



Spring Salad Luncheon Meeting

Nancy Drew: The History Behind the Mystery Tara Rotuna

May 12, 2016 11:30 AM
Municipal Meeting Room
Murrysville Community Library
4100 Sardis Road

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Ahhh! Remember hot summer days, curled up on a comfy chair, reading the latest adventures of Nancy Drew? Would you believe that for over 86 years, boys and girls have been enjoying Nancy Drew mystery stories? Tara Rotuna will join us at our May meeting, on May 12, to present ***Nancy Drew: The History Behind the Mystery***. Tara will entertain us about our favorite childhood sleuth and answer questions, such as: What is the history behind our favorite girl? Who created Nancy Drew? Who is Carolyn Keene? and more!

Ms. Rotuna, herself, began reading and collecting Nancy Drew books at the age of eight. Attending a Nancy Drew convention in 2008 prompted her to learn more about the history of the series and inspired her to write and deliver presentations at local libraries for the 80th anniversary of Nancy Drew. She delivered an expanded and enhanced presentation for the 85th anniversary. As an involved member of her community, Tara served on the

Monroeville Public Library Board from 2011 to 2015. She continues to volunteer for library events and fundraisers, and holds a seat on the Advisory Board of the Spectrum Charter School. Professionally, she has held positions as a technical writer, process engineer, and IT analyst. She is currently a business analyst for ConsultUSA.

We are looking forward to hearing Tara Rotuna tell of Nancy Drew's history and to learn how our favorite girlhood sleuth has influenced the paths and lives of some accomplished women.

Our May meeting will be a luncheon meeting, so our starting time is later – 11:30 AM. The meeting will begin with the luncheon followed by the business meeting and then the speaker. If you plan on attending, **please RSVP to murrysvilleaaauw@gmail.com by Monday, May 9th**. We need one more volunteer to bring a dessert to complete our menu. Instead of asking everyone to bring a dish as we have done in the past, this year we have a list of volunteers who will bring salads and desserts for 8-10 people. Won't you join us on May 12?

President's Letter

When Annie Rivers called me and told me that our speaker, Andrew Zentner had cancelled, my response was "OH NO!" But we were really lucky, because we have in our midst a wonderful quilter who was happy to share her talent with us. There aren't enough adjectives to describe the beautiful quilts that Janet Sutton and Marlene Fenoglietto brought to our branch meeting. I marvel at the creativity, the designs, and the artistry these two ladies exhibited. So much interesting information was given about the quilts, the techniques and methods used to make the quilts. Janet also gave us some history of quilting of which many of us I am sure were not aware. How lucky we were to be there to experience it all. We missed seeing Dr. Zentner, but the program we had instead was equally as interesting and educational. We owe a special thank you to Janet, Marlene and Annie Rivers (coordinator of the meeting) for bringing us this wonderful and fascinating program.



On April 8 we had a group of 20 members and husbands go to the Allegheny Observatory for a tour. During the tour we were able to see the giant telescopes they use to look beyond our solar system. Unfortunately, it was a cloudy night and we were not able to look through these telescopes. I encourage you to go and experience this very interesting 2 hour tour. It opens at 8:00 every Friday evening and is free to the public. However, reservations are required because space is limited. On a beautiful starry night what an interesting thing to do!

Our new website is almost done! At the last board meeting Joanna Demarest and Sue Hauser showed us what we have so far and explained what needs to be added. Within the next few months it will be tweaked somewhat to make it even better, but at least we will have something potential members

can go to in order to find out more about us. We will also have a Facebook account to go with it.

In May we have our annual luncheon. It is the last meeting of the year. How fast the year has gone! Please don't forget to RSVP so we know how many places to set at the tables.

See you in May!

Sally Haleen

Announcing Our New Officers

I am very pleased to announce our newest officers for the 2016-2018 term. They are as follows:

President: Susan Petrie

Vice President Programs: Michele Clarke

Secretary: Bethia Schulz

Installation of our new president will take place at the May Luncheon. Be sure and come and welcome your newest officers.

Sally Haleen

New Murrysville AAUW Webpage

We are on the internet!! A few months ago our board made the decision to create a webpage dedicated to the Murrysville AAUW branch. Joanna Demarest stepped up to lead the effort and many members contributed key information. Now anyone can go to our website at <http://murrysville-pa.aauw.net/> and learn all about our branch and get the latest news. So go check it out! You'll find our: meetings, programs, tours, special activities, officers, recent issues of the Focus; and even a membership form for people interested in joining us. Our special thanks to Joanna and all the members involved in getting our site up and running.

Sue Hauser
Website Coordinator

Reading for Pleasure

We will gather on May 26th at the home of Carol Gezon at 10 AM to discuss and make selections for 2016-17 from the previously distributed lists of possible books. A salad/dessert luncheon will follow. Prior to the meeting, Carol will have contacted members with requests for food items. We'll also generate a "Summer Reading List", to be published in the final Focus of the year.

Marge Hanes

Northside Tasting Tour



Join us Thursday May 19 for the last tour of the year. We will take a guided walking tour of Pittsburgh's Northside and sample local yummy foods enroute. Meet at 12 noon at the Pat Catan's sign to carpool. Tour begins at 1:00 PM at Teutonia Mannerchor, a German choral and cultural society. Their building is unique and decorated with items from Germany. Usually this building is closed to the public, but we have special permission to visit. Then our guides will escort us through Deutschtown, tasting along the way. Cost for the tour is \$35.47, which is a group discount. **Please note that the deadline to sign up is May 5 – before the May Branch meeting.** If you would like to attend, send your check for \$35.47, payable to Murrysville Area AAUW to Nancy Veyo. Your check guarantees your reservation. Any questions please call or email Betty Hollingsworth.

Dues are Due for 2016-2017



AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and we begin collecting dues now for the July 1, 2016 to June 30, 2017 year.

Dues are \$75 for members and \$25 for affiliates. This is the same as last year. Of the \$75, \$49 goes to the National Association, \$10 to the State Association and \$16 is for our branch operating budget. Of the \$49 AAUW National dues, \$46 is considered a tax deductible contribution. AAUW is a 501(c)3 corporation.

Please send your dues to Nancy Veyo and make checks payable to Murrysville Area AAUW. Also, please include any changes in address, phone numbers or email, so that we may correct the information in the branch directory.

Greetings from Florida

Bobbie Fabish was here visiting me in St. Petersburg. We both miss all of you a bunch. It was a delight to have her here. We had a good time together. We now live in an assisted living facility in St. Pete following my accident about a year ago. I received so many nice cards from members. Thank you.



Marcia Oder



Note from Bobbie

I had a wonderful visit with my friend, Marcia, the most amazing and strong woman I know!

May 2016

5	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – Municipal Meeting Room† Board Members, please email Sally if you cannot attend.
5	Thurs.		Deadline to RSVP for Bits & Bites Tour – Send checks to Nancy Veyo.
8	Sun.		Happy Mother's Day 
9	Mon.		Deadline to RSVP for Spring Salad Luncheon Meeting to MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com
12	Thurs.	11:30 AM	Branch Spring Salad Luncheon Meeting – Municipal Meeting Room† Bring a guest!
16	Mon.		Focus Deadline – Email articles to Donna Beard.
19	Thurs.	Noon	Bits & Bites Tour – Meet at Pat Catan's sign to car pool.
26	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure in the home of Carol Gezon. Please let her know if you will attend.
27	Fri.	10:00 AM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Nancy Veyo. Please let her know if you cannot attend.
28	Mon.		 Memorial Day
6/2	Thurs.	9:30 AM	AAUW Program Planning meeting for 2016-2017 – Murrysville Community Meeting Room† All members are invited to attend, and help plan next year's programs and tours.

† The Municipal Meeting Room is located at the entrance to the Murrysville Community Library, 4100 Sardis Road.

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