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October Branch Meeting Officer Jasen Bethlehem Murrysville Police Cyber Security Considerations for Everyday Life Thursday, October 13, 2016 9:30 AM

Municipal Meeting Room

Murrysville Community Library

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For our October meeting, we welcome guest speaker, Officer Jasen Bethlehem, of the Murrysville Police Department. He has been in law enforcement for 16 years and has served with the Murrysville Police Department since 2014. Jasen's presentation will focus on Cyber Security considerations on a wide range of topics



including: online financial transactions, email scams, and internet chat rooms.

Officer Bethlehem graduated from Western Carolina University with a Bachelor's degree in Administrative Justice and has completed concentrated graduate studies at Carlow College and California University of PA. In his early adult life he served in the United States Coast Guard, stationed both in the United States and overseas. Prior to joining the Murrysville Police Department, Officer Bethlehem served as a police officer in Panama City, Florida, assigned to various specialized units including the Marine Patrol and the Community Services Division. He is married and has a 20 month old son. Members and guests are welcome to attend this presentation. Reservations are not necessary.



President's Letter

Our September Branch meeting was a fantastic start to the year, wouldn't you agree? We had a record turnout of 43! I know everyone enjoyed our speaker, Paul Ruggieri from WQED, as he entertained us with his many diverse experiences and adventures as a TV producer and photojournalist . Engaging, humorous, fascinating – we didn't want the program to end!

Many thanks to Annie Rivers for arranging for the speaker, to Bethia Schulz for the lovely autumn table decorations, and to everyone who contributed food and beverages, plus helped with set up and take down of the room.

By now our new Directory should be ready and available to you. Thank you, Bjoerg Granger, for all your hard work in again updating and editing our important contacts and reference information.

I want to extend a warm welcome to each of our new members! We look forward to seeing you at our Branch meetings, as well as Reading For Pleasure or Bridge, if either of those interest you. The meeting dates and times are always listed in this newsletter's calendar. If you have suggestions for an activity or a program topic, please don't hesitate to contact me or anyone on the Board. (The Board members are listed in the Directory.)



Here is a photo of outgoing President Sally Haleen as I surprised her with a formal show of appreciation, since she was unable to attend our May meeting.

Looking forward to seeing all of you in October!

Susan Petrie

Reading for Pleasure

At the age of 36 on the verge of completing a decade's worth of training as a neurosurgeon, Paul Kalanithi was diagnosed with stage IV lung cancer. One day he was a doctor treating the dying, and the next he is a patient struggling to live.



When Breath Becomes Air by Paul Kalanithi is an unforgettable, life-affirming reflection of facing death and the relationship between doctor and patient from a brilliant writer who became both.

Please join us for a discussion lead by Carol Gezon at the home of on October 27 at 10:00 A.M. RSVP to Marge..

Sally Haleen

Membership

A warm welcome to our newest members:

Lorie Mottorn

Marsha Wong

Both Lorie and Marsha are former members and we are so glad they have rejoined!

Betty Hollingsworth



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

The Fourth Annual AAUW/Murrysville Library Book Sale will be held on November 10, 11 and 12, 2016 at the library. This important tradition of our branch continues because of you, the many members who work so hard to make the Book Sale a success each year!

Here are three things you can do to help with this year's sale.

#1. Keep saving your best books, and please ask your friends and family to do the same.We are looking for books in the following categories:

Best Sellers Fiction & Mysteries Children & Young Adult Classics Holiday Books & CDs Audio Books on CDs

Non-fiction Biographies History Science Cookbooks Crafts & Gardening

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

Coffee Table Books	Albums & Casettes
Condensed Books	DVDs & Videtapes
Encyclopedias	Religious
Manuals & Textbooks	Self-Help
Harlequins & Silhouettes	Sports
Musty or Moldy Books	

#2. Beginning on October 1 through November 9, please bring the books into the library for donation drop off.

#3. Sign up at our October 13 branch meeting to help on one of the sale days or contact Donna Beard to volunteer. The money we collect at the Book Sale benefits the Murrysville Library and helps fund our own educational and entertaining programs that are open to the public. Thank you for helping us contribute to our community! I look forward to seeing you at the Book Sale.

> Jane Kerr Book Sale Chair

AAUW Dues

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 Nancy.

October 2016			
6	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – Municipal Meeting Room† Board Members, please email Susan if you cannot attend.
13	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting – Municipal Meeting Room†
17	Mon.		Focus Deadline – Email articles to Donna Beard.
27	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure at the home of Marge Hanes. Please RSVP to her if you plan to attend.
28	Fri.	10:00 AM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Carol Gezon. 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.



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