



VIEWPOINTS



Presidents Message

The American Association of University Women believes that together we can transform society for the better. Our vision is simple – we bring people together united behind the common goal of breaking through educational and economic barriers for women and girls. This year our programs are focused on women helping women. Our September meeting, by our Program VP, strongly started the year off with a discussion on Woman's Empowerment.

Right now, in every sector, women are making their voices heard. We are taking to the streets, gathering on social media, and organizing through numerous initiatives and movements. We truly are in this together, and we need to be in order to move to the next phase. While some may think this rise in conversation and feminine power may have started with the presidential election, or even with #Me Too, women gathering to further the common good started much, much sooner.

In 1848, a group of almost 200 women met at the Wesleyan Chapel in Seneca Falls, New York. The first ever women's rights convention kicked off with the reading of the "Declaration of Sentiments and Grievances" which detailed the injustices inflicted upon women in the United States and called on women to organize and petition for their rights. The Seneca Falls Convention was followed two weeks later by an even larger meeting in Rochester, New York. National women's rights conventions were held annually after that, providing an important focus for the growing women's suffrage movement. Through gatherings in Seneca Falls, a movement was born, and after years of struggle the 19th Amendment was adopted in 1920, granting American women the constitutionally protected right to vote.

The struggle continues as we work to close the gender pay gap, claim our rightful place in leadership positions, and live lives free of oppression. This is an exciting time to be a member of AAUW as we focus on education, training and economic security for women. AAUW is currently focusing heavily on the economic security pillar. AAUW's bold goals are to achieve pay equity by 2030 and train 10 million women to negotiate their salaries by 2022. Stay tuned for activates that our branch will be working on.

One of the ways you can make a difference is to vote this November!! Together, We Can Make a Difference

Debbie

PROGRAM FOR OCTOBER

Kelley Clouser, Program V.P.

Wednesday, OCTOBER 17, 2018

Location: Fisher Library, La Roche College

Women in Politics Speaker: Local Women Politicians

Our next program entitled “Women in Politics” will be held October 17 in the Fisher Library. 6:30 P.M. Refreshments and Social Time, program begins at 7pm and will feature three first-time female candidates running for office this November. The candidates featured will be: Sara Innamorato, Summer Lee, and Emily Skopov. The panel will be moderated by AAUW member, Betty Kronsier. The program will be focused on their journey and their experience running for office in this era as women and as first-time candidates. Specifically, this panel is focused not on the candidates’ political stances but on their stories. If you have questions you would like to be considered for the panel discussion, please email Kelley Clouser at kelleyclouseraauw@gmail.com. If you wish to hear more learn more about the speakers, their websites are listed below:

Sara Innamorato: <https://www.saraforpa.com/>

Emily Skopov: <https://www.electemily4pa.com/>

Summer Lee: <https://www.summerforpa.com/>

Summer Lee was also recently featured in The Root 100 Most Influential African-Americans of 2018. <https://interactives.theroot.com/root-100-2018/>

The Business meeting will begin after the program.

Please note that our speaker for the November program has changed. Our program will still be focused on women’s health but will feature **Kathleen Bryte**, a Clinical Education Specialist Nurse at UPMC

HONORING ANNA BELLE FEW



At our September branch meeting we honored branch member Anna Belle Few as a testament to the mission of AAUW and the power of women.

CALENDAR of Activities

Barbara Matthews

October 3 – Board Meeting, LaRoche

October 6 – For the Love of Books, LaRoche

October 9 – Morning Book Group, Deborah Hackney

October 15 – Evening Book Group, Ann Carlson

October 17 – Branch Meeting, LaRoche

October 20 – IPODS, Marcia & Robert Coleman

October 24 – Lunch with the Bunch, Tessaro’s Restaurant

Forty years ago a handful of women – housewives – (“The Housewives of AAUW”) recognized a need in the North Hills to help women who were experiencing domestic abuse and violence. Meeting in homes and at the pool while their children swam, they established the North Hills Women’s Center with an initial budget of \$13.78! In 1982 this organization became Crisis Center North. Anna Belle, along with several other AAUW members, was one of those founding mothers. We are proud of the part that Anna Belle and AAUW had in this endeavor. Thank you.

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

The NORTH committee met on September 19th. The focus of the meeting was the continuing concern over the INPAX Shooting Range in McCandless Crossing. Barbara Richards, representing Coalition for Safe Community Spaces, provided background information on INPAX and the Coalition's effort to get answers from McCandless Town Council and McCandless Police Department.

- INPAX founder Sam Rosenberg applied for the permit to build labeling the structure as an “office building.” According to McCandless Town code that means it can contain pretty much anything—including a shooting range. They also sell guns.
- This is an open carry state—meaning local laws cannot change the state gun laws.
- McCandless Police Department has a deal with INPAX which allows its officers to practice at the range to receive their certifications.
- Most retailers &/or businesses in McCandless Crossing have been contacted to request that they post signage “No Guns Allowed” (or something similar.) Even with signage a person, with a gun permit, is free to enter these establishments with a gun.
- The NRA is providing orientation to patrons of INPAX. As we all are aware, NRA is a powerful, political entity.
- INPAX is situated on private property so there are no restrictions on guns being close to a school, for example.
- The goal is not to challenge the Second Amendment but to insure the safety, privileges and rights of businesses and groups surrounding INPAX—including the Sisters of Divine Providence, the Alpha School, LaRoche College, Holy Trinity Church, Passavant Hospital, etc.

Barbara Richards has a great deal of information on this issue. She has suggested a letter writing campaign to McCandless Town Council to demand answers as to how this “slipped through” without a public hearing. She can be reached at Coalition for Safe Community Spaces, mccandlesscoalition@gmail.com.

NORTH is also planning another Friendship Dinner on Thursday, November 15th, 6-8pm. The theme will center around *Where Are We Now?* More information will be provided when it is available.

October 14th, Sunday, 1-4 PM, St. Paul's UM Church:

Pittsburgh team of Moms Demand Action presents *Gun Violence 101*

Hear candidates who support common sense gun violence prevention measures.

Conor Lamb (PA-17)

Emily Skopov (HD-28)

Betsy Monroe (HD-30)

Sharon Guidi (HD-40)

Michele Knoll (HD-44)

Free and open to the public.

RSVP: bit.ly/PGH_GVP101

Submitted by Maripat Kwaczala

Hostess and Host - Deborah and David Hackney

SEPTEMBER IPOD



AAUW Student Organization at LaRoche College. Julie Makuta

At an Activities Fair on campus 5 new members signed up and have become e-affiliates. The group had their first meeting about 2 weeks ago and they have some great things planned for this year:

October: Breast Cancer Awareness Sign and volunteer at Repurposed Thrift Store (R.T.S)

November: Movie Night (Miss Representation on Netflix or Taken) and R.T.S.

December: Festival of Lights at La Roche (doing crafts with kids)

Additional: Collecting toiletries, beauty supplies to a shelter

Activities Fair on Campus



AAU Student Table



Public Policy Cora Koller

The general election is coming up on **November 6, 2018**. The last day to register to vote in this election is **October 9, 2018**. Under certain circumstance, registered voters can vote by absentee ballot. The deadline to apply for an absentee ballot is **October 30, 2018**. More information about registering to vote or about getting an absentee ballot is available from the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at pcwp@chatham.edu.

The Greater Pittsburgh chapter of the League of Women Voters will hold seven debates in Allegheny County prior to the election. Debate times and locations are:

Tuesday, Oct. 9

Bethel Park Community Center, 5151 Park Ave, Bethel Park, PA 15102.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for a pair of debates in **the 39th and 40th state House districts**, which range across the South Hills. Republican Michael Puskaric faces Democrat Robert Rhoderick in the bid to replace outgoing state Rep. Rick Saccone in the 39th. In the 40th, Democrat Sharon Guidi faces Republican Natalie Mihalek Stuck to replace retiring House member John Maher.

Thursday, Oct. 11

O'Hara Elementary Auditorium, 115 Cabin Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15238.

Doors open at 6:30 p.m. for another pair of state House debates. In the **House District 30** seat being vacated by Hal English, Republican Lori Mizgorski is challenging Democrat Betsy Monroe. Meanwhile, **House District 33** Democratic incumbent Frank Dermody will face Republican challenger Joshua Nulph.

Tuesday, Oct. 16

Conor Lamb, the Democrat representing Pennsylvania's 18th Congressional District, faces 12th District Representative Republican Keith Rothfus in the newly drawn **17th Congressional District** for this WTAE-TV debate. It starts at 7 p.m. with WTAE reporter Mike Clark serving as a moderator. The event is expected to be simulcast on FM-WESA as well.

Tuesday, Oct. 23

Robert Morris University, 6001 University Blvd, Moon PA 15108 (room TBD)

Republican Valerie Gaydos and Democrat Michele Knoll face off in the **44th state House District**, where longtime state Rep. Mark Mustio is retiring.

Wednesday, Oct. 24

CCAC Boyce Campus, Performance Lecture Hall Auditorium, South Wing Room S440, 595 Beatty Rd, Monroeville, PA 15146.

Democrat Brandon Markosek, the son of retiring longtime state House member Joseph Markosek, will face Republican Stephen Schlauch to debate their vision for the **25th state House district**. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Monday, Oct. 29

Taylor-Allerdice High School Auditorium, 2409 Shady Ave., Pittsburgh, PA 15217.

Doors open at 6 p.m. for this debate between Dan Frankel, the Democratic incumbent in the **23rd state House District**, and Green Party candidate Jay Ting Walker.

Thursday, Nov. 1

CCAC North Campus, Atrium Stage, 8701 Perry Highway, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.

The last League of Women Voters debate has Republican Jeremy Shaffer squaring off against Democrat Lindsey Williams in the **38th state Senate District** race. The debate will also feature Democrat Emily Skopov and Republican Mike Turzai, the Speaker of the state House, in the **28th state House District**. Doors open at 6 p.m.

Source: Chris Potter League of Women Voters Schedules Debates in Raft of Legislative Races
wesa.fm 10/02/2018

Halloween



Halloween or Hallowe'en, also known as , All Hallows' Eve, or All Saints' Eve, is a celebration observed in a number of countries on 31 October, the eve of the Western Christian feast of All Hallows' Day. It begins the three-day observance of Allhallowtide, the time in the liturgical year dedicated to remembering the dead, including saints, martyrs, and all the faithful departed.

Halloween has traditionally been associated in America with dressing up in costume and with consuming sweets; however, the roots of the holiday lie in late autumn harvest rituals that correspond to natural, seasonal changes and that are expressed in commemorations of the dying year. During this period of transition, cultures across the world remember those who have passed on by drawing an analogy between human death and the dark, cold winter months that loom ahead.

While trick or treating in princess and hobo costumes, carving jack-o-lanterns and telling spooky ghost stories like Washington Irving's tale *[The Legend of Sleepy Hollow](#)* are traditional hallmarks of the American holiday, other cultures experience their festivals of the dead in very different forms.

2018 HOLIDAY GREENS SALE



Please use the order form below. You may bring your order to the October Branch Meeting or send it to Sina Murphy, 1901 Lake Marshall Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044. All orders must be received by Friday, November 2, 2018. Payment may be made when you pick up your order, except for Gift Items. Please include payment for Gift Items with your order. All checks should be made payable to North Hills Pittsburgh AAUW. All profits go to the LaRoche College Grant.

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: _____

WE NEED YOU!

Enclosed is a greens flyer and order form. We encourage you to purchase some greenery or contribute to this fundraiser. The greenery has always been of the freshest quality, and we are pleased to say that we have not raised prices. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** of the profits go to our annual LaRoche scholarship. It's a great cause!

You will find the brochure for the green in a separate attachment with this newsletter.⁷ Please take a minute and open it to shop.



Fall Fundraiser "For the Love of Books"

Wow, What a Great Day!!!!

The October 6th fund raising event, For the Love of Books, showcasing three local authors was a resounding success. I have heard a great deal of praise from those who attended the event. The authors were interactive and stimulating, the food was good (loved those pumpkin muffins) and the turnout was amazing. We had 84 attendees, 3 authors and 9 vendors. About 30 of the attendees were non-members.

The silent auction and mystery bags were a huge success thanks in part to the great donations from our special interest groups and members. A special thanks to Bobbie Hall who entertained the gathering with piano music during lunch. Ann Carlson captured the event for us through pictures which we hope to be able to show during the social portion of our October Meeting.

Kudos goes out to the Fundraising Event committee for all their hard work. Their hard work made this event a success.

We exceeded our goals!!!!!!!!!!!!!!

Thanks to everyone





*For the love of books
Meet the Authors at Tea*



MISSION STATEMENT OF AAUW ASSOCIATION

To advance gender equality for women and girls through research education and advocacy,

AAUW, MEMBERSHIP

AAUW, founded in 1881, is open to all graduates who hold an associates 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 the organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability or class.

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