

September Brunch Meeting

Paul Ruggieri

WQED-TV Producer

Behind the Scenes at WQED with Emmy-Winning Paul Ruggieri

Thursday, September 8, 2016 9:30 AM

Municipal Meeting Room

Murrysville Community Library

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Paul Ruggieri is a producer, TV photojournalist, and editor for WQED-TV. He has earned 28 Mid-Atlantic Emmys, two Golden Eagle Cines, three Gabriels, an Edwin R. Murrow award and many local and regional awards for his television work. Paul's presentation will include samples of his work and a discussion about what goes on behind the scenes to make each video production come to life.



The photojournalist-editor joined WQED in 1999, with an extensive background in news and programming. His notable work includes "Stone Soldiers: Saving the Gettysburg Monuments", "From Pittsburgh to Poland: Lessons of the Holocaust", "From Pittsburgh to the Vatican", "Leo Beachy's Legacy", "Losing Lambert: A Journey Through Survival and Hope", and Rick Sebak's "Pittsburgh A to Z", "Things We've Made" and "It's The Neighborhoods".

Get reacquainted with AAUW friends over a casual brunch preceding the speaker. Members and guests are welcome to attend this complimentary brunch and presentation. Reservations are necessary, so please RSVP no later than Tuesday, September 6 to the branch email at MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com.

President's Letter

Hello members and friends! September will soon be here when we will gather for another year of great programs, tours and fellowship. Hopefully, you found a few moments this summer to look at our Facebook page (AAUW-Murrysville Branch) and website. Please encourage your friends to check us out!

Program VP Michele Clarke and the coordinators have been working hard all summer to put together a great variety of meetings and tours which I'm sure you will find informative, thought-provoking and entertaining. See Future Branch Events in the next column.

We will kick the year off at 9:30 a.m. on September 8. After we enjoy our traditional delicious Brunch, our speaker, Paul Ruggieri, will take us behind the scenes at WQED. I can't wait! See page one for RSVP details. As always, guests are welcome, so be sure to bring your friends and neighbors!

I hope you have been saving books for our annual Book Sale in November. Chair Jane Kerr's enthusiasm is contagious, so I know it will once again be a great success!

See you in September!

Susan Petrie

Sad News



Virginia "Ginnie" Kelly passed away June 18. She was a charter member and an active member of our branch for many years. A contribution was sent to the Murrysville Community Library in her memory.

Future Branch Events

The AAUW program committee met in June to select programs for the upcoming year based on the results of the members' questionnaire at the May meeting. Here is a brief synopsis of the diverse topics coming later this year. All programs are open to the public.



October 13 "Cyber Hacking" with Officer Jasen Bethlehem, Murrysville Patrolman

December 8 "Great? Inventions of the Past" with Dr. Jerry Colclaser

January 12 "Stress and Brain Health" with Dr. Michael J. Zigmond, professor of biology at University of Pittsburgh

February 9 "Islam in America Today" with Aliya Khan

March 9 "The Secret Service, Policing and Fiction" with JJ Hensley, former secret service and law enforcement officer, and crime novel author

April 13 "The End of the Age of Dinosaurs in Antarctica" with Dr. Matt Lamanna, Carnegie Museum of Natural History

May 11 "Our Musical May Luncheon"

The upcoming tours were also selected. Some tours are open to guests depending on registration limits. Pre-registration is required as well as pre-payment for some.

February 15 "80 Acres Restaurant: An Afternoon of Delight"

April 20 "Westmoreland Museum Tour" with lunch at the museum

May 18 "'Burgh Bits and Bites Tour of Southside"

Michele Clarke

Welcome 2016-17 Board

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| President | Susan Petrie |
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| Great Decisions | Annie Rivers |
| Reading For Pleasure | Sally Haleen |

Membership

Welcome to our newest member,
Celine Kandala

Further information for Celine and the other new members welcomed in the June Focus is in the 2016-2017 member directory.

The September Brunch is always an enjoyable meeting and the perfect opportunity to invite prospective members to see what Murrysville Area AAUW is all about. Ask your friends, neighbors and family members to join us. Membership is open to all, including men, and our affiliate membership is available for those without a college degree.

Membership materials will be available at the September meeting. Contact me with any questions.

Betty Hollingsworth

September Tour

We will visit the Blairsville Underground Railroad History Center on Thursday, September 15. Our tour will begin at 10:00 AM at the former Second Baptist Church, 214 S. East Lane, Blairsville.

The Center is dedicated to the memory of the area people who joined the Underground Railroad Movement in pre-Civil-War America. It houses two main exhibits: one describing the story of Indiana County Abolitionists and their efforts; the second shows the daily life of enslaved children. After an informative discussion we will have a walking tour with eight stops to learn more about this important part of American history.

Note that some walking and stairs are involved. Following the tour, we will have lunch at Ravaila's Restaurant.

The tour fee is \$3.00, to be paid upon arrival. Pre-reservations are necessary and can be made until Thursday, September 8. We will meet under the Pat Catan parking lot sign at 9:00 AM for carpooling. Coordinator for the day is Michele Clarke. Please let her know if you plan to come. Guests are welcome.

Michele Clarke

New Addresses

Donna Beard


Sonja Straub



November is for Lovers --- Book Lovers, of course!

We look forward to another successful partnering with the Murrysville Community Library for our annual AAUW Book Sale on November 10, 11, and 12, 2016. Donated books will be collected at the library beginning October 1 in the following categories:

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| Best Sellers | Non-fiction |
| Fiction & Mysteries | Biographies |
| Children & Young Adult | History |
| Classics | Science |
| Holiday Books & CDs | Cookbooks |
| Audio Books on CDs | Crafts & Gardening |



We have limited storage and display space, so we unfortunately cannot collect books in the following categories:

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| Coffee Table Books | Albums & Cassettes |
| Condensed Books | DVDs & Videotapes |
| Encyclopedias | Religious |
| Manuals & Textbooks | Self Help |
| Harlequins & Silhouettes | Sports |
| Musty or Moldy Books | |

Thank you in advance for saving your books for our collection in October. Please pass the word to your family and friends to kindly do the same. We need books for a successful sale.

The other vital part of a successful book sale is YOU: the amazing volunteers. Please mark your calendars now for these important dates. Watch for more details and sign-up information in the fall.

Super Sort Day Wed., Nov. 9
(Many volunteers needed)

Book Sale Thurs.-Sat., Nov. 10-12

I am excited for my first experience as the Book Sale chair. But, I am most excited for the opportunity to work with each of you on our only FUNdraiser (emphasis on FUN) of the year. Let's make it another great one, Book Lovers!

Jane Kerr
Book Sale Chair

Reading for Pleasure

On September 22, Annie Augustine will be leading a discussion of two WWII books.



All the Light We Cannot See by Anthony Doerr is a New York Times bestseller about a blind French girl and a German boy whose paths collide in occupied France as they both try to survive the devastation of WWII.

The Nightingale by Kristin Hannah, also taking place during the Nazi invasion of France, is about two sisters, separated by years and experience, by ideals, passion and circumstance, who each embark on dangerous paths for survival, love and freedom in German occupied war-torn France.



Please join us at the home of Bethia Schulz at 10:00 AM. RSVP to Bethia.

Sally Haleen

Dues Are Due

AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30 and we have been collecting dues since May. The dues are \$75 for members and \$25 for affiliates which has remained for the last several years. Of the \$75, \$49 is sent to the National Association, \$10 to the State Organization and \$16 is for our branch budget. Of the \$49 National dues, \$46 is considered a tax deductible contribution as AAUW is a 501(c)3 corporation.

If you have not paid your dues, please send a check, payable to Murrysville Area AAUW, to Nancy Veyo

If you have any questions, please email or call.

September 2016

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| 1 | Thurs. | 9:30 AM | Board Meeting – Municipal Meeting Room† Board Members, please email Susan if you cannot attend. |
| 5 | Mon. | | Labor Day |
| 6 | Tue. | | Deadline to RSVP for September Brunch meeting at MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com. |
| 8 | Thurs. | 9:30 AM | Branch Meeting – Municipal Meeting Room† |
| 8 | Thurs. | | Deadline to RSVP for September tour to Blairsville Underground Railroad History Center to Michele Clarke. |
| 12 | Mon. | | Focus Deadline – Email articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com. |
| 15 | Thurs. | 9:00 AM | Tour – Meet for car pool to Blairsville Underground Railroad History Center under the Pat Catan parking lot sign. |
| 22 | Thurs. | 10:00 AM | Reading for Pleasure at the home of Bethia Schulz, 4062 Mayflower Court. Please RSVP to her if you plan to attend. |
| 23 | Fri. | 10:00 AM | Duplicate Bridge at the home of Annie Rivers. Please let her know if you cannot attend. |

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



Check out our Facebook page at **AAUW-Murrysville Branch**

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