



North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

VIEWPOINTS

Annual General Branch Meeting

April 26, 2017

La Roche College in Ryan Room

Meeting starts at 6 pm

Featuring our Gateway to Equity Winner

Maria Searcy



Our annual meeting will start with our gateway to equity winner and then we will get our business meeting under way.

Please come and meet our Gateway to Equity winner, Maria Searcy. We are honoring her because of the work she is doing in leading N-PAC (Northside Parent Action Council), increasing parent involvement in schools and tips to help reduce marginalization of parents and community advocates with her activism for equity work in and to improve public education serving on the Equity Advisory Panel, Pittsburgh Public School District. She is truly a remarkable lady!

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke

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SAVE the DATE:

May 24

Our Annual May dinner will be held at **FRESCOS**.

Check out the Annual May dinner menu on page 10

STATE Convention!

AAUW-PA 88th Annual Meeting
April 21-23, 2017

Check out the State officer Slate on page 14. Don't forget to vote!

AAUW National

AAUW National announces **Kimberly Churches** as our new CEO Kimberly Churches. Check out her bio here:

<http://www.aauw.org/article/introducing-kimberly-churches/>

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

Next Board Meeting June 5

Our next and last board meeting for this fiscal year will be at Linda Clautti's home on June 5. This will

be a joint board meeting with new and old board members. Please let Betty Kroniser and Debbie Rosenfelder know if you would like to serve on the next board.

President's Note:



"Girls should never be afraid to be smart." --- Emma Watson

As we celebrated women's history month, we honored women from our past and celebrated women all over the world. In memory of our recently departed member, Nora Bell, we will continue to honor her and celebrate her life. Please keep her family in your thoughts and prayers.

During our March meeting, we were very fortunate to have Larry Schewigner, CEO of Penn Future, talk to us about the nature of tomorrow. It's a large price to pay if we neglect to protect our environment. I've seen several slogans from preparation of the coming up March for Science on Earth Day, and one of these slogan is, "There is no planet B."

April 4 was Equal Pay day. Peggy Schmiedecke, Linda Tozier, and Cindy Stewart participated Equal Pay Day with La Roche's student organization at La Roche College. Please check out the facts about the Gender Pay Gap on page 7.

Our newly fundraiser was approved during the March meeting, and our Happy Hour event on April 4 was so much fun. Many thanks to Linda Clautti, Maripat Kwaczala, Betty Kroniser, and Katherine Keith for keeping the flow of our social. We had over 30 members and guest show up with donations to our branch. Thank you ALL that came to our event and for your donations to our branch! If you couldn't make it to our social, you can still send your donations to Katherine Keith.

Our next meeting will be April 26 and this will be our Annual meeting for the year. We will honor our Gateway to Equity winner Maria Searcy, vote on new officers (check out the slate on page 6), and have an exciting tutorial about how to renew membership ONLINE!!! This is very exciting, as our branch continues to move forward and adopting new technologies!

State convention is coming around the corner. If you are not going, please check out the online link to vote for your next State Finance, State Program VP on page 14. And if you are interested in becoming State Secretary please let our State President Dot McLane know.

Check out the menu for the May Dinner at Fresco! At our Annual May Dinner we will celebrate our members and install our newly elected officers. Also we finish our BINGO game. If you lost your card and would like another, let me know. All the clues are in our Viewpoints!

See you all soon.

-Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.
President

March 25th Meeting



Speaker: Larry Schewigner, CEO of Penn Future

Please enjoy these pictures from our March Presentation. The Future of Tomorrow presentation was so good, informative, and entertaining. It's amazing to see what has happened over time. These slides were a fraction of the total presentation, and the take home message was the cost of carbon.



Pictures taken by Ann Carson



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!

March 2017 General Meeting			
Title IX	Start Smart	Careers	Secretary
April 2017 Viewpoints			
Teal	State Convention	Webinars	Equal Pay

Lunch Bunch

Wednesday Apr. 19 at 12:30 pm
Bakn Carnegie
 Main Street, Carnegie, PA 15106
www.eatbakn.com
 Contact Anita Wurthner

Book Groups

Morning Book Group

Meets Tuesday Mornings

May 9th

Book/ Author: **The Soloist**

By Steve Lopez

Hostesses: Joette Miller

Reviewer: Barb Matthews

Bookers of the Evening

Meets Monday evenings.

April 24th - The Art of

Hearing Heartbeats, by

Jan-Philipp Sendker. .

("My father wrote a love

letter many years ago to a

Burmese woman my

mother and I had never

heard of. And now he has

disappeared!" Thus begins

a quest by the daughter to

solve her father's mystery,

necessitating travel to a

Burmese village.)

Hostess: Jane Depee

Reviewer: Sina Murphy

May 15th - Euphoria, by

Lily King (inspired by the

life of Margaret Mead, this

is the story of a volatile

and romantic love triangle

in New Guinea among

three anthropologist)

Hostess: Sina Murphy

Reviewer: Barb Matthews

DUES RENEWAL TIME

DUES RENEWAL TIME...BUT WITH A TWIST – PLEASE READ – THIS IS IMPORTANT INFORMATION!

It's that time of year again to renew dues. This year will bring some changes to the way we pay our dues. Each of us will be receiving an email from National with a request to pay our dues online with a credit card. This will be through a SECURED email link. Since this is so new for our Branch members, Katherine and I will be presenting a tutorial on how this will work at our Branch meeting in April. We will also be available for consultation via email and phone. You may continue to pay by check (payable to AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch) and send it to Katherine Keith but we hope that all of you will take advantage of this opportunity to streamline our dues renewal.

Since this is a transition year we will not be able to offer a free membership raffle for early dues payment. Hopefully we can resume that tradition in 2018 when we have this all figured out!

Thanks for your cooperation.

Maripat Kwaczala

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/>

Report of the Nominating Committee

The Nominating Committee is pleased to present the following slate for election at the April 26th Annual Meeting:

Co-Presidents **Betty Kroniser and Debbie Rosenfelder**

Program Vice President **Linda Clautti**

Secretary **Janis Kapadia**

2017 Nominating Committee Members are Kelley Clouser, Cindy Stewart and Linda Tozier (Chair).

Finance Report for January-March 2017

January Beginning Balance: \$7129.46

Income: \$112

Expenses: \$3926.24

March Closing Balance: \$3315.22

Submitted by Katherine Keith

Evening Book Group celebrating President's Day!



Equal PAY DAY APRIL 4

By: Peggy Schmiedecke-Public Policy Chair

Get the Facts

The gender pay gap is real, and it hurts women and families.

- Among full-time, year-round workers, women are typically paid 79 percent of what men are paid.
- The pay gap is worse for women of color.
- When you account for all factors known to affect pay, women are still paid almost 7 percent less than men just one year after college — and the gap only grows from there.
- The Equal Pay Act hasn't been updated since 1963.
- Women Demand Global Economic Parity, Not Status Quo
- At the 2003-13 rate, the pay gap won't close for another 124 years.
- Wyoming has the worst pay gap in the United States
- At least 21 states recently proposed equal pay bills that were ultimately defeated.

AT THIS RATE, YOUR



GREAT, GREAT, GREAT,
GRANDDAUGHTERS

MIGHT HAVE FAIR PAY.

Progress is slowing down in the fight for fair pay.
Learn more at FightForFairPay.org AAUW

Check out
AAUW Research
on The Simple
Truth about the
Gender Pay Gap

<http://www.aauw.org/research/the-simple-truth-about-the-gender-pay-gap/>

April 4 Happy Hour Update!



Our Happy Hour event was very fun! We had over 30 members and guests, including some potential new members! Everyone at our Happy Hour donated to our Branch. Many thanks for your support and helping us continue our mission based work.

Our donation goal is \$2000 and we are about halfway. Keep in mind only \$11 from our annual dues goes to our branch. There is still time to support our branch and help us to reach our goal.



Katherine Keith will be accepting donation checks. Please send your \$25 donation check made out to **AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh** to:

Katherine Keith
130 Woodbine Ln
Mars, PA. 16046

Let's continue to support our mission to advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research.



Pictures taken by Ann Carson

STEM SAVVY MAY 13 at La Roche College Registration is LIVE!

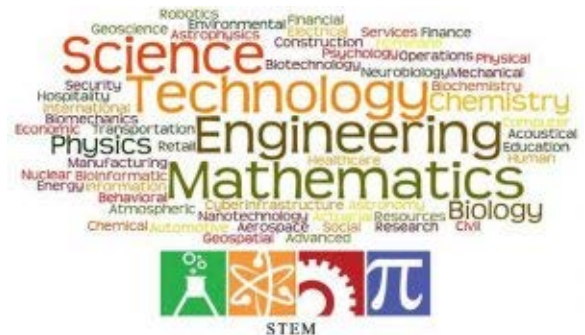
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La Roche College to Host STEM Savvy May 13

PITTSBURGH, April 11, 2017 – On May 13 La Roche College will welcome students in grades seven through 12 to explore science, technology and math fields at its first STEM Savvy event.

STEM Savvy introduces students to STEM majors and careers through hands-on experiences and informative workshops. The program will begin at 8:30 a.m. in the Zappala College Center on La Roche's campus in McCandless Township.

Peggy Schmiedecke, associate director of admissions, said, "STEM Savvy provides participants with real-world applications of STEM and helps connect majors they could pursue in college to career opportunities that require a strong STEM background."

Students will participate in two hands-on workshops. One workshop will allow students to use Ozobots, small robots that enable users to learn simple coding through interactive games and activities. The other workshop includes a chemistry experiment.

"I am a firm believer that science can be enjoyed, learned and understood by everyone. STEM activities, if done well, can arouse the natural curiosity of students. Learning-by-doing is often a far more captivating way of studying science than merely reading a textbook or passively watching a video," Chemistry Department Chair Don Fujito, Ph.D., said.

The event also offers parents and students three career exploration workshops. Parents and students can preregister for their top two selections.

STEM Savvy is supported by the American Association of University Women (AAUW) North Hills Pittsburgh, a nonprofit organization dedicated to empowering women and girls through advocacy, education, philanthropy and research. AAUW hosted a similar event at La Roche last May.

Registration is required by May 4, and there is a \$5 fee. Visit laroche.edu/STEMSavvy to register for the event and to view the itinerary.

Please contact Freshman Admissions at [412-536-1272](tel:412-536-1272) or admissions@laroche.edu for more information.

Annual Dinner May 24, 2017
AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch
<http://northhills-pa.aauw.net>

at
FRESCOS
10545 Perry Highway, One Wexford Square
Wexford, PA 15090

Buffet Menu
Farmhouse Salad/Cole Slaw
Baked Citrus Cod
Baked Chicken Parmagiana
Green Beans with Crispy Onion/Baked Rigatoni/Red Potatoes with Herb
Butter
Artesian Bread, Coffee/Tea
Brownies/Cobbler
(Cash Bar 6:00-7:00 P.M.)

This is our special evening when we install our new officers, celebrate our branch awards, accomplishments of the past year, and to recognize and honor our members with awards including our AAUW milestone achievers.

Dinner costs \$35.00. Guests are most welcome

Please mail your check, payable to AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh to:
Betty Kroniser, 920 Camelot Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Reservation and Payment Deadline is May 13, 2017

Collection of new or "gently read" children's books for donation to the Allegheny County Department of Human Services SummerFood book program.

2017 Milestone Achievers

This year we are so pleased to honor two of our Branch members who have a special anniversary. Jane Depee and Bunny Roessing have been AAUW members for **50 years** and have achieved Honorary Life Membership. Please join us at our May dinner in celebrating Jane's and Bunny's awesome commitment and their continued dedication to AAUW! We are so proud of you both!

Congratulations!

Along with Jane and Bunny, we will also be recognizing the following milestone achievers:

40 Years: Nancy Kay

35 Years: Ann Carlson; Marilyn Lanz; Judy Sparlin

30 Years: Marci Filiaggi

25 Years: Janette Kohr

10 Years: Betty Kroniser; Donna Macsuga

5 Years: Judy Daw; Karin Jackson; Marilyn Loichinger

Thank you all for your continued commitment to AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch and our mission!



Are you interested in community involvement?

If so, this is your opportunity. Our branch has voted to become an active participant in NORTH, Neighboring Organizations Responding Together for Hope. Please refer to the last Viewpoints for a more detailed description on NORTH. We need someone to act as our representative to this group and to keep the branch informed. As a representative you would meet, at most, monthly at St. Paul's United Methodist Church on Ferguson Road in Hampton for a roundtable discussion of identified issues generated from the Friendship dinners (two dinners have already been held.) Planning of future Friendship dinners will also be discussed. Many of the issues identified for further discussion include: Diversity, Education Inequity, Gender Equity and Respect, Gerrymandering, Immigration, LGBTQ issues, and Anti-Racism among others. These issues fit very well into our AAUW Mission.

If you would like additional information please contact me. I am acting as the interim representative and will continue to be involved in the group but I need someone else to be the official representative.

Thanks!

Maripat Kwaczala

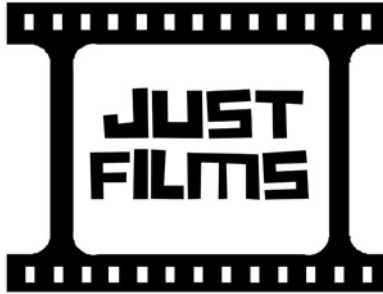
Peggy Schmiedecke spoke at Zonta Club

Along with Cheryl Towers, President of the AAUW Fox Chapel branch, Peggy Schmiedecke presented at Zonta Club of Pittsburgh April 11. They focused on how Zonta and AAUW can interact through advocacy issues.

Zonta's MISSION

Zonta International is a leading global organization of professionals empowering women worldwide through service and advocacy.





Just Film series at Chatham University

Please join us for ["Equal Means Equal"](#) on **Thursday April 20th at 6:30pm** at the Eddy Theatre at Chatham University.

[Register Now!](#)

EQUAL MEANS EQUAL offers an unflinching look at how women are treated in the United States today. Examining both real-life stories and precedent-setting legal cases, director Kamala Lopez uncovers how outdated and discriminatory attitudes inform and influence seemingly disparate issues, from workplace harassment to domestic violence, rape and sexual assault to the foster care system, and the healthcare conglomerate to the judicial system. Along the way, she reveals the inadequacy of present laws that claim to protect women, ultimately presenting a compelling and persuasive argument for the urgency of ratifying the Equal Rights Amendment.

Film screening followed by panel discussion and Q&A.

Panelists:

Rebecca Conry, Restaurant Opportunities Center of Pittsburgh

Chaz R. Kellem, Senior Director, Advocacy for Race & Gender Equity,
Greater Pittsburgh YWCA

Nikki Lu, Western PA Political Director for the Service Employees International Union, Local 32BJ

Moderator:

Heather Arnet, CEO, Women and Girls Foundation



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AAUW PA Officer Slate

AAUW-PA FINANCE OFFICER

Mary Jo Buckwalter

Mary Jo has been an active member of the Doylestown Branch since 2012, and has also attended AAUW regional, state, and national meetings or conventions. She has been the Finance Officer of the Doylestown Branch since 2013.

AAUW-PA MEMBERSHIP VICE PRESIDENT

Linkey Green

A member of the Carlisle Branch since 2011, Linkey has served as Program Co-Vice President and President. She works on the Public Policy Committee and helped create a Student Organization at Dickinson College. Linkey holds a B. S. in Chemistry from the University of Mary Washington and a Masters in Library and Information Science from the University of Texas at Austin. Most of her working life has been spent in elementary education either in the classroom or as a librarian. She feels strongly that every AAUW member is on the Membership Committee. In addition to AAUW, Linkey enjoys volunteering with her dog as a Pet Therapy team for Celtic Hospice.

AAUW-PA SECRETARY – VACANT!

The secretary is responsible for keeping the official records of the state, including meeting minutes and official state correspondence. If interested in being considered for this position, contact Dot McLane, AAUW-PA President, aauwpapresident@gmail.com.

If you are coming to the York Annual Meeting, you will vote there.

If you are not going to State Convention, Please vote here via electronic voting.

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/s/AAUWelection2017>

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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VIEWPOINTS

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because equity is still an issue

