



VIEWPOINTS

North Hills Pittsburgh, (PA) Branch

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OCTOBER PROGRAM

The Glock Foundation

October is National Breast Cancer Awareness Month. Finding breast cancer early is key to successful treatment. That's why every October, we come together to raise awareness about the disease and to encourage people to get screened. This month's program will explore the Non-Profit organization known as the Glock Foundation.

The **Glock Foundation** is a non-profit organization based in Pittsburgh, PA, dedicated to raising funds to support **breast cancer research, clinical trials, education, and patient care**. Its mission focuses on providing assistance to breast cancer clinical trial patients, offering educational opportunities for physicians, and educating the public on breast cancer prevention, detection, treatment, and clinical trials.

Carol Glock, M.Ed. is a graduate of Carlow University in psychology and education and obtained her Master's degree in Health Education from the Pennsylvania State University. She conducts various hospital, community health, sports and wellness education classes. Carol is the Academic Program Coordinator for the Wellness and Physical Education Department at Washington and Jefferson College where she teaches mental training for sports and life.

Barbara Paul is a Biomedical Researcher and adds her 30+ years of biomedical research experience to help Carol carry out her mission.

October Program

Saturday October 18, 2025

Location: La Roche University
Ryan Room

9:30 A.M. Social

10:00 A.M. Program

11:00 A.M. Branch Meeting

Speakers: Carol Glock, M.Ed



Bring a friend!!!

For the NOVERBER community project we will be collecting socks for girls and women. You can bring your donation to any branch event in October or November.



President's Message



What comes to mind when you think of October? For many, it's a month filled with vibrant colors, cozy sweaters, and the excitement of Halloween. But October symbolizes much more than just changing leaves and spooky decorations. It's a time of transition, reflection, and preparation for the colder months ahead. Peak fall foliage could come to the Pittsburgh area as soon as the week of October 8th. This is a great way to get out of the house and take in the fall colors of the area.

As we start the Fall season, I would like to share with you the purpose of AAUW's Five Star National Recognition Program. The program aims to provide branches with a frame work to ensure they are in alignment with AAUW's mission and priorities.

Congratulations to our branch for achieving 5-stars.

The September meeting was attended by 20 members who enjoyed appetizers, pizza and desserts provided by the executive and appointed Board members. I so enjoyed meeting and greeting our new members and welcoming back our current members. For our newer members, I hope you got a flavor for the many and varied activities/events we have to offer.

During our business meeting we passed our new budget. We also discussed several new initiatives we will be working on during the upcoming year.

We were very pleased to meet La Roche senior Zadia Gonzalez Rosado and to present her with the \$2000 Sister Matilda incentive grant award. We have a full calendar of interesting and stimulating programs scheduled for this year. Our 2025-2026 directories are out.

Debbie

Hospitality

Now that we are back in person, we need members to volunteer to bring snacks to our meetings. Sina Murphy chairs the Hospitality committee. A sign-up list was passed around at the September meeting and will circulate again at the October meeting. We are looking for volunteers for the November, January, March and April meetings.



October at a Glance QUICK REFERENCE CALENDAR

Oct 07, 10:00 a.m. Board Meeting

At June Maier's house

Oct 10, 1:00 p.m. Lunch Bunch

Bone Fish Grill, 8950 Covenant Ave.,
McCandless, PA 15237 412-536-1881

Oct 14, 9:30 a.m. Morning Book Group

Still Life by Louise Penny

Reviewer Marilyn Loichinger **Hostess** Jan Peischl

Oct 18, 9:30 a.m. Branch Program at La Roche University Ryan Room

Oct 20, 1:00 p.m. Evening Book Group

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Facilitator: Katherine Keith **Hostess:** Judy Daw

Oct 25, 5:00 p.m.-7:00 p.m. IPODs

The Coleman's are hosting

Save The Date!

October 4, 2025 at 11a.m. a Memorial service honoring Anita Wurthner

at Berkeley Hills Lutheran Church,
514 Sangree Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15237
Lunch to follow

Holiday Social Friday December 5th at Wildwood Gulf Club

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**. 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

WEB SITE



Don't Forget Me...
I'm always here!
I'm your Branch AAUW Website:
<https://aauwnorthhillspgh.org>
Stay informed!

Webmaster: Susan Banerjee

October Happenings

Lunch Bunch

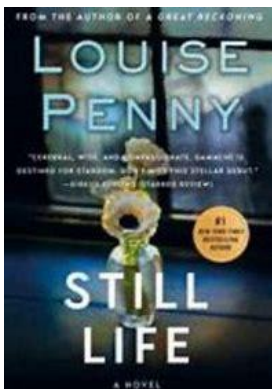
Oct 10, 1:00 pm Bone Fish Grill

8950 Covenant Ave., McCandless, PA 15237 412-536-1881

A Seafood restaurant that has seasonal favorites. Pumpkin Ravioli is back!! They now have a Lunch menu.



Morning Book Group



Still Life by Louise Penny

Reviewer Marilyn Loichinger **Hostess** Jan Peischl

The discovery of a dead body in the woods on Thanksgiving Weekend brings Chief Inspector Armand Gamache and his colleagues from the Surete du Quebec to a small village in the Eastern Townships. Gamache cannot understand why anyone would want to deliberately kill well-loved artist Jane Neal, especially any of the residents of Three Pines - a place so free from crime it doesn't even have its own police force.

But Gamache knows that evil is lurking somewhere behind the white picket fences and that, if he watches closely enough, Three Pines will start to give up its dark secrets...

Evening Book Group

The Reading List by Sara Nisha Adams

Facilitator: Katherine Keith **Hostess:** Judy Daw

An unforgettable and heartwarming debut about how a chance encounter with a list of library books helps forge an unlikely friendship between two very different people in a London suburb.

Widower Mukesh lives a quiet life in Wembley, in West London after losing his beloved wife. He shops every Wednesday, goes to Temple, and worries about his granddaughter, Priya, who hides in her room reading while he spends his evenings watching nature documentaries.

Aleisha is a bright but anxious teenager working at the local library for the summer when she discovers a crumpled-up piece of paper in the back of *To Kill a Mockingbird*. It's a list of novels that she's never heard of before. Intrigued, and a little bored with her slow job at the checkout desk, she impulsively decides to read every book on the list, one after the other. As each story gives up its magic, the books transport Aleisha from the painful realities she's facing at home.

When Mukesh arrives at the library, desperate to forge a connection with his bookworm granddaughter, Aleisha passes along the reading list...hoping that it will be a lifeline for him too. Slowly, the shared books create a connection between two lonely souls, as fiction helps them escape their grief and everyday troubles and find joy again.



Sister Matilda Kelley Incentive Grant Scholarship Award

The Branch 2025 Sr. Matilda Kelley Incentive Grant were presented at our September meeting by Donna Macsuga, Barbara Matthews and Sina Murphy to our recipient Zadia Gonzalez Rosado,



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October 2025 Financial Report – June Maier

(as of September 22, 2025)					
CHECKING		SAVINGS		CERTIFICATE OF DEPOSIT	
Beg. Balance	\$8,054.32	Beg. Balance	\$4,089.77	Beg. Balance	\$5,704.57
Deposits	\$2,222.00	Deposits	\$475.00		
Expenses	\$331.09	Transfer to Cking	\$2,000.00		
		Interest Earned	TBD	Interest Earned	TBD
End. Balance	\$9,945.23	End. Balance	\$2,564.77	End. Balance	\$5,704.57
CHECKING + SAVINGS + CD = \$18,214.57					
<ul style="list-style-type: none"> \$2,000 moved from Savings to Checking to award 2025 Sr. Matilda Grant. \$475 deposit in Savings new Memorial Donations. 					
NOTE: CD matured in July 2025. In July, transferred \$2,500 from Checking to CD during grace period – restricted for Sr. Matilda Grants. Current Rates for CD: 4% APY; Interest Rate 3.93%.					

Public Policy

National

AAUW partners with National Women's History Museum for a dynamic live conversation with AAUW alumna, acclaimed author and historian Keisha N. Blain, Ph.D. as she discusses her forthcoming book, *Without Fear: Black Women and the Making of Human Rights*. Moderated by CEO Gloria L. Blackwell, this event will spotlight the pivotal yet often overlooked role Black women have played in shaping global human rights movements and explore their enduring legacy and impact.



October 15 at 3PM, click the link below to register

[Don't miss this powerful opportunity to engage with leading voices in women's history and social justice.](#)

Make your voice heard VOTE on November 4th



STATE**OPEN POSITIONS FOR AAUW PA 2026-2028**

AAUW PA is seeking candidates to stand for election in the spring for •president •program vice president •marketing and communications vice president

Being on the AAUW PA board is rewarding and energizing. You work with other interesting people devoted to the mission and provide vision and leadership for branches. It's also fun. Enhance work on our mission by taking on a state leadership role! You can nominate a strong candidate in our branch OR throw your hat into the ring yourself.

- President: The president is specifically responsible for directing, coordinating, and overseeing the work of the state and for remaining in close contact with PA branches.
- Program Vice-President: The program VP is specifically responsible for planning the biennial convention program in 2028 and the program for the biennial summer retreat in 2027 and for planning, coordinating, implementing, and reporting other mission-based programming
- Marketing and Communications Vice-President: The marketing and communications VP works closely with the board to develop strategy and manage state communications to members and the public, to ensure that the brand image is consistently upheld, and to enhance visibility across the state.

For more details regarding these roles, please review the AAUW-PA Board Handbook



Local:**Voter Registration and AAUW Student Membership Outreach
LRU Student Activities Fair**

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke

We had the opportunity to have our tables next to each other and tag teamed students. It was also cool to be doing Voter Registration & Civic Education on **International Day of Democracy**. We talked to students, staff and even lifelong learning students. We shared a lot of info for the students to check their registration status, make a plan to vote and see who is on their ballot. We collaborated with the League of Women Voters. In the group picture we have:

Mary Ellen Benson LWV, Peggy Schmiedecke LWV & AAUW, Annahid Samiljan AAUW and Judith Kuperstein LWV & AAUW

The AAUW Student Membership table was rocking. Students were very interested in Grants, Fellowships and Scholarships. Many signed up for more information. Jenny Schwobel brought student membership info, swag and great cookies and chocolate. Annahid and Judith also enjoyed working this table with Jenny. We got some good candidate photos. Does anyone recognize the one lifelong learner student?



Election News:

November 4th important offices are on the ballot that impact AAUW priorities.

Please review the ballots for your community: Pennsylvania Voting Information: Vote411. Personalized Ballot | VOTE411

School Boards: Most school boards will have 4 seats on the ballot so please check out the information on the ballot and look for a voters' guide to help with your decisions.

Judicial Retention and new judge elections: Several judicial seats are up for consideration. At the Supreme Court level, there is a retention election that demands our attention. Please review these guides and choose the action that will support our AAUW's priorities. These are the individuals who decide important access to healthcare, voting rights, and equity that are important to us.

A Nonpartisan Guide to the 2025 Pennsylvania Supreme Court Retention Election - Guides. vote | Voters Guides Control of Pennsylvania Supreme Court at stake in 2025 election • Spotlight PA.

Advocacy Day with Partners from Campaign for Women's Health:

Nov 18th AAUW is joining our partners from the Campaign for Women's Health in hosting an Advocacy Day in Harrisburg on November 18th.

The goals of this day would be:

- Make it clear what our legislative priorities are in the House and Senate
- Show the force of our campaign through the collaboration of our partners and their supporters showing up in the Capitol
- Host a "rage room" where supporters can directly advocate for your legislative priorities
- Legislative meetings connecting org leaders and advocates with elected officials

AAUW PA Board members will provide all the messaging and support you will need in meetings with our lawmakers. We will have a listing of bills that we are endorsing, materials to drop off at offices, and signs to hold for any press events. We hope to schedule at least one opportunity on the steps to share our stories and demands for action with invitations to our state leaders to join us.

City of Pittsburgh – Gender Equity Commission (GEC)

Submitted by Peggy Schmiedecke

It was Nov 2021 when Ed Gainey won the mayoral election, Jan 2022 when he took office. Without Marcia Bandes Chair Pgh for CEDAW, Judy Hale CEDAW Commission and Jessie Ramey Chair CEC for not giving up on the GEC, for not resigning, but rather, every month, they asked "What time are we meeting?" and had to hear the reply "we don't have a quorum." With these two GEC members they couldn't shut down the GEC. This gave us time to reorganize, gather support for the GEC from local organizations, and press the administration to make good on the ordinance. Judy and Jessie continued their commitment until the City agreed to relaunch the GEC!

The tenacity of Pgh for CEDAW Collation paid off! An exciting update about the Gender Equity Commission. They hosted the first meeting of the year on September 4th! If you're interested, it is available to watch on the City's YouTube Channel LINK

https://www.youtube.com/playlist?list=PL2L3ZTwe78kE51Z4zMAjjjy9_L-s349_M

They discussed upcoming recommendations, the city budget and developing a 5-year plan. They still have a few seats available on the GEC so if you or someone you know (who lives in the City of Pgh) is interested in serving, submit your application using link and select Gender Equity on area interested in. LINK: <https://engage.pittsburghpa.gov/pittsburgh-volunteer-application>

Diversity

DID YOU KNOW THAT THIS IS PART OF AAUW'S 2025 STRATEGIC PLAN?

Protecting Civil Rights & Social Justice:

We defend civil rights through policy advocacy and legal action that promote equity, end discrimination, and ensure all women can fully participate in society.

DID YOU KNOW THAT YOU CAN BE AN ACTIVIST TO SUPPORT THIS PLAN?

Google AAUW 2-minute activist and sign up to receive action emails to voice your opinion!!!!

The Road Ahead: Preserving Diversity, Equity and Inclusion Amid Political Pushback

Building a culture that values diversity, equity, and inclusion is not just the right thing to do—it also brings tangible benefits to organizations. When managed effectively, diversity enhances decision-making and innovation, fosters engagement and retention.



Despite these benefits, DEI is now facing unprecedented challenges. On January 20, 2025, the U.S. administration issued an executive order restructuring DEI programs across the federal government, impacting roles such as chief diversity officer as well as equity-related grants and contracts. This reflects a broader shift in the DEI debate, with some sectors questioning its implementation and effectiveness. The consequences have been immediate: universities are halting DEI-related research projects, and many institutions are scaling back initiatives out of fear of losing federal funding. Beyond economic concerns, society at large is questioning the legitimacy and importance of DEI in organizations.

Great Decisions 2026

Our North Hills Pittsburgh branch of AAUW has sponsored the Great Decisions program for over forty years. Great Decisions is a program developed by the Foreign Policy Association which provides communities with a unique opportunity to learn about issues of global importance in an engaging and interactive format. This seven-week program begins on the first Saturday in February and continues for the following six Saturdays. The sessions for Great Decisions 2026 may include the following topics:

The Foreign Policy Association is pleased to announce the [topic selections for Great Decisions 2026](#).



- America and the World: Trump 2.0 Foreign Policy
- Trump Tariffs and the Future of the World Economy
- U.S.-China Relations
- Ruptured Alliances and the Risk of Nuclear Proliferation
- Ukraine and the Future of European Security
- Multilateral Institutions in a Changing World Order
- U.S. Engagement of Africa
- The Future of Human Rights and International Law

Note: Chapter titles, summaries, and author attributions are preliminary and subject to change prior to publication.

More information will be in the January Viewpoints

The Holiday Season Is Almost Here

It's Time to Start Planning the Branch Holiday Party!

You're invited to join us for a delightful Christmas lunch filled with laughter, warmth, and delicious treats. Save the date Friday December 5th at 12 noon, at Wildwood Golf Club. A flyer will be included with these viewpoints.

It won't be the same without you!



Branch Community Service Projects



Imagine a world where everyone gives back to their community in some way—whether it's through volunteering, donating, or simply lending a helping hand. That world would be stronger, more compassionate, and filled with hope. The truth is, your community needs you. This year our branch will again be participating in various "collection" type service projects. Community service is an important way to give back to the place where you live.

How do I donate? Donated items can be optionally brought to branch meetings or board meetings and special interest groups such as morning book group, evening book group, IPOD's, Bridge group and Lunch bunch. If you belong to more than one group you only need to donate once.

What items are we collecting? For each of the months listed below we will be collecting items specific for that organization. More details will be in that month's Viewpoint about what we are collecting.

- November. Socks, sizes 6 x through woman's sizes for Glade Run
- January. Collection of items for La Roche Food Pantry.
- April. Collection for *Pack a Purse*.

Socks for November!!!

sock drive



Day Of Peace at North Park

This event was held on Sunday September 21st and promotes dialogue and a chance to learn about different cultures. The event hosted the flag ceremony along with other different cultural events. Pictures from event:



October Highlights in U.S. Women's History

- **October 3, 1904** – Mary McLeod Bethune opens her first school for African-American students in Daytona Beach, Florida
- **October 4, 1976** – Barbara Walters becomes the first woman co-anchor of the evening news (at ABC)
- **October 4, 1993** – Ruth Bader Ginsburg joins the U.S. Supreme Court as its second woman Justice
- **October 8, 1993** – Toni Morrison becomes the first African American woman to win the Nobel Prize for Literature
- **October 10, 1983** – Dr. Barbara McClintock receives the Nobel Prize for Medicine for her discovery in genetics about mobile genetic elements
- **October 11, 1984** – Dr. Kathryn D. Sullivan is the first U.S. woman astronaut to “walk” in space during Challenger flight
- **October 15, 1948** – Dr. Frances L. Willoughby is the first woman doctor in the regular U.S. Navy
- **October 16, 1916** – Margaret Sanger opens the U.S.’s first birth control clinic in Brooklyn, New York
- **October 23, 1910** – Blanche Stuart Scott is the first American woman pilot to make a public flight
- **October 24, 1956** – Reverend Margaret Towner is the first woman ordained a minister in the Presbyterian Church
- **October 28, 1958** – Mary Roebling is the first woman director of a stock exchange (American Stock Exchange)



September Pictures IPODS



Lunch Bunch



Branch Meeting



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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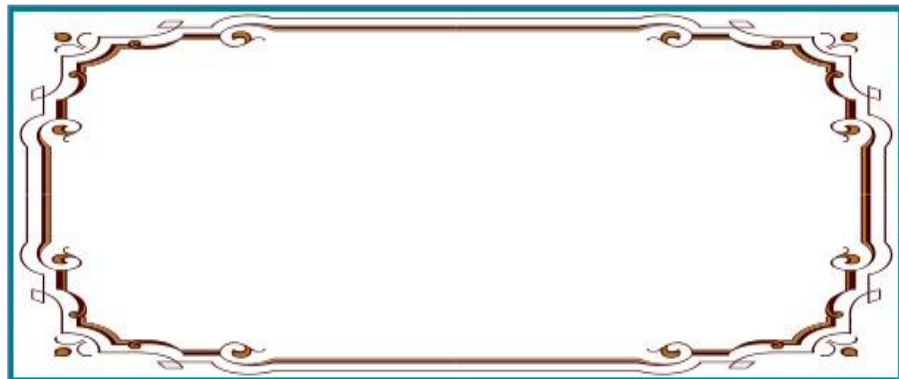
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Because Equity is still an issue