

Welcome back for the 2022-2023 year! We 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.

September Program **"Our Local History, The McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center"**

Many know the history of the Pittsburgh area's titans of industry, cultural phenomenons and medical innovations. But do you know the history of how the neighborhoods you live in came to be?

The mission of the establishment of the McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center in 2017, was to bring you stories of regular life and how the North Hills of Pittsburgh developed from farm land to a thriving suburban community.

In 2014, the Town of McCandless and the North Allegheny School District launched a collaborative effort to house the longtime collection of local history buff Joseph Bullick. Since the inception of the partnership, the community has shown an outpouring of support. Contributing community members have donated countless hours and materials for the careful planning of this project, which will benefit generations to come.

The groundbreaking ceremony was held on Community Day, September 13, 2014. Two years later, a sneak preview of the exhibits was held during Community Day, September 10, 2016.

The McCandless/Northern Allegheny Heritage Center promotes an understanding of twentieth century life in the Town of McCandless and its surrounding region in the North Hills of Pittsburgh. Displays, outreach programs, and a reference library are provided for the education and enjoyment of patrons of all ages. The Center encourages participation and inspiration through its educational offerings, which serve the needs of the local public.

September Program

Wednesday September 21, 2022

Location: La Roche University
Ryan room

6:30 P.M. Social

7:00 P.M. Program

7:45 P.M. Branch Meeting

Speaker; Abby Lucostic, Chair,
McCandless/Northern Allegheny
Heritage Center's FDPC



Sounds like we should plan a visit?

President's Message

Hello, everyone and welcome back!

I am incredibly excited to be delivering this message to you from our Viewpoints - our branch newsletter arisen from the ashes! A huge thank you to Debbie Rosenfelder for volunteering to continue this communication. I also want to give a huge thank you to all of you for weathering the storm of the AAUW website and database overhaul and accompanying renewal debacle. Phew!

We have a wonderful year outlined for you. Thank you to the Programs Committee for stepping up and putting together a robust and engaging schedule! While I won't be able to join you in person at our first branch meeting, I will be sending a video message greeting to kick off our new year!

It's been an *interesting* summer, and it's shaping up to be a pivotal year in politics. The rights of women and girls are on the line, and when I say women, I am including all our sisters: cis-women, transwomen, gender non-conforming, and non-binary. Your vote and your voice counts. Get active, be informed, and mark your calendar for November 8.

The voting booth is still the only place that a pauper equals a billionaire and any woman equals any man. It is the only place on earth in which everybody's equal. If we didn't fall for the idea that our vote doesn't count—an idea nurtured by those who don't want us to use it—we could elect feminists, women of all races, and some diverse men, too, who actually represent the female half of the country equally. It's up to us. One vote does in fact count.
~Gloria Steinem

Speaking of, we are still in need of a Public Policy chair. If you are interested in public policy but are unsure of the responsibilities of this position, please reach out and I'll connect you with someone who can answer your questions.

I hope you're just as excited about this coming year in AAUW as I am. If you are looking for new ways to get involved, don't hesitate to reach out. I look forward to seeing you all soon!

Cheers,
Kelley

Viewpoint Articles



We encourage all of our members to submit articles to the Viewpoint. If you have something to include in our newsletter the deadline is the **First of each Month**. Please send to Debbie Rosenfelder in word format at rosenfelderd@verizon.net

If I do not have it by 5 P.M. on the first of the month it will not make the viewpoints for that month.

Save the Dates
2022-2023 Program Meetings

September 21, 2022	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
October 19, 2022	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
November 16, 2022	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.
January 21, 2023	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
March 11, 2023	10:00 a.m.-12:00 p.m.
April 19, 2023	6:30 p.m.-8:30 p.m.

September at a Glance
QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

SEPTEMBER 06, 6:00 p.m. Board Meeting

**SEPTEMBER 09, 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch
Narcissi Winery**

4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044
Italian cuisine, outside covered Patio.

SEPTEMBER 13, 9:30 a.m., Morning Book Group

The Song of Achilles by Madeline Miller
Reviewer: Judy Sparlin Hostess: Marilyn Lanz

SEPTEMBER 18, 3:00-6:00 p.m.

International Day of Peace Festival

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

SEPTEMBER 19, 7:00 p.m. Evening Book Group

Have You Seen Luis Velez? By Catherine Ryan Hyde
Facilitator: Jenny Schwoebel Hostess: Maripat Kwaczala

SEPTEMBER 21, 6:30-8:00 p.m., SEPTEMBER

Program at La Roche University, Ryan room
Our Local History,
The McCandless/Northern Allegheny
Heritage Center



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 2022 winner is
Becca Contestabile.**

Becca is currently a senior at La Roche University and is majoring in Biology with a minor in Chemistry. Come to the September branch meeting and meet our winner. She is looking forward to meeting the women who made this grant possible.

Don't miss this AAUW supported event!

INTERNATIONAL DAY OF PEACE FESTIVAL

WHEN: Sunday, September 18, 2022, 2:00-4:00 p.m.
WHERE: North Park, Point Grove, Lakeshore Drive (One Way Road)

WHAT: 2022 National Theme: End Racism. Build Peace
The International Day of Peace was established in 1981 by the United Nations General Assembly. The International Day of Peace will be observed in the North Hills with a festival from 2 p.m. to 4 p.m. Sunday, Sept. 18 at Point Grove on Lakeshore Drive.



The event is free and all are welcome.

The North Hills observance is being sponsored by the Pittsburgh North People for Peace and the North Hills Anti-Racism Coalition. Partnering organizations are Sisters of Divine Providence, North Hills Pittsburgh AAUW, League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh, and North Hills Ebony Women, Inc.

Financial Report - June Maier

7/1/2022 Checking Account Balance \$6,962.56
7/1/2022 Savings Account Balance \$4,835.25



Dues Reminder

We have a great year planned don't be left out. If you have not already renewed please do not delay. See page 12 for directions.



Public Policy

AAUW PA

Pennsylvania Reproductive Rights after Dobbs: This Virtual program was designed to help branches understand the issues and communicate effectively on this highly charged subject. Reproductive freedom has been an AAUW policy principle since 1977. A recording of the webinar will be made available on AAUW-PA's Virtual Events webpage: <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/aauw-aauw-pa-webinars/>

Bills in the Pa legislature we should be paying attention to SB956, SB106, HB904, and HB1500

Branch Service Project Feminine Hygiene Products

What items are we collecting for the Feminine Hygiene Products Service Project?

Tampons, pads, deodorant, bar soap, shower gel, shampoo and conditioner.

How do I donate? Donated items can be optionally brought to branch meetings or board meetings. Special interest groups such as morning book group will be collected by Janis Kapadia. The evening book group collection will be by Peggy Schmiedecke or another member. IPOD's may also want to collect items at some of their gatherings. If there is a collection, please contact Peggy Schmiedecke at pschmiedece@comcast.net to make an arrangement to get the items from you. Or you may drop items off to Julie Makuta, Monday-Friday during business hours. Julie's email is Julie.Makuta@laroche.edu if you want to touch base with her that you are making a branch drop off of feminine hygiene products for the food pantry. Julie's office at La Roche has moved. She is still in the Zappala Campus Center. This is the building next to the Wright Library. Now you go down the hallway, at the bottom of the steps, take a right into the reception area of the Center for Student Development. Julie's office is the first one to the left. We pass this area on the way to the Ryan Room.

Who uses the pantry? The pantry is utilized by La Roche students. It does not matter if a recipient is full time or part time, as long as they have a La Roche ID.



Become a Two-Minute Activist

We need to let our elected officials know how we feel!!!



Members of AAUW's Action Network have received urgent -mail notices and text messages when their advocacy is needed most. With our online [Two-Minute Activist](#) tool, it takes just minutes and an internet connection to make your voice heard on issues impacting women and girls!

AAUW National provides all the tools you need to call or send messages to your members of Congress, contact your state legislators about pressing issues, and more.

Your Vote Counts!!!!



Voting in any type of election provides an important way to voice your opinions regarding elected leaders and overall policies. Voting also helps you decide your own future by electing a person who might reflect your own views. Voting is a fundamental right.

The **2022 United States elections** will be held on Tuesday, November 8, 2022. During this [midterm election](#) year, all 435 seats in the [House of Representatives](#) and 35 of the 100 seats in the [Senate](#) will be contested. Thirty-nine state and territorial [gubernatorial](#) and numerous other state and local elections will also be contested. This will be the first election affected by the [redistricting](#) that followed the [2020 census](#).

INSPIRATIONAL QUOTATION



Each month we will include a famous women's quotation! If you would like to share a favorite quotation, send it to me via e-mail. [rosenfelderd@verizon.net]

September Happenings

Lunch Bunch

Each month we will visit a different restaurant in the area, all members are welcome. An email is sent out a week before the date to see who is interested. In September we will be going to Narcisi Winery. This is a family owned and operated winery and Italian restaurant just 10 miles north of Pittsburgh in Gibsonia, Pennsylvania. They have both indoor and outdoor seating. We will be asking to sit on the porch.

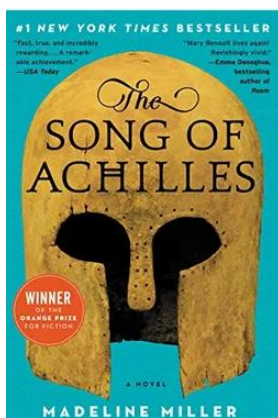


September: Books of the Month

Both of our book groups give our members a chance to get together to discuss the book and author selected for that month. The book groups are open to all members. Check your directory to see who is hosting and reviewing each month's book.

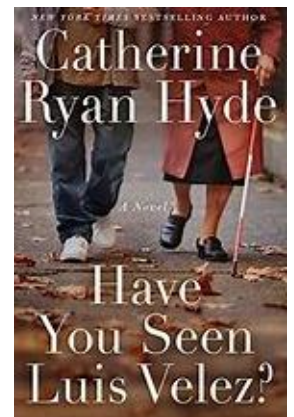
Morning Book Group

The Song of Achilles is a 2011 novel by American writer Madeline Miller. Set during the Greek Heroic Age, it is an adaptation of Homer's Iliad as told from the perspective of Patroclus. The novel follows Patroclus' relationship with Achilles, from their initial meeting to their exploits during the Trojan War, with focus on their romantic relationship.



Evening Book Group

Catherine Ryan Hyde brings heartwarming authenticity to the story of two strangers who find that kindness is a powerful antidote to fear. Raymond Jaffe feels like he doesn't belong. Not with his mother's new family. Not as a weekend guest with his father and his father's wife. Not at school, where he's an outcast. After his best friend moves away, Raymond has only two real connections: to the feral cat he's tamed and to a blind ninety-two-year-old woman in his building who's introduced herself with a curious question: *Have you seen Luis Velez?*



AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh Branch Honors Nominees for 2022

Branch Awards presented during the Annual May Dinner.



Janis Kapadia: As a proactive Membership VP Janis' leadership increased our branch membership over four years. She planned annual dinners and shape the future events, organized events with board members, met new members individually, and developed membership packets. As a strong women's rights advocate, she represented our branch very positively.



Frances Cech: Frances works tirelessly and collaboratively for our branch. For several years, she identified and supported speakers for our Great Decisions programs. In 2021-2022, Frances' leadership ensured successful continuation of these community events, via ZOOM. She also co-chaired planning of a hybrid public policy forum in October 2021.

Thank you Janis and Frances!

Recognition of Milestone Members 2022



Jane Depee	55 years
Mary Kay	45 years
Ann Carlson	40 years
Marilyn Lanz	40years
Judy Sparlin	40 years
Marci Filaggi	35 years
Janette Kohr	30 years
Betty Kroniser	15 years
Donna Mascuga	15 years
Judy Daw	10 year
Karin Jackson	10 years
Marilyn Loichinger	10 years
Carol Costa	5 years

SUMMER OUTINGS

July – I Pods



August Book group



Way to Go

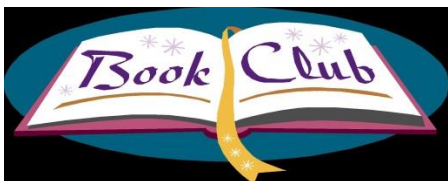


A Shout out to Cora Dietrich Koller for getting her article "Are Healthcare Professionals Optimistic about Workplace Violence?" published in the Online Journal of Nursing. Link below to view the article

[Are Healthcare Professionals Optimistic about Workplace Violence? \(nursingworld.org\)](https://www.nursingworld.org)

2022-2023 BOOK GROUPS

Tuesday Morning Book Group 2022 – 2023
2nd Tuesday of the Month, at 9:30 a.m.



- Sep 13, 2022 **"The Song of Achilles"**
by Madeline Miller
- Oct 11, 2022 **"The Things We Cannot Say"**
by Kelly Rimmer
- Nov 8, 2022 **"Bewilderment"**
by Richard Powers
- Dec 13, 2022 **"The Reporter Who Knew Too Much"**
by Mark Shaw
- Jan 10, 2023 **"Come Fly the World"**
by Julia Crooke
- Feb 14, 2023 **"River of the Gods"**
by Candace Millard
- Mar 14, 2023 **"The 100 Years of Lenni and Margot"**
by Marianne Cronin
- Apr 11, 2023 **"Planning Meeting"**
Hostess: Donna martin
- May 9, 2023 **"West With Giraffes"**
by Lynda Rutledge
- Jun 13, 2023 **"While Justice Sleeps"**
by Stacey Abrams

Monday Evening Book Group 2022-2023
Meeting 3rd Monday of the Month, 7:00pm



- Sep 19, 2022 **"Have You Seen Luis Velez"**
by Catherine Ryan Hyde
- Oct 17, 2022 **"The Girls in the Stilt House"**
by Kelly Mustian
- Nov 21, 2022 **"Lawn Boy"**
by Jonathan Evison
- Dec 19, 2022 **"Small Things Like These"**
by Claire Keegan
- Jan 16, 2023 **"The Midnight Library"**
by Matt Haig
- Feb 20, 2023 **"The Magnificent Lives of Marjorie Post"**
by Allison Pataki
- Mar 20, 2023 **"Smoketown: Untold Story of the Other Great Black Renaissance"**
by Mark Whitaker
- Apr 17, 2023 **"Matrix"**
by Lauren Groff
- May 15, 2023 **"The Authenticity Project"**
by Clare Pooley
- Jun 19, 2023 **"Horse"**
by Geraldine Brooks
- July 17, 2023 **Planning Meeting (6:00 pm)**
- Aug 21, 2023 **"Anxious People"**
by Frederik Bachman

LUNCH Bunch SCHEDULE 2022-2023

*Please join the Lunch Bunch as we explore new and varied cuisine in the Pittsburgh area.
We will meet on the 2nd Friday of the month at 12: 30*

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| Sep 09, 2022
12:30 | Narcissi Winery
4578 Gibsonia Road, Gibsonia, PA 15044
Italian cuisine "Outside covered Patio" |
| Oct 14, 2022
12:30 | Bone Fish Grill
8950 Covenant Ave McCandless, PA 15237
Specialties seafood "Outside covered Patio" |
| Nov 11, 2022
12:30 | Hal's Bar & grill
3225 Babcock Blvd Pittsburgh Pa 15237
Great soups, sandwiches and salads |
| Dec 10, 2022 | "Holiday Social" |
| Jan 13, 2023
12:30 | This will be a themed Virtual Lunch |
| Feb 10, 2023
12:30 | This will be a themed Virtual Lunch |
| Mar 10, 2023
12:30 | Billy Road House
10150 Old Perry Hwy, Wexford, Pa 15090
American eats |
| Apr 14, 2023
12:30 | Firebird Wood Fire Grill
7300 Cranberry Drive Cranberry Township, Pa 160
American Cuisine |
| May 12, 2023
12:30 | Ichiban Hibachi
1500 Village Run Rd, Wexford, Pa 15090
Japanese Cuisine |
| Jun 9, 2023
12:30 | Andora
1616 Mt Nebo Rd, Sewickley Pa, 15143
American Cuisine "Outside covered Patio" |



Lunch dates will be posted in the Viewpoints and an e-mail will be sent out the week before each event.

**We are looking for volunteers to help coordinate the monthly lunch dates.
Please let us know if you would be willing to coordinate a month.
We have volunteers for September and October.**

**We are planning a holiday social if members are interested.
Please let us know if this is something you would like the branch
to continue.**





REMINDER: 2022-23 DUES

Please do not delay- renew your AAUW Membership today!

Help AAUW continue its mission of advancing EQUITY for women and girls.

WOMEN NEED YOUR CONTINUED SUPPORT...AND IT'S EXCITING TO BE ABLE TO GATHER AND GROW TOGETHER AGAIN!

1. Renew your membership online right click to open hyper link [Community Hub: Tools & Resources – AAUW : Empowering Women Since 1881-](#)

Scroll down till you see Logging In

To access your account, click the "Log In" at the top right corner of the website or visit my.aauw.org. **The first time you log in, you'll need to reset your password by clicking the "Forgot Password" link.** Once you create a password and log in, you can update your profile by clicking "Edit Profile" in the menu on the left side of the screen. See video tutorial below for a step by step guide.

* This has been a challenge for many, don't be discouraged- see option #2!

2. Send Check (\$108.00 = \$67.00 National; \$31.00 Local; \$10.00 PA), payable to AAUW NORTH HILLS PITTSBURGH BRANCH to our new Finance Officer June Maier, 959 Broadmeadow Dr., Pittsburgh PA 15237; junemaier@gmail.com

If you would like to have your name included in the 2022-2023 directory, please renew ASAP
If you have RECENTLY submitted your payment, please let us know!

Questions? Call a VP of Membership- Francie Cech 412-448-1182; OR Jennifer Schwoebel 412-559-1053; our new joint email is Aauwfam@gmail.com

Sincerely,
Frances Cech & Jennifer Schwoebel; VPs of Membership

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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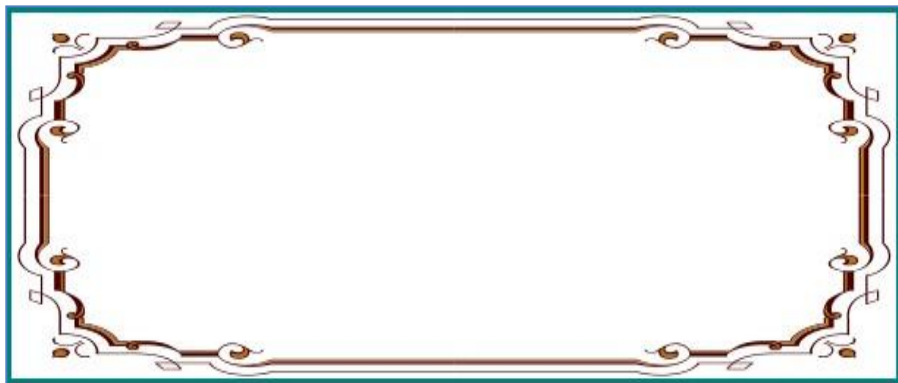
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Because Equity is still an issue