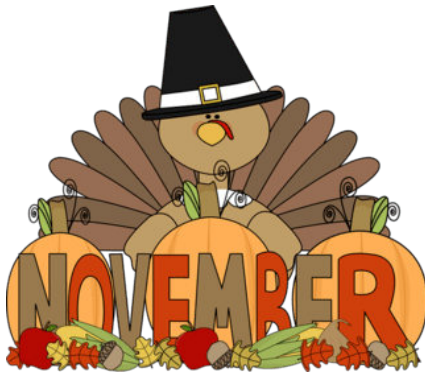




North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

# VIEWPOINTS



## Presidents Message

Thanksgiving Day is more than a day of fond memories, parades, football, and special dinners. It is also a day of thanks. On Thanksgiving Day we are reminded of the bounty of treasures that is a part of our lives. We spend a few moments before the Thanksgiving dinner to give thanks for the richness of our lives and for our wonderful family and friends.

The true meaning of Thanksgiving, however, should not end after a prayer or a few seconds of meditation devoted to thanks. The Holiday of Thanksgiving has broader significance. Thanksgiving is also a call to action. It is important for us to remember that the word thanksgiving is composed of two words: thanks and giving. Through the Holiday of Thanksgiving we are reminded to give thanks and to share and give. The Holiday reminds us to share our economic and material wealth, and to share also our time and talents with other people who could use our help. In terms of thought and deed, the Holiday of Thanksgiving gives us an enriched perspective on the abundance in our lives.

As I write this message I think how our branch members have and will impact the people around them. This month we will award the Sister Matilda Kelly Grant Incentive and next month some of our members will be ringing the bell for the Salvation Army. These are just two of the things our branch is doing. There is not enough space to list all the hard work our members do in the community. At this time I want to give a special thanks to all the hard work our members do perform.

This Thanksgiving Day take a moment and reflect on what actions you can take in the next year to fully express the meaning of Thanksgiving.



Debbi

**CALENDAR of Activities** Barbara Matthews

November 7 – Board Meeting 6 p.m. – LaRoche  
 November 9 – IPODS 6-8:00 p.m. at Clare Hoke’s (Note date change)  
 November 13 – Morning Book Group 9:30 a.m. at Sandy Brown’s – Pachinko  
 November 15 – Lunch Bunch 12:30 at The Church Brew Works  
 November 19 – Bookers of the Evening 7:00 p.m. at Janis Kapadia’s – The Woman’s Hour  
 November 22 – HAPPY THANKSGIVING  
 November 28 – Branch Meeting – 6:30 p.m. at LaRoche – Women’s Health

**PROGRAM**

**Kelley Clouser, Program V.P.**

**Wednesday, November 28, 2018**

Thank you to everyone who attended our October program, “Women in Politics.” It was an inspirational evening! Also, thank you for your patience as we dealt with some unexpected delays!

Continuing our series of women empowering women, we welcome Clinical Education Specialist, Kathleen Bryte. Ms. Bryte works for the Cancer Center at UPMC Passavant. She received her MSN from Carlow University in Nursing Education and Leadership. A special shout-out to June Maier who invited Ms. Bryte to attend. Thank you, June!

This month’s program will focus on women’s health. As women, many of us often focus on the needs of others before our own. To be successful, strong, empowered women; we need to practice self-care. “Women’s Health” is scheduled for Wednesday, November 28 in the Ryan Room. Refreshments and social time begin at 6:30p with the program to follow at 7p.

**2018 SISTER MATILDA KELLY INCENTIVE GRANT**

Lauran Macon is the 2018 winner of the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant. Lauran is a 26 year old senior with a dual major of PreK-4 education and PreK-8 special education. Lauran has been an active member of the education honorary society and the Kappa Delta Epsilon Sorority. Lauran volunteers to teach in an after school program and has taught a kindergarten class for Junior Achievement. Lauran has a genetic disorder called Retinitis Pigmentosa. Though this may has slowed her down a little it has not stopped her.

Please join us at the November branch meeting where we will award Lauran the Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant.

**FINANCIAL REPORT FOR  
SEPTEMBER & OCTOBER 2018**

Betty Kroniser, Treasurer

<b>Checking Account Beginning Balance September 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 6,686.95</b>
<b>September Deposits</b>	<b>0.00</b>
<b>September Expenses</b>	<b>373.00</b>
<b>October Deposits</b>	<b>5,584.95</b>
<b>October Expenses</b>	<b>755.21</b>
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<b>October 31, 2018 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$11,159.73</b>
<b>Savings Account Beginning Balance September 1, 2018</b>	<b>\$ 4,830.20</b>
<b>September 2018 Interest</b>	<b>.21</b>
<b>October 2018 Interest</b>	<b>.20</b>
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<b>October 31, 2018 Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$ 4,830.61</b>



**La Roche Food Pantry** - Janine Bayer informed members of our organization that La Roche College has a food pantry for students in need. We will be collecting donations each month to help students in need. If you would like to donate, please bring a non-perishable food item that can be easily prepared by students or is already made. We will have a box for donations at each meeting.

## October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month

**AAUW Students** made an impact on the La Roche campus by educating individuals about prevention and detection, supporting survivors and those battling the disease, and helping raise money to aid patients and fund breast cancer awareness. On October 23rd the students passed out pink ribbons and cookies shaped as ribbons. The students also collected donations for breast cancer patients.



The AAUW Student Organization at La Roche College hosted Cookies and Cut-Outs for a Cure in CC Square. They accepted donations for a faculty member who was recently diagnosed with stage two breast cancer.

IPOD Halloween Fun  
Hosts Marcia and Robert  
Coleman



We are better together...

## **Friendship Dinner**

### **Where Are We Now?**

Thursday, November 15, 2018  
6:00-8:00 pm

Sponsored by N.O.R.T.H.

Neighboring Organizations Responding Together for Hope

AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch; The Church of Jesus Christ of Latter-day Saints;  
North Hills Ebony Women, Inc.; Muslim Association of Greater Pittsburgh;  
North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition; Pittsburgh North People for Peace;  
Sisters of Divine Providence; Social Justice Seekers North; St. Brendan's Episcopal;  
St. Paul's United Methodist; Salem United Methodist;  
Unitarian Universalist Church of the North Hills

Please RSVP by November 12

[www.stpaulsumc.com/events-2/registrations-2/](http://www.stpaulsumc.com/events-2/registrations-2/)  
salad bar, rice pilaf, halal chicken, and gluten free options

St. Paul's UMC Fellowship Hall  
1965 Ferguson Road  
Allison Park, PA 15101

For anyone 12 years or older who is interested  
in joining the conversations!



## **CHRISTMAS PARTY AT THE PINES** **Saturday, December 15, 2018**

*Please give your name and luncheon choice to Anita Wurthner, [adwurthner@verizon.net](mailto:adwurthner@verizon.net) or 412-486-5161 before December 10, 2018 if you are planning to attend the Christmas Luncheon. (Because we are a large group, our choices ahead of time are helpful to them. No payment is required until the day of the luncheon.)*

### **Chef's Christmas Luncheons**

*Served with a cup of Soup and Dessert*

#### **LASAGNE - Holiday Spinach, Mushroom, and Sundried Lasagna**

Parmesan and Roasted Garlic Béchamel, Marinara Sauce Garnish  
Field Greens with Roasted Tomato, Focaccia Croutons

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#### **SANDWICH PLATE - Christmas Sandwich Plate**

Warm shaved Smoked Ham, Cheddar Cheese  
Bacon, Onion, Mustard and Pear Jam  
Arugula, Sliced Tomato on a Crust Roll, Fresh Tavern Chips  
Served with a cup of the chef's daily soup feature

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#### **CHRISTMAS SALAD - Tavern Christmas Salad**

Fresh Field Greens and Romaine, Chilled Shrimp, Avocado  
Pomegranate Seeds, Gold Pear, Red Onions, Cherry Tomato, Hard Boiled Egg, Bacon Crumble  
Blue Cheese and Champagne Dressing  
Served with a cup of the chef's daily soup feature

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### **DESSERT**

Triple Berry Crisp, Cinnamon Oatmeal Crumble  
Vanilla Ice Cream Garnish

*Last year's luncheon was a nice time to get together before the holidays.  
Last year we had 30 members attend. We had a good time.  
Plan to come.*



### Bell Ringing for

### North Hills Community Outreach

By Jan Peischl

North Hills Community Outreach has again requested our help to ring the Salvation Army bells throughout the month of Dec.

As a service unit, NHCO will receive 90% of the monies collected. The **Red Kettle** will be at the Walmart, Gibsonia on Rt.8 and at Kuhn's on Ferguson Road.

It is more fun to ring with someone, so plan to ask a friend to join you. If not, let me know and I will ring with you.

Two hour shifts are on Thursdays and Fridays from 4-8, Saturdays from 10-8. Please let me what day or time is best for you and I will sign you up if that slot is not already filled.

Or you can sign up for Kuhn's at this link: <http://signup.com/go/tjQUXEa>

Remember to wear warm clothes, gloves and scarves, etc. You can bring a folding chair and/or a mat to stand on.

## Save the Date

by Jan Peischl

The Martin Luther King Jr. 19th Annual Unity Breakfast will be held on January 21st, the third Monday of January.

Registration at 8 a.m. - Breakfast and Program begins at 8:30 in La Roche Zappala Student Center.

The North Hills Unity Breakfast Committee consists of members from the following organizations:

AARP; American Association of University Women, North Hills McKnight Branch; League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh; North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition; North Hills Community Outreach; North Hills Ebony Women, Inc.; Pittsburgh North People for Peace; and the Sisters of Divine Providence.

A flyer with the information about keynote speaker and other participants will be emailed to our members as soon

as details are confirmed. A registration form will be included.



In an effort to clarify policy the following changes are put forth to membership for consideration.

Maryann Anderson and Sylvia Lynn By laws and policy

**Current Policy on Death of a Member:**

Upon the death of a member, a letter of condolence shall be sent to her family. Fifty dollars shall be sent to AAUW Funds in her memory.

**Revised Policy on Death of member:**

Upon the death of a member, the secretary will send a letter or card of condolence to her family. The treasurer will send \$50 to the AAUW Funds in her memory. Any additional donations made to the North Hills Pittsburgh Branch by members or friends in memory of the deceased shall be added to the "Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant."

**Pictures from our October meeting**



**REMEMBER TO VOTE ON TUESDAY NOVEMBER 6, 2018**



## Global Problems, Global Solutions 2018 Conference

**Keynote Speaker:** Barry Kerzin, M.D.

**Topic:** Finding Peace in Turbulent Times

Thursday, Nov. 29, 2018 | 6:30 p.m.

La Roche College | Zappala College Center Square

Dr. Kerzin is a personal physician of the Dalai Lama, the founder and president of the Altruism in Medicine Institute and the founder and chairman of the Human Values Institute in Japan. Registration required for this free event <https://www.laroche.edu/global/>

**Did you know? Your contribution to AAUW Funds makes a difference.**

An infographic with a dark blue header and a light green background featuring a pattern of small human figures. The header text reads: "AAUW has provided more than **\$115 MILLION** to more than **13,000 WOMEN** and projects". Below this, two columns of text are separated by a vertical line. The left column says "From all 50 states" and is accompanied by a map of the United States. The right column says "And more than 145 countries" and is accompanied by a globe. At the bottom center is the AAUW logo and the website "www.aauw.org".A grid of 12 individual portraits of diverse women and girls of various ethnicities and ages. In the center of the grid, there is a dark blue text box with white text that reads: "In 2018-19, AAUW is awarding **\$3.9 million** to 250 scholars and projects to improve the lives of women and girls." Below the text box is the AAUW logo and the website "www.aauw.org".

## 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**—see the full schedule below.

**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



Public Policy  
Cora Koller

Politically speaking, 2018-2019 is described as the “Year of Women”. More women across the country are running for elected office than ever before. Common campaign threads include empowering women and advocating effectively for their causes while restoring civility to legislative debates and building collaborative approaches to solving social problems. On October 10, 2018, AAUW’s North Hills Branch heard from three impressive women candidates who are seeking election to Pennsylvania’s General Assembly. Summer Lee seeks to represent the 34<sup>th</sup> District. Sara Innamorato seeks to represent the 21<sup>st</sup> District. Emily Skopov seeks to represent the 28<sup>th</sup> District. Our program planner, Kelly Clouser, worked with the candidates to plan the event. Branch treasurer, Betty Kroniser, moderated the lively, interesting and informative panel discussion about their experiences, campaigns and recommendations for opportunities to engage, support and mentor women in politics.

As we approach election day, the Pennsylvania Center for Women in Politics at Chatham University published the following statistics about women in Pennsylvania politics.

First, the bad news: Pennsylvania ranks 39<sup>th</sup> out of the 50 states in the percentage of women in its state legislature. Women make up only 19.4% of the General Assembly. Women currently hold 42 of 203 (20.7%) seats in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives, and only 7 of 50 seats (14%) in the Pennsylvania Senate. There are no women in the state’s Congressional delegation.

Now the good news: In November 2018, a record number of Pennsylvania women are on the ballot. 103 are seeking seats in the Pennsylvania House of Representatives. Of the 122 women originally running in these elections, 84.4% won their primaries. 19 women are running for seats in the Pennsylvania State Senate. 95% of the 20 women who initially sought these seats won their primaries. 8 women are running for seats in Congress.

And it is never too soon to start planning for the next election cycle. 14 of the 150 female candidates described above are alumnae of Ready to Run; a program sponsored by the Pennsylvania Center for Women and Politics at Chatham University. This program provides information, advice, preparation, contacts and support for women who want to get involved in politics or run for elected office. It is the type of program our panelists recommended to help women develop the skills, mentoring, networks and other support needed for political success.

The 2019 Pittsburgh event will be held on February 2, 2019 from 8:30 am to 5:30 pm at Chatham University. For those who register before January 4, 2019, the registration fee is \$65. For those who register on or after January 5, 2019, the fee is \$75. Call 412-365-1878 or email [PCWP@Chatham.edu](mailto:PCWP@Chatham.edu) for further information.

If you are thinking about running for elected office or getting more involved in politics, you will find this interactive event interesting, inspiring, informative and useful. If you know other women who are thinking about running for office or getting involved in politics, please share this information with them!

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A test.

If you have read this online newsletter would you send me a reply using the address below. We are wondering if people are taking the time to read the newsletter. Peace Sylvia [sylviaklynn@gmail.com](mailto:sylviaklynn@gmail.com)

## 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**