Save the Date: Branch General Meeting
March 25, 2017
La Roche College in the Fisher Room of Wright Library
General meeting starts at 9 am
Presentation starts at 10 am

Please mark your calendars for an exciting talk about our environment titled, “The Nature of Tomorrow…” on March 25! We will welcome Larry Schweiger, president and CEO of PennFuture. PennFuture’s mission is to reflect the urgent and growing need for climate change. Mr. Schweiger is a lifelong conservationist and has devoted his life’s work serving our community, and promoting and fighting for our environment. He has an impressive background and we are very lucky to have him as our North Hills neighbor.

Room Change!
Fisher Room of Wright Library, La Roche College

New Fundraising Idea!
New proposal for our branch’s funding efforts! We need our membership support and vote on this new proposal for March’s General Meeting. See page 5 for more information.

What is N.O.R.T.H.?
N.O.R.T.H. stands for Neighboring Organizations Responding Together for Hope. For more information, check out page 8.

AAUW National
What’s MDS? Check it out! Set up an account today. It’s easy and very simple to use. You can update your information and be Tech Savvy!
More information see page 11.

Next Board Meeting February 22
Our next Board meeting will be on February 22, 2017 at 7 p.m. in the Ryan room at La Roche College. Please let Susan Banerjee know if you plan on attending.
President’s Note:

“You must never be fearful about what you are doing when it is right.” --- Marie Curie

Is it worth it? Is it worth doing? Why do we continue to fight? How can all our progress be changed over night? These are questions that keep me up at night. Although my opportunities are better than the generation before me, we still have a long ways to go to ensure what’s fair and right for future generations. We must persist.

Our first meeting of year was very productive. We covered several topics and we are pleased to announce that we will be collaborating with NORTH organization. Another topic we discussed was our fundraising proposal and decided to post it in this issue of Viewpoints for members to review it before our March meeting. Our speaker Dr. Ramsey was phenomenal and she painted a picture of how disappointing PA was in regards to women’s equity. Check out Dr. Ramsey’s Women’s Leadership and Gender Equity event page. Most of these events are free. 
https://www.chatham.edu/cwi/events/

Save the Date!
Larry Schweigners’ talk titled, “The Nature of Tomorrow…. “ March 25

AUW-PA 88th Annual Meeting April 21-23, 2017 see page 9

Stay tuned in! Peggy Schmiedecke and La Roche have exciting news about Tech Savvy returning as STEM Savvy in May!

President
PICS of January’s General Meeting

Saturday January 28 we welcomed Dr. Jessie B. Ramey, Ph.D. Dr. Ramey is the Director of Women’s Institute at Chatham University and her presentation titled **Status of Women's Equity in Pittsburgh** was an eye opener. She presented a reality check on the status women’s equity. Pittsburgh and the state of PA are not performing well in providing equality to all women. Some of the most heart breaking statistics was about gender inequality for women of color in Pittsburgh including very high baby mortality rates. Another issue she presented was gender inequality amongst the poverty and the realization that women make up most of this work force.

She also shared what we can do to help fix and how Chatham’s programs are doing something about it. Check out upcoming events Women’s Leadership and Gender Equity at Chatham University here: [https://www.chatham.edu/cwi/events/](https://www.chatham.edu/cwi/events/)

JUSTfilms: A fresh series of social justice films that will educate, inspire, challenge, and move you to action.

Next Movie: Finding Dawn

Thursday, March 16, 2017
6:30 PM - 9:00 PM
The Eddy Theater
Cost: Free and open to the public

Film screening followed by panel discussion and Q&A.

Register here: [https://www.chatham.edu/events/details.cfm?eventID=16960](https://www.chatham.edu/events/details.cfm?eventID=16960)

Photos by Ann Carlson
Convention on the Elimination of Discrimination Against Women (CEDAW)

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, Public Policy Chair

On December 6, 2016 Marcia Bandes, Chair Pittsburgh for CEDAW Coalition presented further comments on the importance of City Council to adopt gender equality legislation. Pittsburgh City Councilwoman Natalia Rudiak sponsored the CEDWA ordinance and urged her colleagues to adopt gender equality legislation accepted by most United Nations countries decades ago.

Peggy Schmiedecke attended the City of Pittsburgh, City County Meeting with Marcia Bandes and other supporters; Edith Bell, Women’s International League for Peace and Freedom (WILPF), MJ Shaw and Denise Galpern. We witnessed a unanimous vote, council passed legislation to create a Gender Equity Commission, discourage gender discrimination across city government and commit Pittsburgh to a treaty against such prejudice.

About 30 organizations including the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, the Women’s Law Project, AAUW North Pittsburgh and AAUW Fox Chapel backed the effort. The ordinance pledges the city will pursue “the principles underlying” CEDAW, which the United Nations General Assembly adopted in 1979. The United States is one of six nations that have still not signed on to the treaty. Countries that ratify CEDAW must condemn all discrimination against women and girls and ensure their equal treatment across the civil, political, economic, social and cultural spectrum, according to the legislation.

Pittsburgh joins at least two dozen other cities that have passed their own CEDAW inspired resolutions and ordinances, including San Francisco, Cincinnati and Louisville according to the Cities for CEDAW campaign. Now there can be a Commission on Gender Equity with the power to execute a City wide Gender Analysis. The goal will be to identify where the City can contribute to ending gender bias in areas of Economic Development, Education, and Violence Against Women.
Fundraising Proposal 2017

Ladies,

Fundraisers are very popular and fund the events for our Branch members. Historically, fundraising events are done every other year with a goal of raising $2,000 for Branch operations and programs. These events require many hours of work and at least 12 members to perform the functions of:

- Determining a theme,
- Locating a Venue ($200-$500 rental),
- Selecting refreshments ($500-$700),
- Collecting, preparing and presenting raffle items,
- Selling 50/50 raffle tickets,
- Selling event tickets and collecting payment ($30-$35 each),
- Collecting payments from selling raffle items and 50/50 raffle tickets.

However, our members have busy lives and getting volunteers to help with these events is difficult. Even the small fundraiser we had this past December required four volunteers and 15-20 hours to coordinate the event.

Our branch has been so successful raising operational funds, that we have not raised the branch’s portions of dues for 20 years.

This year, the Ad Hoc fundraising committee suggested an alternative idea for raising our operational funds. Their idea is to have a Happy Hour Social Event to celebrate our members and our successful year of programs and events. Appetizers would be provided but with a cash bar.

In order to reach our $2000 goal, we are asking each branch member for a suggested contribution of $25.00. With this contribution amount, our members will have a social event without the stress and hours involved in the traditional fundraising event. We will still maintain high quality programming and committee functions that we currently enjoy.

We are asking all members for the donation whether or not you attend our “Happy Hour”. For our new members, this first year’s donation is optional.

We appreciate your willingness to participate in our new idea. Please know that, if a hardship makes the donation difficult we would appreciate any donation that you are able to give.

This Fundraising Proposal will be voted on during our March 25th general meeting.

- Betty Kroniser and the Ad Hoc committee
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 will have AAUW BINGO clues to fill out your board. Good luck!

Here’s your BINGO AAUW Words!

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Book Groups

Morning Book Group
Meets Tuesday Mornings
March 14th
Book/Author: The Japanese Lover
By Isabelle Allende
Hostesses: Marilyn Loichinger
Reviewer: Fran Bogus

April 11th
Planning Meeting & Luncheon
Hostesses: Donna Martin

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

Lunch Bunch

Thurs., Feb. 16 12:30 pm
Girasole Restuarant – Italian cuisine
733 Copeland Street, Pittsburgh, PA 15222
www.girasolepgh.com

Tues., Mar. 21 12:30 pm Paris 66 – French
6018 Centre Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15206
www.paris66bistro.com

Contact Anita Wurthner
Cindy Stewart and Maripat Kwaczala at the woman’s march in Pittsburgh on January 21.

More than 25,000 in Pittsburgh!
https://www.womensmarchpittsburgh.com/

Nearly 5 million people across the globe!

More than 3.3M joined Women's Marches in more than 500 US cities

Source: Data from Jeremy Pressman and Erica Chenoweth


N.O.R.T.H.
Neighboring Organizations Responding Together for Hope

At our January Branch meeting we voted to become an active Participant in the NORTH group. NORTH, which is non-partisan, stands for Neighboring Organizations Responding Together for Hope. Many topics affecting our community will be addressed, discussed, and action plans developed. Our Branch’s focus will be mission based on equity issues for women and girls. In this changing political climate we must ensure that we move forward not backward. These issues will include but are not limited to education, healthcare, racism, and immigration. We will “make our voices heard on any action (or inaction) on women’s issues.

Note the website north.northpgh.org is down for the moment.

Submitted by Maripat Kwaczala
AAUW-PA is having a basket raffle at the April state convention to raise funds for AAUW National's Legal Advocacy Funds (LAF). Last year our branch put together a basket with a wine theme. For 2017 we would like to prepare a basket with a breakfast theme. Until the week of April 9th, I will be collecting any items that branch members would like to donate. Some suggestions are coffee, tea, cocoa, a mug or two, napkins, and mixes for breakfast items such as breads, scones, pancakes or waffles. Mary Eury will be helping me prepare the basket that I will take to state convention. Please bring breakfast items to our March 25th branch meeting or call me to pick them up. The AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides legal case support for plaintiffs who work in academia, LAF case support travel grants for speakers, and campus outreach grants. An LAF speaker will be addressing attendees at this year's convention in April. I thank you for supporting LAF with your donations to the branch basket.

Submitted by Linda Tozier, Branch AAUW Funds Chair.

AAUW-PA Convention
SAVE THE DATE

AAUW-PA 88th Annual Meeting
April 21-23, 2017
York Heritage Hills Golf Resort
2700 Mount Rose Avenue, York, PA 17402
(877) 404-1845, http://www.heritagehillsresort.com/

Heritage: Diversity is Our Strength

Click here for an agenda and to register
Click here for hotel registration information

McCandless Primary Elections 2017

In the Spring Primary, 3 Seats are up for re-election on McCandless Town Council. If anyone is interested in running for local office, either Democrat or Republican, please contact Georgiana Likar if you are interested.
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
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/

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**The Literary Society of La Roche College**

presents

The Making of the Movie “Fences”

A discussion with the Art Director and Alumnus Greg Weimerskirch “90

Friday, February 24, 2017
7:00 PM
La Roche College Center- Ryan Room

He will talk about his work on the 2016 movie based on a play by August Wilson.
Fences is a story about an African-American after struggling with race relations while raising his family in the 1950s America.

An invitation from Sr. Rita Yeasted
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