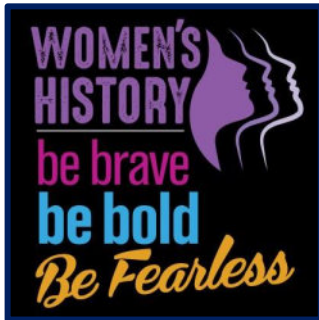


AAUW VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch



President's Message

Greetings! Is it spring yet?! I ask myself that question each morning, only to be disappointed when I look out the window and then read the weather report. If you think you've shoveled more snow than usual this winter, you're correct. According to the National Weather Service, this winter is one of the top 10 on record for the most snow thus far in the season. Oh well, I am sure spring will arrive one day soon.

We have a lot of exciting events planned for March. Check out your Viewpoints for planned events. At our Branch meeting in March, we will announce the branch Gateway to Equity Award winner (an award instituted by AAUW-PA 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.

International Women's Day is celebrated every year on **March 8th**. This special day celebrates and honors the lives of women and the challenges they face. The month of March is also **Women's History Month**, which conjures images of women in wide brimmed hats marching for voting rights in the 1800—1900s. Women's History Month has its roots as far back as March 8, 1857. This month's article entitled "March is Women's History Month" has several links to interesting articles related to women's history. I hope you take the opportunity to check some or all of them out.

We also have an exciting program planned for April. Leticia Alcaraz is a student at La Roche University currently doing an internship for The Borgen Project, an advocacy organization that is working to make global poverty a priority of US foreign policy. We will listen to a virtual discussion of this interesting project. It is always great to support women students at La Roche.

Diversity is critical to AAUW's mission. It has never been so important to get inclusion and diversity of race, gender, sexual orientation, physical disability and social differences right. The branch is planning to host several programs in the coming year related to this topic. These programs will be separate from our branch meetings. Events will be listed in upcoming Viewpoints as we plan these events. If this is something you are interested in please let a board member know. We are in the planning stages for these events.

I hope that you have been able to obtain your COVID shot(s). Many sign-up lists are now available. Let's become almost immune and hopefully return to some semblance of normal. Would it not be wonderful to converse with one another in person at a future General Meeting?

Debbie

March Zoom Meetings

AAUW March Board Meeting

Mar 3, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84266538297>

Meeting ID: 842 6653 8297 Passcode: aaup

AAUW Morning Book Group

"Little Women" by Louisa May Alcott

Mar 9, 2021 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81258120163>

Meeting ID: 812 5812 0163 Passcode: aaup

50th Celebration Meeting

Feb 12, 2021 10:00 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86850325886>

Meeting ID: 868 5032 5886 Passcode: aaup

AAUW Bookers of the Evening

"Ten Poems to Change Your Life

by Roger Housden

Mar 15, 2021 07:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85052180289>

Meeting ID: 850 5218 0289 Passcode: aaup

AAUW St.-Pi-Ides Day

Mar 16, 2021 01:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85477320028>

Meeting ID: 854 7732 0028 Passcode: aaup

AAUW March Branch Meeting

Mar 20, 2021 09:30 AM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924678457>

Meeting ID: 869 2467 8457 Passcode: aaup

AAUW April Board Meeting

Apr 7, 2021 06:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/81084981005>

Meeting ID: 810 8498 1005 Passcode: aaup



St.-Pi-Ides Day

St. Patrick's Day/Pi Day/Ides of March
"So many March holidays – so little time."

Mar 16, 2021 01:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/85477320028>

Meeting ID: 854 7732 0028 Passcode: aaup



AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch
to honor Vivian Lee Croft and Girls
Write Pittsburgh

2021 GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD

When: Saturday, March 20, 2021

Virtual Branch Meeting

<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/86924678457>

Meeting ID: 869 2467 8457 Passcode: aaup

Our gathering and social time will be from
9:30 am until 10:00 am.

Presentation of the award will occur at
10:00 am.

See next page for details on Vivian Lee
Croft and Girls Write Pittsburgh.

Vivian Lee Croft and Girls Write Pittsburgh

The AAUW-NH Branch will honor Vivian Lee Croft and Girls Write Pittsburgh with our **2021 GATEWAY TO EQUITY AWARD** at our virtual Branch Meeting on **Saturday, March 20, 2021**. Ms. Croft will speak about her own work and that of the Girls Write Pittsburgh organization. If possible, several young authors from the collaborative will share their work with us as well! We hope all North Hills Branch members will attend virtually and enjoy the speakers!

Vivian Lee Croft founded Write Pittsburgh, a creative writing collaborative and member organization of Dave Eggers' International Alliance of Youth Writing Centers, in 2016. In 2018, she adapted the Creative Nonfiction Foundation's workshop *Writing Away the Stigma* to support teen writers. Vivian is a Margaret L. Whitford Fellow at Chatham University pursuing a master's degree in Creative Writing. She was awarded 2020 residencies at Tongue River Artist Residency and Pittsburgh's City Books. She is a nonfiction writer concerned with home, memory, and trauma. Vivian edited the book, *We Are All Related*, a collection of portraits by photographer Andrea London and her writing is featured in *F(r)iction* and *Hippocampus*. Girls Write Pittsburgh inspires teen writers to create, explore, and grow through writing. It is Pittsburgh's only program designed to empower girls through the creative expression of writing, exposing them to a world of opportunity, through the craft. Write Pittsburgh is to amplify voices, empower writers, and encourage relationships that build writer agency and foster relationships that grow and strengthen community. It envisions a strong community of writers and storytellers empowered through social, emotional, and mental health learning, nurtured through creative support, uplifted by community engagement, and valued through equity and inclusion. Write Pittsburgh is a collective that serves the region through writing programs that are specifically and intentionally designed to:

- Encourage autonomy and self-direction,
- Provide accessible opportunity and access to resources,
- Build community,
- Empower writers to grow their voices,
- Encourage experimentation and self-expression in a non-judgmental atmosphere, and
- Believe in the inherent value of writing,

AAUW Webinars Have New Home

After closing 2020 with more than 30,000 webinar participants, we're excited to bring you more informative and engaging virtual events through 2021. We're also happy to share that the webinar recordings have a [new home on the website!](#) Head over to the webinar archive to catch up on past events, such as our public policy talks, virtual town hall to open membership, and a discussion about the digital divide in education.

Upcoming Online Events.

Be sure to register for the following upcoming webinar. It's a terrific way to honor Black History this February. And stay tuned to our archive page to find our Feb. 23 webinar with Dr. Koritha Mitchell, who discussed her book *From Slave Cabins to the White House: Homemade Citizenship in African American Culture*.

Thursday, March 4, 2021 | 5 p.m. ET

[In Conversation with Dr. Shanna Benjamin: Half in Shadow: The Life and Legacy of Nellie Y. McKay](#)

Tuesday, March 30, 2021 (evening time TBD)

Townhall Dot McLane, AAUW Pennsylvania Past President, will present the reasons for the bylaw change. Attendees will discuss in break out rooms with trained facilitator. Small Groups. 4 during April for persons who could not attend the March 30 Town Hall.



AAUW Pennsylvania The Fight for Fair and Safe Campuses: Title IX Past, Present, and Future

March 18, 2021

6:30 pm – 7:30 pm via Zoom

Click below to register. You will receive a confirmation email with webinar access information.

https://us02web.zoom.us/webinar/register/WN_0hMhioiWS3OaR3Ci1dKAHA

Tracey Vitchers, Executive Director of [It's On Us](#), will discuss issues related to college campus safety for women. She will touch on the DeVos legacy on Title IX and the efforts to return Title IX campus sexual assault protocols to protect the victim, not the assaulter.

[It's On Us](#) was founded in September 2014 as an initiative of the Obama-Biden White House. The program launched following recommendations from the White House Task Force to Prevent Sexual Assault that noted the importance of calling everyone into the conversation on sexual assault prevention. Over the last six years, It's On Us has grown into the nation's largest nonprofit program dedicated to college sexual assault prevention and survivor support activating students on hundreds of campuses in our awareness and education programs.

*This Webinar is the final in our series
featuring speakers from our [2020 Convention Series](#).
Peggy Schmiedecke served on the AAUW-PA Committee for this Webinar.*



AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch Anniversary Celebration Update



Our 50th Anniversary/Awards Dinner will be held on **Wednesday, June 9, 2021** at Wildwood Country Club. *(We eliminated the May 19th date.)*

Look for details and menu options in upcoming *Viewpoints*. This date will only change if there is a delay in our receiving the COVID-19 vaccine.

The AAUW 50th Memories Book

Extra copies of our Memories book are available for purchase. Contact June Maier by phone: 412-445-5135; or by email: junemaier@gmail.com, if you would like to purchase another copy or copies for the women in your life!

Checks for extra books @ \$8/copy to be made **payable to AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh**. *June will take care of getting book checks to Betty Kroniser.*

If you would like your extra book(s) sent to you, Priority Mail envelopes are \$8.55. Priority Mail checks should be made **payable to June Maier** who will take care of the mailing. *(3 books can be sent in 1 Priority Mail envelope.)* You can also pick up your book in person.



Anniversary Pin Design

50th Anniversary Pin!

Branch member and former branch President Susan Banerjee designed the beautiful cover for the 50th Memories book, and the design she used was also incorporated into a 1-inch soft enamel pin, in black and gold. The pins would be **available for members to purchase at \$5 a pin**. *See left for her design.*

Contact June Maier, junemaier@gmail.com if you would like to purchase a commemorative pin, ready for your pick up at the June 9th 50th Anniversary/ Awards Dinner.

HOWEVER, printer charges require that we need to receive **50 orders BEFORE we can even ask Susan to contact the printer to produce these pins**. Email June **by March 31st** if you are interested in purchasing a pin for \$5. We will let you know in the next *Viewpoints* if we achieved the 50 orders needed.



AAUW National and PA State will be sending direct emails to members on Time sensitive Information as it is occurring in the months of March and April

Timeline for emails from AAUW PA (aauwpainfo@gmail.com) to members

These emails will contain information about the topic, day, time, ZOOM registration link, and anything else important for members to know on the topic.

March 5 -- Announce March 18 webinar featuring Tracey Vitchers (See page 3.)

March 9 – Announce AAUW Pennsylvania Annual Meeting on April 10 – to Board and encourage members to vote in the AAUW Pennsylvania officer election **before March 31**.

March 12 – Introduce all open membership information, resources, and meetings--especially the March 30 Townhall

March 15 -- Reminder to register for the March 18 webinar featuring Tracey Vitchers

March 25 – Reminder to register for Open Membership Townhall on March 30

April 7 to May 17 -- we may send emails to inform and remind members to vote in the AAUW election

AAUW PA State Voting for State Officers

This is for Membership, Finance officer and Secretary. The Bios for Members running are posted in the [March Keystoner](#). There are three options on how to vote

- Voting Online at AAUW Pa web site
- Paper Ballots
- Voting through the March branch Zoom Meeting

AAUW National Election: Prep Your Vote by Learning the Issues

Starting April 7, AAUW members will be asked to vote to elect members to the national board of directors and on amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement. Get up to speed on the issues by reviewing the [election page on the AAUW website](#).

- Voting opens April 7th, April 16 last day to request paper ballot. Mail in Ballots need postmarked by April 30th. May 17th online voting ends.



Women's History Month is a celebration of women's contributions to history, culture and society and has been observed annually in the month of March in the United States since 1987. Women's History Month 2021 will take place from Monday, March 1-Wednesday, March 31, 2021.

Every Woman's History Month has a theme. Last year, in honor of the centennial of the passage of the 19th amendment — which prohibits the states and the federal government from denying the right to vote to citizens of the United States on the basis of sex — the theme was “Valiant Women of the Vote.” A tough act to follow; so much that organizers have decided that instead of one-upping last year's theme, [Women's History Month 2021 will continue](#) with that same concept. That's right, due to the pandemic, 2021 National Women's History Month will “capture the spirit of these challenging times... by extending the annual theme for 2021 to ‘Valiant Women of the Vote: Refusing to Be Silenced,’” the National Women's History Alliance [website](#) states.

As for the event calendar, the [National Women's History Museum](#) has two March activities you can attend virtually:

On March 8, tune in for a virtual viewing of *And She Could Be Next*, a miniseries about political leaders Stacey Abrams (GA), Rashida Tlaib (MI), Lucy McBath (GA), Veronica Escobar (TX), Maria Elena Durazo (CA), and Bushra Amiwalla (IL). To sign up, click [here](#).

On March 11, the National Portrait Gallery will look at the lives of abolitionist Sojourner Truth, American gay liberation and transgender rights activist Sylvia Rivera, and pilot Bessie Coleman for a discussion on social justice that you can register to attend [here](#).

In Memory



As we quickly approach the one-year mark since COVID-19 was declared a national emergency, our nation mourns half a million deaths lost to the pandemic. Over half a million people have died of **coronavirus in the United States**. Death Toll passed 500,000 February 23, 2021. Let's take a moment to remember the ones lost. This pandemic has touched all of our lives, some more profoundly than others.

AAUW- NH Branch Members are invited to participate in the public policy relates event described below.
Sponsors include the AAUW-NH Branch, La Roche University and Crisis Center North.

TITLE: *LOOKING AHEAD: ADDRESSING 3 SOCIAL PROBLEMS AFFECTING WOMEN IN 2021*
DATE/TIME: *Thursday, April 8, 2021 from 11:30 am to 12:30 pm.*
PLATFORM: *Live in the Ryan Room* for 18 La Roche University students, faculty and staff
Virtual via ZOOM for La Roche University students, faculty, staff and the community
FORMAT: *Panel Discussion*

TOPICS/PRESENTERS:

Women Supporting Women: Goals and Objectives for Today

Debbie Rosenfelder – AAUW-NHB President/Program Moderator

Limiting Our Livelihoods: Impact of Gender Discrimination or Sexual Harassment on Women's Careers

Peggy Schmiedecke- AAUW – PA Board, College/University Liaison

It Can Happen to Anyone: Impact of Domestic Violence/Intimate Partner Violence on Victims' Lives

Cora Dietrich Koller, Medical Advocate – Crisis Center North

Building Resilience: Nurturing Ourselves While Overcoming Life Challenges during COVID-19

Chelsea Naum, Mobile Advocate – Crisis Center North

Discussion: Sharing Experiences, Questions and Answers

Program Moderator, Panelists, Participants

Summary/Conclusions/Evaluation

Debbie Rosenfelder- AAUW-NHB President/Program Moderator

WHO SHOULD ATTEND?

La Roche University students

AAUW members

La Roche University faculty and staff

Crisis Center North staff volunteers and clients

La Roche University alumni

Community member

TO REGISTER/ OBTAIN THE ZOOM LINK, contact Cora D. Koller at ckoller@crisiscenternorth.org or (412) 491-8177

PLEASE SAVE THE DATE

OVERCOMING LIFE CHALLENGES AND BUILDING RESILIENCE: HEALTH, RELATIONSHIPS AND WELLNESS DURING THE TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND

DATE and TIME: April 21, 2021 5:00 to 6:00 pm

LOCATION: Virtual (via ZOOM)

Live (18 La Roche University students, faculty, and staff participants) in the Ryan

SPONSORS: AAUW- North Hills Branch; La Roche University; Crisis Center North

TARGET AUDIENCE:

La Roche University students

AAUW Members

La Roche University faculty and staff.

Community members

OBJECTIVES:

Participants will explore effective strategies to mindfully care for themselves and others; maintain safe, healthy relationships and boundaries; and access essential community resources and services; especially as we enter year 2 of the COVID-19 pandemic.



March 2021 Viewpoints FINANCIAL REPORT (Feb. Financials)

CHECKING:

Beg Balance	\$10,423.03
Deposits	\$551.50
Expenses	<u>(\$1,075.32)</u>
Ending Balance	\$9,899.21

SAVINGS:

Beg Balance	\$4,834.57
Interest Earned	<u>\$0.04</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,834.61

Submitted by Betty Kroniser

SPRING IS COMING!!!

By the end of the month, the
sun won't set until 5.41pm.

By the end of March it will be
7.37pm.

April: 8.30pm

May: 9.17pm

June: 9.34pm

There are brighter days ahead.

ANNUAL MEMBERSHIP RENEWAL ALERT!!

ALL AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch members will receive 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 note: The **National Membership** portion of **dues** is being increased! The **dues** will increase by **\$3 for FY 2022, \$5 for FY 2023, and \$5 for FY 2024** making the amount **\$62, \$67, and \$72, respectively.**

2021-2022: \$103 Dues = \$62 National + \$10 State + \$31 Branch

2022-2023: \$108 Dues = \$67 National + \$10 State + \$31 Branch

2023-2024: \$113 Dues = \$72 National + \$10 State + \$31 Branch

As a thank you for doing this promptly, if you pay your dues **online**, you will be entered in a drawing to receive a **\$62** rebate, which is the amount of AAUW National Dues for 2021-2022. The drawing will take place at our **June Branch meeting. The meeting will occur either in person or virtually.**

If you pay dues by May 1st, you will receive two chances; by May 15th, one chance!

If, for any reason, you are unable to complete the dues renewal online, you may send your check for **\$103** directly 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 Pittsburgh

SLATE OF OFFICERS FOR 2021-2022

The Nomination Committee of AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh is pleased to announce a slate of candidates for the offices of President, Program VP, and Secretary.

PRESIDENT: Kelley Clouser

PROGRAM VP: Peggy Schmiedecke and Georgiana Likar

SECRETARY: Judy Dillon

We are looking for a second person to co-chair the Secretary position. If any member is interested in just taking minutes for the Board meetings, please let one of the committee members know!

This slate will be listed on the April Branch meeting agenda. Members will vote for each office at the virtual, April Branch meeting on Zoom!

Many thanks to the Nomination Committee members: Betty Kroniser, Katherine Keith, Anita Wurthner, and Barbara Drozd!

Submitted by,
Janis Kapadia
Chair, Nomination Committee of 2021

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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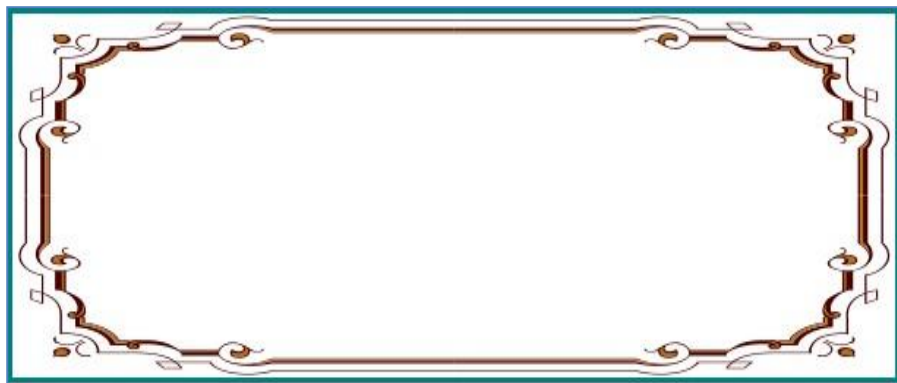
CONNECT2AAUW: 800-326-2289 or connect@aauw.org

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Viewpoints

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Because Equity is still an issue