

# AAUW VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch

## Presidents Message



Let's celebrate the gorgeous **month of May!** The Sun is warming, the birds are chirping, the flowers are blooming, and the garden is growing. May contains many days that we celebrate. I have listed just a few of these significant days.

- May Day, the first of May is celebrated around the world. It has a number of meanings. In many countries it is a celebration of spring and the coming of summer.
- National Nurses Week, and a number of specific Nurses Days during the first week, provides recognition to nurses for their contributions and commitment to quality health care.
- Mother's Day is a celebration honoring the mother of the family, as well as motherhood, maternal bonds, and the influence of mothers in society.
- Memorial Day is officially celebrated on the last Monday during the month of May. Memorial Day is dedicated to service men and women who gave their lives for freedom and country. It is also a time to remember loved ones who have passed away

Our branch will also be celebrating in May, with our Annual Dinner on May 22nd. During this dinner we will be installing our officers for 2019/2020: President-Deborah Rosenfelder, Program VP-Kelly Clouser, Secretary Marilyn Loichinger for a two-year term. This meeting provides a wonderful opportunity to catch up with old friends and make new friends during the social time prior to the meeting. We will also recognize our Membership Milestone Awards, Outstanding Women Award and Branch Member Making a Difference Award.

As this year comes to an end, I want to thank each of our members for their support during the year. There are opportunities available for members to serve on next year's board. Please contact me if you are interested.

Lastly, we will have our joint board meeting on June 12<sup>th</sup> at 6 pm at Janis Kapadia's house. If you are interested in joining and/or continuing to be on our board and helping us with our next year's programming and activities, please let me know.

*Debbie*

## MAY CALANDAR

May 8, Program Planning Meeting, 5:30 p.m.  
Panera's at Cumberland Crossing

May 14, Morning Book Group, 9:30 a.m.  
Home of Debbie Rosenfelder  
"Carnegie's Maid"

May 14, Draw the Lines 7:00-9:00 p.m.  
Gerrymandering 101  
La Roche University – Ryan Room

May 16, Lunch Bunch, 12:30 p.m.  
424 Walnut, Sewickley, PA

May 20, Evening Book Group 7:00 p.m.  
Home of Maripat Kwaczala  
"The Blues Walked In"

May 22, Annual Dinner, 6:30 p.m.  
Treesdale Country Club

May 25 , IPODS, 6:00 - 8:00 p.m.  
Home of Linda and Rick Joy

### SAVE THIS DATE FOR UPCOMING EVENT

October 05, 2019, Branch Fundraiser  
"For the Love of Books, Fall Harvest"

*Submitted by Barbara Matthews*

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### Finance Report April, 2019 Betty Kroniser

	Checking:		Savings:
Beginning Balance	\$ 9,219.92	Beginning Balance	\$ 4,831.62
Deposits	2,159.00	Interest Earned	.20
Expenses	594.21		
Ending Balance	\$10,784.71	Ending Balance	\$ 4,831.82

## Equal Pay Day Event

On April 10<sup>th</sup> we hosted a very successful tabling event in the College Center Square to recognize equal pay day. AAUW Information was provided to students and faculty about the Gender Pay Gap.

Pictured Cora Keller, Sylvia Lynn, Debbie Rosenfelder, Linda Tozier



## April Lunch Bunch

12 branch members met at the Federal Gallery restaurant, a food hall located in Pittsburgh's North Shore and is the launch pad for the most noteworthy new restaurant concepts in Pittsburgh...



## Member Services Database (MSD)

The AAUW Member Services Database (MSD) is your online access to AAUW's national database records. The MSD makes it faster and easier to control the accuracy of the membership records. Individual Members can use the MSD to update their member record and contact information. Please take a minute to confirm your information is correct. Information from this data base is used for the Directory

LOGIN HERE: <https://www.aauw.org/login/>



May 21, 2019 is primary elections day. This year's election is one that is considered an off-year election. We will elect Pennsylvania judges and the local offices of county commissioner, borough supervisor and school board. It is not easy to get people to the polls, even though those elected will have a much bigger impact on the average person's life than those running for national office. These candidates decide on taxes and other issues that can directly affect the local economy.

## State or National Information

### AAUW National Election

Voting opened on April 1 for this vote, members are asked to vote on amendments to the Public Policy Priorities, in addition to electing members to the national board of directors. No amendments to the AAUW bylaws have been proposed by the Governance Committee or AAUW Board of Directors for the 2019 vote. Voting closes at 6:00 p.m. ET on Tuesday, May 14, 2019.

<https://ww2.aauw.org/omov2019/>

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### Introducing aauwpainfo@gmail.com

AAUW National and PA State are planning direct communication to members. This is intended to supplement your standard branch communication. Beginning in May, members will receive emails from aauwpainfo@gmail.com to:

- Distributing the Keystoner (beginning with the June issue)
  - Provide AAUW Pennsylvania meeting information and registration
  - Share information about Pennsylvania initiatives needing member attention
- The email addresses they will use will come from the MSD
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## 2019 Summer Retreat

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

\$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*

### New this year. . .

- Informal **meet and greet** with AAUW Pennsylvania Board on Friday night at 6:30 with pizza. Optional and free. Thought would be nice for those who arrive Friday night.
- **Everyone pays \$25 registration.** We eliminated first two registrations free because of administration complications.
- **Attendance is open to all members.** This event, when held every year, was for leadership. Since we are not having a state convention every year, this becomes the only state meeting. So, it is important that all members have an opportunity to attend.

**We can car pool for those interested in going Please let Debbie Rosenfelder know if you are planning to go and would like to car pool,**

**Annual May Dinner Wednesday, May 22, 2019  
Treesdale Golf & Country Club**

**6:30 PM: Social & Cash Bar 7:00 PM: Dinner  
7:45 PM: Program**

Menu Choices

Please choose an entrée and either write your choice on your check or print this page and circle your choice. Checks are due to Janis Kapadia **by May 8, 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 a 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 2553 Glenwood Drive  
Wexford, PA 15090  
724-935-7507

[jkapadia@consolidated.net](mailto:jkapadia@consolidated.net)

**2019 Milestone Achievers**

**35 Years:** Deborah Hackney, Alice Moore, Joyce Ruzanic

**15 Years:** Rita Hohman

**10 Years:** Julie Makuta

**5 Years:** Shirley McIlvried, Lauren Ley, Rita Martin

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**Promote the FREE online AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation course**

AAUW received a \$500,000 grant from Coca-Cola for Work Smart. Renewal is contingent upon meeting a registration threshold by August.

<https://salary.aauw.org/>

Katherine Keith has made a flyer to promote this event.

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## ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ALERT!!

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.

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 drawing will take place at our annual dinner meeting on **Wednesday, May 22, 2019 at Treedale Golf and Country Club.**

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!

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

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## NCCWSL AAUW-PA GRANT WINNERS NAMED

Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch Co- College/University Liaison

AAUW-PA funded and awarded four grants this year and was able to award an additional four scholarships through funding of the Pittsburgh Branch, Pat Byerly, Allentown Branch, and the Bethlehem Branch. It would be great if our branch funded a scholarship for 2019-2020 for a La Roche SO member.

Two La Roche University Student Organization members applied and were selected to receive a grant. This annual conference, which will take place May 29-June 1, 2019 at the University of Maryland in College Park, focuses on building leadership skills and career development. The recipients are Alaya Rhymer a senior majoring in Chemistry & Sociology and Seirra Anderson, a senior majoring in Criminal Justice & Psychology.

We are proud of the leadership these students have shown as well as our other senior Alyssa Rhymer. We wish all three the best on their commencement on May 11, 2019.



## 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](mailto:adwurthner@verizon.net). Please give donations to Anita, Debbie, Sylvia or June.*

## Public Policy

Cora Koller

AAUW believes that global interdependence requires national and international policies against human trafficking that promote peace, justice, human rights, sustainable development, and mutual security for all people. In recent months, many of us have seen or read national news stories describing children, teenagers and adults migrating to the United States as victims of human traffickers.

According to the United Nations, human trafficking (like gun trafficking and drug trafficking is a fast-growing, global industry. There are 20.9 million victims of human trafficking world-wide. In the United States, 25,696 victims in all 50 states and Washington DC have been identified since 2007. 41% of sex trafficking victims and 20% of labor trafficking victims are American citizens. 71% are women and girls. 72% of female victims are victims of sex trafficking. The costly emotional, financial, legal, mental, physical, sexual and social effects on victims, families and communities can last a lifetime. Yet, this crime consistently undetected and unreported due to its covert nature, low community awareness, lack of law enforcement, limited resources for victim recovery, and social blaming of victims.

Human services, law enforcement, health care, education or faith-based professionals in Western Pennsylvania are likely to encounter trafficking victims. So are individuals who enjoy manicures or pedicures, massages, restaurant meals or hotel stays. In addition, adolescent family members, students or neighbors may be targeted on-line or in-person by a trafficker.

This article is intended to raise awareness of this crime; and its multi-faceted impacts on individual victims, families and communities.

According to the *Trafficking Victims Protection Act*, the crime of human trafficking involves exploitation of someone for the purpose of compelled labor or a commercial sex act through the use of force, fraud or coercion.

*Act 22 United States Code Section 7102* further defines sex trafficking as recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision, obtaining, patronizing or soliciting of a person for the purposes of a commercial sex act, induced by force, fraud or coercion, or in which the person induced to perform such as act has not attained the age of 18 years of age.

*22 United States Code Section 7102* defines the crime of labor trafficking as the recruitment, harboring, transportation, provision or obtaining of a person for labor or services, through the use of force, fraud, or coercion for the purpose of subjection to involuntary servitude, peonage, debt bondage or slavery.

Federal law also authorizes invaluable specialist services for survivors of human trafficking, grants prosecutors new tools to go after traffickers for exploiting others, and enhances partnerships with priority countries to protect children and prevent child trafficking. The *Justice for Victims of Human Trafficking Act* aims to end the demand for illegal trade and support survivors. In addition, the federal Department of Homeland Security's Blue Campaign strives to bring those who exploit human lives to justice.

In addition to the federal statutes, state statutes are needed to address protection of victims, prosecution of traffickers and customers, and prevention. Protection for victims must include provisions that cover safe harbor, victim assistance, civil remedies, the ability to vacate convictions for survivors, and strict hotline posting requirements.

Further information and help addressing individual trafficking situations is available by calling the National Human Trafficking Hotline at 1-888-373-7888. This hotline is a national 24-hour.



**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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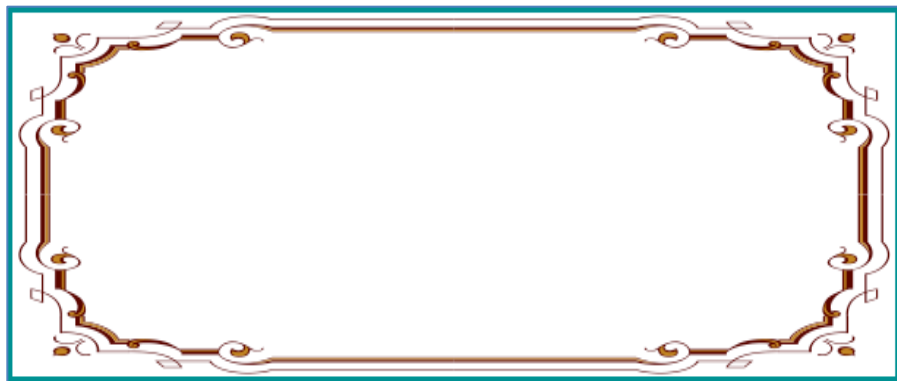
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## Viewpoints

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Because **Equity** is still an issue