



North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

# VIEWPOINTS

## Presidents Message

**N -Stands for New opportunities**

**E -Stands for Exploring**

**W -stands for Wonder**

**Y- stands yearning**

**E- stands for Eagerness**

**A -stands for Aspiring**

**R- stands for Rejoicing**

Happy New Year. Ringing in the New Year is cause for celebration, for reliving and for looking back. One thing known to be true, is that a lot can happen in a year. As glasses are raised and fireworks explode into the sky, it's important to recognize the special symbolism this holiday brings with it. A time of new beginnings and fresh starts also comes with it a time of reflection of the past year.

I want to take this opportunity to thank everyone for their efforts throughout the year. The success of our branch is built upon the tireless efforts of our members and in this past year, we have enjoyed many successes. Thank you for the dedication/loyalty/commitment that each of you has shown.

As we close out the old year, our local organization can reflect on another successful year. Our three fundraised, "For the Love of Books", our Greens Sale and our AD Booklet, were each a success. Due to these events we will be able to support are varied multiple local efforts. We ended the year with a

Christmas social event that 40 of our members attended and enjoyed. Thank you to Anita Wurthner, for her commitment in putting on this wonderful event.

We have seen our membership grow this year and I want to take this opportunity to welcome all of our new members. Our branch is very active with many special interest groups.

A new year and a new beginning on the National front. What will it hold? We don't know yet, but we do know that we, at AAUW, can have an impact by making our voices heard in advocacy efforts.

We start this new year with plans for many exciting events. Including in these events is the Martin Luther King Jr. Breakfast scheduled for January 21th. I hope that many of you have sent in your reservations for this wonderful event. Our branch has been active in the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition since its inception nineteen years ago. **Additional information about this event can be viewed in our January Viewpoints.**

Our Saturday morning January meeting (Jan. 26th) will start with refreshments at 9:30, followed by the branch program at 10:00 and the branch meeting at 10:45 am. Come learn about Jazz in western PA.

Great Decisions will again be offered on Saturday mornings in February and March from 9:30 to 11:30 a.m. beginning on Feb. 2<sup>nd</sup>. **More information about this event can be viewed in our January Viewpoints.**

January is also the time our nominating committee begins its search for new officers. Our informative newsletter, The Viewpoints, has all the information concerning our multitude of branch activities upcoming. Please read it monthly as there is something of interest for everyone. Wishing all of you great things for the new year

**Debbie**

Programs

Kelly Clouser

Thank you to everyone who attended our November program on Women’s Health presented by Ms. Kathleen Bryte. There was much laughter, fun and a lot of learning!

This month, our program is “Steel City Grooves: Celebrating Jazz Legends in Western Pennsylvania” presented by the Heinz History Center. This program will feature “audio visual biographical sketches of important contributors to Jazz with western PA roots.” Many thanks to Betty Kroniser who helped arrange this event!



**Scholarship Award:**

Lauran Macon was presented with the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant at the November Membership Meeting. Lauran is a Senior graduating in the spring of 2019. She has a dual major in PerK-4 education and PreK-8 special education. Lauran is a member of the Kapp Delta Epsilon an educational honorary society at La Roche. During her time at La Roche Lauran has volunteered teaching Junior Achievement to students in grade school and tutored at the after school Homework Club at Providence Heights Alpha School.

CALENDAR:

Barbara Matthews

- January 2 – Board Meeting
- January 8 – Morning Book Group, 9:30, Home of Linda Joy  
“The Rainbow Comes and Goes”
- January 15 – Lunch With the Bunch, 12:30  
Log Cabin Inn, Harmony, PA
- January 19 – IPODS, 6:00-8:00 p.m.  
Home of Jan and Victor Peischl
- January 21 – MLK Annual Unity Breakfast, 8:00 Registration  
La Roche Zappala Student Center
- January 26 – Branch Meeting, 9:30 a.m., Ryan Room, La Roche  
Max Gonano – Steel City Grooves  
Bring an item for La Roche food pantry
- February 2 – Great Decisions Begins

\*\*\*\*\*Note: There is no Evening Book Group in January

IPODS

The IPODS groups will begin the year at the home of Jan and Victor Peischl. We will meet from 6:00-8:00 p.m. for appetizers and fellowship. BYOB, an appetizer to share, and a good time will be had by all!! Everyone is welcome, just RSVP to Jan.

Remember to bring a food item for the LaRoche Providence Pantry Food Bank to the meeting in January. Suggestions Pantry (no bulk items please) Ramen noodles, Mac & Cheese, Cereal, Rice, Pasta, Oatmeal, Dried beans/lentils, Canned/Jarred (pull off tabs for cans preferred) Canned Pasta, Soup, jelly, Fruit, Vegetables, Canned meats, Tuna, Granola bars, Chips, Popcorn, Crackers, Protein bars, Pretzels, Peanut butter, nuts. Paper products. Also the pantry will accept gift cards from Giant Eagle and Trader Joe’s.

# CHRISTMAS AT THE PINES DECEMBER 15, 2018



## Thanks from North Hills Community Outreach

by Jan Peischl

NHCO appreciates the efforts of AAUW to ring The Salvation Army bells and realizes 87% of the donations.

Five of our members braved the cold and rang the bells in December at Kuhn's Market.

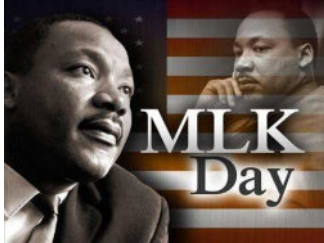
Thanks go to Sylvia and Jerry Lynn, Linda Tozier, Marilyn Loichinger and Jan Peischl.

A total of 140 persons rang bells at the two locations for a grand total of \$14,203.61 for neighbors in need.

Duquesne University presented an Afternoon with Justice Sonia Sotomayor on December 7, 2018. Six members of the evening book group went to her discussion.



Make your reservation now for the annual Martin Luther King Breakfast! Reservation flyer is attached with details and form to fill out and return. Please help us spread the word by forwarding the flyer to others.



La ROCHE COLLEGE \* Zappala Student Center 9000 Babcock Boulevard, McCandless, PA  
Registration at 8:00 AM | Breakfast promptly at 8:30AM

Keynote Speaker - Anna E. Hollis -Executive Director of Amachi Pittsburgh

Limited seating - make reservations now! Seating cannot be guaranteed without reservations.

For reservations to the 19th Annual Martin Luther King, Jr. Unity Breakfast, please return this portion of the form along with your check, made payable to the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition, in the amount of \$18.00 for adults and \$9.00 for students.

Questions? maryhsheehan@gmail.com

Name \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Adults \_\_\_\_\_  
Address \_\_\_\_\_ Number of Students \_\_\_\_\_

City \_\_\_\_\_ State \_\_\_\_\_ Please mail  
reservations including payment by January 15, 2019 to:

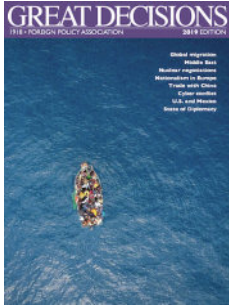
MLK Breakfast J. Peischl

8244 Coach Court Allison Park, PA 15101

Email \_\_\_\_\_ Organization \_\_\_\_\_

OPEN SEATING I am unable to attend. Enclosed please find my donation to support this worthwhile function. \$ \_\_\_\_\_ Total enclosed \$ \_\_\_\_\_





Mark your calendars! Another Great Decisions series is about to begin!

Has there ever been a time when being informed and in possession of FACTS was as important as it is today?

We have learned that “optics” are more important than ethics, that “mine is bigger than yours” has real nuclear war implications, and that the word “tariff” from the mouth of a US president is equivalent to pushing an economic red button.

So whether we watch CNN or Fox, we have opinions. But as someone recently said.....”You are entitled to your own opinion. You are not entitled to your own facts.”

But increasingly the question is “Where do you go to get actual facts unsullied by opinions from left or right?” Can we trust ANYTHING we find on the Internet?

Great Decisions provides enough sound information to allow us to develop opinions based on facts. It also creates a new awareness of situations and words we may have known about or heard for years, but never really knew.

Great Decisions is America's largest discussion program on world affairs. The program model involves reading the Great Decisions [Briefing Book](#), watching the [DVD](#) and meeting in a [Discussion Group](#) to discuss the most critical global issues facing America today. The program provides background information and policy options for the eight most critical issues facing America each year and serves as the focal text for discussion groups across the country.

AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh is again sponsoring the program for the North Hills community. It will run for 8 Saturdays from 9:30 - 11:30 a.m. at La Roche College. **February 2 is the first session of the 2019 series.**

**The series is FREE and you may attend as few or as many of the sessions as you choose.**

But who wouldn't want to learn more about ALL of these topics?!! Those who choose to purchase the Briefing Book can do so for \$30 at the LaRoche Library. **ONLY CHECKS WILL BE ACCEPTED**, made out to [AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh](#).

**Books and the complete schedule of dates will be available in January.**

### Topic List for 2019

- **Refugees and Global Migration**
- **The Middle East: Regional Disorder**
- **The Rise of Populism**
- **Decoding US/China Trade**
- **India and Its Neighbors**
- **Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics**
- **State of the State Department and Diplomacy**
- **Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future**

## **A SUCCESSFUL 2018 GREENS SALE**

By Sina Murphy

The Greens Sale this year, with a profit of \$1,667.90, tops all previous years' sales. All of the money raised will go to our LaRoche College Grant.

Thank you to all those who purchased greens and also to those who made a donation to this fund raiser. A special thank you to our usual top sales person, Sr. Rita Yeasted.

## **Fundraiser Updates**

By Deborah Rosenfelder

**AD Booklet-** the 2018-2019 Speaker Series AD booklets are available and will be shared to members at branch meetings and with attendees at Great Decisions. These booklets help offset the cost of Great Decisions. Thanks to all members that collected adds or donated. A special thanks to Clautti and Katherine Keith for putting the booklet together. We cleared \$777.50 on this fundraiser.

**Green Sales-** Thanks to all members that ordered greens or donated. A special thanks to Sina Murphy for organizing the greens sale. We cleared \$1,667.90 on this fundraiser. Money raised on this Fundraiser goes toward the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant.

**SAVE THE DATE!!!!**

**The Fall Fundraiser “For The Love of Book “will be held on October 5, 2019 at La Roche. Additional information will be posted in upcoming viewpoints. We hope to see you at the event**

## **What is the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund and Why You Should 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 Greatest Needs Fund enable AAUW to continue mission-based programs, advocacy initiatives and world-renowned research. Formerly called the AAUW Unrestricted Fund, the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund ensures that donations will be used where they are most needed.

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 also can be designated to specific funds that support three areas of focus in the new AAUW Strategic Plan, including the Education and Training Fund, the Economic Security Fund and the Leadership Fund. Please see the accompanying chart, "How to Support AAUW's Mission". At our January 26th meeting, I will talk briefly about some of the funds that fall under the AAUW Fund umbrella. In 2018, eight members of our North Hills Pittsburgh Branch donated directly to an AAUW Fund. It is my hope that many more of you will become fund-givers in 2019.

Please email or call me with any questions you may have about how you can donate and how you can honor a loved one with a donation.

## How to Support AAUW's Mission

**Thank you for promoting equity for women and girls by supporting AAUW's critical work! When supporting the following funds, you give AAUW the ability to carry out its bold, strategic vision for the future.**

### **AAUW Greatest Needs Fund (9110)**

Allows AAUW the flexibility to respond rapidly to new and emerging challenges facing women and girls and to utilize your gift where it's needed most. This fund ensures the strength, relevance, and viability of AAUW into the future.

### **Education and Training Fund (4450)**

Addresses the barriers and implicit biases that hinder the advancement of women by championing equal access to education and ensuring that education at every level is free from sex discrimination.

### **STEM Title IX Pathways to Jobs**

*Examples of programs include: Fellowships Alumnae Initiatives Fellowships and Grants  
Public Policy Research*

### **Economic Security Fund (4449)**

Ensures livelihoods for women through achieving pay equity for women, providing training in salary negotiation, and deepening women's retirement security and quality of life.

### **Pay Equity Title VII Retirement Security**

*Examples of programs include: Start Smart  
Work Smart  
Work Smart Online Legal Advocacy Fund*

### **Leadership Fund (4452)**

Supports the effort to close the gender gap in leadership opportunities by bolstering the participation of and increasing the number of girls and women in leadership roles, particularly in education and nonprofit organizations.

### **Career Workplace Training**

*Examples of programs include: Campus Action Projects Empower  
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## 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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# Viewpoints

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**Because Equity is still an issue**