



President's letter

Our May luncheon and full agenda was just lovely! Thank you to everyone who helped make the occasion festive and fun, especially our luncheon coordinators Carol Gezon and Betty Hollingsworth. The spring green and blue table decorations and little herb plants brightened the day. Many thanks to those who brought such delicious salads. (In Mook, your sushi was amazing!)

Judy Johnson reflected on the founding and challenges of our Branch's early years, before fellow charter members Nancy Veyo and In Mook Chun joined her in cutting a cake celebrating our 45th anniversary.

This year, we presented Kate Cala, Executive Director of the East Suburban Citizen Advocacy, with our Community Service Award. She was very honored! Thank you, Sue Hauser and committee, for making this happen.

We installed the new officers for next year - continuing on are Betty Hollingsworth (Membership) and Michele Clarke (Program) while Sue Hauser will be our new Financial Officer. I want to thank the entire board for serving this year and handling their duties and challenges so well.

We need a Secretary for next year! Please call me if you would like to fill this important role. The Secretary takes minutes at the board and branch meetings.

After filling out Program Surveys, we enjoyed music provided by professors and students from the Community Arts Program at Seton Hill University.

Please come and provide input at the Program Planning Meeting on June 1. This is your opportunity to share what kinds of programs YOU would like!

Have a wonderful summer!

Susan

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2017 AAUW Community Service Award

Each year our branch of AAUW recognizes a local person who has made an outstanding contribution to the community. This year Kate Cala was selected for this honor in recognition of her years of outstanding work with the East Suburban Citizen Advocacy (ESCA) and her extraordinary dedication to enhancing the lives of individuals with developmental disabilities. Kate has been involved with the East Suburban Citizen Advocacy (ESCA) as an advocate since 1998. She served as the Advocacy Coordinator from 2005-2009 and was appointed Executive Director in 2010. Susan Petrie presented the award to Kate during our May branch meeting along with a donation to ESCA.

Congratulations to Kate Cala.

Dues are Due for 2017 – 2018

AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, and we are 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 by June 26 so we can pay our branch dues on time. Send your dues to:

Sue Hauser

Make checks payable to Murrysville Area AAUW. Also, please include any changes in your address so we can update the information in the branch directory. If you have any questions, contact Sue.

New Officers Installed

Our new officers were installed at the May branch meeting. Pictured below are:

- Betty Hollingsworth – VP Membership
- Michele Clarke – VP Program
- Sue Hauser – Financial Officer





South Side Tour



Fourteen members plus Bruce Gezon, honorary member for the day, toured the Southside with 3 guides from Burgh Bits and Bites on May 18. We learned some history, appreciated some architecture and consumed many calories. Fortunately we also walked many blocks to burn off some of those calories. This was our 6th tour with Burgh Bits and Bites and they planned a tasty itinerary for us to sample the food merchants of Pittsburgh's historic Southside.

Great Decisions Final Report

I want to thank all those who participated in GREAT DECISIONS 2017 this spring. I especially want to thank the discussion leaders: Janet Sutton, Sue Hauser, Susan Greenberg, Bjoerg Granger, and Carol Gezon for inviting her son-in-law Bryan Morales to be a guest discussion leader. We all appreciated Bryan's excellent presentation on a subject he was very familiar with. Everyone did a splendid job speaking on their chosen topics and stimulating lively discussion. The eight sessions on Wednesday mornings from mid-February to the first week in April were well attended with much participation from all members and guests. As suggested after last year's sessions, the DVD from Foreign Policy Association worked very well as optional viewing thirty minutes before each discussion session. Library Director Jamie Falo and her staff helped set up the audio video equipment prior to each gathering. This year an extra briefing book was given to the library for an in-house copy. At the end of the GREAT DECISIONS, suggestions were made as to possibly making the DVD and briefing book available to the area schools if any social studies class might wish to use them. After further discussion, it was decided that the best course of action is for the the briefing book and DVD be given to the library as a reference for anyone interested. We are looking forward to GREAT DECISIONS 2018 next year.

Annie S. Rivers
Great Decisions Coordinator

Candidates Night, May 5, 2017

I am happy to report that our Candidates Night was successfully produced and executed (except for the one camera that wasn't functioning, so we never saw Lane's face!). What we could control went well, for which we are forever grateful!

The committee did an excellent job (no surprise there), and I would like to thank:

- * Lane Neff, for performing so professionally once again, as our moderator
- * Charlie Beard, our card-wielding, iPad monitoring timekeeper
- * Our Screening Committee, Donna Beard and Joy Somers
- * Our Greeters, Betty Hollingsworth, Bjorg Granger, and Susan Petrie

While the candidate turnout wasn't 100%, and with only one of the offices facing candidate opposition, it was still a very worthwhile evening in which the public, mostly via cable TV, had a chance to "meet" the candidates and hear their positions (live and uncensored) on a variety of issues. The low audience turnout was likely influenced by the driving rainstorm that had some roads flooded in the community.

I think that our branch of AAUW should be proud of our many years of community service in helping to inform the public about voting and the positions of the candidates. The Municipality of Murrysville deserves our thanks for allowing us to use the Council meeting room to televise this event; and thanks to Comcast Cable for broadcasting the meeting live and then rebroadcasting it several times before the Primary Election. A great partnership all around!

Susan Greenberg
Public Policy Chair

Summer Reading for Pleasure

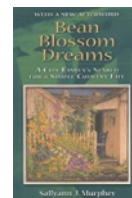
A summer reading group has been launched! You are invited to participate in our laid back, casually formatted summer reading gatherings. Your only requirements are to read the book of the month and to bring a few questions or comments for our group discussion, as there will be no designated facilitator. Flip flops are optional!

On Wednesday, June 28, our first gathering will convene at the home of Sue Hauser, at 10:00 AM. The book for discussion is Lisa See's new book, entitled ***The Tea Girl of Hummingbird Lane***.



Our second gathering will be Wednesday, July 26, at 10:00, at the home of Carol Gezon. The book for the month is ***A Piece of the World***, by Christina Baker Kline, a novel about the Christina of Andrew Wyeth's painting, Christina's World.

Our final summer gathering will be at the home of Susan Petrie, on Wednesday, August 23, at 10:00. The book for August's discussion is ***Bean Blossom Dreams*** by Sallyann J. Murphy, a memoir of a city family's search for a simple country life.



Please consider joining us.

Consider passing on suggestions to name our group! Looking forward to hearing from you!

Annie Augustine

Summer Reading Suggestions

Allende, Isabel, *The Japanese Lover*
Bachman, Fredrik, *Beartown*
Barnes, Julian, *The Sense of an Ending*
Benedict, Marie, *The Other Einstein*
Cambron, Kristy, *Ringmaster's Wife*
Cherian, Anne, *A Good Indian Wife*
Chernow, Ron, *Alexander Hamilton*
Dinesen, Isak, *Out of Africa*
Dunbar, Erica, *Never Caught*
Dray, Stephanie and Kamoie, Laura,
America's First Daughter
Gaiman, Neil, *American Gods* (and others)
Norse Mythology (excellent audiobook)
Gladwell, Malcolm, *The Tipping Point*,
Blink, and *Outliers*
Hensley, J.J., *Measure Twice* (and others)
Herriman, Nancy, *No Comfort for the Lost*
Honigford, Cheryl, *The Darkness Knows*
Hooper, Emma, *Etta and Otto and Russell
and James*
Jakiela, Lori, *Belief Is Its Own Kind of
Truth, Maybe*
Kelly, Martha Hall, *Lilac Girls*
Kline, Christina Baker, *A Piece of the World*
Lewis, Sinclair, *It Can't Happen Here*
Mackintosh, Elizabeth (Tey, Josephine),
Brat Farrar
Markham, Beryl, *West with the Night*
McLain, Paula, *Circling the Sun*
Miley, Mary, *The Impersonator*
Millard, Candace, *Hero of the Empire*
Nevins, Sheila, *You Don't Look Your Age
and Other Fairy Tales*
Patrick, Phaedra, *The Curious Charms of
Arthur Pepper*
Paulette, Jiles, *News of the World*
Picoult, Jodi, *Small Great Things*
The Pact
Rutherford, Edward, *Sarum*
Paris
Ryan, Jennifer, *Chilbury Ladies' Choir*
Sheridan, Sara, *Brighton Belle* (and others)
Simonson, Helen, *The Summer Before the
War*
Towels, Amor, *Rules of Civility*
Whitehead, Colson, *The Underground
Railroad*

Reading for Pleasure 2017-2018

September 28, 2017

Vance, J.D., *Hillbilly Elegy*

Leader: Annie Augustine

Hostess: Judy Johnson

October 26, 2017

Marshall, Tim, *Prisoners of Geography*

Leader: Annie Rivers

Hostess: Nancy Veyo

November 30, 2017

Towels, Amor, *A Gentleman in Moscow*

Leader: Carol Gezon

Hostess: Nancy Pottmeyer

January 25, 2018

Brooks, Geraldine, *The Secret Chord*

Leader: Diane Eldridge

Hostess: Bjoerg Granger

February 22, 2018

George, Nina, *The Little Paris Bookshop*

Leader: Betty Hollingsworth

Hostess: Sue McPherson

March 22, 2018

Diamant, Anita, *The Boston Girl*

Leader: Sue Hauser

Hostess: Carol Gezon

April 26, 2018

Stratford, Sarah-Jane, *Radio Girls*

Leader: Marge Hanes


Hostess: Lane Neff

May 24, 2018

Planning Meeting

Hostess: Donna Beard



Summer 2017			
6-1	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Program Planning Meeting - Municipal Meeting Room†
6-28	Wed.	10:00 AM	Summer Reading for Pleasure at the home of Sue Hauser. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Sue.
7-4	Tue.		
7-26	Wed.	10:00 AM	Summer Reading for Pleasure will be hosted by Carol Gezon. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Carol.
8-14	Mon.		Focus Deadline - Email articles to Donna Beard.
8-23	Wed.	10:00 AM	Summer Reading for Pleasure will be hosted by Susan Petrie. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Susan.

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



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