



North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

Viewpoints

AAUW-PA Annual Convention

“When women get involved, the conversation changes.”

Save the Date: April 13-15, 2018

Plan to attend the AAUW-PA Annual Meeting and Convention close by at the **Seven Springs Mountain Resort** in Southwestern Pennsylvania. This one is right in our backyard! Network with your colleagues and be part of the conversation as we learn how to effectively make our voices heard.

Experts will explain the impact of policies, politics, and legalities and how they affect women’s issues.

AAUW National Chief Executive Officer, Kimberly Churches will be speaking.

To register go to: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2018/01/FINAL-2018-Meeting-Registration-Form.pdf>

To make hotel reservations @ \$129 plus tax a night, double occupancy, call (866) 437-1300 to reserve your room by March 30 to get the AAUW rate, (use code **AAUW**) or go to the hotel website: <http://www.7springs.com/>.

For more information about the meeting go to: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meeting-registration/>.

ALL MEMBERS INVITED!

When Dreams Touch

La Roche College Literary Society invites us to enjoy another fine evening of scholarship.

Dr. Rosemary Hanrahan will discuss how powerfully dreams can touch lives and bring people together, as they do in her first novel, *When Dreams Touch*.

Friday, March 16, 2018 at 7:00 PM

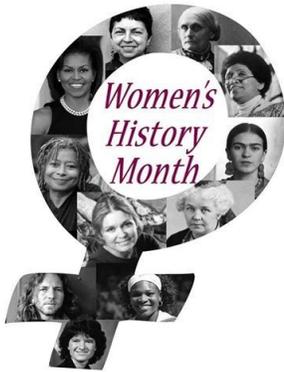
La Roche College Center - Ryan Room.

Financial FYI

Tax season is here. Remember that \$46 of last year’s AAUW dues are tax deductible.



President's Message



March is [Women's History Month](#), which conjures images of women in wide-brimmed hats marching for voting rights in the early 1900s. Women's History Month has its roots as far back as March 8, 1857 with protests over working conditions in New York City (yes, that's right, we've been advocating for female remembrance and empowerment since the 1800's). In the late 1900's, the second week of March was finally, and officially, declared Women's History Week, which then progressively became Women's History Month. We've come a long way, ladies, and we deserve this.

Women's History Month is an annually declared month that highlights the contributions of women to events in history and contemporary society. It is celebrated during March in the United States, the United Kingdom, and Australia, corresponding with [International Women's Day](#) on March 8, and during October in Canada, corresponding with the celebration of [Persons Day](#) on October 18.

Our Branch remains active in working toward our missions. The March meeting will highlight the Shape the Future program and the Gateway to Equity award. This is a great opportunity to introduce potential new members to our branch. The Great Decision program is in full swing and attendance thus far has been impressive. We are planning to support Equal Pay day with a demonstration by marching in front of La Roche University on April 10th. We are also planning another cultural outing in May. There is the usual activity within the interest groups and the AAUW State Convention is just around the corner in Seven Springs on April 13th, 14th, 15th. You only have until March 30th to reserve a room.

The AAUW National Board of Directors will be sending out three proposals for bylaw amendments before the membership for a vote this spring. We will be addressing these proposals with the members in future meetings.

March is a time to celebrate how far we have come in achieving our goals and missions and also to recognize how much we still need to archive.

We want to thank each and every member for all they do to assist us in achieving our missions.



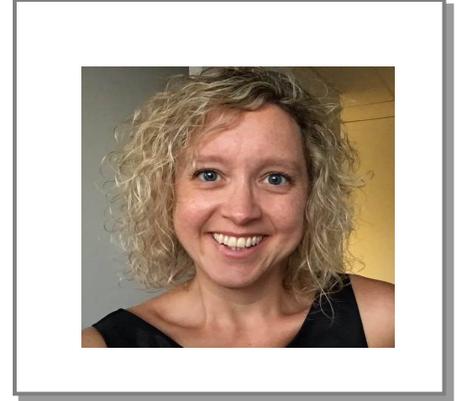
**AAUW NORTH HILLS PITTSBURGH BRANCH HONORS AMANDA J. LAICHAK
WITH GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD**

By Peggy Schmiedecke

Amanda J. Laichak received the American Association of University Women's Gateway to Equity Award from the North Hills Pittsburgh Branch on the La Roche College campus on March 4, 2018. The award was presented to Ms. Laichak during the Shape the Future Event in recognition of her continued commitment and passion to excellence in education.

The AAUW Gateway to Equity Award honors an individual, a group or an organization that has shown by action and philosophy the promotion of the AAUW mission of equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. It celebrates International Women's Day which is held annually on March 8.

Ms. Laichak is VP of Education, Junior Achievement of Western Pennsylvania. She oversees and develops partnerships with school districts providing JA programs for 40,000+ students annually, while managing the recruitment and training of over 3,000 corporate, parent and youth JA classroom volunteers.



She has initiated and leads a refugee and immigrant initiative at JA, which has led to hundreds of local refugee and immigrant youth being exposed to in-school JA programming, specialized job shadow events, increased media attention and scholarships.

AAUW-PA State Officer Elections:

- Candidate for **President Ann Pehle**, Carlisle Branch
- Candidate for **Program Vice President, Lee Wolfe**, Lansdale Branch
- Read about the candidates in the *Keystoner* <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2018/02/2201802-February-AAUW-PA-Keystoner-E-News.pdf> or on the State website <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/election/>
- **Vote at Convention if you are attending**
- **Vote online** at <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2018AAUWElection>
- **Clip out paper ballot** from *Keystoner* <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/files/2018/02/2201802-February-AAUW-PA-Keystoner-E-News.pdf> or **download from State website** <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/election/>
- Or, **request an email attachment or ballots** to be mailed from the State Administrative Director, Pat Byerly aauwpaad@gmail.com
- Or, **bring paper ballots to the Convention**, but let Dot McLane aauwpapresident@gmail.com know if you plan to do that.

Finance Report

February beginning checking balance: \$3,991.47
 Income: \$415.00
 Expenses: \$223.04
 February Ending balance: \$4,183.43

Submitted by Katherine Keith

STEM Savvy – May 12, 2018

By Peggy Schmiedecke

Registration is now live for this year's STEM Savvy at laroche.edu/STEMSavvy. It is open to any interested student currently in middle school which is sixth – eighth grade. Also the student has an option of having a parent or guardian also attend with a special morning track for the adults.

Please spread the word.

AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh is again a supporting organization. Susan Banerjee, STEM Chair for our branch, is organizing a panel of STEM professionals of which she will participate and moderate ~ *A Conversation with STEM Professional*. This will be one of the adult sessions.

There are other opportunities for branch members to assist the day of the event. The duties include:

- Working the registration desk to check in families (8:00 – 9:30 AM)
- Room escorts to assist students to move from room to room (option to stay in the session as an observer):
 - Morning shift (9:30 – Noon)
 - Afternoon shift (Noon – 3:00)

Please email Susan Banerjee at owo.syg@gmail.com your availability and the role you are interested to register for to support this event this is part of AAUW's mission.



The flyer is titled "ARE YOU READY TO BE A ... SCIENTIST ENGINEER TECHNOLOGY EXPERT?" and "GET PREPARED AT... STEM SAVVY!". It is for Saturday, May 12, from 8:30 a.m. to 3:15 p.m. The event is sponsored by the Brooks Foundation through the PNC Charitable Trusts and supported by AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh. It prepares students to be a scientist, engineer, or technology expert. Key details include:

- For students in grades 6-8.
- A light breakfast and lunch are included in the registration.
- Students receive a T-shirt.
- Special session for parents/guardians with a panel of notable speakers in STEM careers.
- Interactive workshop led by Outside the Box Labs for adults only.

 The cost is \$5 per student and \$5 per adult/guardian. Registration is at laroche.edu/STEMSavvy. The event is hosted at La Roche College, with contact information: 412-536-1272, admissions@laroche.edu. The address is Zappala College Center, 9000 Babcock Boulevard, Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania 15237-5008.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ALERT!!

Soon all Branch members will receive an email from National, subject-- **AAUW Membership Renewal Notice** which will instruct you how to renew your membership and pay your dues online. Again, we ask you to **please utilize this feature** as so many of you did last year. It is easy and safe.

As a thank you for doing this promptly, if you pay your dues online you will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$59 rebate which is the amount of AAUW National Dues. We have several of these rebates to offer. The drawing will take place at our annual dinner meeting on May 23rd.

If you pay by May 1st you will receive two chances; by May 15th one chance. You need not be present at the dinner to win but then you will miss all the fun!

Do not attempt to pay your dues online until you receive the email from AAUW National! More information and instructions will be provided at our next Branch meeting in April. We will be happy to walk you through this process if you are unsure as to how to do this.

Note: new members who joined this year (2018) are paid through 2019 and do not need to renew.

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Katherine Keith, Finance Officer and Maripat Kwaczala, Membership VP

AAUW National Bylaws Amendment Vote

Linda Tozier, AAUW Membership Committee Co-Chair, AAUW-PA Membership VP

The AAUW National Board of Directors voted on February 18th to put forth three proposals for bylaws amendments to all AAUW members this spring. The three proposals have been under consideration by both the Governance Committee and the national Board for several years. I want to point out that the Board is comprised entirely of AAUW members (twelve of whom were elected and four which were appointed all in 2017). We are fortunate that two directors are Pennsylvanians – Dot McLane, current AAUW-PA state president, and Susan Nenstiel, former state president. Having served previously on both the national Nominating Committee and the Committee Appointments Task Force, I have had the privilege to vet almost all of the board and committee members who were involved in this decision to put forth these amendment proposals.

The first proposed amendment would increase the term of directors from two to three years and stagger the election of board terms (electing 5 board members per year). This is similar to the way our branch staggers the election of officers to ensure that the entire board does not turn over every two years. Proposal two would permit a limited number of directors to be non-AAUW members.

The final proposal revisits the elimination of the degree requirement for membership for a third time. You may recall that this amendment was voted on by delegates at the 2009 National Convention in St. Louis before AAUW changed to One Member-One Vote. And in 2017 the proposal was presented again for the entire membership to vote. Both times the proposal received a simple majority but not the required two-thirds majority to pass.

It is important that we, as members of our beloved AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh, use this opportunity to inform ourselves, discuss the proposals and VOTE. Our branch board will be discussing how best to achieve this at our April 4th board meeting. Additionally there will be several opportunities for discussion for those attending the AAUW-PA convention at Seven Springs from April 13th to 15th. And finally, we can expect a lively discussion at our April 25th branch meeting.

How can members begin to get informed, comment on the proposals and offer any proposed changes? Go to aauw.org and click on the National Bylaws Amendment Vote FAQ. Also direct your comments to connect@aauw.org OR call 800-326-2289 Monday through Friday, 10 – 5 ET. The comment period ends on March 22nd at 11:59 p.m. ET. How and when can we vote? Voting opens on the day of our next branch meeting (April 25th). While on-line voting is easy and fast, anyone who requires a paper ballot can request one by calling the 800 number listed above. Paper ballots will be available for members from Monday, April 16th through Monday, May 7th. Paper ballots must be postmarked by Monday, May 21st. On-line voting begins on April 25th and ends on June 9, 2018. Whether you choose to vote electronically or by paper ballot, it is imperative that every member of AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh **VOTES**.

Annual May Dinner

Dear Members of the AAUW N. Hills Pittsburgh Branch,

Please complete the attached registration form for the **Annual May Dinner** and submit it with your check to **Linda Clautti, VP of Programs or to myself!**

The dinner is on **Wednesday, May 23, 2018 at the Treesdale Country Club**. Refreshments will begin at **6:30 PM**. The menu is included with the registration form.

Janis Kapadia
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MENU

Cost: \$40.00

Checks made payable to:
AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh

Mail/give checks to:
Linda Clautti
Janis Kapadia

DEADLINE: MAY 1!

	NAME:
	PLEASE CIRCLE MAIN ENTRÉE CHOICE.
CHICKEN	Chicken Stuffed with Asparagus Puree and Romano Cheese
FISH	Jumbo Lump Crab Stuffed Salmon
VEGAN	Vegetable Napoleon Stack
SALAD	Treesdale House Salad
STARCH	Wild Rice Pilaf with Fresh Herbs
VEGETABLE	Match Stick Vegetables
DESSERT	Orange Cream Shortcake

The Bradfordwoods Conservancy's 2018 Speaker Series *Presents*

Larry J. Schweiger

President Emeritus and past CEO of PennFuture

FRACK GAS: A Bridge Too Far

Tuesday, March 20, 7 PM

Bradfordwoods Community Church

4836 Wexford Run Road, Bradfordwoods, Pa 15015



The presentation will include discussion of the Impacts of Fracking, Ethane Cracker Plants and Petrochemical Development on our air quality and potential hazards; our water and food supply and safety; community seismic activity; occupational hazards, noise levels and the psychosocial tolls of boom and bust cycles.

Allegheny County is still ranked among the most unhealthy air quality locations of all counties in the United States. While we, at the northern edge of the county have been somewhat spared from the industrial portion of these air quality problems, things are about to change. Soon, the Shell ethane cracker plant in Monaca, PA will go into service. This is 13 miles, as the crow flies, from Bradfordwoods.

This presentation is free and open to the public. Please come join us in discussion of this important topic.



SLATE OF OFFICERS 2018-2020

Membership VP - Janis Kapadia

Finance Officer - Betty Knoniser

Program VP - Kelley Clouser (one year) **Secretary** - June Maier - (one year)

Thanks to the Nominating Committee: Jane Depee, Mary Eury, Janis Kapadia, and Cindy Stewart.

Anita Wurthner

Nominating Chair

Shape the Future

What a great event! We had a wonderful turnout. Thanks to all our Branch members who helped to make Shape the Future 2018 so successful. Our Gateway to Equity Award honoree, Amanda Laichak, was so inspiring and certainly deserving of recognition. Our guest speaker, Paula Reed Ward, was terrific and her story about the murder of Dr. Autumn Klein was fascinating. Those of you who were able to purchase her book were very fortunate—she ran out quickly much to my chagrin!

Also, we gained some new members who took advantage of our discounted membership dues, which happens only during a Shape the Future event. More information on the new members will be coming shortly.

Thanks again!

Maripat Kwaczala, Membership VP



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