

“CHANGE
HAPPENS BY LISTENING
AND THEN STARTING A DIALOGUE
WITH THE PEOPLE
WHO ARE DOING SOMETHING
YOU DON'T BELIEVE IS
RIGHT.”

--DAME JANE MORRIS GOODALL,
PRIMATOLOGIST, ETHOLOGIST, AND ANTHROPOLOGIST



June at a Glance QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

June 9, 12:30 p.m. Lunch Bunch
Andora
American Cuisine “Outdoor Covered Patio”

June 13, 9:30 a.m. Morning Book Group
While Justice Sleeps by Stacey Abrams
Reviewer and Hostess: Debbie Rosenfelder

June 19, 7:00 p.m. Evening Book Group
Horse by Geraldine Brooks
Facilitator and Hostess: Debbie Rosenfelder

June 25, 6:00 p.m.-8:00 p.m. IPODs
Donna and Jerry Martin’s house

June 28, 12:30 p.m.. Board Meeting
At Cadence Club House in North Park

Summer of 2023 QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

July 17, 6:00 p.m. Evening Book Group
Planning Meeting
Hostess: Judy Dilion

July IPODs
TBA through E-mail
Sina Murphy’s Home

August IPODs
TBA through E-mail
Pauline and Dave Edison’s Home

August 21, 7:00 p.m. Evening Book Group
Anxious People by Frederok Bachman
Facilitator: Maripat Kwaczala
Hostess: Francie Cech

June 2023 Financial Report - June Maier (May Financials as of May 24th)

CHECKING

Beginning Balance	\$8,770.34
Income	\$5,274.73
Expenses	<u>\$2,267.12</u>
Ending Balance	\$11,777.95

SAVINGS

Beginning Balance	\$4,835.65
Interest Earned	<u>\$0.00</u>
Ending Balance	\$4,835.65

CHECKING + SAVINGS \$16,613.60

Membership

Let's Keep Growing Together!

A few years ago, when our branch of AAUW was celebrating their 50th anniversary, I was asked to write a paragraph or two about why I joined the organization and what I appreciated about being part of this group. Although there are many reasons to love our branch of AAUW – the many opportunities to grow through meeting new people, learning new things, and reading new books – the reason that means the most to me is the opportunity to be part of something that is much bigger than myself in the mission of supporting equity for women and girls. This quest for equity is so very important to me not only in terms of creating a more equitable and just world, but as a woman with two daughters and two granddaughters. I remain optimistic that we are moving in a better direction for the future of women despite the many hurdles that have occurred in recent years. I am grateful to have found our branch of AAUW and continue to be inspired by the many women who, while having many different experiences and interests in their lives, share the mission of AAUW. I have loved learning and growing with this group that shares this commitment to women and girls, and I so hope that you, too, will join us by renewing your membership.

Francie



Membership Renewal

Here are **four** important things we would like you to know regarding the website, and the renewal process for this year:

1. This year the renewal campaign began in April and the target closure date is June 30th, 2023. **PLEASE try and renew BEFORE June 30th as our state officers have just shared that a slight increase in the dues for PA will begin in July.**
2. National dues are \$72.00, last year they were \$67.00, but 2023 will be the final increment of National's three-year plan for dues increases. These increases are put to good purpose in advocating, on behalf of all of us, for women and girls equity as well as educational opportunities through scholarship.) For now, the state dues remain the same at \$10.00, and local dues remain the same at \$31.00. **Thus the total is \$113.00.**
3. Despite not having any one expressing interest in our mini-training prior to our April meeting, please know that Jenny and I are happy to help walk you through the process or answer any questions you may have when visiting the AAUW website. We can assure you that the site has become much more "user friendly"!

If you are interested in getting on to the website, here are the steps to follow:

- Log on to AAUW.org and read the directions for entering your email and your password. This will take you to a screen that will ask you to verify your address and information before hitting the button to renew.
 - The renew button should allow you to do three things – verify your information, (address, email, years of membership, etc.) renew with your credit card, and have the option of donating to the Greatest Need Fund.
4. **As in years past, there is the option to renew with a check written to our Finance Officer June Maier, and June would like everyone to know that she is very happy to enter your information in the hub! (She is not only efficient; she prefers this method as our branch doesn't have to wait for our local dues to be entered into our account!)**

Two things to know if this is your method of renewal:

- **The check should be written to AAUW North Hills Pittsburgh for \$113.00, and sent to June.**
- **If you would like to renew with a check AND donate to the Greatest Need Fund be sure to make a note to let June know your intentions.**

We do realize that like so many things in our lives, the cost of membership has risen in the past few years. Hopefully you agree that the cost of membership in AAUW has risen in value as we strive to provide educational opportunities and support equity for women and girls, both in our community and beyond.

Please don't hesitate to reach out to our membership team with any questions you may have.
Francie Cech, Jennifer Schwoebel, and June Maier

June Happenings

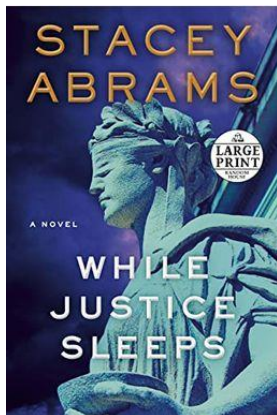
Lunch Bunch

Andora – 1616 Mt Nebo Road,
Sewickley, PA 15143

Serving your favorite New American Entrees, Sandwiches, Wine and Cocktails in a stylish and comfortable atmosphere.

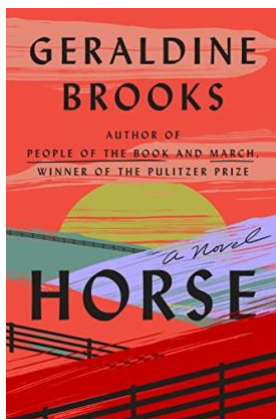


Morning Book Group



Avery Keene, a brilliant young law clerk for the legendary Justice Howard Wynn, is doing her best to hold her life together--excelling in an arduous job with the court while also dealing with a troubled family. When the shocking news breaks that Justice Wynn--the cantankerous swing vote on many current high-profile cases--has slipped into a coma, Avery's life turns upside down. She is immediately notified that Justice Wynn has left instructions for her to serve as his legal guardian and power of attorney. Plunged into an explosive role she never anticipated, Avery finds that Justice Wynn had been secretly researching one of the most controversial cases before the court--a proposed merger between an American biotech company and an Indian genetics firm, which promises to unleash breathtaking results in the medical field.

Evening Book Group



The title of Geraldine Brooks' new novel, "Horse," alludes to Lexington: the real and extraordinary late-19th-century Kentucky bay stallion who drives its plot. The subtext, if not the subtitle, is "Race." Not for the contests Lexington won, though those are recreated in detail suitable for both the sports and society pages, but for the book's confrontation of relations between Black and white people over the course of two centuries.

Valuable legacies can disappear, is the underlying message — for years, this celebrity thoroughbred's skeleton languished at the Smithsonian, shoved in an attic and marked only *equus caballus* — even as barbaric ones linger.

Public Policy

PA State

From Cynthia Hall, President, [AAUW Pennsylvania](#)

If you have not already registered for the **AAUW PA retreat being held at Gettysburg College**, be sure to do so. We are very excited about this retreat and the opportunity to get together and swap ideas as we look for new opportunities for our branches and learn from each other. You can find registration and payment info on our website at <https://aauw-pa.aauw.net> Consider recruiting a new or prospective member to join you.

I want to give you an early heads-up that the **2024 AAUW PA Convention dates have changed**. The convention will be held April 5-7, 2024. Originally, the date was a week later. The Muslim holiday Eid-al-Fitr is April 10, 2024. We will work with the hotel for anyone with special dietary needs for this holiday. The date has been changed on the AAUW PA website. Please let your members know for those who would like to get this on their calendars.

You may have received a **yellow postcard** regarding AAUW's Oral History Project through a publishing company. This is a real project, but be aware that at the end of the interview there is a hard sell, pricey sales pitch for merchandise and copies of the publication. Purchases are voluntary and you can decline, but we thought you should know about it before you contact them to participate in the project.

Please note that AAUW-PA, along with other states, has contacted National to cease from contacting its members regarding this project. National has all the personal information they need from members, it's not necessary to go through this procedure. There is no problem if you chose not to call or participate.

AAUW Summer Retreat

FRIDAY JULY 28 & SATURDAY JULY 29

Gettysburg College Campus • 300 N. Washington St., Gettysburg
LODGING: Wyndham Hotel, 95 Presidential Circle, and Gettysburg



We are encouraging members to spend Friday night and enjoy the town of Gettysburg and the National Park. **Retreat registration is now available.**

[Click here to register and pay for the 2023 Summer Retreat](#)

National

Thanks, to everyone who voted in AAUW's 2023 National Election. Turnout was nearly double that of last year and National appreciates Members for taking the time to participate in AAUW's governance.

The results of the 2023 election:

- Kimberly S. Adams, Edwina Frances Martin, Jenna Kirkpatrick Howard and Mary Zupanc have been elected to serve on the AAUW National Board of Directors.
- The bylaws revision was approved by 95.1% of voters.
- The Public Policy Priority revision was approved by 96.3% of voters.

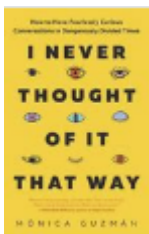
Diversity

DEI —Diversity, Equity and Inclusion

As we head into our summer hiatus, may I suggest two books you might want to peruse dealing with the DEI topic.

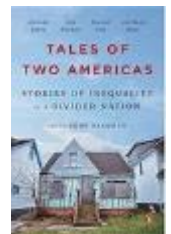
"I Never Thought of it That Way" by Monica Guzman

"Tales of Two Americas" by John Freeman



"What' underrepresented in your communities will be underrepresented in your life and overrepresented in your imagination." From "I Never Thought of it That Way."

"Thin boundaries between people can easily be broken down by one shared experience. For it is in sharing that we can alleviate a situation that pains us all". From "Tales of Two Americas."



Congratulations

Dr. Michaela A. Noakes

Dr. Noakes has been honored by the students at La Roche University with the prestigious Brother Gregory Nugent F.S.C. Excellence in Teaching Award This year. This is the second time Michaela has won this award. The first time she received the award was in May of 2015. Her second time was May 5, 2023. She was honored. "It was very joyful for me to be able to celebrate this award with Sr. Rita, our fellow AAUW member and Fr Peter at the awards ceremony". It is also worth noting that very few members of the faculty ever receive this award twice. So, it is both an honor and a humbling experience for me.



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 **25th of each Month**. The next Viewpoints that will go out to members will be the September Viewpoints. We will need articles by August 25th or sooner. Please send to Debbie Rosenfelder in word format at rosenfelderd@verizon.net



If I do not have it by 5 P.M. on the 25th of the month it may not make the viewpoints.

May in Pictures

Lunch Bunch at Billy's Roadhouse



IPODS in May





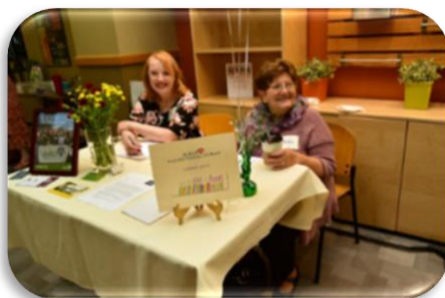
"For The Love Of Books": Fundraiser
What a great day!! If you missed it, there will be next year.

The May 20th fund raising event, *For The Love Of Books*, showcasing three local authors was a resounding success. I have heard a great deal of praise from those who attended the event. The authors were interactive and stimulating, the food was good and the turnout was amazing. We had 81 attendees, 3 authors and 7 vendors. Thirty-five branch members were able to attend. Seven members that were unable to attend made donations and 46 non-members attended this event.

Kudos go out to the Fundraising Event Committee for all their hard work. Their hard work made this event a success. We exceeded our goals!!!!!!!!!!!!!! Thanks to everyone







Annual Dinner and Awards

27 members enjoyed a relaxing evening of good food and fellowship at the annual May dinner. Congratulations to our eleven members who were recognized for their Membership Milestones.

During the gala Kelley Clouser installed our new officers: Deborah Rosenfelder as President and Maripat Kwaczala and Cynthia Stewart as the co-chair for programs. The Outstanding Woman Award was presented to Kelley Clouser and the Branch Member Making a Difference was presented to Deborah Rosenfelder.

Milestone Awards

Congratulations to our Milestone Achievement Awardees for 2023!

We appreciate your dedication to AAUW and the goals of equity, individual rights, and social justice for a diverse society.

5 Year Milestone Achievement Award:

Barbara Drozd
Gunhild Mueller
Elizabeth Spence

10 Year Milestone Achievement Award:

Fran Bogos
Kelley Clouser
Katherine Keith
Christine Ley

35 Year Milestone Achievement Award:

Clare Hoke

40 Year Milestone Achievement Award:

Maryann Betush
Judy Matheny

50 Year Milestone Achievement Award:

Maryann Anderson



2023/2024 Officers - Deborah Rosenfelder as President
Maripat Kwaczala and Cynthia Stewart as the co-chair for programs



Outstanding Woman Award was presented to Kelley Clouser
Kelley joined AAUW in 2013 and has served four years on the Executive Board/ First as Program VP then as president. She has helped the branch stay connected.



Branch Member Making a Difference was presented to
Deborah Rosenfelder

Debbie has been a member since 1995 and has assumed several leadership roles. She edited the directory for many years. She has served as Program VP and President in the past. She coordinated programs and our fundraiser this year.







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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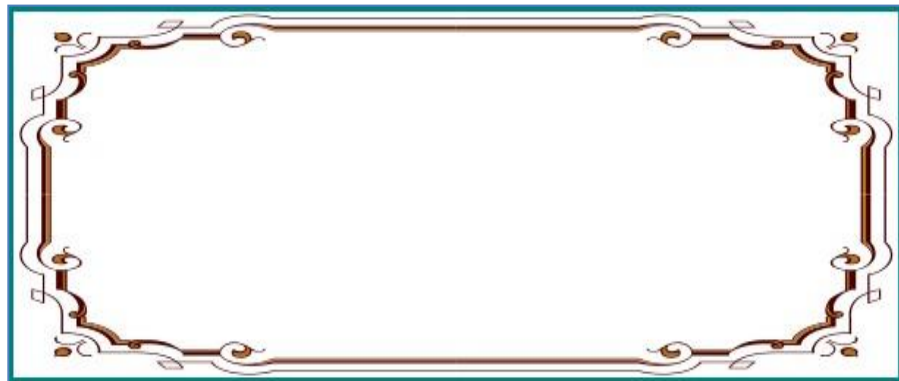
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