

---

# AAUW VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch

---

## August President's Message

We have seen one of the hottest summers in Pittsburgh in more ways than one. This has surely been a different and difficult time for everyone. The uncertainty of the situation is what I find most challenging.



The start of the 2020 branch year will be different from any other branch year. We will begin the year by meeting virtually.

Meetings will continue in this vein until social distancing guidelines are relaxed.

The board is trying to work on various ways to keep our branch members connected.

During the summer the board executed a survey planned to grasp the member's ideas and preferences as to their concerns for meetings. The results of this survey are posted in this Viewpoints.

During this unsettling year please share your ideas with the board as we are all in this together trying to figure out ways to stay connected.

The 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration Committee is hard at work on the 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Celebration book. Your opinions and ideas are valuable to this committee and your input and creativity can make a difference. You are worth listening to! No matter where you've come from, who you've been, or what you've done, your story is valuable. I hope you will share your story.

The AAUW National leadership and the AAUW PA governance have been hard at work during this confusing time. Information concerning the national and state leadership can be viewed in this extra addition of the Viewpoints.

***Debbie***

**Future Meeting Dates**

**Fri, Aug 7 04:00 PM**  
**AAUW Happy Hour**  
**ZOOM 827 1484 3487**

**Wed, Aug 12 07:00 PM**  
**AAUW Board Meeting**  
**ZOOM 834 0381 7027**

**Fri, Aug 14 10:00 AM**  
**AAUW 50<sup>th</sup> Planning Meeting**  
**ZOOM 863 3075 4963**

**Tues, Aug 18 11:00 AM**  
**AAUW Lunch Bunch**  
**Devils Grove in North Park**

**Wed, Sept 2 06:00 PM**  
**Board Meeting**  
**ZOOM TBD**

**Fri, Sept 4 04:00 PM**  
**AAUW Happy Hour**  
**ZOOM 834 1452 5714**

**Tamika Berry Recipient of Sister Matilda Scholarship Award**

The Sister Matilda Scholarship Committee consisting of Deborah Rosenfelder, Jane Depee, Linda Tozier, Sina Murphy and Sylvia Lynn selected Tamika Berry as our recipient of the Sister Matilda 2019- 2020 scholarship.

We had 13 applications to work with. Therefore, a **BIG THANK YOU** goes out to Julie Makuta and Sister Rita Yeasted for their work in encouraging the students to submit applications.

In Light of COVID 19, we sent Tamika a check for \$2000.00 along with a congratulatory letter and a certificate. We hope that she will be able to join us at our ZOOM branch meeting in September.

Tamika’s response was “Thank you so much! I am overwhelmed with joy! I cannot thank you enough!” A response like hers makes our fundraising so worthwhile.

*Submitted by Sylvia Lynn*

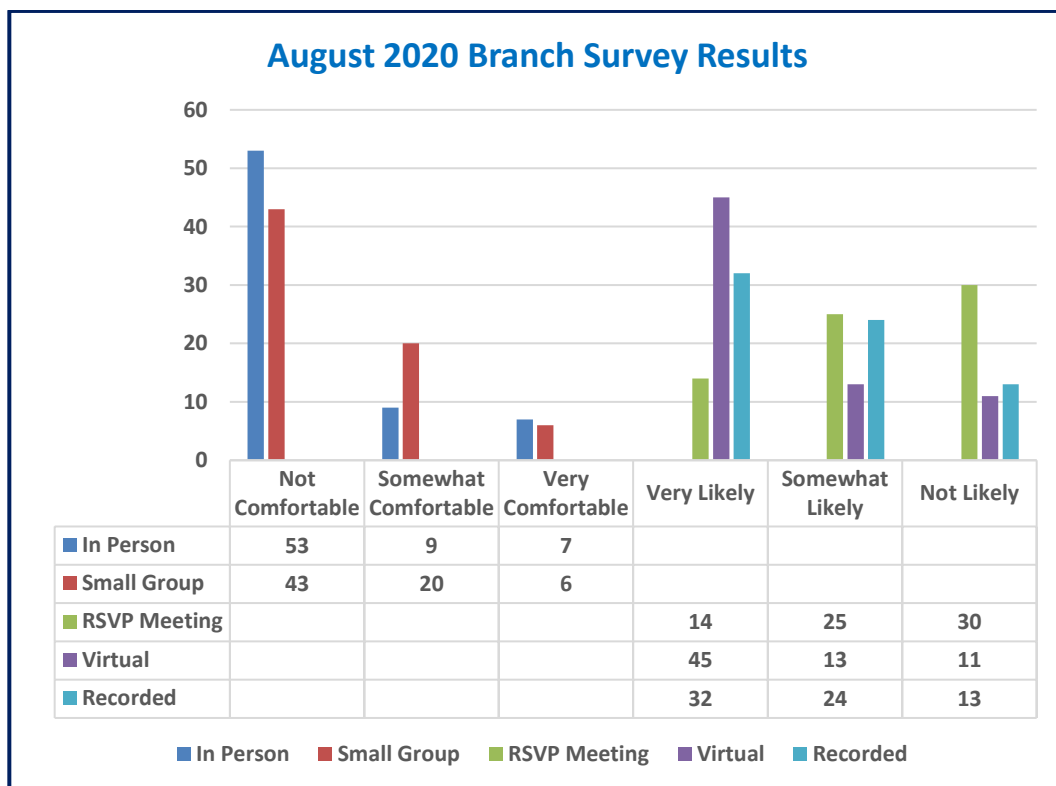
**Driveway Palooza Get Together at Ann Carlson’s**



### August 2020 Survey Results

Survey was sent to 84 members; 69 members completed the survey. Thanks to all who took the survey, and to those who volunteered to help make some phone calls and do mailings.

Members were asked: Would you be comfortable with **in-person meetings as usual**; meeting **in someone’s home in small groups**, then logging on together to a virtual meeting; attending **smaller in-person meetings** where members would be required to register to attend, wear face masks, social distance, no refreshments; attending meetings **only virtually**; viewing meetings later **if recorded**. Following are the results.



- **77% of members are not comfortable with meeting in person.**
- **62% of members are not comfortable meeting in small groups in homes.**
- **Only 20% of members are very likely to register & attend small in-person meetings.**
- **65% are very likely to attend a Virtual Branch Meeting.**
- **46% and 35% are very likely or somewhat likely respectively to watch a recorded Branch Meeting.**

For the foreseeable future, we will continue to hold branch meetings, book groups, happy hours, board meetings via Zoom Meeting. We will also investigate recording meetings for those who would watch a meeting at a later time.

Have a good idea for staying connected? Email me, or give me a call. Outdoor get togethers where social distancing, wearing masks, etc., are working well, will continue as long as weather permits.

## Going Forward

The board has been working diligently during the summer to find ways to stay connected.

We were informed in late July that rooms will not be available at La Roche University during the fall semester.

The board voted to have the remaining branch meetings be virtual until the end of 2020.

We will continue to work with La Roche for the start of 2021.

Any updates will be posted in the Viewpoints.

## AAAUW Washington Update

- AAUW joined with our partners at the Leadership Conference on Civil and Human Rights to call on Congress to address 10 key principles pertaining to the health and economic consequences of the COVID-19 pandemic in their legislative response.
- AAUW is one of 155 civil rights organizations urging immediate congressional action on voting rights.
- AAUW, the National Partnership for Women and Families, and several other allies penned an open letter to employers articulating the need for flexible and fair working conditions for parents who are striving to meet the dual demands of family and work during this crisis.

## YOUR VOICE COUNTS

There's no better way to increase the power of women's voices in decisions that affect society and to honor the suffragists who won the fight for women's right than to vote. 100 years ago, on **August 18, 1920**, the 19<sup>th</sup> Amendment was ratified.



Why do so many people who have registered, signaling their intention to vote, not carry through? In too many cases, life gets in the way. They're busy, miss the mail-in deadline, don't know where to go, don't have transportation, don't have a babysitter, etc.

People who intend to vote are far more likely to overcome these barriers if they join a team of people, they know who all commit to voting, make a plan to vote, and are encouraged, rewarded and reminded at key points along the way.

## Your Voice Makes A Difference, Vote!!

**When Women Vote They Change the Conversation.** AAUW has materials that can be used to educate members and the community about the election issues. The 2020 Voter Issue Guide provides nonpartisan information about the policy concerns that are critical to women and their families.



## TOAST TO TENACITY™

**August 26 @ 12:00 pm - 1:30 pm**  
**Celebrate 100 years of women's**  
**Voting rights!**

**Free Event**

Join a virtual tribute to Women's Equality Day with inspiring speakers, music and a salute to the suffragists.

August 26, the day the 19th Amendment was adopted in 1920, is recognized nationwide as Women's Equality Day. To celebrate the centennial, Vision 2020 will host a hybrid virtual event of live-streaming and pre-recorded presentations, tributes and performances.

Webcasting from Independence National Historical Park in Philadelphia, Vision 2020 will host a 90-minute program that includes well-known speakers, music by the Philadelphia Orchestra and singer Meghan Cary, a visit with the Philadelphia Eagles, a ceremonial ringing of the Justice Bell\* and a nationwide toast to the tenacious suffragists whose efforts won voting rights for American women.

The webcast will be accessible online from 12 pm to 1:30 pm at [Women100.org](https://women100.org).  
<https://women100.org/events/toast-to-tenacity/>

## Black Women's Equal Pay Day

While lots of plans have been upended by Covid-19, we still have opportunities to make our voices heard. **August 13** is the day when Black women finally make what men made all last year. This is a great time to contact your legislators about pay equity.

African American women are paid 90% of what African American men are paid, but drops to 67.8% in comparison with white men.

Occupation alone doesn't explain all of the wage gap. In an occupation such as physicians and surgeons, a traditionally male, high wage occupation, Black women are paid 54 cents for every dollar paid to white men in the same field. Even in a more female dominated occupation such as customer service representative, Black women make only 75 cents for every dollar paid to a white male doing the same job.

The pay gap impacts families as well. Eighty percent of Black mothers are the sole or primary breadwinner for their households. In Pennsylvania, Black women are typically paid \$18,643 less than white men. If the wage gap was eliminated, Black women would be able to afford 23.5 more months of child care, 12.1 additional months of health insurance for employer provided insurance, and 1.3 additional years of tuition and fees for a four-year public university.

Pursuing higher education does little to help close the wage gap. Black women with a bachelor's degree are typically paid \$46,694 - a little less than what white men with only a high school degree are paid (\$46,729). Black women must earn a Master's degree to make slightly more (\$56,072) than white men with an Associate's degree (\$54,620).



### Staying Cool as a Cucumber in Quarantine

Tear up 3-4 mint leaves and place in glass  
Fill glass with ice  
Add 3 oz. Svedka Cucumber Lime Vodka  
Add 1.5 oz. lime simple syrup  
Shake hard

### When Life Gives You Lemons, You Make Lemon Drop Martinis

Fill a pint glass with ice  
Add 1.5 oz. of house-made lemon simple syrup  
Add 3oz. of preferred vodka (We use Tito's)  
Shake vigorously, 10-15 time  
Strain into sugar-rimmed martini glass

### Shirley, It Can't Be Summer Already, Can It?

Fill glass with ice  
Add 2 oz Fireball  
Add 2oz Lime Simple Syrup\*  
Add 2 oz Shirley Temple Soda (or Grenadine and Sprite)  
Garnish with lime

### Good Golly! It's a Green Zone Maggy!

Muddle 3 slices cucumber with 1 oz Lime Simple Syrup in tall glass  
Fill with ice  
Add 1 ½ oz Silver Tequila  
Add 1oz St Germaine Elderflower Liquor  
Shake vigorously, 10-15 times  
Separate glass and tin  
Before pouring drink back into glass, rim with 50/50 Salt and Pepper Mixture  
Garnish with lime

### Cosmo-Quarantini

1 ½ oz Vodka (We use Tito's)  
¾ oz Cointreau  
1 oz Cranberry Juice  
1 oz Lime Simple Syrup  
Shake vigorously with ice, 15-20 times  
Strain into martini glass, garnish with lime

### It May be Dark Now, But We'll Weather the Stormy

Fill glass with ice  
Add 2 oz Dark Rum (We used Kraken)  
Add 4-5 oz Ginger Beer  
Toss 1-2 times to mix thoroughly  
Garnish with lime

### 7 & 7 = 14 Days of Quarantine

Fill hi-ball (small) glass with ice  
Add 1 ½ oz Whiskey/Bourbon of Choice (We used Maker's Mark)  
Fill with 7up or Sprite

### Welcome to the Yellow Zone Martini

2 oz Vodka (We used Tito's)  
1 oz St Germaine's Elderflower Liquor  
Shake vigorously with ice, 15-20 times  
Can garnish with lemon twist

### We May be Going Loopy, but We've Flattened the Curve

Fill glass with ice  
Add 1 ½ oz Loopy Vodka (Three Olives)  
Add 4-5 oz Club Soda

### \*How to Make Lime Simple Syrup:

3 cups water – bring to boil  
Add 3 cups sugar  
Mix well, turn heat off  
Squeeze 3-4 limes (depending on size) into mixture  
Mix well, allow to cool



Recipes Submitted  
by Kelley Clouser



## Vote November 3, 2020

Pennsylvania law allows vote by mail without an excuse. It is not too early to apply for your mail-in or absentee ballot. Here are the steps and dates for voting this fall.

Step one - Check your registration.

**October 19:** Last day to register to vote or update your voter registration.

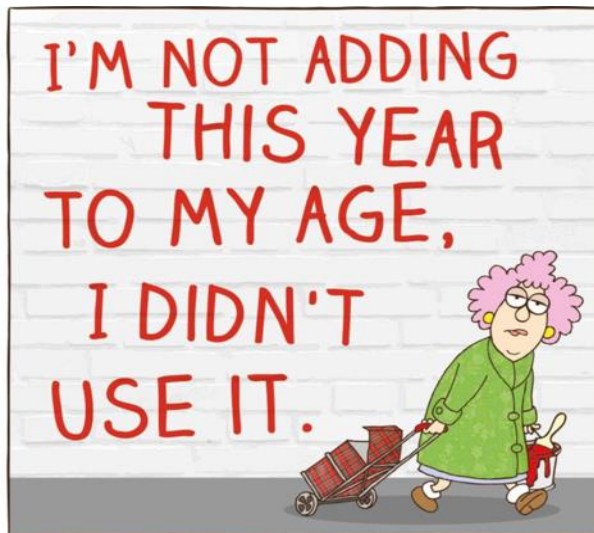
**October 27:** Last day to apply for a mail-in-ballot. However, don't wait. Do it now! Apply for mail-in or absentee ballot. **Applications must be received by your county's election office by 5:00 PM on October 27.**

**November 2:** Find your polling place. If you prefer to vote in person, be sure to check your polling place. Many were moved in the primary because of Covid-19.

**November 3, 8:00 pm is the deadline to return your voted mail-in-ballot.** Make sure your vote is counted. **VOTED BALLOTS** must be **RECEIVED** by your county election office – postmarks are not enough. Send it back in the postage paid return envelope provided as soon as you get it to avoid mail delays. Absentee ballots will not be counted unless the voter's signature on the return envelope matches their signature in the Qualified Voter File.

Go to [www.pavoterservices.pa.gov](http://www.pavoterservices.pa.gov) to:

- ✓ Check your registration: (see find voter registration status)
- ✓ Find your polling place: (see find your polling place)
- ✓ Register to vote: (see voter registration application)
- ✓ Apply for an absentee ballot: (see absentee ballot application)
- ✓ Apply for a mail-in ballot: (see mail in ballot application)



© AUNTY ACID 2020

aunty acid

### JULY 2020 FINANCIAL REPORT

#### CHECKING:

Beg Balance	\$10,590.46
Deposits	\$817.00
Expenses	<u>(\$651.43)</u>
Ending Balance	\$10,756.03

#### SAVINGS:

Beg Balance	\$4,834.22
Interest Earned	<u>\$0.08</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,834.30

## HOW TO BE AN ALLY...AND MAKE A DIFFERENCE FOR MARGINALIZED MINORITY COMMUNITIES.

*Cora Dietrich Koller, Public Policy Chair*

Marginalized communities are those who are targeted by oppression, including but not limited to: people of color, Muslims, immigrants, refugees, LGBTQ people, women and people with disabilities). An ally is someone who has privilege but chooses to stand for and with marginalized communities by taking tangible, ongoing actions to dismantle systems of oppression. Allies can:

- Listen.** Really hear what marginalized people are saying.
- Recognize.** It is not about your opinion or feelings. It's about hearing theirs.
- Be honest.** Examine your own biases and be honest about them.
- Talk with others.** Engage in open, honest, respectful conversation about difficult issues.
- Get educated.** Take responsibility for your own learning about racism and oppression. Seek out books, articles or movies, anti-oppression trainings and webinars.
- Turn off the screens.** Turn off your tablet, close your laptop, power down your flat screen. Avoid a steady diet of print, tv and online news commentary. Get to know real, complex and complicated people (including yourself).
- Get involved.** Join local groups working for social justice Seek new experiences: at a Mosque, BLM march or LGBTQ center.
- Intervene.** When someone is being targeted, intervene (but only with permission.) Call out a family member or friend who speaks or acts offensively.
- Try something new.** When a member of a marginalized community invites you to an event, go to listen, learn and show your support.
- Welcome discomfort.** When you encounter something that makes you uncomfortable, experience it, ask why, welcome the opportunity to learn & grow.
- Learn from mistakes.** You will make mistakes. When you are called out, don't be defensive. Listen, apologize and change.
- Stay engaged.** Even when the work is hard, stay involved. Oppression is constant and marginalized people don't have the privilege to "turn off."
- Donate.** Commit to donating your money, talents and time to support local social justice groups on an ongoing basis.
- Know that** You do not have all the answers... no one does.

(Sources: 10 things allies can do at [www.ywcahbg.org](http://www.ywcahbg.org); What it means to be an ally and 8 ways to do it at [www.benjerry.com](http://www.benjerry.com); Guide to Allyship [www.guidetoallyship.com](http://www.guidetoallyship.com) )



**July VIEWPOINTS Answers:**  
**“When You Can’t Get Out to Explore”**



1 Seven Tubs Nature Area, an outdoor recreational site covering **500 acres** in **Upstate PA**. **Seven Tubs**, got its name from the glacial meltwater that created potholes & filled up pools or "tubs" of water. Wilkes- Barre PA.



2 Conneaut lake park Pennsylvania. Blue Streak is a wooden roller coaster built in 1937 at **Conneaut Lake Park** in **Conneaut Lake**, Pennsylvania. It is the 17th oldest wooden roller coaster in the United States, and it is one of two shallow coasters designed by Ed Vettel and still operating.



3 Hickory Bridge Farms restaurant. A country retreat at the foothills of the Appalachian Mountains 9 miles west of Gettysburg, PA.



4 **Brush Creek Park** is located in the northeast corner of Beaver County and serves the citizens of the upper three quarters of the County and the people from the surrounding communities in Lawrence and Butler Counties. Amenities. **Brush Creek County Park** is a nature lovers dream.

**UPDATE ON THE 50<sup>TH</sup> ANNIVERSARY BOOK**

We are now up to **51** stories with **29** writers so far for the AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh 50<sup>th</sup> Anniversary Book. **That is WONDERFUL, and if you have written, THANK YOU!** There is still time for you to write your “why I joined” story if you have not already done so.

We could use more fun stories from Bridge Club, IPODs, Harvest Auctions, Fundraisers, Conventions, etc. Even if you have already written, please take a moment and write again!

**Don’t feel like writing? That’s okay. Just contact June and she will write down your remembrances for you. (412)-445-5135. [Junemaier@gmail.com](mailto:Junemaier@gmail.com).**

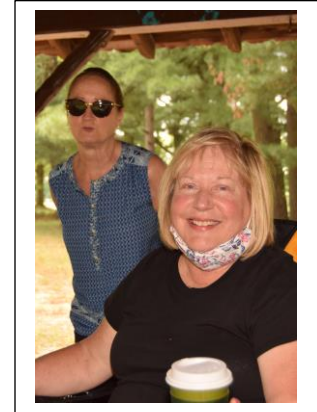
**Happy Hour – August 7**



**Join us on September 4**



### Lunch Bunch Met on July 17<sup>th</sup>



### AAUW 2020-2021 Community Action Grant Recipient



**Recipient:** YWCA Greater Pittsburgh

**Project Director:** Kate Pendlebury

**Award Year:** 2020-21

**Award:** Community Action Grant

**Location:** Pittsburgh, Pennsylvania

**Term:** One-Year

**Project Name:** STEM Education & Youth Services: LaunchPad

YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's LaunchPad serves Pittsburgh-area high-school girls. The overarching goal of YWCA Greater Pittsburgh's youth programming is to improve the representation of women, especially women of color, in historically white, male STEM areas and thus provide a route to economic stability. Programs for school-age children focus their academic content on STEM areas while also providing holistic curricula and a venue for participants to explore their experiences and develop their social consciousness.

In 2019-2020 our branch completed two STEM programs with the YWCA of Greater Pittsburgh. The program held on the La Roche University campus had a Launch Pad component. It is exciting to see that our collaboration and information sharing of national grants was acted on by the YWCA and that they received a grant

*Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke STEM Co-Chair*



The garden suggests there might be a place where we can meet nature halfway. *Michael Pollan*

To plant a garden is to believe in tomorrow. *Audrey Hepburn*

Everything that slows us down, everything that gets us back into the slow circle of nature is a help. *May Sarton*

Life isn't about waiting for the storm to pass. It's about learning to dance in the rain. *Vivian Greene*

I want to be like a sunflower: so that even on the darkest days I will stand tall and find the sunlight. *Kristen Harris*

The glory of gardening: hands in the dirt, head in the sun, heart with nature. To nurture a garden is to feed not just the body, but the soul. *Alfred Austin*

God made rainy days so gardeners can get their housework done. *Author Unknown*



Can you guess these flowers? Answers in the September Viewpoints. *Submitted by Cora Koller*

## Fundraising Challenges in The Era Of COVID-19

Due to the Corona Virus outbreak, our typical fundraising activities for this year have been put on hold.



- The fall fundraiser "For the Love of Books" has been rescheduled for October 2, 2021. All three authors have agreed to speak at the 2021 event. We had already started to collect gift cards and wine donations. We will use these in our online raffle.
- The AD booklet has been postponed until 2021. Due to the shutdown of small businesses we did not think it appropriate to ask small business for Ads this year.
- The Greens sales have been canceled for this year. With the social distancing rules in place and the fact a lot of faculty will not be on the La Roche campus full time and that the University will break in November, the sale of greens did not look promising.

We are planning to hold a raffle in the fall that will include gift cards and wine that were collected for the Love of Books fundraiser. More information will be forthcoming next month.

In January or February, we will hold a virtual lunch. We are still working on plans for this. Stay tuned.

We will post these events in the Viewpoints and send emails related to them.

We hope everyone in the branch will support these events.

**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.*

**BRANCH CONTACT INFORMATION**

President: Deborah Rosenfelder	412-916-9073 or <a href="mailto:rosenfelderd@verizon.net">rosenfelderd@verizon.net</a>
Program VP: Kelley Clouser	717-283-6344 or <a href="mailto:kelleycloueraauw@gmail.com">kelleycloueraauw@gmail.com</a>
Membership: Janis Kapadia	724-935-7507 or <a href="mailto:jkapadia@consolidated.net">jkapadia@consolidated.net</a>
Viewpoints Editor: June Maier	412-445-5135 or <a href="mailto:junemaier@gmail.com">junemaier@gmail.com</a>

Branch Website: <http://northhills-pa.aauw.net>

Branch Email: [aaunorthhillspgh@gmail.com](mailto:aaunorthhillspgh@gmail.com)

Facebook Page: AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh branch

CONNECT2AAUW: 800-326-2289 or [connect@aauw.org](mailto:connect@aauw.org)

National Website: [www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

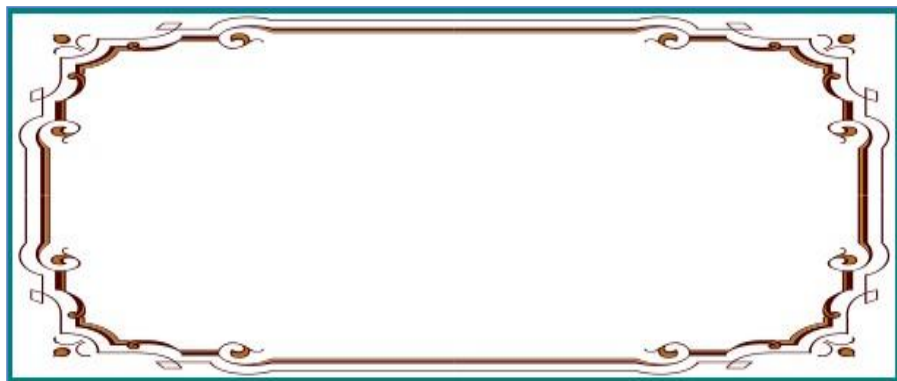
State Website: [www.aauw-pa.org](http://www.aauw-pa.org)

---

## Viewpoints

---

AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch  
Linda Tozier, Distribution Manager  
31 Oxford Court, Pittsburgh, PA 15237



**Because Equity is still an issue**