

AAUW VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch

President's Message

Happy May and Happy Mother's Day to the incredible ladies of this branch! Once again, we will be celebrating differently this year, but the message is still the same. Whether you are a Mom, Stepmom, Grandma, Aunt, Daughter, Godmother or Furry Pet Mom, we recognize and celebrate each and every one of you!

"Just be a good person. Love who you can. Help where you can. Give what you can." – Kind Human of Life



Another month where I reflect and look at all that we have accomplished in just 30 days (A great April program and two public policy Zoom events.) Incredible!

No matter what is going on in our personal lives, we never forget others and doing what we can to make a difference. Even the smallest Effort... is more than some ever receive.

As the Pittsburgh **weather** starts warming and more members are vaccinated, we hope we will start meeting in person again.

Some members will feel more comfortable than others in getting together. Everyone needs to move at their own level of comfort.

Social group events will be listed in the *Viewpoints* as Zoom meetings. Weather permitting and comfort levels of the group will influence moving to outside areas.

The incoming elected officers have opted to be instated at the May board meeting.

The end of year dinner/50th celebration is planned for June 9th. We are looking forward to seeing many of our members that feel comfortable coming to the event. The 50th celebration committee has a fun event planned. We will continue to follow CDC guidelines (face mask and social distancing) for this event.

Shout Out Time!!! As we move toward the end of the branch year, we are updating committees and looking toward to all of our future activities and events!

Debbie

Upcoming Zoom Meetings

Topic: AAUW May Board Meeting

Time: May 5, 2021 06:00 PM Eastern Time
 (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/82819522032>
 Meeting ID: 828 1952 2032
 Passcode: aauw

**Topic: AAUW Morning Book Group
 Conjure Women** by Afia Atakora

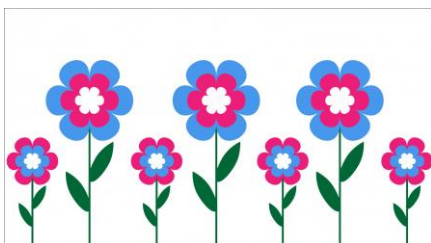
Time: May 11, 2021 09:30 AM Eastern
 Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
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**Topic: AAUW Bookers of the Evening
 Conjure Women** by Afia Atakora

Time: May 17, 2021 07:00 PM Eastern
 Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/87349376088>
 Meeting ID: 873 4937 6088
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Topic: AAUW 50th Celebration Meeting

Time: May 21, 2021 10:00 AM Eastern
 Time (US and Canada)
 Join Zoom Meeting
<https://us02web.zoom.us/j/84283509993>
 Meeting ID: 842 8350 9993
 Passcode: aauw



**April 22nd Earth Day Zoom
 Celebration
 "Restore Our Earth"**



**We enjoyed sharing how we do our
 part to restore our earth.**



**May 2021 FINANCIAL REPORT
 (April Financials)**

CHECKING	
Beg Balance	\$9,610.36
Deposits	\$602.00
Expenses	(\$920.75)
Ending Balance	\$9,291.61

SAVINGS	
Beg Balance	\$4,834.65
Interest Earned	\$0.04
Ending Balance	\$4,834.69

Submitted by Betty Kroniser

May Celebrations!!!

There are plenty of reasons to love May. It's the start of summer, flowers are blooming, and you can finally begin entertaining outdoors again. The month of May has some really fun and interesting days to celebrate. There's something official to celebrate every single day of the month. The month has also been set aside to focus on some special interests.

Weekly Celebrations.

- Nurse's Week - first full week of the month
- Teacher Appreciation Week (first full week, M-F)
- Wildflower Week - week two
- National Bike Week - third week
- National Police Week - third week of month

May

Fun excuses to celebrate this month:

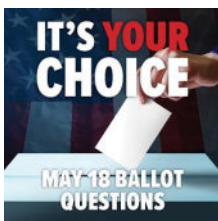
Transportation Month	16th Wear Purple for Peace Day
1st May Day	17th Pack Rat Day
2nd National Truffles Day	18th Visit Your Relatives Day
3rd Space Day	19th Circus Day
4th National Weather Observers' Day	20th Strawberry Picking Day
5th Cinco De Mayo	21st Red Cross Day
6th International No Diet Day	22nd Buy-A-Musical Instrument Day
7th National Teacher Day	23rd Penny Day
8th No Socks Day	24th Morse Code Day
9th Lost Sock Memorial Day	25th National Missing Children's Day
10th Clean Up Your Room Day	26th Blueberry Cheesecake Day
11th Twilight Zone Day	27th Masking Tape Day
12th Mother's Day	28th Amnesty International Day
13th Tulip Day	29th Paper Clip Day
14th National Dance Like a Chicken Day	30th Hole in My Bucket Day
15th National Chocolate Chip Day	31st World No Tobacco Day

Find even more reasons to celebrate: <http://familycrafts.about.com>

AAUW SUMMER RETREAT



Pennsylvania Summer Retreat will be held via Zoom (not in-person) on Saturday, July 24. The detailed agenda and registration details will be sent directly to all AAUW members in Pennsylvania via email **beginning in May**.



Next Primary Election is on May 18, 2021

Whichever secure voting method you choose, the most important thing is to vote and let your voice be heard. Municipal elections affect the daily life of every voter because local officials make taxation, zoning, road maintenance, school curriculum and many other important decisions.

When Pennsylvania voters head to the polls on Tuesday, May 18, for the primary election, they will find three questions on the ballot regarding amendments to the state Constitution and one referendum. The first two constitutional questions deal with disaster emergency declarations while the third addresses racial equality. The ballot referendum asks about allowing municipal fire and EMS companies to share access to the existing Fire and Emergency Services Loan Fund with volunteer companies.

- Polls are open on election day from 7 A.M. - 8 P.M.
- Last day to [register to vote](#): May 3, 2021
- Last day to [request a mail-in or absentee ballot](#): May 11, 2021
- [Learn about primary elections](#).

**OVERCOMING LIFE CHALLENGES AND BUILDING
RESILIENCE**

**HEALTH, RELATIONSHIPS AND WELLNESS DURING THE
TIME OF COVID-19 AND BEYOND**

DATE and TIME

May 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/ 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.**

**3 Social Issues Affecting Women During Covid-19: Pay
Inequity, Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence and
Resilience Wrap-Up**

On March 30, 2021 the AAUW-NHB, Crisis Center North and La Roche University sponsored a 1-hour lunch and learn ZOOM presentation for students, faculty, AAUW members and the community. The topic was “3 Social Issues Affecting Women During Covid-19: Pay Inequity, Intimate Partner Violence/Domestic Violence and Resilience.”

Branch President Deborah Rosenfelder served as moderator for the panel discussion by Branch members Peggy Schmiedecke and Cora Koller plus Crisis Center North Mobile advocate Chelsey Naum. Julie Makuta and Sarah White from LaRoche University provided technical assistance, registration support and publicity.

Branch member Sylvia Lynn served on the planning committee and assisted with publicity and identifying speakers.

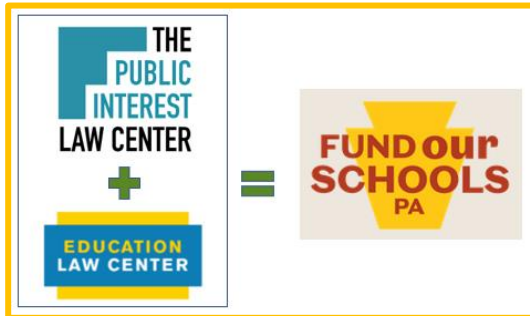
36 individuals attended the well-received event; including 15 branch members.

**At the request of several participants, see presentation slide show attached to
this Viewpoints.**

Submitted by Cora Koller

AAUW PA**Understanding Pennsylvania's School Funding Lawsuit**

Get a behind the scenes, insider's perspective, of the lawsuit filed in 2014 by the Public Interest Law Center of Philadelphia and Education Law Center- PA on behalf of individuals, school districts and organizations, making the complaint that the funding system in Pennsylvania is not only wrong, it violates the state Constitution.



The lawsuit is tentatively set to go to trial in PA Commonwealth Court on September 9th, 2021 and we want you to be in the know. Join attorneys from the Public Interest Law Center and Education Law Center for an overview of the Pennsylvania's school funding lawsuit.

The PA School Funding Lawsuit
Tuesday, May 18th at 7:00 pm
via Zoom

The webinar will provide general information about the lawsuit and be an opportunity for AAUW members to hear directly from attorneys in the case about opportunities to support the lawsuit in their communities.

Registration is required at:

<https://krc-pbpc-org.zoom.us/meeting/register/tJEqcOGrrzMqHt3SVLrx3WSmTUwv0I6-DBmg>

AAUW NATIONAL**VOICE YOUR VOTE FOR AAUW'S FUTURE****Every Voice Matters**

AAUW members play an important role in shaping the future for women and girls by choosing the organization's leaders and policy priorities.

Please vote in the AAUW National Election. This year, we're asking members to weigh in on four board candidates and amendments to our Public Policy Priorities and bylaws, including a proposal to eliminate AAUW's longstanding membership degree requirement.

We hope you'll consider voting to remove this unnecessary prerequisite to membership. While AAUW will never stop championing women's

education, the AAUW National board believes that, to achieve equity for all, we mustn't exclude anyone who wants to join our fight.

You can review the candidate bios and other information on the [National Election](#) page of our website. You should have received an email with instructions to vote. If you haven't, please check your spam filter or visit <https://aauw.us/emailoptions> to update your email preferences. You can also get your member ID and PIN for voting by contacting connect@aauw.org.

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.

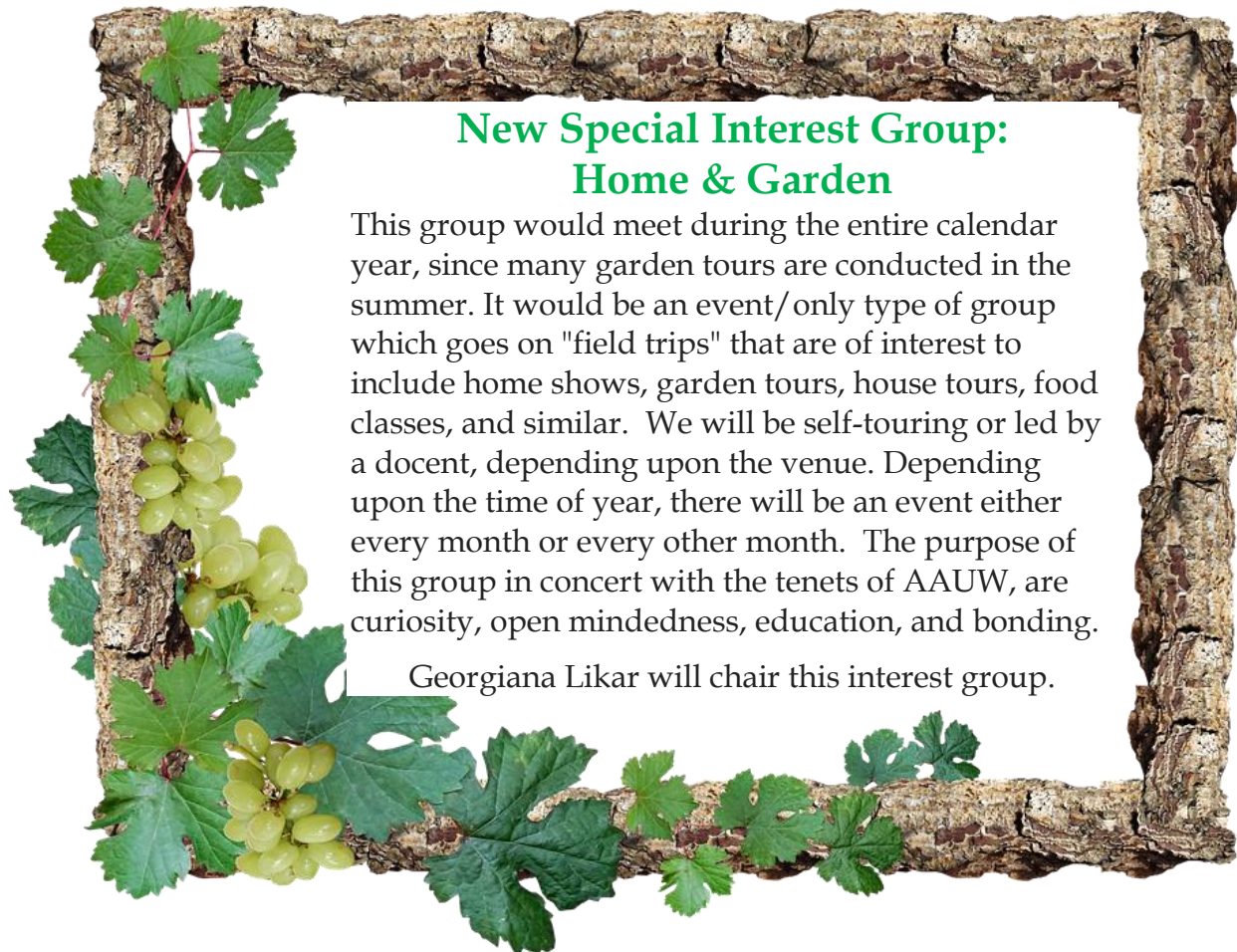
As a thank you for doing this promptly, if you pay your dues online, you will be entered in a drawing to receive a \$62 rebate, which is the amount of AAUW National Dues. **The drawing will take place at the 50th Anniversary/ Awards Dinner on Wednesday, June 9, 2021.**

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 \$103.00 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



New Special Interest Group: Home & Garden

This group would meet during the entire calendar year, since many garden tours are conducted in the summer. It would be an event/only type of group which goes on "field trips" that are of interest to include home shows, garden tours, house tours, food classes, and similar. We will be self-touring or led by a docent, depending upon the venue. Depending upon the time of year, there will be an event either every month or every other month. The purpose of this group in concert with the tenets of AAUW, are curiosity, open mindedness, education, and bonding.

Georgiana Likar will chair this interest group.

**The 2020-2021 AAUW North Hills
Pittsburgh Branch
Public Policy Activities Report**

Cora Koller, Public Policy Chair, has compiled an extensive Public Policy Report of branch members' activities for 2020-2021.

Our branch was quite busy, even in the year of COVID, working to make a difference and affect positive change for our communities.

CONGRATULATIONS!

See her worthwhile and extensive report attached to this *Viewpoints*.

You are Invited!

50th Anniversary/ Awards Dinner

When: June 9, 2020

Where: Wildwood Country Club

5:00 PM Social & Cash Bar

6:00 PM Dinner

7:00 PM Program

**Print the Registration Form attached to this
Viewpoints and make your reservation.**

We hope to see you there!



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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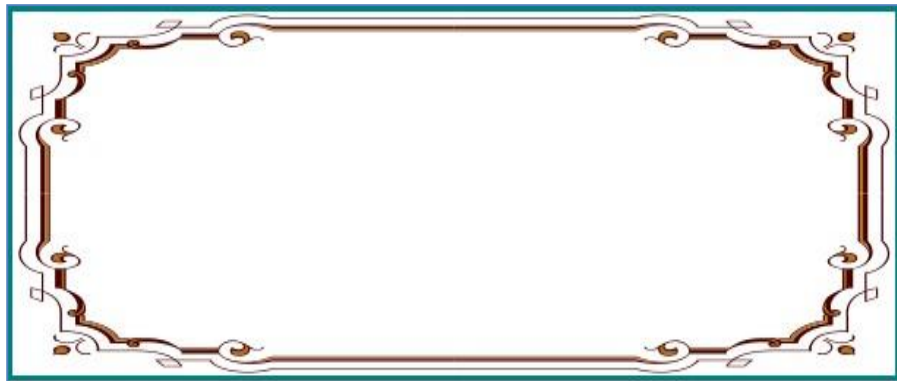
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Because Equity is still an issue