



North Hills Pittsburgh (PA) Branch

# VIEWPOINTS



Women's History Month is a month-long celebration of women's contributions to society and history that is observed during the month of March in Australia, the United Kingdom, and the United States, and is observed during the month of October in Canada. In the U.S., it's been officially celebrated since March of 1987.

The theme for Women's History Month 2019 selected by the National Women's History Project (NWHP, newly renamed to National Women's History Alliance) is "Visionary Women: Champions of Peace & Nonviolence." This year, women who have led efforts to end war, violence, and injustice and pioneered the use of nonviolence to change society are being honored. The Honorees believe that "the means determine the ends" and they developed nonviolent means to ensure just and peaceful results. These women built supportive, loving communities to give voice to the unrepresented, and hope to victims of violence and those who dream of a peaceful world.

It's easy to get caught up in the grind of daily life, but this month is an excellent opportunity to put a spotlight on all of the major things women accomplish each and every day. Look at the members of our branch and what each of you have accomplished individually and as a group. We need to be proud of all we have accomplished.

Our branch is looking forward to three more months of AAUW activities in the current fiscal year. This month's activities will include our monthly branch meeting on Saturday March 23<sup>rd</sup> which will examine Title IX. The program will focus on the specifics of the law and how it impacts women and girls. What a perfect topic for women's history month.

Also at our March meeting we will announce the Gateway to Equity Award (an award instituted by AAUWPA as a way for local branches to recognize organizations and individuals who promote equity for women and girls). Our Public Policy Chair, Cora Koller, will present this award.

A future event that our branch is co-sponsoring along with Draw the Lines (DTL) and Fair Districts PA is a public event on redistricting reform "Gerrymandering 101" in May. This event has recently been posted for members and the public to register to attend. More details are available in the March viewpoints.

This is just March. Stay tuned for April and May. Thank you for all you do to make this branch a success!

*Debbie*

## March History Month 2019 Honorees





**March Branch Meeting  
Title IX: A Primer  
Saturday, March, 23 9:30 A.M.  
Room: PSC 109**

**Please note the Program and Room change!**

**The GTEWAY TO Equity Award winner will be announced at this meeting!**

### **Nominating Committee Announces Slate of Officers for 2019 – 2021**

**President - Debbie Rosenfelder  
Program Vice President - Kelley Clouser  
Secretary - Marilyn Loichinger**

Elections will be held on April 27<sup>th</sup>.  
New officers will be installed on May 23<sup>rd</sup>.

This year's Nominating Committee included Jane Depee, Janis Kapadia, Katherine Keith, Anita Wurthner and Linda Tozier (chair).

## **Equal Pay Day**

Equal Pay Day is the symbolic day when women's earnings "catch up" to men's earnings from the previous year. It's also a powerful occasion to raise awareness about and organize action around the gender pay gap in your community.

### **2019 Equal Pay Days**

- March 5, 2019: Asian American women's Equal Pay Day
- April 2, 2019: All women's Equal Pay Day
- April 19, 2019: White women's Equal Pay Day
- August 22, 2019: Black women's Equal Pay Day
- September 23, 2019: Native women's Equal Pay Day
- November 20, 2019: Latinas' women's Equal Pay Day

## **ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ALERT!!**

Soon all Branch members will receive an email from National, subject - **AAUW Membership Renewal Notice** that 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 have done in the past. 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. The will take place at our annual dinner meeting on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Treesdale Golf and Country Club** (flyer is included in this newsletter).

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

Do not attempt to pay your dues online until you receive the email from AAUW National!

## **AAUW-PA 2019 Election**

**(Three ways to Vote)**

**See the Keystoner for options one and two:**

**OPTION 1:  
ONLINE VOTING**  
Online voting is available now through midnight, March 31, 2019.

Click on the link <https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019AAUWElection> or paste into your browser

**OPTION 2:  
PAPER BALLOT VOTING**

**OPTION 3:  
VOTING  
THROUGH YOUR BRANCH**  
For members that have not voted by the March branch meeting Paper ballots will be available at the March 23<sup>rd</sup> meeting for members to vote.

**Tuesday Morning Book Group Hostess change  
May 14 "Carnegie's Maid by Marie Benedict  
Hostess Debbie Rosenfelder**

**MARCH CALENDAR**

March 2	9:30-11:30 Great Decisions LaRoche College
March 9	9:30-11:30 Great Decisions
March 12	9:30, Morning Book Group Home of Jan Peischl, "Sisters-in-Law"
March 13	6:00 Board Meeting, Fisher Room LaRoche College NOTE CHANGE OF DATE
March 15	12:30 Lunch Bunch Casbah Restaurants, Shadyside
March 16	9:30-11:30 Great Decisions 6:00-8:00 IPODS At home of Donna and Jerry Martin
March 18	7:00, Evening Book Group Home of Cindy Stewart "Pachinko"
March 23	9:30 a.m. BRANCH MEETING LaRoche College Title IX — A Primer
March 30	9:30-11:30 Great Decisions

**February 2019 Financial Report****CHECKING:**

<b>Beg Balance</b>	<b>\$8,753.89</b>
<b>Deposits</b>	<b>930.00</b>
<b>Expense</b>	<b>132.50</b>
	<b>21.40</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$9,529.99</b>

**SAVINGS**

<b>Beg Balance</b>	<b>\$4,831.22</b>
<b>Interest Earned</b>	<b>.19</b>
<b>Ending Balance</b>	<b>\$4,831.41</b>

**Western District Meeting**

Branches from the Western District are invited to attend Western District the spring meeting. Registration begins at 9:00 a.m. Workshop will be 10:00 am-2:00 pm Lunch will be included. March 30, 2019, Ramada Inn (formerly Park Inn by Radisson), 45 Holiday Inn Road, Clarion, PA

Cost for attending: \$20.00. Please make check payable to AAUW and mail to Barb Zaborowski, 1131 Menoher Blvd, Johnstown, PA 15905

For more information, including registration and payment information please click the following link..  
<https://aauwjohnstown.org/western-district-meeting/>

**Registrations closes March 22, 2019**

**IPOD at June and Tom Maier's**

# **Annual May Dinner May 14, 2019 Treesdale Country Club**

## **Menu Choices**

Please choose and either write your choice on your check or print this page and circle your choice. Checks are due to Janis by May 1, 2019

- **Apple & Brie stuffed Chicken breast with a honey Bourbon Glaze**
- **Seared Herb butter Salmon with a White Wine Lemon Sauce**
- **Vegetable Napoleon Stack (Vegan)**

(All served with Treesdale House Salad, Wild Rice Pilaf with Fresh herbs, Match Stick Vegetables)

**3-layer Vanilla cake with Salted Caramel Crunch**

Cost: \$42.00

Checks made payable to: AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh

Mail/give checks to:

Janis Kapadia,  
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## Gerrymandering 101

**Gerrymandering: A discussion on redistricting reform. A free event open to the public**

The North Hills Pittsburgh Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW), Draw the Lines PA (DTL), and Fair Districts PA is proud to host a FREE public event on Redistricting Reform.

**May 14, 2019 7PM - 9PM**

**La Roche College, Zappala College Center (Ryan Room)**

**9000 Babcock Blvd., Pittsburgh, PA 15237 Guest speakers:**

**Fair Districts PA Speaker: Suzanne Broughton Draw the Lines Speaker: Rachel Colker**

This event's goal is to raise the public's awareness of the importance of redistricting reform. This program offers a tour of the issues, history, and the state of play now in Pennsylvania with a rundown on how Draw the Lines connects to reform efforts. The program will be interactive. Local elected officials will be invited to attend.

**The event is free & open to the public. Coffee/tea and light snacks will be offered.**

**(Right click on either one of the hyperlinks below to register)**

<https://northhills-pa.aauw.net/2019/02/18/gerrymandering-101>

<https://www.eventbrite.com/e/gerrymandering-101-tickets-56933854692>

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### **SAVE These Dates for Upcoming Events**

**March 30, 2019: AAUW Western District Meeting**

**May 14, 2019: Gerrymandering101 Redistricting Reform (Public event)**

**May 22, 2019: Annual dinner at Treesdale Country Club**

**October 05, 2019: Branch fundraiser "For The love of Books, Fall Harvest"**



## REFORM

Source: AAUW Advocacy in a Box- Redistricting Reform <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/redistricting-reform-advocacy/>

### Issue Description

Every ten years, after the federal census, the state House and Senate and Congressional (U.S. House of Representatives) districts are redrawn or “gerrymandered” to divide a geographic area into representative districts that give political advantage to one party or group in an election.

Because of gerrymandering, many districts are no longer competitive; a growing number of candidates run unopposed; voters feel their votes don’t count; and the gridlock in Harrisburg and Washington D.C. gets worse. Pennsylvania is one of the most gerrymandered states in the nation. Both major political parties engage in gerrymandering. Both have already begun advertising and fundraising in Pennsylvania for the 2020 election.

A constitutional amendment is required to change the process for drawing Pennsylvania House and Senate districts. Changing a Pennsylvania constitutional amendment requires two legislative sessions. A constitutional amendment must be introduced by legislators and bills of identical language be approved in two successive legislative sessions, then ratified by citizens in a referendum. To impact the 2020 census redrawing process, legislation must pass in the 2017-2018 and 2019-2020 sessions and be approved by the voters no later than November 3, 2020.

### Legislation and AAUW-PA position

AAUW supports two redistricting bills endorsed by Fair Districts PA and vetted through AAUW. Fair Districts PA representatives worked with each sponsor and legislative policy staff to write legislation that considered lessons learned by successful reform colleagues in other states, reviewed language in the PA Constitution and considered ways to safeguard a truly independent process.

There is no way to take politics out of our electoral processes, but AAUW-PA believes SB22 and HB722 would remove partisan manipulation and personal motivation. Discussion about the length of the bill relative to most constitutional amendments, resulted in general agreement that the language needed to be specific enough to provide strong safeguards. AAUW believes that was accomplished, but also knows that a piece of enabling legislation will be needed to spell out in greater detail specific administrative processes, including credentials required for commission applicants and description of a computer-generated algorithm for randomized selection of commissioners.

AAUW-PA supported two pieces of legislation SB22 and HB722. As the legislative process churns, AAUW-PA will follow the lead of Fair Districts PA. AAUW-PA asks members to support SB22 with Samuelson amendment A08876.

### INDIVIDUAL ACTIONS TO SUPPORT REDISTRICTING REFORM

- Like **Fair Districts PA** on Facebook and follow on [Twitter](#).
- Join [Fair Districts PA](#) to receive email alerts and find your county’s FDPA group.
- Learn about the issue at [Fair Districts PA](#), [Over the Line](#) and [Ballotpedia](#).
- Learn about the [solutions](#).
- Take action, by contacting your legislators or writing letters to the editor.

### BRANCH ACTIONS TO SUPPORT REDISTRICTING REFORM

- Publish an article in our branch newsletter.
- Make Redistricting Reform a Public Policy priority for our branch.
- Hold a public event: “Draw the Lines” on 05/14/2019 with Fair Districts PA Speaker Suzanne Broughton and Draw the Lines Speaker Rachael Colker.

**REMEMBER: WEAR RED ON 04/10/2019 FOR EQUAL PAY DAY.  
WE WILL HAVE A TABLE AT LAROCHE.**

Cora Koller

## 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