizing, preparing, and moderating this wonderful program. Heather Arnet, CEO, Women and Girls Foundation and 2015 candidate for Pennsylvania State Senate, Suzanne Filiaggi North Allegheny School District Board of Directors, and Kim Zachary, Councilperson for the Town of McCandless, participated in our Women in politics panel. Many thanks for sharing your story and experiences.

During our general meeting, we asked for a fundraising committee and I'm very to see many of you stayed after the program to discuss how we can raise funds. Thank you so much for staying after. I'm also glad to see that we now have several volunteers for hospitality. If you are interested in helping out with Great Decisions, please contact Ellen McDevitt.

Checkout the La Roche's Student AAUW group's first event and all the Halloween inspired pictures from the interest groups.

Our next meeting will be November 16 in the Ryan Room starting at 6pm. Also note that December 3 is our Holiday Social at Glenshaw Presbyterian Church from 9-Noon. I hope to see you all there.

President
Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.

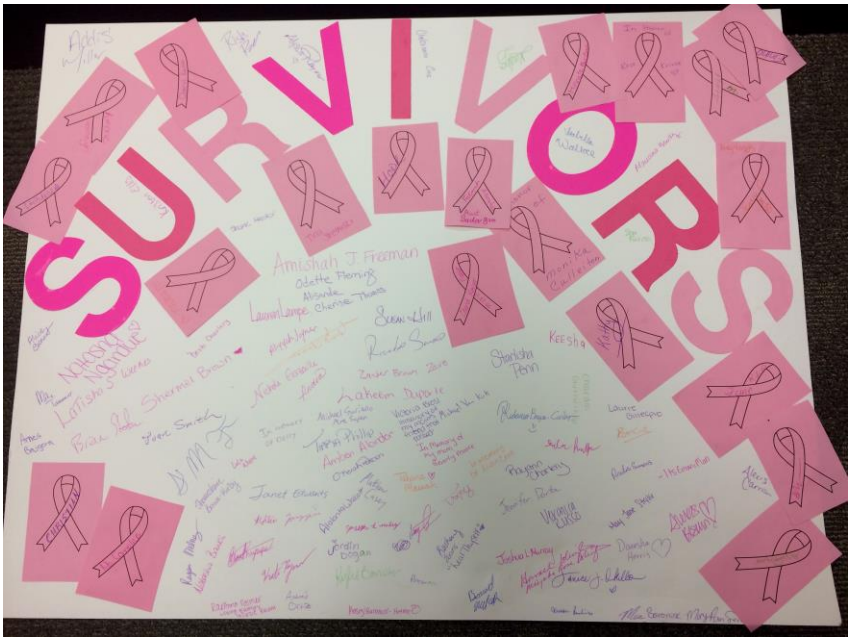


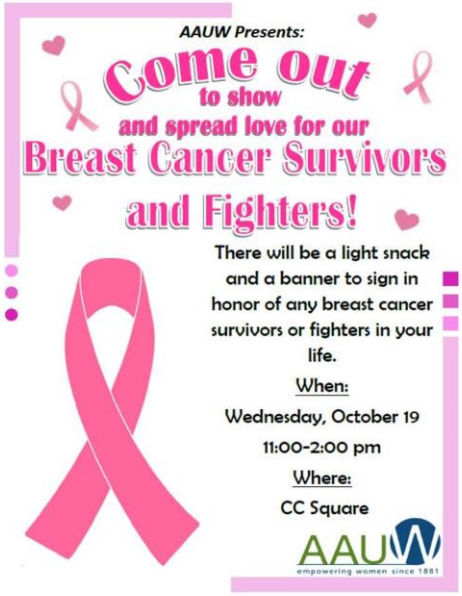
La Roche Campus Happenings

AAUW La Roche Student Organization First EVENT!

October 19 La Roche student organization sponsored their first event for Breast Cancer Awareness. Students from the organization participated throughout the day and sat at a table and had people write their names of loved ones who have survived breast cancer on a poster. There were free cookies, cupcakes, and pink lemonade.

Students pictured left to right: Alaya Rhymer, Audrey Swanderski, Amanda Sowko





La Roche COLLEGE

Engaging Minds. Embracing the World.

Submitted by Julie Makuta

PICS of October's General Meeting

Panel was a non-partisan discussion about women in politics. Panel was moderator by our very own Betty Kroniser and questions came from the membership. Our panel included the following: Kim Zachary (Councilperson for the Town of McCandless), Suzanne Filiaggi (North Allegheny School District Board of Directors), and Heather Arnet (CEO, Women and Girls Foundation and 2015 candidate for Pennsylvania State Senate).

We learned so much about how these women felt as they went though the campaigning process, as they seek funds for their campaigns, and how campaigning affected their families. We also learned how men treated them during this process and how they felt about that.

Women in Politics Panel
From Left to Right: Heather Arnet, Suzanne Filiaggi, Betty Kroniser, and Kim Zachary

Photo Credit: Katherine Keith

Finance Report for October 2016

Beginning Balance: $1988.14
Income: $1081.00 (1K moved from savings)
Expenses: $930.31
Ending Balance: $2138.83

Submitted by Katherine Keith

AAUW BINGO!

This year we invite you to participate in our BINGO fun. Get your BINGO Card at the General Meeting! This game will continue through out the year and the winner(s) of AAUW BINGO will be awarded at the MAY DINNER! At each general meeting and in each Viewpoints will have AAUW BINGO clues to fill out your board. Good luck!

Here's your BINGO AAUW Words!

October General Meeting Clues			
Education	Women	Legal Advocacy Fund	Equal Rights Amendment
October Viewpoints Clues			
Two-Minute Activist	Work-Life Balance	Global Connections	Membership

Lunch Bunch

Fri. Nov. 20 at 12:30 pm
Eleven – America
1150 Smallman Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
www.elevenck.com
Contact Anita Wurthner

Book Groups

Morning Book Group

Meets Tuesday Mornings
November 8th
Book/Author: Mr. Churchill's Secretary by Susan Elia Macneal
Hostess: Jan Peischl
Reviewer: Marilyn Loichinger

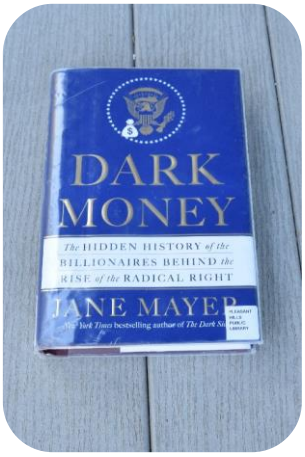
December 13th
Book/Author: Weird Sisters by Eleanor Brown
Hostess: Sandy Brown
Reviewer: Mary Eury

Bookers of the Evening

Meets Monday evenings.
November 21st – ***The Rosie Project***, by Graeme Simsion. (a romantic comedy featuring the oddly charming, socially challenged, genetics professor as he seeks true love)
Hostess: Nora Bell
Reviewer: Cindy Stewart

December 19th – ***Circling the Sun*** by Paula McLain. (a fictionalized story of Beryl Markham and her unconventional upbringing, who broke all the rules for a proper young lady as she grew up in colonial Kenya.)
Hostess: Marcie Filiaggi (at Sir Pizza) Reviewer: Maripat Kwaczala

Book Club Pictures



International Dinner Pictures

Maripat and Emil Kwaczala were the host and hostess

Photos by Ann Carlson

AAUW-PA Western District Meeting - Linda Tozier, District Coordinator

On October 15, members from eight branches met at the Butler County Community College to learn about the 3 phases of membership: recruitment, engagement and retention. District Coordinator Linda Tozier shared many tips and exercises that the national membership committee has produced for webinars and for the 2013 and 2015 AAUW national conventions. All these materials are available on the AAUW website. Attendees enthusiastically shared what has worked for their branches and what changes they hope to bring back to their branches after they explored their target recruitment groups, their elevator speeches and how welcoming their branches were to potential members. Linda Tozier also led a discussion about this year's Conversation questions, focusing on the required bylaws changes and the importance of using the MSD to keep branch information current at the national level. Mary Eury, Chris Ley and Linda prepared and served some yummy refreshments. After lunch Peggy Schmiedecke presented the public policy materials and a fun Jolly Rancher activity. Two western district branches received public policy mini grants – Beaver Valley and Indiana County. Two western district branches discussed their 2016 Tech Savvy events – Erie and North Pittsburgh. AAUW nationally awarded only 22 Tech Savvy grants. So western Pennsylvania has much to be proud about.

Action shots from the meeting
Photo Credit: Peggy Schmiedecke

Dear CEDAW Endorsers, Supporters, and Coalition Members:

We are pleased to announce the **Cities for CEDAW* Ordinance** we have all been waiting for, **was introduced in City Council by Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak on Tuesday, October 25!**

NOW IT IS YOUR TURN to make your voice heard for gender equity! There will be a **Public Hearing** Tuesday, November 15 at 11:30 am at the City-County Building, Floor 5, 414 Grant St, Pittsburgh, PA 15219.

First, contact your council member and let them know that you support Ordinance 2016-0905 to have Pittsburgh support the principles of CEDAW, the Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women. Find your council member's contact info at http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/council/

What can you do?

Next, Sign up to speak at the Hearing on a discrimination issue that matters to you. (See talking points attached) Sign up at: http://www.pittsburghpa.gov/cityclerk/schedule

And please plan to attend the Hearing to show your support!

For more information: www.pgh4cedaw.org

We look forward to speaking with you and seeing you November 15!

.* CEDAW: The UN Convention on the Elimination of All Forms of Discrimination Against Women

Marcia Bandes
Chair, Pittsburgh for CEDAW
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Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, Public Policy Chair and branch representative for Pittsburgh for CEDAW, AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh is a supporting organization.

Volunteer Opportunities

Red Kettles And Silver Bells

North Hills Community Outreach's Salvation Army Kettle Campaign 2016 begins on Nov. 25, the day after Thanksgiving. Ring the bells in November and in December to support your neighbors facing hardship and poverty. Bring a friend for a two-hour shift. This is a perfect opportunity for a parent and child to volunteer together, or for teens looking for service hours.

TWO locations this year:
Ring bells at **Kuhn's Market, Ferguson Road in Allison Park**
or **Walmart in Gibsonia**
Sign up today to get your first choice of dates and times!
To ring bells at Kuhn's Market, 2412 Ferguson Road in Allison Park, click on http://signup.com/go/Cq7qoh

To ring bells at Walmart in Gibsonia, click on **http://signup.com/go/iFcYTj**

Submitted by Janice Peischl

Member Appreciation Week

AAUW isn't new in town, but we're new on the block! Join your national staff at AAUW's new headquarters for refreshments and networking as we celebrate member appreciation week, and learn how we're using this new space to continue AAUW's mission of empowering women and girls. Reserve your spot early — this event is limited to 200 members.

Thursday, November 17, 1–4 p.m.
1310 L St. NW, Suite 1000, Washington, DC 20005

RSVP by Monday, November 14, to rsvp@aauw.org.

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empowering women since 1881

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