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May Luncheon Branch Meeting Music Is in the Air Seton Hill University

Thursday, May 11, 2017 11:30 AM

Municipal Meeting Room Murrysville Community Library 4100 Sardis Road

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Live from Seton Hill University we will be enjoying the music of several professors and their students performing for us. Professor of double bass Justin Bendel and one of his students will be performing the first movement of Gran Duetto #2 by Bottesini for Double Basses. Professor of oboe, Rise Kostilinik will perform Theme and Variations on Twinkle Twinkle Little Star by Mozart and Moments from Women by Tina Nicholson. Closing out the program will be professor of cello Sara Ferrell performing cello duets with one of her students, John Matey.

The Community Music Program at Seton Hill University is designed to develop the musicianship of children and adults in the local area. Directed by Michelle Walters, the program provides a comprehensive program for students wishing to advance their musical training and performance through quality musical instruction. Please come and enjoy the music of these wonderful musicians and their students.

Reservations are required for the salad luncheon so we know how many places to set. Guests are welcome, but must also have a reservation. Email MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com or Betty Hollingsworth to reserve by Tuesday, May 9.

Thank you to those who signed up to bring a salad. Carol Gezon will contact you.



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President's Letter

How wonderful to see a steady increase in our membership and good attendance at Branch meetings! In April, dinosaur expert Dr. Lamanna was as enthusiastic and knowledgeable as when he spoke before us several years ago. Wasn't his ability to rattle off so many names of dinosaurs impressive?

Congratulations to our newly elected officers, Michele (Program), Betty (Membership) and Sue (Financial), and a big thank you to Marsha Wong for accepting the board position of Book Sale Chair!

Remember to submit your book suggestions for next year's Reading For Pleasure group to Sally Haleen by May 18.

If you are curious about the Southside, sign up with Betty Hollingsworth for a May 18th tour - always fun.

A reminder to submit Focus articles on time, please.

The Problem Solver's List received over 100 recommended service providers! It will be emailed to members in the next month or so. Thank you, Judy Johnson!

We look forward to a special celebration of our 45th Anniversary year at our musical luncheon meeting on May 11th. (Please RSVP.) Note the 11:30 AM start time. See everyone then!



Susan Petrie

Problem Solver

Your response to the request for submissions to a new updated version of the Problem Solver's Services list was wonderful. Thank you! It is almost ready for email distribution. Enjoy!

Judy Johnson

Southside Tasting Tour

If you missed the April Branch Meeting, there is still a chance to join this tour, but reservations must be paid by May 11, the day of our Branch Meeting. The 2-hour walking tour, beginning at 1:00 on May 18th, costs \$39.00. Send checks made out to Betty Hollingsworth, 1003 Arlington Avenue, Export 15632 by the deadline date, or bring to the May luncheon. We will meet at noon at the Pat Catan's sign to carpool. Tour details can be reviewed at burghfoodtour.com. Call or email Betty with any questions.

Betty Hollingsworth

2017-18 Program Planning

Step 1: May Luncheon - survey of ideas for programs and tours to get your opinion. If you cannot attend but want to weigh-in, contact Michele to get a survey.

Step 2: Michele summarizes the survey results.

Step 3: June 1st Planning Meeting. This is the meat of the planning. We discuss, organize and accept responsibilities for another brilliant year of programs and tours. We need one member to volunteer to coordinate a single program and tour. All members are invited to participate in the meeting.

Step 4: Each coordinator follows up on booking a program/tour. There are easy to follow instructions and lots of people to advise and help.

Step 5: The BEST YEAR EVER.

See you at the Planning Meeting on June 1st at 9:30 AM at the Municipal Meeting Room! It is great fun to know that you are an important part of this wonderful organization.

Michele Clarke

Reading for Pleasure

On May 25th we will be meeting at Carol Gezon's house for our annual spring salad luncheon to choose our reading selections for next year. Please join us with your salad and book suggestions at 10:00.AM Please RSVP to Carol.

In the meantime, please send to me your book ideas for next year and summer reading by May 18th. I am compiling a list which will be emailed to you for your consideration before the meeting.

Sally Haleen

Dues are Due for 2017-2018

AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, and we begin collecting dues now for the July 1, 2017 to June 30, 2018 year. Dues



are \$75 for members and \$25 for affiliates. This is the same as the last 9 years. 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 pay your dues at a branch meeting or send your dues to Nancy Veyo.

Make checks payable to Murrysville Area AAUW. Also, please include any changes in your address, phone numbers or email, so that we may correct the information in the branch directory. If you have any questions, email Nancy or MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com.

Nancy Veyo

Candidates Night May 5, 2017

Murrysville Area AAUW is once again hosting a Candidates Night on Friday evening May 5, from 7:00 PM to 9:30 PM in the Murrysville Council meeting room. The meeting will be televised on Cable Channel 19, and will be repeated several times until the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 16.

Candidates for the positions of Mayor of Murrysville, Murrysville Council, Franklin Regional School Director, and District Magistrate have been invited. While several of the offices are not contested, we still feel that it is in the best interest of the public to become familiar with the positions of the candidates as they answer questions

Lane Neff has graciously accepted the role of moderator again. To flesh out the committees, we will need: a Timekeeper; Greeters (several) who will meet the candidates and assist them in securing their seating by lottery, and hand out note cards and pencils to the audience; and a Screening Committee (probably 3 people) who will screen questions for relevance and good taste.

regarding the offices they seek.

Please send me any questions that you would like the candidates to answer. Recently the audience questions have been sparse, but I saved some questions from past years (some issues never change!) so that's a start.

Please contact me to volunteer, or to send me questions.



Susan Greenberg Public Policy Chair

May 2017			
4	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting - Municipal Meeting Room† Board Members, please email Susan if you cannot attend.
5	Fri.	7:00 PM	Candidates Night - Murrysville Council Chamber
9	Tue.		RSVP Deadline for Branch Luncheon to Betty Hollingsworth
11	Thurs.	11:30 AM	Branch Luncheon Meeting - Municipal Meeting Room†
11	Thurs.		RSVP Deadline for Tasting Tour to Betty Hollingsworth
14	Sun.		Mother's Day
15	Mon.		Focus Deadline - Email articles to Donna Beard
16	Tue.	7:00 AM 8:00 PM	Primary Election Day
18	Thurs.	Noon	Tasting Tour of the Southside - Meet at Pat Catan's sign for carpooling.
25	Thurs	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure will be hosted by Carol Gezon. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Carol.
26	Fri.	10:00 AM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Diane Fields. Please let her know if you cannot attend.
29	Mon.		Memorial Day
6/1	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Program Planning Meeting - Municipal Meeting Room†

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



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