



North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

# Viewpoints

## Branch General Meeting

October 24, 2017

La Roche College, Wright Library, Fisher Room

6:30 p.m. Refreshments

7:00 p.m. Speakers

7:45 p.m. Branch Meeting



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Two of the principals and our speakers, Stephen W. Gierl, CFP®, and, Curt Knotick, have years of experience in the financial services industry, and hold extensive securities registrations as well as insurance licenses. They are active members of the Sarver and Butler business communities and serve individuals, businesses, non-profit and municipal organizations in numerous states.

### Branch Meetings:

The sign-in sheets, now placed at every Branch meeting, are going to be used in conjunction with a drawing. Each member who attends a meeting will be given a ticket. A name will be drawn at the end of the meeting for a gift. At the May dinner, the member(s) with the most tickets will have a greater chance to win a grand prize.

*October President's Message*

“Alone we can do so little; together we can do so much.”

Helen Keller

*Fall is a season for balancing light and dark, letting go, and accepting the impermanence of things.*

The autumn equinox marks the arrival of the season of fall, traditionally seen as a period of changes leading to the dark of winter. As we watch leaves fluttering to the ground in the fall, we are reminded that nature's cycles are mirrored in our lives. Autumn reminds us of the impermanence of everything. We have experienced the budding of life in spring and the flowerings and profusions of summer.

Many people are drawn to fall colors. Fall colors are warm, vibrant, extraordinarily rich, and energetic just as the women of our branch are.

Red: When I think about the color of the fall leaves, red is my favorite. There's just something about the trees that are full of red leaves glistening in the sun. It's just extraordinary. When we are empowered, we see new ways to nurture young women to make decisions and discover new paths toward the future that will match their strengths. We do this through our scholarship and stem programs.

Orange: The color orange is so beautiful in the fall. We see it in not just the fall leaves, but in those beautiful pumpkins as well. Orange reflects warmth and symbolizes thoughtfulness and sincerity. Our branch members are those warm inviting persons that care about others. We do this through the support of community programs.

Yellow: The yellow color of fall makes us happy. Yellow conjures up joy and cheerfulness. This can be seen in our social and cultural interest groups and how we support each other through out the year.

Purple: Some of the colors we see in fall are the shades of purple. Leaves we find in the purple family are so striking. Historically purple is the color of royalty. In modern times, the color has been associated with various different movements and ideas. I see the color purple represented by our branch's sensitive and compassionate understanding and supportive thinking. By being part of AAUW, you belong to a community that breaks through educational and economic barriers so that all women have a fair chance.

Brown: If we didn't have brown in the midst of the bright fall colors, I doubt if they would be so brilliant. Brown represents stability and it anchors all those other beautiful colors of fall. Just as our mission statement anchors what AAUW women stand for. The American Association of University Women is the nation's leading voice promoting equity and education for women and girls. Our branch supports this mission through all of the hard work we do and through our public policy programs.

Our "colors" do matter. How we act and behave is what people see when they look at us as a person and as a branch.

**So, what colors are you projecting?**



**Save the Date:**

Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast Monday, January 15, 2018

Keynote Speaker: Bishop Cynthia Moore-Koikoi

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**La Roche Literary Society** has invited us to another fine evening of scholarship. Presenter Wayne Wise, M.A. - comic book writer, artist, retailer, scholar. **Friday October 13, 2017 In the Ryan Room**

Suffrage and Sappho: **75 Years of Wonder Woman** - Wonder Woman first appeared in Sensation Comics in 1942.

Wayne Wise will present the story of her influence, both in comics and in the world.

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**October Events****Lunch Bunch Change:**

There will be a change for our October and May restaurants. Originally, Apteka was scheduled for October and the Harmony Inn for May.

Now, we will be going to the Harmony Inn on Tuesday, October 17, at 12:30 pm. Because Apteka is not open for lunch, we will be going there for dinner on Thursday evening, May 17, at 6:00 pm.

Please let me know if you plan to go to the Harmony Inn on October 17. Carpooling can be arranged.

Anita Wurthner 412-486-5161

**Tuesday Morning Book Group**

Oct 17, 2017 “**America’s First Daughter**” by Stephanie Dray/Laura Kamoie

Reviewer: Fran Bogos      Hostess: Marilyn Lanz

**Bookers of the Evening Book List 2017 to 2018**

Oct 16, 2017: “**A Gentleman in Moscow**” by Amor Towles

Hostess: Ann Carlson      Reviewer: Maripat Kwaczala

**IPODS**

Saturday October 21, 2017 Halloween / Beer Fest

Hostess Marcie Coleman

**Bridge:** Meets Thursday Mornings contact Deborah Hackne if interested

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**Board Meeting Update:**

Next Board Meeting will be Wednesday, November 1, 2017 at 6:00 p.m. in the Ryan Room.

All members are welcome at Board Meetings. Please notify the Presidents if you plan to attend.

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### PA State Happenings:

- **State Programs replacing District meetings in 2017-2018:** For 2017-2018 the State Board has made the decision to not offer District Meetings as we typically do in the Fall. Instead, we are going to concentrate on engaging branches across the state to participate in one of the State Programs:  
Deeper in Debt:  
Women and Student Debt  
Draw the Lines PA.
- **Save the Date: April 13-15, 2018: "When women get involved, the conversation changes."** Plan to join AAUW-PA for our Annual Meeting and Convention at the Seven Springs Mountain Resort in south- western Pennsylvania. The all-season resort covers 5800 acres and offers a great opportunity to include family in your weekend. Be part of the conversation and learn how to make our voices heard. Details forthcoming over the next two issues.

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### Scholarship Award:

Christine L. Patsch was presented with the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant at the September Membership Meeting.



### Finance Report

September beginning Checking Balance: \$4304.03

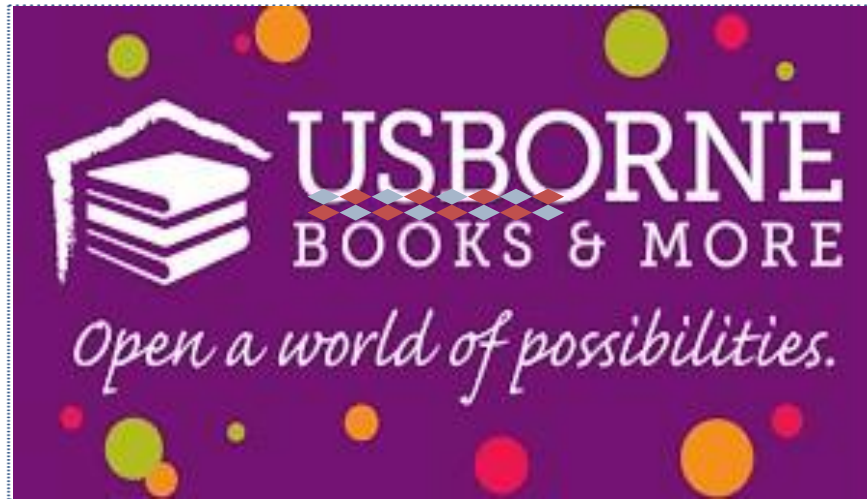
Income: \$571.00

Expenses: \$3258.43

Ending balance: \$1616.60

**Fund Raising:**

**Program Ad Fundraiser:** We will be excepting Ads though the October meeting. Please refer to the September View Points for information related to this fundraiser.

**Usborne Books:**

AAUW member, Julie Makuta, is a consultant with the children's book company, Usborne Books & More. There are over 1800 titles both fiction and non-fiction for kids ages birth through high school. There are story books, chapter books, reading kits, workbooks, activity books, sticker books, coloring books, and much more! Julie will donate all commission (25%) of all sales from now through Friday, November 17th to our branch. She is well versed in the products and can customize a reading list for your child, grandchild, nieces or nephews based on their ages and interests. Start your holiday shopping early!

Here is the link to the bookstore: [http:// r675 1.myub am.com/ 816 971](http://r6751.myubam.com/816971)

If you have any questions, please contact Julie at 412-759-8148 or [booknookjams@gmail.com](mailto:booknookjams@gmail.com)

Happy shopping!

**2017 HOLIDAY GREENS SALE**

It is hard to believe, but the Holidays will soon be here. We hope this year's Holiday Greens Sale will help simplify your decorating ideas and gift giving. This traditional fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to purchase quality wreaths and other greens, fresh from the Pacific Northwest. If you truly do not need or want to purchase any greenery, we encourage you to contribute to this fundraiser by sending in a donation. ONE HUNDRED PERCENT of the profits go to our annual LA Roche College Grant.

An order form is included in this month's Viewpoints. Additional order forms, as well as glossy/colored fliers, will be available at the October branch meeting.

All orders must be received by **Friday, November 3, 2017**.

You may bring your completed order form to the branch meeting or send it to Joan Killinger, 2611 Autumnwood Drive, Glenshaw, PA 15116. Payment may be made when you pick up your order, except for Gift Items. Please include payment for all Gift Items with your order. All checks should be made payable to North Hills Pittsburgh AAUW. If you have any questions, please call Sina Murphy at 724-443-9163 or Joan Killinger at 412-486-2919



## 2017 HOLIDAY GREENS SALE

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Name \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone # \_\_\_\_\_

<u>QUANTITY</u>		<u>PRICE</u>	<u>TOTAL</u>
_____	22" Noble Fir Wreath (W2)	19.00	_____
_____	10 ft. Western Cedar Garland (G3)	20.00	_____
_____	Centerpiece (C5)	16.00	_____
_____	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W3)	29.00	_____
_____	22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W4)	20.00	_____
_____	Noble Fir Door Swag (S4)	19.00	_____

### Individual Direct Delivery Gift Items:

_____	22" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W4M)	37.00	_____
_____	Western Cedar Gift Garland (G3M)	42.00	_____
_____	Gift Centerpiece with LED Candle (C5M)	33.00	_____
_____	28" Mixed Evergreen Wreath (W3M)	40.00	_____
_____	Cone Gift Basket (N7M)	30.00	_____
_____	Evergreen Gift Set (EGM)	69.00	_____
_____	Gift Door Swag (S4M)	37.00	_____

Please provide the following information for EACH of your Gift orders and staple it to the order form.

From: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Send to: \_\_\_\_\_ Telephone: \_\_\_\_\_

Address: \_\_\_\_\_

Message: \_\_\_\_\_ Gift Item Sent: \_\_\_\_\_

# U.S. VIRGIN ISLANDS & PUERTO RICO HURRICANE RELIEF FUNDRAISER

La Roche College  
9000 Babcock Blvd.  
Pittsburgh, PA 15237

Join us for a Spaghetti Dinner and Basket Raffle  
Fundraiser on Thursday, October 19th, 2017 from 5PM-8PM  
in CC Square to help reach our goal of raising \$5,000 for  
both the U.S. Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico!

## Dinner:

- \$15 a plate
- \$10 for students
- \$5 for kids

## Raffle Baskets:

1. Lottery Tree
  2. LRC Basket
  3. Candy Basket
  4. Gift card Basket
  5. Kid's Basket
- And more!

NOT SURE IF YOU CAN ATTEND, BUT WANT TO HELP?  
DONATIONS ARE WELCOME IN THE  
STUDENT DEVELOPMENT OFFICE LOCATED IN THE  
ZAPPALA COLLEGE CENTER

## La Roche College - Hurricane Relief Student Aid Fund



The majority of AAUW Student Organization members are from the Virgin Islands. At the Board Meeting on 10/2/17 I was asked to make the branch aware of this status and optional fundraisers for you to consider supporting. The AAUW Student Organization signed up 35 new e-student affiliate members.

Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW SO Co-Staff Advisor  
La Roche Humanitarian Relief Committee

<https://laroche.givingfuel.com/relief>

The 2017 Atlantic Hurricane season has been particularly harsh, and it is not over yet. **Dozens of La Roche College students and their families have been harmed in the Virgin Islands and Puerto Rico. Some have sustained severe property damage, and others have even received the horrible news that loved ones have died during the storms.** The La Roche College community is doing all that it can to support and encourage our students whose communities have been ravaged, whose homes have been damaged or destroyed, and whose families have been left with nothing.

La Roche faculty, staff, and students are banding together to raise funds and collect supplies to help storm victims. Moreover, it is going to be difficult if not impossible for many of our students' families in the hardest hit areas to continue funding the students' educational and living expenses and keep them in College, especially in the short term.

La Roche is raising an emergency fund to meet the extraordinary needs of our students and their families who have been harmed by devastating hurricanes in the southeastern United States and the Islands of the Caribbean. **La Roche is committed to our students' safety and well-being, and maintaining their attendance at the College, without further burdening their families, is critical.**

Please help with your emergency donation by making an online at the above link by sending your check made payable to "La Roche College" to: La Roche College Hurricane Relief Student Aid Fund, 9000 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Your gift will help our students and their families during this extraordinary disaster. Thank you for your compassionate consideration!

**REGISTER TODAY TO RUN/WALK IN THE 5K BENEFITING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE HURRICANES**

[WWW.LAROCHE.EDU/5K](http://WWW.LAROCHE.EDU/5K)  
5K OPEN TO ALL

**RUN/WALK FOR THE HURRICANE RELIEF  
STUDENT AID FUND**

10-60 5K BENEFITING THOSE AFFECTED BY THE ATLANTIC HURRICANES

**Oct. 21 | 9:30 a.m.**  
**\$25 per runner**

Submit entries at [laroche.edu/5k](http://laroche.edu/5k) no later than Oct. 18.

**FOR MORE INFORMATION**  
Jeffrey Dailey, Race Director  
412-536-1045 or [jeffrey.dailey@laroche.edu](mailto:jeffrey.dailey@laroche.edu)

## What is the AAUW Fund and why should you contribute to it?

**Linda Tozier, Branch AAUW Funds Chair**

Did you know that only 30% of AAUW costs are paid for by membership dues? Your gifts to the AAUW Fund enable AAUW to continue mission-based programs and advocacy initiatives. AAUW Fund donations also ensure AAUW's ability to create and expand our renowned research.

AAUW is well-known for the excellence of our research reports on topics of vital concern to women. In 1885, AAW commissioned its first research project which proved that higher education does not affect a woman's health. For the next 132 years, AAUW has continued to publish reliable research on areas of concern to all women. In 1991 *Shortchanging Girls, Shortchanging America* sparked a nationwide debate on gender bias in our schools. The 1993 research *Hostile Hallways: Survey of Sexual Harassment in America's Schools* was followed by *Harassment Free Hallways: How to Stop Sexual Harassment in School* (2006) and *Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus* (2011). *Why So Few Women in STEM?* (2010) has been nationally and internationally acclaimed. In 2004 AAUW-PA raised \$75,000 to commission the AAUW report *Tenure Denied, Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia*. Our concerns about equal pay and student debt are addressed in *The Simple Truth about the Gender Pay Gap* (updated annually) and in 2017's *Deeper in Debt: Women and Student Loans*.

Our gifts to the AAUW Fund unrestricted fund will be used to continue AAUW's research legacy. Gifts also can be designated to specific funds such as LAF (Legal Advocacy Fund) support or the Educational Opportunities Fund. At our October 25<sup>th</sup> meeting, I will talk briefly about some of other funds that fall under the AAUW Fund umbrella. Thus far in 2017, eight members of our North Hills Pittsburgh Branch have donated directly to the AAUW Fund. It is my hope that many more of you will become fund-givers before the end of December. Please email or call me with any questions you may have.

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## September IPODS Get Together-Back to School



**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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**Linda Tozier, Distribution Manager**  
**31 Oxford Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237**

**Because equity is still an issue**