

AAUW VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch

June President's Message



It's hard to believe that the 2018-2019 year is almost over. We have accomplished a great deal as a branch during this year. I would like to express my gratitude to each and every member of our branch for your participation and support in our many varied activities. This year's board members worked to ensure you had interesting and mission focused programs at our meetings. I hope that you attended and enjoyed several or all of the presentations. Also, through the

hard, tireless work of our board we have welcomed several new members to our branch family. I cannot say enough about your board members for the past year. They are dedicated, caring, persistent, professional, and the adjectives could go on. I had the privilege of being the president and working with them. What an awesome team! As we go forward, we are in lock step with the vision presented by the AAUW National and AAUW Pennsylvania organizations. One overriding message is that AAUW needs to be a real force for positive change. I encourage all members of the North Hills Pittsburgh Branch to continue to advocate for pay equity, keep Title IX in the forefront, push for Women's rights and see that girls have access to math and science. In the past year we have accomplished much but the future holds even greater successes as we work together looking forward to 2019-2020.

On May 22, 2019 fifty-one of our members enjoyed great food and fellowship at our annual dinner at Treesdale Country Club. Kudos go to Janis Kapadia for organizing a great event. Congratulations to our nine members who were recognized for their Membership Milestones during this event. New officers were installed, the recipient of the Outstanding Woman Award and Branch Member Making a Difference were also announced. Please see articles in Viewpoints for further information. Also, during the event June Maier won the free dues raffle and Linda Clautti was the winner of door prize (A bottle of wine and a gift card to Riverstone Book store).

AAUW Pennsylvania will be hosting the AAUW-PA Summer Retreat in Lewisburg, Pennsylvania on Saturday, July 27th. Anyone who is interested in attending this event should look for the agenda and registration form in this issue of Viewpoints. This is a wonderful way to find out what is happening at the state level of AAUW.

This will be our last newsletter for this fiscal year which ends in June. Though we break for the summer, some of our interest groups will continue to meet and the Board will be meeting in June to plan for the upcoming year. If you have any ideas you would like us to consider, or speakers you would like to have during one of our monthly meetings, please let us know.

Have a refreshing and wonderful summer. See you in September!!!

Debbie



October Fundraiser - Saturday, October 5, 2019 "For the Love of Books."

We are getting ready for another successful fund raiser. Once again, at our fund raiser, we will have Silent Auctions, Mystery Bags, a Book Sale and a 50/50 raffle.

What can you do to help make our fundraiser a success?

1. Donate a higher price item for our Silent Auction. This item can be a stand-alone or part of an auction package.
2. Donate your tickets to a cultural event or sports event. These can be part of a Silent Auction.
3. Ask for a donation (gift card) at businesses, restaurants or pizza places that you frequent or give a monetary gift. These can be used in the Silent Auction and/or Mystery Bags.
4. Participate by giving a donation to an interest group to which you belong. Your chair will let you know what you can donate.
5. Donate items of lesser value for the \$5 and \$10 mystery bags. This is a good time to re-gift. (See Sylvia Lynn or June Maier for information)
Donations can include:
 - jewelry, soaps and lotions, scarves, and decorative items.
 - food items such as coffee or tea items, or candy,
 - gift cards for \$5, \$10, or \$15 or lottery tickets.
6. Donate fiction or non-fiction books that are in good condition for our book sale. Books will be sold for \$1. (See Katherine Keith or Barb Matthews for information.)
7. Mark the date on your calendar, OCTOBER 5, 2019, and plan to attend. Also, tell your friends about our event and invite them to come.

*If you have questions, email Anita Wurthner at adwurthner@verizon.net.
Please give donations to Anita, Debbie, Sylvia or June.*



Give-a-Grad-a Gift

AAUW members can give a recent graduate a free 1year national membership in AAUW at no cost. Give a free membership to anyone who has graduated in the last year, who has earned an associate, baccalaureate or higher degree, who is not currently a regular member of AAUW. AAUW e-student affiliates will automatically receive GGG upon graduation. Contact either Debbie Rosenfelder or Linda Tozier for a copy of the application form.

Support AAUW's Mission

Every gift to AAUW has an impact, but your dollars go furthest when they support funds critical to our mission. By giving to the AAUW Greatest Needs Fund or our strategic focus areas, you can make that vision a reality. A donation to the Greatest Needs Fund will help us expand our highly successful, community-based, mission driven programs, such as Start Smart and Work Smart and the National Conference for College Women Student Leaders. It will help conduct groundbreaking research, and launch innovative initiatives to help women and girls thrive.

June Calendar

Barbara Matthews

- June 11 9:30 a.m.
Morning Book Group
Home of Pauline Edison "Educated"
- June 12 6:00 p.m.
Board Dinner Meeting
Home of June Maier
- June 17 7:00 p.m.
Evening Book Group
Home of Barbara Matthews "Just Mercy"
- June 26 6:00 p.m.
Fundraiser Meeting
Home of Georgiana Likar
- June 29 6:00-8:00 p.m.
IPODS
Home of Marilyn Lanz
- Summer Lunch Bunch
See Page 4 of Viewpoints
- July 9 6:00 p.m.
Evening Book Group, Planning Meeting
Dinner At home of Bobbie Hall
NOTE DATE CHANGE

SAVE THE DATE!!!

Sunday, September 15, 2019 *The International Peace Picnic*
3-5:30 p.m. at Point Grove- North Park

September 18, 2019 Branch Meeting
6:00 p.m

October 05, 2019 Branch Fundraiser
"For The love of Books, Fall Harvest"

THE LUNCH BUNCH GOES TO BRUNCH IN JUNE, JULY, AND AUGUST, 2019.

Instead of lunch this summer, we plan to visit again some unique restaurants for breakfast/brunch. Hope you can join us!

June 19 Wednesday 10 a.m. The Lot of Edgewater Wednesday, *New age diner*
145 Allegheny Avenue, Oakmont, PA 15939
www.thelotatedgewater.com

*I've been there a few times and am never disappointed.
You will find the menu a little different but very good.*

July 19 Friday 10 a.m. Pamela's Diner *Typical breakfast food*
232 North Avenue, Pittsburgh, (Millvale) PA 15209
www.pamelasdiner.com

We have to include Pamela's when we think of breakfast in Pittsburgh.

August 13 Tuesday 10 a.m. The Bonefish Grill, *Upscale brunch*
8950 Covenant Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
www.bonefishgrill.com

Go online and check out the menu. It looks wonderful.

*Please let me know about two days before the scheduled brunch if you are going -
adwurthner@verizon.net or 412-486-5161. Feel free to ask a friend or family member. Carpooling
can be available.*

Finance Report May, 2019 Betty Kroniser

	Checking:	Savings:	
Beginning Balance	\$ 10,784.71	Beginning Balance	\$ 4,831.82
Deposits	2,910.00	Interest Earned	.21
Expenses	3,064.17		
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Ending Balance	\$ 10,630.54	Ending Balance	\$ 4,832.03

THE AAUW DIRECTORY 2019-2020

Debbie Rosenfelder has started to work on next year's directory. Please take a moment to look at your information to make sure that your name is spelled correctly as well as the address, email and phone numbers. If it is not please let Debbie know. If there has been a change in your information please let Debbie know.

412-916 9073 or rosenfelderd@verizon.net

Direct to Branch Members!

News from AAUW Pennsylvania will now be delivered to your inbox. It is important for all AAUW members in Pennsylvania to be informed and invited to engage in accomplishing AAUW Pennsylvania goals and supporting the AAUW strategic plan.

From time to time, emails will come to you directly from aauwpainfo@gmail.com. Direct communication to branch members is intended to supplement your branch's communication. We will send an email to:

- Distribute the Keystoner, AAUW Pennsylvania's newsletter four times a year, beginning with the June issue.
- Provide AAUW Pennsylvania meeting information and registration. First up is the 2019 Summer Retreat on July 27.
- Share information about AAUW Pennsylvania initiatives needing member attention.

You may have to "train" your email not to consider emails from aauwpainfo@gmail.com as SPAM or Junk. Of course, you may unsubscribe (see footer). And, if you change your email address, make sure you update your contact information by logging into MSD (Member Services Database) at www.aauw.org or sending an email to connect@aauw.org.

Membership

*By now, ALL AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch members should have received an email from National, subject - **AAUW Membership Renewal Notice** that will instruct you on 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.*

Please remember to renew your membership by **July 1, 2019**. Your check in the amount of \$100.00 (Includes \$59 National dues, \$31 Branch dues, \$10 State dues) should be made payable to: **AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh**.

*If, for any reason, you are unable to complete the dues renewal online, you may send your check for \$100.00 to **Betty Kroniser, Finance Officer, 920 Camelot Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237.***

Thanks so much for your cooperation!

Betty Kroniser, Finance Officer and Janis Kapadia, VP of Membership

AAUW North Hills Branch Public Policy Activities and Achievements in 2018-2019 Cora Koller

Thank you to our president Debbie Rosenfelder, the Board and our Members for supporting so many public policy initiatives this year. We had at least one activity for most categories we are asked to report on to the State. We had a variety of individual, small group, chapter wide and community events! The report includes all activities known to our Public Policy Chair as of June 1, 2019. If you know of activities that were not described, please let Cora Koller know so she can update the report.

Legislative	1-Oct	Women in Politics: A panel of local politicians shared their experiences, perspectives and strategies as female candidates running for election to the Pennsylvania state legislature.
STEM	13-Oct	North Hills Branch Members volunteered at the Discover STEM event sponsored by La Roche College.
Coalition Building	14-Nov	6 Board Members attended the 40th anniversary celebration for Crisis Center North, a non-profit domestic violence victim services provider founded by several AAUW North Hills Branch members in 1978. Branch member Annabelle Few was honored and shared the agency's early history with participants. The branch made a donation to the Center.
Title IX	30-Jan	Several AAUW North Hills branch members submitted comments to the US Dept. of Education regarding the impact of proposed Changes to the Title IX regulations.
Coalition Building	21-Jan	Branch members volunteered for and attended the Martin Luther King Jr. annual unity breakfast
Other	2-Feb	The 6-week series of Great Decisions forums began today. Each session included a video, a guest speaker, discussion and optional readings. Approximately 50 community members attended each session, and many attended all sessions. AAUW North Hills Branch provided financial support for the series and members volunteered to plan, host and moderate each session.
Start Smart/ Work Smart	28-Feb	3 AAUW North Hills Branch board members met with Crisis Center North's economic empowerment advocate re: using the Start Smart/Work Smart program to empower victims of domestic violence seeking employment opportunities.
Other	23-Mar	Presentation of Gateway to Equity Award to Crisis Center North, Exec. Dir. Grace Coleman an support dog Penny
Title IX	23-Mar	Understanding Title IX presentation by Janet Hill, from the United Steelworkers
Title IX	30-Mar	3 Branch board members attended the AAUW regional meeting in Clarion Pa.

Equal Pay	10-Apr	6 Branch Members provided an information table at LaRoche University for Equal Pay Day; encouraging 35 students and faculty to use the Start Smart/Work Smart programs to develop salary negotiation skills and develop professional networks through AAUW membership.
Equal Pay	27-Apr	Presentation to AAUW Branch Members by a local attorney on the topic of Understanding Protection from Abuse (PFA)Orders.
Redistricting Reform	14-May	AAUW North Hills Branch sponsored a Drawing the Lines event that featured 2 speakers and a small group discussion/activity to identify values and goals that shape how voting district boundaries are created. 50 community members participated.
Education	22-May	Stories to share with Pa School Works about the local effects of cuts to the statewide education budget were collected during table conversations at the AAUW North Hills Branch's annual dinner.
Legislative	Ongoing	AAUW North Hills Branch's Public Policy Chair regularly participates in the AAUW statewide quarterly public policy phone calls and the Pa. Coalition Against Domestic Violence's statewide monthly public policy/legislative action committee phone calls.
Other	Monthly	AAUW North Hills Branch's monthly newsletter regularly includes public policy articles to inform members about public policy issues that are important to the AAUW, Pennsylvania, and the United States. Opportunities for members to become involved in addressing these issues are offered.

AD BOOKLET

As our fiscal year comes to a close at the end of June, we are of course starting to think about next year! We will be producing a Speaker Series pamphlet for the third time. It has been a helpful tool to keep track of and advertise our programs and to raise funds to support Great Decisions and our branch. Many local businesses and organizations have kindly placed ads to inform us of their services and to support our organization and its mission.

Please note that we will be collecting ads much earlier this year to simplify late fall production of the pamphlet. Watch for an email later this summer with details.

Katherine Keith
Speaker Series Pamphlet Fundraiser Co-Chair Booklet

Katherine is looking for someone to help her with this project. Please let her know if you are interested.

2019 Summer Retreat

Saturday, July 27, 10:00am to 3:00 pm

\$25 per person (includes lunch)

Best Western Plus and Country Cupboard Inn, Lewisburg, PA.

It's All About the Mission

Explore how members and branches are supporting the
AAUW strategic plan Informal Meet and greet with AAUW

PA Board Friday night at 6:30 pm with Pizza

Registration \$25.00 (We eliminated first two free registrations due to administrative complications.)

Attendance is open to all members.

This event, when held every year, was for leadership development. Since we are not having a state convention every year, this becomes the only state meeting therefore it is important that all members have the opportunity to attend.

We can car pool for those interested in attending. Please contact Debbie Rosenfelder for information and

IPOD Hosted by Rick and Linda Joy



Gerrymandering 101 Event Summary

On May 14, 2019 the North Hills Pittsburgh Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) collaborating with Draw the Lines and Fair Districts PA organized a community program concerning gerrymandering to educate the North Hills Pittsburgh voters on why redistricting reform is important. This event’s goal was to raise the public’s awareness of the importance of redistricting reform.

The event garnered 46 attendees along with our six volunteers. One local McCandless township elected official, Kimberly Zachary, was able to attend. Local District State officials were sent invitations but were not able to attend as they were in session. The North Hills Pittsburgh Branch had a table where attendees were able to interact with branch members and learn about our branch.

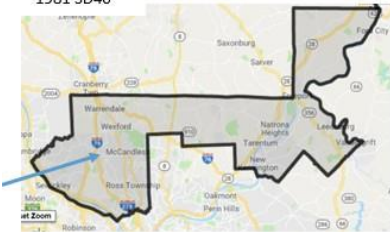
Our organization has received positive feedback from both Draw the lines and Fair Districts PA with Fair Districts PA expressing a desire to work with us in the future. This event was a great success and enhanced our presence throughout the community.

SPEAKERS:

Susan Broughton of Fair Districts PA
Rachel Colker, Western PA Coordinator of Draw the Lines PA



1981 SD40

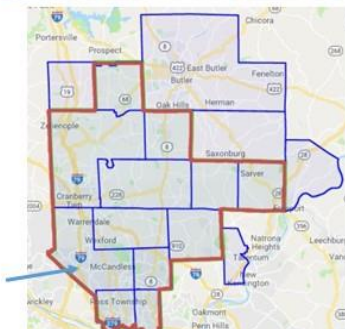


1991 SD40



2001 SD40**

- Divided 6 of 11 School Districts:
- 1 Seneca Valley
- 2 Shaler Area
- 3 Deer Lakes
- 4 Freeport Area
- 5 Butler Area
- 6 South Butler



2012* SD38**



Annual Dinner and Awards - Treedale CC

Fifty-one members enjoyed a relaxing evening of good food and fellowship at the annual May dinner. Congratulations to our nine members who were recognized for their Membership Milestones. During the gala Linda Tozier installed our new officers and the Outstanding Woman Award was presented to Deborah Rosenfelder and the Branch Member Making a Difference was presented to Betty Kroniser.



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, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

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