

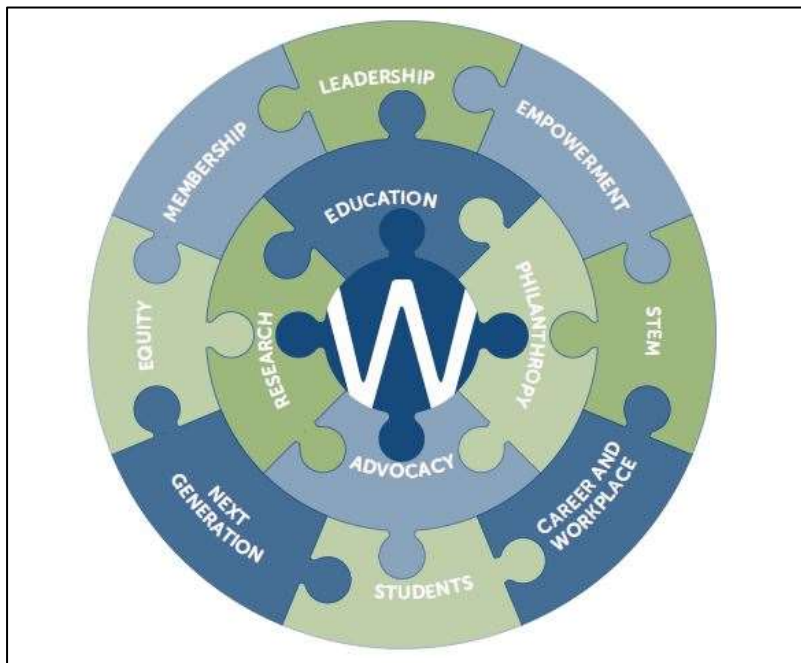


North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

VIEWPOINTS

Membership Renewal Time!

Like what we are doing?
Join Us! Support Us!
Donations are Always Welcome!



Annual May Dinner at Frescos

May 24

Start time: 6 pm

We will present 2017's Outstanding Women, Member Making a Difference, AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch Awards, and Membership Milestones Awards.

If you have a BINGO, bring your card and Susan will give you a surprise!

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Membership Renewal

New and easy way to renew your AAUW national, state, and Branch membership via MPP!
See Page 6

Save the Date: AAUW-PA 2017 July Retreat

Saturday July 22, 2017

10 AM to 3 PM

More information on page 8!

AAUW National

National Elections are happening now. Our State President Dot McLane is running for one of the AAUW Director positions. Check hers and others bios here:

<http://www.aauw.org/resource/candidates-for-election-to-the-aauw-board-of-directors/>

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

Important Date Change: Next Board Meeting June 6

Our next and last board meeting for this fiscal year will be at Linda Clautti's home **on June 6**. 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:



"The future depends on what you do today." --- Mahatma Gandhi

I'm very thankful and proud of our branch. We have successfully made huge strides in modernizing our branch. We have become a stronger leader amongst other branches in the state. As a reflection of our accomplishments in the past two years, we have changed our name to serve more of the Greater Pittsburgh area, hosted a nationally acclaimed AAUW Tech Savvy conference, sponsored this year's STEM Savvy conference, participated at the Women's March, collaborating with NORTH, continue to sponsor Great Decisions, started online membership renewal via MPP (see page 6), providing awesome programming, and so much more.

Check out our 2017 Gateway to Equity winner Maria Searcy on page 3. She shared with us her incredible journey as a mother and as an advocate for educational equality for kids. Please check out the video links about some of her and her daughter's work with the Sprout fund.

During our April meeting, we have successfully voted on new executive officers for the next term. Congratulations to Co-Presidents- Betty Kroniser and Debbie Rosenfelder, Program Vice President- Linda Clautti, and Secretary-Janis Kapadia. We will be installing our newly elected officers at the May Dinner at Fresco.

Don't forget to check out the State's newsletter, The Keystoner, for details of the State Convention in York. I'm so happy that Linda Toizer, Betty Kroniser, and Debbie Rosenfelder attended and participated at our State Convention.

May 13th was La Roche's STEM Savvy conference for 7th-12th grade students and parents/guardian. Our branch help sponsored this event and volunteered with helping during registration, room guides, and participating in workshops. Peggy Schmiedecke did a wonderful job organizing this event! Many thanks to Barbara Mathews, Christine Ley, Cinthia Stewart, Linda Tozier, Mary Eury, Janice Peischl, and Michaela Noakes for volunteering. This event was a wonderful extension of our TECH Savvy conference last year.

This will be my last entry as your president. Many thanks for a wonderful and memorable experience. You are in great hands with Betty and Debbie as your next leaders.

Have a great summer!

-Susan Banerjee, Ph.D.
President

April Meeting

We honored Maria Searcy as our 2017 Gateway to Equity Winner!



"Many parents and students are not only disengaged from the current education process, but they're unaware of the major changes coming their way that will affect their ability to graduate," said project leader Maria Searcy. "And I think it starts with awareness in our community and a collective voice of parents and community leaders and people that care about our kids."

<http://www.sproutfund.org/neighbor-to-neighbor-funded-projects/>

Getting There...A Morning Walk in the Dark

<http://www.sproutfund.org/grant/1600-ons/>

*"From Perry South / Perry Hilltop, sisters **Brett and Chandler Searcy**, both students at Pittsburgh Obama High School, led an advocacy campaign calling for improved infrastructure and reconsideration of the school day schedule for students who have to traverse unsafe routes in the early morning hours just to make it to school each day."*



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!

April 2017 General Meeting			
NCCWSL	Gateway to Equity	La Roche College	Sexual Harassment
May 2017 Viewpoints			
Graduating	Program Vice President	Websites	Community Action Grant

Book Groups**Morning Book Group**

Meets Tuesday Mornings

June 13th

Book/ Author: Georgia: a novel of Georgia O'Keeffe

By Dawn Tripp

Hostesses: Pauline Edison

Reviewer: Karin Jackson

Bookers of the Evening

Meets Monday evenings.

June 19th

Book/ Author: A Man Called Ove, by Fredrik Backman.

(A grumpy yet lovable man finds his solitary world

turned on its head when a boisterous young family moves in next door)

Hostess: Deborah

Rosenfelder

Reviewer: Deb Rosenfelder

July 17th

Planning Dinner

at Peggy Garbooshian's

Awesome Year of Fun!

To be continued next Fall!

Finance Report for April 2017

April Beginning Balance: \$3315.22

Income: \$1910

Expenses: \$884.05

March Closing Balance: \$4341.17

Submitted by Katherine Keith

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/>

TIME TO RENEW YOUR MEMBERSHIP

As reported in the last Viewpoints, National AAUW is rolling out a new way to pay annual dues and renew your membership. By now you should have received an email from National instructing you how to pay dues online. This is a specific email to you only, as opposed to a mass email. IF YOU HAVE NOT RECEIVED THE EMAIL PLEASE CONTACT KATHERINE KEITH OR MARIPAT KWACZALA.

Your membership information will be displayed. Please review your contact information as listed and take note of your **AAUW Member ID**. This is the number you would use to create an account on the AAUW website so that you can enter the AAUW Membership Data Base (MSD.) You will then be able to view the Branch Roster and make changes to your information if you care to do so. If you search AAUW MSD you will access the link for the MSD – click “Enter the MSD.” If you do not want to make the changes yourself, you may contact either me or Katherine Keith to make the changes for you. This is important so that our Directory contains correct contact information.

Please read the instructions. There are two ways to pay dues and renew----online with a credit card or mail your check to our Finance Officer (Katherine Keith.) **If you choose to pay and renew online (which we encourage) go to option 1 and click the blue “here” link.** That will take you to the Branch Member Renewal form with your specific information. Please ignore “Contributions to AAUW’s mission (optional) and the next line “Select a Fund for your contribution: “ If you wish to make a contribution to AAUW funds, we suggest that you do that separately. **The dues amount remains \$70.**

Fill out the Payment Information just as you would if you were purchasing something online. Then click “Next.” You are finished!

If you choose option 2 please mail your check of \$70 made out to **AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch** with any changes to your contact information to Katherine Keith. We can no longer accept checks made out to the former Branch name.

Katherine and I are available to help you through this process if you need assistance.

Thanks so much!

Maripat Kwaczala
Membership VP

STEM SAVVY at La Roche College

STEM Savvy was held at La Roche College on May 13. 45 students and 24 parent/guardians enjoyed a day full of STEM and career development. The day was captured using La Roche marketing department's Snap Chat Glasses. Susan Banerjee helped out with taking 10 second videos during Chemistry workshops. The students experienced hands on workshops - Dry Ice exploration in chemistry, programming with OZOBOT. The parents had a day of college prep presented and a La Roche College Student presentation on using OZOBOT on how to demonstrate a device to help the police track stolen cars. Both students and parent/guardian participated in at least two of the following sessions for Science, Technology and Math - Explore Careers in STEM and How to Get There.

Our branch helped sponsor this event. The following AAUW branch members volunteer the day at the registration table and were room escorts, Linda Tozier, Mary Eury, Christine Ley, Barb Mathews, Janice Peischl, and Cindy Stewart. Susan Banerjee and Peggy Schmiedecke presented workshops through out the day. La Roche Professors (Jane Arnold, Jeff Perdue, Don Fujito, Lauren Ameris, Ryan O'Grady, and Michaela Noakes) and Hope Schiffgens did an awesome job during the workshops.

Photo Credit: La Roche College Marketing Department, and Peggy Schmiedecke



Engaging Minds. Embracing the World.

AAUW-PA 2017 July Retreat

SAVE THE DATE
Saturday July 22, 2017
10 AM to 3 PM
The Genetti Hotel and Suites
200 West Fourth Street, Williamsport, PA 17701

To register for the retreat, please sign up at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2017julyregistration>
 All interested members are welcome. *AAUW-PA will pay all meeting costs for the first two members of every PA branch.* Additional branch members and other AAUW-PA members will be charged \$20 to cover expenses. College AAUW-PA SAF, eSAF, and Student Organization members can attend at no cost. **The conference registration deadline is Friday, July 1.** For those planning to arrive on **Friday, July 21st**, we have reserved several non-smoking rooms that are guaranteed until **July 1st**. Please contact the hotel directly to book your room and mention the AAUW-PA meeting when you book it. Attendees are responsible for the cost of their room.

The summer retreat will focus on programming and how that impacts membership recruitment and retention, an area that all branches could use help with. The goal will be to offer different options for branches of all sizes and resources, both in their branch and community. We are asking your help in preparing ideas for mission-based programming and/or membership recruitment. Please use the input form provided to share ideas.

<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>

IPOD- In Place Of Dinner group

Hosted by Jan Peischl. Theme: The black pants girls and the khaki men...



Pictures taken by Ann Carson

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

AAUW NATIONAL ELECTIONS

Who will lead our organization? What will our public policy platform be for the next two years?
It's your AAUW, so your voice counts.

DOT McLane our State President is running for an AAUW Director position. Check Dot's bio and

and others here:

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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.

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because equity is still an issue

