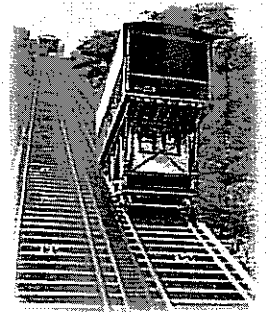


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~~Voting, Your Right....Do it Right~~

The National AAUW website includes information on both Presidential candidates and how their stated beliefs and political voting records indicate where they stand on the issues which are important to our organization and to women in general. Take the time to educate yourself before going to the polls to cast your vote for a particular candidate. Examine their records and specifically where they stand on the issues that are most important to you—those that directly influence you, your family, your employment, your elderly friends and family, your health insurance, your feelings about the environment or any other issue that you hold near and dear to your heart. It is difficult to make an educated decision by listening only to the mud-slung commercials on television and the radio. To truly make a good, educated decision when electing your politicians, it is imperative that you do some digging and educate yourself based on facts, not emotional appeals constructed by very savvy marketing and campaign teams. Log onto www.aauw.org and take a look at the 2008 election resources, a non-partisan guide to inform you where the candidates stand on the issues. You can obtain a plethora of voting information at www.votesmart.org. Don't just vote on November 4th; but Vote Smart and Vote Informed.

AAUW Mission

AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

Diversity Statement

In principle and in 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, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

November and December Programs

The November Program will be Drumming for Health with Rachael Allen. Rachael will provide information on stress release and better health with drumming. The December Program will be our Annual Holiday Luncheon with the Christmas Chorale. Sunnehanna will provide a delightful lunch followed by the smooth, mellow sounds of Keith Rager and his Chorale Group.

Please bring a friend with you to one of these exciting programs.

REMINDER: We will play Santa at our Christmas Luncheon. As our annual tradition, a **collection** will be taken up for **Victim Services**. Any size monetary donation is gratefully accepted.

Martha Banda and her husband, Nick, traveled to Georgia (the country, not the state) this year. As it has been in the news lately, she has volunteered to put together a 15—20 minute presentation with slides from this country to our members. If you would be interested in our Program Committee scheduling this presentation, either scheduled following a regular meeting or as an additional evening or afternoon session, please contact your President, Jo Romani, at jo17sanzio@aol.com . Please indicate your choice for how this presentation is scheduled. Members will be notified in the newsletter for date and time.

~Public Policy News~ Submitted by Barbara Procko



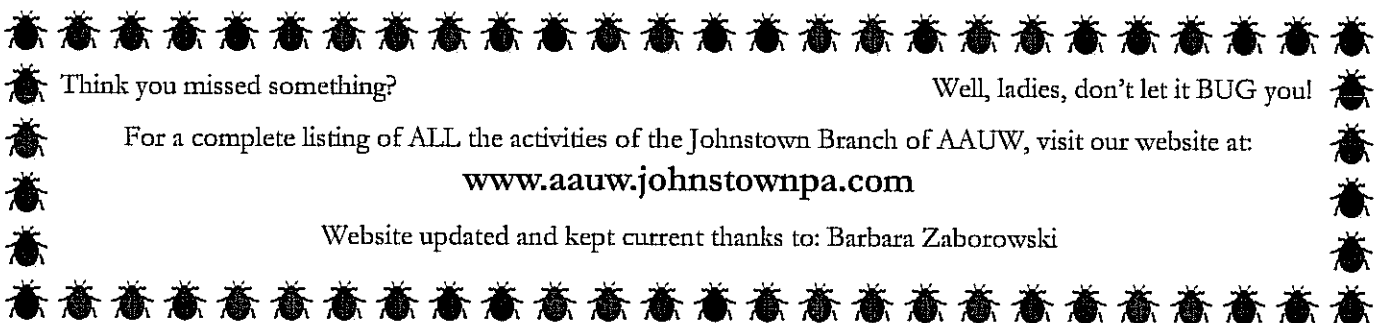
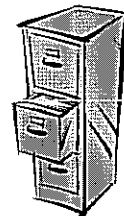
KEYS TO HIRING WOMEN IN STEM DISCUSSED

Socialists Dr. Christy M. Glass of Utah State University and Dr. Krista Lynn Minnotte of the University of North Dakota presented data at the American Sociological Association Conference in Boston that looked at the hiring of women for science, technology, engineering, and mathematics (STEM) positions. According to *Inside Higher Ed*, the study examined 3,245 applicants for 63 positions, and found that women were clearly sought after – 5.6% of women were being offered positions, versus 2.9% of men. The troubling piece of the data was the lack of female applicants, as men represented 84.8% of job applicants. The authors found that this result can partially be attributed to men having an “information advantage” in finding out about positions. Another factor mentioned by the authors was the power of having women on the search committee. They noted that although this did not increase the applicant pool, it gave women a better chance of making it to the final stages of the hiring process; a similar effect can be seen in university panels that prioritize diversity.

AAUW supports promoting and strengthening STEM education, especially for girls and other underrepresented populations. These efforts will help increase America’s competitiveness by reducing gender barriers that deter women from pursuing academic and career goals in STEM fields. Supported by a grant from the National Science Foundation, AAUW is implementing the *National Girls Collaborative Project*, a program designed to reach girl-serving STEM organizations across the United States and Puerto Rico.



NOTICE: There is a filing cabinet on the third floor of the Cambria County Library which contains the history of AAUW. It is available to anyone who wishes to go to the library and take a look.



Think you missed something?

Well, ladies, don't let it BUG you!

For a complete listing of ALL the activities of the Johnstown Branch of AAUW, visit our website at:

www.aauw.johnstownpa.com

Website updated and kept current thanks to: Barbara Zaborowski

2008—2009 Meeting Schedule

November 17 at Westmont Presbyterian Church
Monday, 7:00 pm
Drumming for Health

March 21 at Westmont Presbyterian Church
Saturday, 1:30 pm
Women in Today's Workplace

December 13 at Sunnehanna Country Club
Saturday, 12:00 noon
Christmas Chorale

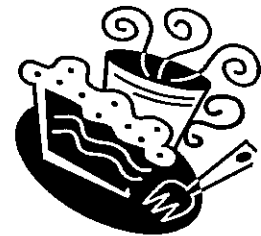
April 2009 at Bottleworks Arts Center
Time and Date to be announced
PA Humanities Council

February 21 at Boulevard Grill
Saturday, 12:00 noon
Field of Dreams—Neuroscience Research in Johnstown

May 18 at Westmont Presbyterian Church
Covered Dish Dinner at 6:00 pm
Master's Puppets Dinner Theater

Branch Meeting 2007-2008 Program Hospitality Reminder

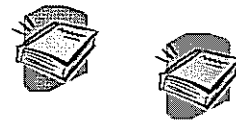
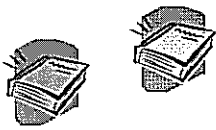
- 11-17-08 Anne Fattman, Mary Lou Wyandt
- 12-13-08 Dorothy Glass, Vera Leidy
- 2-21-09 Amy Noon — Checks made out to Wanda Keller
- 3-21-09 Wanda Keller, Kristine Olsen
- 4-2009 Maryann Minahan, Kay Kusibab
- 5-18-09 Dottie Glass, Carole Schrum, Barbara Swanson Covered Dish



BOARD MEETING:

Monday, November 3, at 7:00 pm, at the home of Jo Romani, 660 Russell Ave.

Holiday Luncheon Information COST: \$17.50 each
 December 13 at 12:00 NOON RSVP: December 6
 Sunnehanna Country Club Send Checks: Dottie Glass (address below)
PAYABLE : Johnstown Branch AAUW
 Menu Salad of mixed greens, diced apples, cran/raisins and gorgonzola dressing followed by an Entrée of pecan chicken, brie and scallions with a raspberry sauce, seasoned blended vegetables, rolls and a beverage. A holiday favorite Dessert of candy cane cake.
 Member Name: _____
 Number attending Luncheon: _____ X \$17.50 Total Enclosed: _____
 (include yourself and any guest)
 Return this form with your check and mail to: Dottie Glass, 422 State Street, Johnstown, PA 15905



If you thought the recent surge in the number of book sales might affect our October collection, think again. As I write this, there are eleven days of collection left in October and the garage is filling fast. Due to great publicity from Barbara Procko and all of you who continue to spread the word, donations have poured into the collection boxes—to which our pick-up people can attest.

Some things to remember: During the winter, ask potential donors if they will please hold onto the books until Spring. Don't send anyone to my garage unless they call first (255-6560). If you are able to hold on to a few books until Spring, it would be helpful. Save those plastic grocery bags and bring them with you to the branch meetings. Finally, if you have some time to help sort, please give me a call!!!

*****A thank you note was received from the Tribune Democrat for our donation to the NIE (Newspapers in Education) Program from the disbursement of the book sale funds*****

Upcoming Events / Contemporary Literature Group

Meetings are held the second Thursday of each month at 1:00 pm. Guests are welcome. Meetings are usually held in a member's home. For information about joining the group, please call Judy at 255-3591.

November 13th, Thursday, at 1:00 pm at the home of Ann Furlong. Reviewer: Ann Furlong

December 4th, Thursday, at 1:00 pm at the Westmont Presbyterian Church, Hostess and Reviewer: Mary DePra

January 8th or February 12th, Thursday, at 1:00 pm at the home of Anne Desimone, 870 Thermal Ave. Reviewer: TBA



Upcoming Events / Second Tuesday Study Group



Alcott

This group meets in a member's home the second Tuesday of each month at 1:00 pm to discuss the book for that month. The schedule of upcoming meetings is as follows:



Dickens

November 11 at the home of Faye Lear, 656 Russell Ave. The book will be The Yiddish Policeman's Union by Chabon. NOTE: Change of Venue

December 10 (Wednesday) at the Westmont Presbyterian Church parlor. The book will be Three Cups of Tea by Mortenson. NOTE: Change of Date.



Stowe

January 13 or February 10 at the home of Anne Desimone, 870 Thermal Ave. The book will be Loving Frank by Horan.

March 10 at the home of Anne Fattman, 1408 Coventry Court. The book will be A Thousand Splendid Suns by Hosseini. NOTE: Change of Venue



Shakespeare

April 14 which will be a luncheon, destination to be announced. The book will be The Zookeeper's Wife by Ackerman.

May 12 at the home of Mary DePra, 135 Breck Lane. The book will be Playing for Pizza by Grisham.

Johnstown Symphony Orchestra

Performances are held at the Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center. Saturdays.

November 15th "Hail to the Chief" salute to the Armed Forces

December 13th, "Home for the Holidays" Local artists

For tickets or more information, visit their website:

www.johnstownsymphony.org

Pittsburgh Opera

November 15, 18, 21 at 8:00pm and November 23 at 2:00 pm *The Grapes of Wrath* by Gordon and Korie.

Performances held at the Benedum Theater

For tickets or more information, visit their website at:

www.pittsburghopera.org

Chamber Music Series

Performances take place at First Presbyterian Church, Lincoln Street in Johnstown. Saturdays at 7:30pm

November 22nd Swingtet 8 Jazz

March 28th Castalia Ensemble—Shubert's Trout quintet

April 25th Victoria Bechtold Kush vocalist

May 23rd Appalachian Trio piano and brass

Following the performance, ticketholders are invited to a meet-and-greet with the artists at Harrigans. Receive a 20% discount. Information call: 255-7116 or 255-6292.

Community Arts Center

November 9th through December 24th

Annual Festival of the Trees and Annual Holly Bazaar featuring Book Sale, TerriLynn Nut Fund Raiser, and Basket Bonanza

For more information and to view their calendar of events, visit the website at: www.cacccc.org, or call 814-255-6515.



River City Brass Band

Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

November 9th "Birth of a Great City"

December 14th "And the Angels Sing"

For tickets or more information, visit the website:

www.rcbb.com

Pasquerilla Performing Arts Center

Performances begin again with Abbamania on September 13th.

November 12th 7:30pm "Hot 8 Brass Band"

November 21st 7:30pm "Capitol Steps" a comedy

December 10th 7:30pm "A Celtic Christmas"

January 8th 7:30pm "Ain't Misbehavin'"

For tickets or more information, visit www.upj.pitt.edu



Upcoming Events / Dining Around the World

Rita King organizes the **Food Tasting Events**. Contact Rita if you are interested in joining her and other members, sometimes friends and spouses, as they sample various cuisines at area establishments. They are held the last Thursday of the month. Call Rita at 266-8493 if you would like to be included and to receive a schedule of the dining dates and venues.



Upcoming Events

Bridge Special Interest Group



All levels of Bridge playing ability and experience are welcome. Meets last Wednesday of the month (note change in regular scheduling for November and December due to the Holidays).

November 19th and December 17th at 11:30am at the Holiday Inn.

If you would like to join us, please contact Mary DePra at 266-1712 / mdepra@aol.com or Judy Papineau at 255-3591.

I can't believe the October meeting is history and we are fast moving into the third month of the program year. If you missed the October 20 meeting, you missed a good one. Nancy Harris had a lot of financial information for the retired and upcoming retirees. If you are interested, we can get you copies of the information that was distributed.

Speaking of meetings and attendance.....PLEASE check your membership directory. Mark your calendars and make plans to be at the meetings. The phone callers will try to call everyone and remind them of the meetings. But sometimes there are problems, and you know "the best laid plans...."

At the October meeting, the new membership brochure was distributed. It is up-to-date, and—I hope—well edited. There are email addresses as well as phone numbers included as contact information for potential new members. The brochures will be available at all upcoming meetings. It has been suggested that everyone take a few brochures and place them wherever there might be a possibility of reaching potential new members. Libraries, doctor offices, banks, hairdressers, and your place of work may all be areas where you can leave a few brochures. Please ask permission first before distributing or leaving brochures.

I hope to see everyone at the November meeting. Bring a friend!

President's Perspective



Dear Fellow Members:

Fall is in the air—can snow be far behind? Please remember to VOTE!

I have stopped forwarding *National's Washington Updates* and *AAUW Action Network* to all of you have email addresses because many of you have told me that you are receiving them directly from National Headquarters. I am still printing out a copy and bringing them to our meetings for those of you who do not have access to a computer; but by then, some of the Action Alerts have passed the deadlines.

Please try to attend our meetings; this year, we have scheduled them at different times so that you can fit them into your busy schedules. The time, date, place and topic can be found in the 2008-2009 booklet that all members should have received. It has all the pertinent information in there. Feel free to bring a guest or two, or three. We enjoy having a crowd.

Book collecting is on-going. Lee will speak to that. I do want to thank all of you who are helping with the collecting, sorting, and packing. It is a hard and tedious job, but does benefit education in our area. People look forward to our sale and we are getting them to READ!

Keep spreading the good word about our group—hope to see all of you at our meetings!

~~your President, Jo Romani~~

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