



VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch

September President's Updates:

Welcome back for the 2019-2020 year! I hope that each of you enjoyed a summer filled with relaxation, new experiences, family and friends.

It is going to be a very exciting year for our branch as we have a multitude of activities planned for the upcoming year.

Our fundraising committee has been hard at work this summer planning for this year's fall event, "For the Love of Books-Fall Harvest". We have three dynamic authors that will speak at this year's event. *Don't forget to register and bring a friend or two.*

During the summer, three of our members, Cora Koller, Janis Kapadia and Debbie Rosenfelder, attended several different events promoting the **On Line Work Smart Program**.

Programming for this year will focus on our mission and should prove to be thought provoking and entertaining, so please come to our branch meetings. At the September meeting there will be time to reconnect with one another while enjoying our fun filled program. During the program we will take time to honor our La Roche Scholarship recipient. The budget for 2019-2020 will be presented at the September meeting for membership approval.

There have been changes that have occurred at the national level and these changes will also be discussed at our September meeting.

This year as in the past we will be selling greens for holiday decorating. It has been suggested that if you are unable to use fresh pine decorations you might consider making a donation as money from the green's sale is used to support our scholarship program.

We have had several new members join our association following our August "Meet and Greet" social and I would like to personally welcome them to our branch. I would also personally like to invite them to the September meeting where we can introduce them to the branch.

The 2019-2020 AAUW Branch Directory has been completed. The directories will be distributed to members at the September meeting. In addition, our branch web site has been updated. Please take a few minutes to view your website for updated information.

I look forward to working with each member of the branch and seeing each of you take full advantage of your membership by being engaged and participating in our varied programs and activities.

Debbie

SEPTEMBER PROGRAM

Title: It's all About the Mission and Our Legacy

Wednesday, SEPTEMBER 18

Location: Ryan Room,
La Roche University

AAUW: Where we've been and where we're going! This year, our programs will focus on AAUW's core mission and its legacy. We will kick off our year with a social, interactive dialogue, and a fun event. We will also award the Sister Matilda Scholarship.

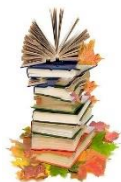
6:30 P.M. Refreshments and Social Time

7:00 P.M. Sister Matilda, Kick off and Meeting

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

The AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch is pleased to announce our second annual visiting authors event, "For the Love of Books Fall Harvest."

Three talented female authors will discuss their books and answer questions during a panel presentation: Madhu Bazaz Wangu, Sydelle Pearl and Paula Reid Ward.



- **Cost:** The cost of \$40 includes entrance to the event, light refreshments when you arrive, authors' presentations, and lunch.
- **Location:** La Roche University, 9000 Babcock Blvd, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 (Zappala Center)
- **Registration:** Registration and your check for \$40 must be received by September 27. Please make your check payable to **AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh** and send to Betty Kroniser, Financial Officer, 920 Camelot Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15237. Include your email address to receive your email confirmation.



An exciting day awaits you!

Help us reach our goal of 90 attendees!!!

Invitation from Sr. Rita Yeasted & the Literary Society

Riverstone Books and La Roche University invite you to enjoy another fine evening of scholarship.

The Lesson, a novel by Cadwell Turnbull, presented by La Roche alum and winning author of short fiction Cadwell Turnbull.

Thrilling and thought provoking, **The Lesson** is his debut novel.

**Friday, September 6, 2019
7:00 PM
La Roche University/
Campus College Square**



Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant Winner

The Sister Matilda Kelly Incentive Grant is awarded annually by our branch to a junior or senior woman currently enrolled at La Roche University. This is part of our branch's effort to encourage women to complete their undergraduate education. The grant this year is for \$2000.

The 2019 winner is **Addis Miller**. Addis is currently a senior at La Roche and is majoring in Psychology. Come to the September branch meeting and meet our winner. She is looking forward to meeting the women who made this grant possible.

QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 10 – 9:30 a.m.,
Contact Morning Book Group at
the home of Marilyn Lanz.
“The Overstory”

SEPTEMBER 11 – 6:00 p.m.,
Fundraiser meeting at the home
of Anita Wurthner

SEPTEMBER 13 – 12:30 p.m.,
Lunch Bunch, Andora
Restaurant, 599 Dorseyville Rd.

SEPTEMBER 15 – 3:00-6:00 p.m.,
Peace Picnic, Point Grove, North
Park

SEPTEMBER 16 – 7:00 p.m.,
Evening Book Group at the
home of Anita Wurthner (Club
House) “The Great Alone”

SEPTEMBER 18 – 6:30 p.m.,
Branch Meeting, Ryan Room,
LaRoche University

SEPTEMBER 21 – 5:30 p.m.,
IPODS at the home of Barbara
and David Matthews (NOTE
TIME CHANGE)

OCTOBER 3 – 6:00 p.m.,
Board Meeting, Wright
Library, LaRoche University

OCTOBER 5 – 10:00 a.m.,
FOR THE LOVE OF BOOKS
fundraiser, LaRoche
University

BOOKERS OF THE EVENING BOOK LIST 2019-2020

Meetings begin at 7:00PM. Please inform the hostess if you are coming. All Branch members are welcome to attend! Questions? Maripat Kwaczala

Sept. 16th *The Great Alone* by Kristin Hannah

Facilitator: Betty Kroniser

Host: Anita Wurther/Betty Kroniser (Anita's Clubhouse)

Oct. 16th *Eleanor Oliphant is Completely Fine* by Gail Honeyman

Facilitator: Maripat Kwaczala Host: Ann Carlson

Nov. 18th *Becoming* by Michele Obama

Facilitator: Katherine Keith Host: Sina Murphy

Dec. 16th *The Moment of Lift* by Melinda Gates

Facilitator: Sina Murphy Host: Peggy Schmeidecke

Feb. 17th *Warlight* by Michael Ondaatje

Facilitator: Chris Ley Host: Linda Loewer

March 16th *Book Woman of Troublesome Creek* by Kim Michelle

Richardson; Facilitator: Judy Dillon Host: Cindy Stewart

April 20th *Lost Children Archive* by Valeria Luiselli

Facilitator: Francie Cech Host: Jane Depee

May 18th *Leadership in Turbulent Times* by Doris Kearn Goodwin

Facilitator and Host: Debbie Rosenfelder

June 15th *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens

Facilitator: Linda Loewer Host: Barbara Matthews

July 20th Planning Dinner Host: TBA

Speakers Series Pamphlet Request

A toolkit was emailed to all branch members to help with soliciting advertising in our Speaker Series Pamphlet. Much of this money comes from outside our branch and introduces us and our activities to new people. Please consider asking a business you patronize to advertise with us!

Thanks,
Katherine Keith

AAUW Tuesday Morning Book Group 2019 - 2020

Date	Reviewer	Book & Author	Hostess
September 10, 2019	Fran Bogos	<u>The Overstory</u> by Richard Powers	Marilyn Lanz
October 8, 2019	Mary Ann Betush	<u>Where the Crawdads Sing</u> by Delia Owens	Mary Ann Betush
November 12, 2019	Jan Peischl & Marilyn Loichinger	<u>Wordwings</u> by Sydelle Pearl	Sandy Brown
December 9, 2019	Deborah Hackney & Linda Joy	<u>Less</u> by Andrew Greer	Mary Eury
January 14, 2020	Sandy Brown	<u>The Blues Walked In</u> by Kathleen George	Linda Joy
February 11, 2020	Judy Sparlin	<u>The Orphan Master's Son</u> by Adam Johnson	Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church
March 10, 2020	Karin Jackson	<u>The White Darkness</u> by David Grann	Jan Peischl
April 14, 2020	Planning Meeting	Planning Meeting & Luncheon	Donna Martin
May 12, 2020	Debbie Rosenfelder	<u>Leadership in Turbulent Times</u> by Doris Kearns Goodwin	Debbie Rosenfelder
June 9, 2020	Janis Kapadia	<u>The Last Romantics</u> by Tara Conklin	Pauline Edison

**Summer Retreat!**

Summer Retreat was held Saturday, July 27. The theme of the event was It's All About the Mission. This interactive meeting explored how members and branches are supporting the AAUW Strategic Plan.

This was the only AAUW Pennsylvania state meeting scheduled in 2019. Attendees learned about changes at national level and state wide programs that will be upcoming for the 2019-2020 year. Four members for our branch were in attendance.

Meet and Greet at the Walnut Grill Wexford, August 14, 2019

Our branch hosted appetizers and soft drinks for invited guests, members, and officers. All new members from the past year were included along with six prospective members. This year, we tried something different by inviting any existing member to the social who recruited a new member! Three, new members joined at the August event: Katie Horigan, Kathy Batykefer, and Chris Molnar. Please extend a warm welcome to these ladies! Submitted by Janis Kapadia



**LUNCH GROUP SCHEDULE
2019-2020**

Please join our Lunch Bunch this year as we explore new and varied cuisines in the Pittsburgh area. All lunches are at 12:30 pm., unless noted.

September 13, 2019 Friday	Andora - American restaurant (Fox Chapel) 599 Dorseyville Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15238 andorarestaurant.com 412-967-1900
October 25, 2019 Friday	The Church Brew Works , American 3525 Liberty Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15201 (Lawrenceville), churchbrew.com 412-688-8200
November 15, 2019 Friday	Bella Frutteta - Franklin Village 2602 Brandt School Rd, Wexford, PA 15090 places.singleplatform.com, 724-940-7777
December 14, 2019 Saturday	Fresco's - Christmas Party 10545 Perry Highway, Wexford, PA 15090 places.singleplatform.com
January 17, 2020 Friday	Hartwood Cafe 3400 Harts Run Road, Pittsburgh, PA 412-767-3500
February 12, 2020 Wednesday	Rico's Restaurant - Italian One Rico Lane, Pittsburgh, PA 15237 412-931-1989 ricopgh.com
March 20, 2020 Friday	Gaucha Parella Argentina - South American 1601 Penn Avenue, Pittsburgh, PA 15222 Strip District eat-gaucha.com 412-709-6622
April 17, 2020 Friday	Hoffstat's Cafe Monaco - Italian 523 Allegheny, Pittsburgh, PA 15139 (Oakmont) hoffstots.com places.singleplatform.com, 412-828-8555

Please let me know about two days before the scheduled lunch – adwurthner@verizon.net or 412-486-5161. Feel free to ask a friend. Carpooling can be available.



The lunch group enjoys a lunch out this summer!

Holiday Green Sales

The holidays will soon be here. We hope this year's Holiday Greens Sale will help simplify your decorating ideas and gift giving. This traditional fundraiser is the perfect opportunity to purchase quality wreaths and other greens, fresh from the Pacific Northwest. If you truly do not need or want to purchase any greenery, we encourage you to contribute to this fundraiser by sending in a donation. **ONE HUNDRED PERCENT** of the profits go to our annual LaRoche University Grant.



An order form is included in this month's Viewpoints email. Additional order forms, as well as fliers, will be available at the September Branch meeting. Note on flyer the deadline for orders is Tuesday, November 5, 2019.

You may bring your completed order form to the branch meeting or send it to Sina Murphy, 1901 Lake Marshall Drive, Gibsonia, PA 15044. Payment may be made when you pick up your order, except for Gift items. Please include payment for all Gift Items with your order. All checks should be made payable to AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh. If you have any questions, please call Sina Murphy at 724-443-9163 or email her at sinamurf@yahoo.com

Don't miss this AAUW sponsored event!
INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE FESTIVAL

WHEN: Sunday, September 15, 2019, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

WHERE: North Park, Point Grove, Lakeshore Drive (One Way Road)

WHAT: In conjunction with the United Nations International Day of Peace. Come together with people of all ages to celebrate cultures, diversity & community while promoting peace, safety & respect for all. Sample food from various cultures (Bring a favorite finger-food to share); Experience henna painting, origami, games, dancing and activities. Hear local community members speak about their experiences with conflict and peace. Listen to children's songs and special music. Participate in the moving procession of 195 UN Flags representing each country's hope for peace.

Financial Reports - Betty Kroniser

JUNE 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

CHECKING:

Beg Balance	\$10,630.54
Deposits	1,011.00
Expenses	<u>-1,501.59</u>
Ending Balance	\$10,139.95

SAVINGS:

Beg Balance	\$4,832.03
Interest Earned	<u>0.20</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,832.23

JULY 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

CHECKING:

Beg Balance	\$10,139.95
Deposits	1,015.00
Expenses	<u>-683.29</u>
Ending Balance	\$10,471.66

SAVINGS:

Beg Balance	\$4,832.23
Interest Earned	<u>0.21</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,832.44

AUGUST 2019 FINANCIAL REPORT

CHECKING:

Beg Balance	\$10,471.66
Deposits	200
Expenses	<u>-1,045.63</u>
Ending Balance	\$9,626.03

SAVINGS:

Beg Balance	\$4,832.44
Interest Earned	<u>0.21</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,832.65

IPOD Recently Hosted by Michael and Judy Sparlin



IPODS (In Place of Dinner Social)

IPODS is a group that meets monthly for a social event at a member's house. Meetings will occur on Friday, Saturday or Sunday of the scheduled month. The hostess for each event chooses the date for the event. Friday and Saturday meeting times are from 6-8 pm. Sunday times can vary. Each month will be a themed event (this is optional). This group is open to all members. If you would like to join please contact Clare Hoke at: clarehoke@zoominternet.net

REMAINING 2019 IPOD MEETING DATES

September 21, 2019 at Barbara Matthew's
 October 12, 2019 at Marcia Coleman's
 November 9, 2019 at Janette Kohr's
 December 14, 2019 at Sina Murphy's

Meetings for 2020: To Be Determined

McCandless Town Council Recognizes Our Branch

On August 26th the McCandless Town Council presented our branch a certificate of appreciation for all the hard work we do in the community. The certificate will be on display at the September meeting. Town Council President Kim Zachary presented the award.



The American Association of University Women strongly supports strengthening retirement benefits and programs, including pension improvements and protecting Social Security from privatization. The Social Security system is more than just a retirement program. It is one of the most successful anti-poverty programs in our nation's history. It provides benefits to children, disabled workers, surviving spouses, and retirees.

Across the career span, women who work full time earn **77 cents** on average for every dollar men earn. This gap is found throughout the economy, even when controlling for factors known to affect earnings such as education and training, occupation, parenthood, and hours worked.. As a result, women have fewer savings, lower Social Security benefits, and lower (if any) pension benefits, leaving them on an unequal retirement footing.

Many women do not have private savings to rely on. Among workers participating in an employment-based retirement plan in 2010, female wage and salary workers ages 21–64 participated in a retirement plan at a lower level than males did, and only half of all workers participated in a private plan.

Many women work in industries or occupations that do not offer 401(k)s or other defined contribution plans. For example, women are twice as likely to work on a part-time basis as men. Currently, the Social Security benefit formula cannot make up for the substantial amount of time some women are out of the workforce due to caregiving responsibilities. Women are unlikely to be able to make pension or retirement savings investments during their displacement.

Because women live longer, they depend on Social Security's guaranteed, inflation-adjusted lifetime benefits for more years than do men:

- More than half of older women would fall into poverty without Social Security
- Forty-eight percent of all non-married (divorced, widowed, or never married) women age 65 and older get 90 percent or more of their income from Social Security.
- In 2008, 23 percent of women over age 65 relied on Social Security for all their income.

Many women cobble together retirement benefits from several sources, and even then are left to rely on the benefits of their spouse, other public assistance programs, or live in poverty.

Social Security needs reform, but is not broken. The most recent Social Security trustees' report shows that the system can pay all scheduled benefits through 2033.

One possible reform is lifting the payroll tax cap, putting the wealthiest Americans on equal footing with everyone else. The Social Security Administration projects that applying the payroll tax to income above \$250,000 will extend the full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years, protecting the benefits of millions of Americans.

Another potential reform is a caregiver credit, which would give Social Security credits to men and women who step away from paid work to provide family care. This would help alleviate the resulting shortfall in Social Security benefits.

(Source AAUW National: Anne Hedgespeth AAUW Issues: Retirement
<https://www.aauw.org/what-we-do/public-policy/aauw-issues/retirement-security/>)

AAUW Student Organization at La Roche University

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW-PA C/U Liaison

Each semester La Roche holds an organization and club fair so that students can explore and learn more about them so they may in turn join something of interest. Julie Makuta, Branch C/U Chair and C/U LRU Representative reserved a table so that we could get the word out to LRU students. In addition Deb Rosenfelder, Sylvia Lynn, Linda Tozier and I assisted Julie at the AAUW SO table. Collectively we collected data for 24 students that said they wanted to get AAUW student memberships and explore joining the AAUW SO at LRU. Julie will get their data entered with National and email the students to meet and explore joining the AAUW SO.



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YWCA Greater Pittsburgh & AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Collaborate on STEM

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, Co-Chair STEM

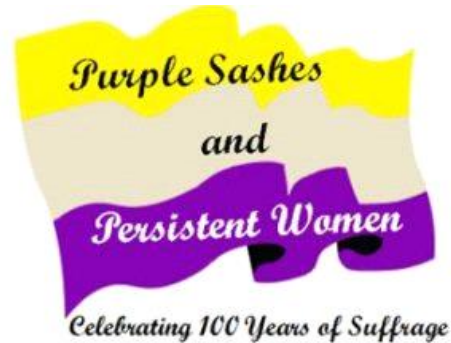
Susan Banerjee and Peggy Schmiedecke STEM Co-Chairs have established a collaboration initiative for the North Hills Pittsburgh Branch with the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh. Peggy has been in a high-level discussion with the Director of Youth Services & STEM Education since March. A meeting took place in July to explore and establish collaboration to support a YWCA STEM program. A commitment was made that we would support two of the YWCA Greater Pittsburgh Youth Services Departments Saturday Academies. These programs are designed to excites students' interest in STEM through hands-on, collaborative, and project-based learning that engage underserved middle-school girls from Pittsburgh Public School District (SD), Woodland Hills SD, Propel Schools, McKeesport Area SD and Sto-Rox SD. Expanding their appreciation, knowledge, and interests while developing in them the confidence to think about and apply STEM (science, technology, engineering, and math) in their future career choices.

Our first endeavor will be November 16, 2019 on the Carlow University Campus. Carlow is also an AAUW College/University Member. The second event that we will support will be on the La Roche Campus on February 29, 2020. Our branch is hosting the event with support from LRU. We will get assistance from the admissions office to give campus tours. Susan and Peggy will be organizing and participating in the STEM Career Café workshops at both the YWCA Programs on the Carlow and La Roche campuses. Younger students sometimes perceive that mostly men work in STEM fields. Career Café will provide the opportunity to talk to women that are currently working in STEM Careers. Other opportunities for branch volunteers at the La Roche location are under discussion. More information will be shared as it becomes available.

New Branch Grant for AAUW Student Organization at La Roche

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke, AAUW-PA C/U Liaison

The AAUW-PA Convention will be held April 24-26, 2020 at The Central Hotel and Conference Center in Harrisburg. Celebrating 100 years of suffrage, Purple Sashes and Persistent Women opens Friday night with Elaine Weiss, author of *The Women's Hour*, as keynote speaker.



The PA State Convention is the place that college women will have the opportunity to educate themselves about today's most pressing issues, develop new leadership skills while expanding on the skills in their current arsenal, and make potential lifelong connections with peers and branch members from across the state.

This year the branch board approved a budget allocation to create a branch grant application to send up to two LRU students to AAUW-PA Convention April 24-26, 2020. The grant will fund the registration fee which covers the conference registration, and most meals. It will also cover their hotel. The student would have to provide their own transportation. This is an exciting opportunity and will provide Julie Makuta, Branch C/U with a tool to assist her in developing leaders in the AAUW SO. An AAUW-PA Convention - North Hills Pittsburgh Branch Grant Application is under construction. More information will be available soon from Deb Rosenfelder regarding the timing to join the AAUW-PA Convention Grant selection committee.

Five Star Recognition Program (New initiative)

The **Five Star Recognition Program** is an opportunity for every AAUW affiliate – states, branches, chapters and student organizations – to be nationally recognized for proven levels of achievement in implementing our strategic plan goals.

- ★ **Advancement** by supporting the greatest needs fund or one of the strategic plan's focus areas;
- ★ **Communications & External Relations** by using web and social media that feature Work Smart Online;
- ★ **Programs** that align with the strategic plan;
- ★ **Public Policy & Research** by moving AAUW's Public Policy agenda forward; and
- ★ **Governance & Sustainability** by ensuring effective leadership succession and strategic plan alignment.

The Five Star program begins July 29, 2019 and ends June 30, 2020. **WE GOT THIS!!!**

The AAUW Pennsylvania Education Committee is responsible for coordinating the statewide efforts regarding K-12 and Higher Education legislation. Committee members are the Chairs of branch education committees (if exist in the branch) and any AAUW branch or national members interested in public education.

Currently our branch does not have an Educational Committee. If this is something our branch is interested in pursuing please reach out to Deborah Rosenfelder.

AAUW National Update

Entering this fiscal year, AAUW staff and Board of Directors made some Changes to the organization. The September branch meeting will discuss these changes. These changes do not impact the mission of AAUW

Promote the FREE online AAUW Work Smart salary negotiation course

Everything you need is in one place on the AAUW Pennsylvania website at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-work-smart/>. Haven't taken the course? Go to <https://salary.aauw.org/> to see for yourself how life-changing it is.

Work Smart Workshop Coming to Pittsburgh

In collaboration with the Pennsylvania Commission for Women, AAUW Pennsylvania is bringing AAUW Work Smart workshops to the working women of Pennsylvania. With the goal of reaching every corner of Pennsylvania, we are starting with a pilot of seven workshops. Beginning September 25 through December 3rd, two workshops will be presented in Harrisburg, York, and Wilkes-Barre/Scranton, and one in Pittsburgh. Plans are underway to continue in January 2020 in Erie, State College, and Philadelphia.

The work shop in Pittsburgh will be held on either Monday, December 2 or Tuesday, December 3 - TBD, Pittsburgh from 6:00 pm -- 8:00 pm



Viewpoint Articles

We encourage all of our members to submit articles to the Viewpoints. If you have something to include in our newsletter the deadline is the **First Friday of the Month**. Please send to June Maier in word format at junemaier@gmail.com.

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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