Branch General Meeting

January 28, 2017
La Roche College in the Science Room 103
General meeting starts at 9 am
Presentation starts at 10 am

Please join us welcome our next speaker Jessie B. Ramey, Ph.D. Saturday January 28!

Dr. Ramey is the Director of Women’s Institute at Chatham University. Her presentation is titled Status of Women's Equity in Pittsburgh.

Room Change!
SC 103 Science Center Building, La Roche College
Photo Reference: https://www.chatham.edu/womensstudies/facultydetails.cfm?FacultyID=432

We just had a wonderful Board meeting via Conference Call on January 7 at 1 pm. For future conference calls please update your yearbook. Dial in Number: 641-715-3580 and Access code 815-428.

Great Decisions 2017!
Mark your calendars! Another Great Decisions series is about to begin! Check out the exciting schedule on page 7.

Next Board Meeting February 22, 2017

Having the ability to connect during the winter is vital for our branch. Our next Board meeting will be on February 22, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Ryan room at La Roche College.

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.
Hello 2017! We are in the mist of some serious changes nationwide. And everybody is speculating what might/could happen. I hope we can stay strong and focus on our mission as a branch to continue pushing equality for women and girls.

To highlight our accomplishments from last year, our branch did a lot. Our end of 2016 year review includes awesome membership growth, Tech Savvy, balanced budget, changing our branch name and continuing to offer awesome mission based programing for you. Our Greens fundraiser made $1500 Profit! This is super! Thank you Sina Murphy and Joan Killinger for leading the Greens Fundraiser. This year I challenge you to continue be engaged with all our branch efforts that support our AAUW mission.

A few reminders, we are encouraging every member to start using our new name AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch for all checks. As our branch move toward the digital age, we are also asking you to set up an account with AAUW National on the Membership Database Service (MDS). Please look at page 8 for more information about this service. This will help us a lot to keep your information current with our Branch, State, and National.

Our next meeting will be Saturday January 28 in the Science Center 103 starting at 9 am. This will feature Dr. Jessie B. Ramey, Ph.D., Director, Women’s and she will focus her talk around women gender issues. I hope to see you all there!

President
Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.
AAUW Student Organization (SO) Service Project - November 28, 2016
By Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW SO Staff Advisor

A service project was held to collect clothes and then to donate them to Repurposed. The Repurposed thrift store is unique because the proceeds from the store benefit victims of human trafficking in our region through the Living in Liberty Organization. It’s facilitates works to restore the dignity and freedom of women and children who are victims of human trafficking by creating a loving and nurturing community that is safe and secure where healing and transformation happens.

AAUW SO Volunteered at Festival of Lights – December 2, 2016
Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW SO Staff Advisor

Evening events at La Roche College featured a live nativity, ice carvings, and carriage rides. Activities for children included storytelling, cookie decorating and bounce houses, a visit from Santa Claus, various musical performances and a fireworks display over the La Roche campus. The AAUW SO completed service hours by organizing and implementing a children’s craft activity.
PICS of November’s General Meeting

Judy Sutton from the Heinz History Center presented a very informative session about “First Ladies of Western Pennsylvania.” This presentation included several biographical sketches of women who were first in their respective fields. One memorable woman was Elizabeth Cochran (Nellie Bly). Nellie Bly decided to turn fictional *Around the World in Eighty Days* into reality for the first time. Her picture is below and this is all she carried with her during her travels. Amazing!

![Nellie Bly](image)

Nellie Bly A publicity photograph taken by the *New York World* newspaper to promote Bly's around-the-world voyage

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**Finance Report 2016**

November Beginning Balance: $2138.83  
Income: $5145 (mostly from Green Sales)  
Expenses: $274.37  
December Closing Balance: $7009.46

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 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, there will be AAUW BINGO clues to fill out your board. Good luck!

Here’s your BINGO AAUW Words!

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Lunch Bunch

Wed., Jan. 18 12:30 pm
Juniper Grill - American
2030 Mackenzie Way, #800, Cranberry Twp., PA 16066

www.junipergrill.com

Contact Anita Wurthner

Book Groups

Morning Book Group
Meets Tuesday Mornings
January 10
Book/Author: The Whore's Child by Richard Russo
Hostess: Jan Peischl
Reviewer: Sandy Brown

February 14th
Book/Author: The Faith Club by Idliby, Oliver, and Warner
Hostesses: Joanne Ahlstrom & Karin Jackson
Reviewer: Judy Sparlin

Bookers of the Evening
Meets Monday evenings.
February 20th – When Breath Becomes Air, a memoir by Paul Kalanithi. (a young neurosurgeon is diagnosed with Stage IV lung cancer; the book is described as “a profoundly moving, exquisitely observed memoir”) Hostess: Linda Loewer
Reviewer: Judy Dillon

March 20th - The Immortal Irishman, by Timothy Eagan. (an Irish-American story, with all its twists and triumph, told through the improbable life of one larger than life man, Thomas Francis Meagher) Hostess: Judy Dawes
Reviewer: Peggy Schmiedecke
December’s Holiday Social

Old Christmas Sweater Cocktail Group at the Murphy’s

Photos by Ann Carlson
Great Decisions 2017 Series

Submitted by Ellen McDevitt

Mark your calendars! Another Great Decisions series is about to begin!

Great Decisions is America’s largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions Briefing Book, watching the DVD and meeting in a Discussion Group to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country.

AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh is again sponsoring the program. It will run on Saturdays from 9:30-11:30 a.m. at La Roche College. February 4 is the first session of the 2017 series—see the full schedule below.

The series is FREE and you may attend as few or as many of the sessions as you choose. But who wouldn’t want to learn more about ALL of these topics?!! Those who choose to purchase the Briefing Book can do so for $25 at the La Roche Library. ONLY CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED, made out to AAUW NORTH HILLS PITTSBURGH.

Great Decisions 2017 Schedule
February 2017
2/4 – Nuclear Security
2/11 – The Future of Europe
2/18 – Saudi Arabia in Transition
2/25 – Trade and Politics

March 2017
3/4 – US Foreign Policy and Petroleum
3/11 – Prospects for Afghanistan and Pakistan

April, 2017
4/1 – Latin America’s Political Pendulum
New Members Corner

The next new member is from the AAUW Butler Branch (which is disbanding.) Unfortunately, I do not have her complete information yet.

Jennifer Himes-Smith
812 Woodhollow Drive, Cranberry TWP, PA 16066
412 370-6517
bj3smith@gmail.com

Please update your directories.

Thanks!
Maripat Kwaczala

Need Nominating Committee!

Each year our branch forms a Nominating Committee to elect some of our officers. This year we will be electing President, Program Vice President and Secretary for two-year terms, beginning on July 1, 2017 and ending on June 30, 2019. The committee is comprised of a chair, Linda Tozier, and four other members. If you are interested in being on this year's Nominating Committee, please inform Susan Banerjee of your desire to serve as we select candidates for these three elected positions.

Thanks,
Linda Tozier

Member Services Database (MSD)

The AAUW Member Services Database (MSD) is your online access to AAUW’s national database records. The MSD makes it faster and easier to control the accuracy of the membership records.

Individual Members can use the MSD to update their member record and contact information (except name changes contact connect@aauw.org), make a contribution and track their membership and giving history for tax purposes. Additionally, branch members can view their branch member roster and leader contacts.

Branch and State leaders have the same rights as individual members, plus they can maintain branch membership records, including updating contact information for members, submitting dues and contributions, and accessing the national membership list for recruitment efforts! The chart below shows the additional rights available to all members and select branch and state leaders.

LOGIN HERE: https://www.aauw.org/login/
MLK Day Event
Contact Janice Peischl if you are interested in going.

**CELEBRATE THE DREAM**
17th ANNUAL UNITY BREAKFAST

**Monday, January 16, 2017 | LA ROCHE COLLEGE**
Zappala Student Center | 9000 Babcock Boulevard, North Hills
Registration at 8:00 AM | Breakfast promptly at 8:30AM

**Keynote Speaker:**
Edward Brett
Retired Professor of History
La Roche College

**Spirit of Unity Award Scholarship:**
Angel Andrews
Shady Side Academy

**Limited seating - make reservations now!**
Seating cannot be guaranteed without reservations.

For reservations to the 17th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast, please return this portion of the form along with your check, made payable to the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition, in the amount of $10.00 for adults and $9.00 for students. Questions? 412-488-3680, ext. 3208.

Please mail reservations including payment by January 9, 2017 to:

**North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition**
MLK Breakfast
P.O. Box 101519
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Name ___________________________________________ Number of Adults________

Address _________________________________________ Number of Students________

Please list names. (Enclose a separate sheet if needed.)

City_________________________ State_______ Zip Code____________________

Email ___________________________ Organization____________________________

**OPEN SEATING**
I am unable to attend. Enclosed please find my donation to support this worthwhile function. $__________________

TOTAL ENCLOSED $ ____________________
HOLIDAY GREENS SALES WAS A SUCCESS!

By Sina Murphy and Joan Killinger

The Greens Sale was very successful. We made a profit of $1,500.00, which was our best year ever.

A big thank you to our members who purchased Greens and also to those who made a donation to the Fund Raiser. All proceeds will benefit the LaRoche College Grant.

Special thanks are extended to Sister Rita Yeasted, our usual top sales person.

THANKS from North Hills Community Outreach

Submitted by Janice Peischl

Dear Bell Ringers, Kettle Collectors and Money Counters:

“Every time a bell rings, an angel gets its wings”, and NHCO’s Salvation Army Kettle Campaign volunteers are no exception. You braved frigid temperatures, navigated your way through ice storms, stood in the rain, and tolerated heavy traffic to reach the kettle sites and joyfully ring bells to accept donations. Trustworthy kettle collectors safely delivered the kettles to NHCO and money counters sat for hours counting dollars and change. Your efforts were a great success in bringing our grand total to $11,160. The funds will be used to assist northern Allegheny County neighbors that come to North Hills Community Outreach for help. You have made a difference in the lives of others.

Thank you,

Harriet Gibbs
Volunteer Coordinator
North Hills Community Outreach
Tech Savvy Published Again!
https://laroche.edu/uploadedFiles/News/7652_ConnectedMag_FallWinter2016.pdf

AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Program Encourages Girls to Become Tech Savvy

Although women hold close to half of all jobs in the U.S. economy, they hold less than 25 percent of science, technology, engineering and math (STEM) jobs. American Association of University Women (AAUW) North Hills Pittsburgh Branch is one of 23 AAUW National Tech Savvy sites working to improve those numbers.

In May the AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch hosted a Tech Savvy program at La Roche College to show girls firsthand how STEM fields can lead to exciting careers. The event, part of the AAUW National Tech Savvy Pilot Program and funded in part by Alcoa Foundation, was attended by 81 sixth through ninth-grade girls from 25 school districts and their families.

“Middle school is a critical time when girls start to make decisions about their future, and Tech Savvy shows the girls how to prepare for amazing STEM careers right here in Pittsburgh,” said La Roche’s Assistant Director of Admissions Peggy Schmiedecke. AAUW representative and grant co-writer, event co-curriculum chair, and marketing and media chair.

The students participated in workshops where they performed hands-on STEM activities, and also learned about “savvy skills” such as college planning, STEM career paths and financial literacy. A complementary program for adults showcased research regarding why there are so few women in STEM fields, and how girls benefit from spending time with women STEM role models. The students and their parents also broke into groups to complete a design and engineering challenge.

“We know that girls want to make a difference, so we give them hands-on, real-world problem-solving activities to show them that STEM is relevant and fun,” said Dr. Susan Banerjee, president of the AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh branch and event chair. “Another very important piece of our programming is exposing the girls to outstanding women mentors, so they, in turn, will mentor other girls.”

Four La Roche professors provided workshops during the event. Computer Science Department Chair Jane Arnold and Associate Professor of Computer Science Jeff Perdue presented Hour of Code, which focused on how technology works. Chemistry Department Chair Dr. Don Fujito’s session, “Exploring the Uses and Properties of (Not Necessarily) Dry Ice,” taught girls how to construct a simple device to use crushed dry ice to extract limonene from orange rinds. Current and former students Victoria Danks ‘16, Rachael Dubilla ‘16, Maria Serchenkova and Neeshabahla Kudey Kies demonstrated an app they designed and engineered under the direction of Management Department Chair Michaels Nokes.

Created in 2006 by Tamara Brown, former president of the AAUW Buffalo, N.Y. branch, Tech Savvy has reached more than 5,000 girls. La Roche is one of more than 800 college and university partners that collaborate with the nonpartisan, nonprofit organization.

Students participate in faculty-led workshops in computer science and chemistry.
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