



**May Luncheon Branch Meeting**  
**The Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus**

**Thursday, May 10, 2018 11:30 AM**

**Murrysville Community Center** Note  
**3091 Carson Avenue**



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We are very privileged to have The Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus serenading us at our May luncheon. This delightful a cappella chorus was founded in February 1974 by Lorida Harvey and Bette Carathers at the Christ Episcopal Church in New Brighton, PA with 41 enthusiastic women. In December of that year they were chartered by Sweet Adelines International and are now about 60 voices strong with women coming from Western Pennsylvania, West Virginia and Ohio. Directed by David Wallace, the chorus regularly participates in competitions and recently came in third in the 2016 Mid-Sized Chorus Harmony Classic Competition. For our concert about 30 of their members will be singing and will be directed by Associate Director Sally Doverspike. The goal of their organization is to demonstrate musical excellence by being a premiere source of women's a cappella harmony in the greater Pittsburgh Area.

Again this year we will be having a luncheon provided by our members prior to our entertainment. Please see Susan Greenberg's article in the Focus about what to bring or how to help.

Please come, bring a friend and enjoy this delicious luncheon, wonderful music and great camaraderie. **Reservations are required** so please RSVP to [MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com](mailto:MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com) by Tuesday, May 8. **The public is invited to attend the choral performance beginning at 1:00 PM. Note that the venue has changed to the Murrysville Community Center, 3091 Carson Ave. in Murrysville.**

## President's Letter

Our April speaker offered amazing details about vector-borne diseases. Who knew the mosquito had such a sophisticated physiology? I'll certainly keep the insect repellent close at hand.

Responding to our need for an Assistant Program Chair, Diane Conway has stepped forward to help Vice President Michele Clarke. Thank you, Diane.

We encourage all members to come to our Program Planning meeting for next year. It will be held in our usual Branch meeting room in the Library on Thursday, June 7, at 9:30 AM. Please send Michele Clarke any program ideas prior to the meeting. You will also have an opportunity to complete a program survey at our May Branch meeting.

The Murrysville Community Library Board has a vacancy. If this type of community service interests you, please contact Susan Greenberg for details.

AAUW is proposing a Bylaws amendment to allow non-college graduates to become members. Online voting will take place April 25- to June 9. Details to come.

I'm very much looking forward to our wonderful May luncheon and choral performance as we conclude another great year of AAUW programs and activities. Thank you all for your interest and participation! We are a fortunate group.

Susan

## In Memoriam



Sue Hauser's mother and Celine Kandala's mother-in-law passed away recently, both at 100 years of age. We extend our deepest sympathies to them.

## May Luncheon

### SIGN UP FOR SALADS AND STUFF

The May 10th Salad Luncheon is just around the corner. Please consider volunteering to bring a salad, fruit bowl, dessert, iced tea and water, to help make the luncheon a delicious success.



There was a sign-up sheet at the April branch meeting, but if you didn't attend and would like to bring something, please send me an email ([sigreenberg@earthlink.net](mailto:sigreenberg@earthlink.net)) or call me at 724-325-1093 by Monday, May 7.

Variety is the spice of life so keep in mind our omnivores, vegetarians and vegans. I'll let you know if we have too many of something (5 spinach salads would be a bit much), or not enough.

If food prep is not your thing, please volunteer to help us set up the room, decorate the tables, or help with cleanup. All hands are welcome!

Susan Greenberg



This group was all smiles after enjoying a tour of the Vanka Murals and lunch at Grant's Bar in Millvale on April 19. Our thanks to Joyce Vernon for organizing the event.

## Primary Election

The May 15 Primary Election is coming soon, and there are important dates to remember:

April 16: the last date to Register or Change your registration before the Primary.

May 8 by 5:00 PM: the last date to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

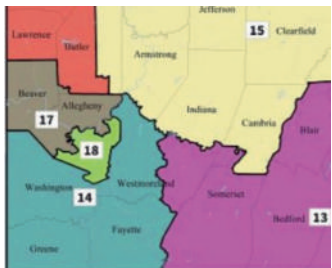
May 11 by 5:00 PM: The last date to return a completed absentee ballot.

May 15: Primary Election Day



Additional information may be obtained online at: [www.VotesPA.com](http://www.VotesPA.com).

The map below indicates the new southwestern Pennsylvania Congressional Voting Map. Murrysville and Export are now in District #14. Plum and Monroeville are in District #18. The State Legislative map has not changed.



## Reading for Pleasure

On May 24<sup>th</sup> we will be meeting at Patti Vargo's house for our annual spring salad luncheon to choose our reading selections for next year. Please join us with your salad and ideas for books at 2621 Patrice Drive, Murrysville at 10:00 AM. RSVP to Patti at 724-325-1314 or [pattivargo@gmail.com](mailto:pattivargo@gmail.com).

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

Sally Haleen  
[sallyhaleen@comcast.net](mailto:sallyhaleen@comcast.net)

## May Tour

For several years, we have taken the delightful guided tours of Pittsburgh neighborhoods with Burgh Bits & Bites. They are always fun, informative and delicious. Price reflects a group discount, although tips for the guide(s) are up to each individual. Sign up now to join us for a 2 to 3 hour walking (and eating!) tour of Brookline.



DATE: Thursday, May 17

TIME: 9:45 AM meet at Pat Catan's sign to carpool

COST: \$40 Make check payable to Betty Hollingsworth. Bring it to the Branch meeting or mail it to her at 1003 Arlington Ave., Export 15632.

Payment is required to secure your reservation. Last day to reserve and pay is Thursday, May 10.

Call Betty with any questions: 724-733-8064 or email her at [sdhollings@aol.com](mailto:sdhollings@aol.com).

## May Meeting Program Survey

At our May luncheon meeting, the membership will be reviewing the choices for programming for 2018-19. Some great ideas have come up. To peak your interest: "Interactive Program: Women's History and Hats, Game," "Artifacts and Stuff of Murrysville," "Artist - Composite Art," "Household Toxins - Be Aware," "Author - Marie Benedict," "Dirty Wars and Polished Silver," and more.

## Program Planning Meeting Thursday June 7

Plan to attend the 2018-19 program planning meeting at the Murrysville Community Library on June 7 at 9:30 AM. It is a great way to help keep our AAUW branch vibrant. Although not required if you attend, many of those in attendance take one program a year to chair. There are full instructions and lots of support. If you have a bit of time, this is a good way to help.

## Volunteers Help Assemble Storytime Stem-Paks™

On March 22, an intrepid group of volunteers, including Carol Gezon, Nancy Pottmeyer, Judy Johnson, Rita Landsberg and Susan Greenberg, answered the call and helped fill almost all the 230 Storytime STEM-Pak kits at the AIU Math and Science Collaborative (MSC) office.

At our December 2017 branch meeting, our guest speakers provided us with the background of the project, which began in 2014 as a grant-funded program to provide inservice for Westmoreland Library Network™ (WLN) libraries to incorporate STEM (science, technology, engineering and math) learning into their Summer Reading Club programs.

The program has now expanded into schools and Head Start locations. An audience member asked if there was some way we could help, and Gabriela Rose, Science Coordinator of the MSC, explained what their needs were.

Carol Gezon took charge of organizing our group. With Gabriela and Sam Shaneyfelt's (formerly of the Franklin Regional School District) leadership, we worked and chatted while filling the kits (from 9:30 AM to 5:00 PM with a few snack breaks in between!) and really had an enjoyable time.

Gabriela sent us several photographs documenting our labors, along with a note of thanks for our service. We had already told her that we were game to do it again, if and when we are asked.



## Dues are Due for 2018-2019





AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, and we have begun collecting dues for the year starting July 1, 2018. Dues are now \$85 for members and \$25 for affiliates. The AAUW National dues have been increased to \$59. Since AAUW National is a 501(c)3 corporation, \$56 of the \$59 is considered a tax deductible contribution. The \$10 for the State Association and \$16 for our branch operating budget portions are staying the same.

Make checks for \$85 payable to Murrysville Area AAUW and send them to:

Sue Hauser  
5764 Evans Rd.  
Export, PA 15632

Also, please include any changes in address, phone numbers or email, so that we may update the information in the branch directory. If you have any questions, email Sue at [lonepinewires@comcast.net](mailto:lonepinewires@comcast.net) or call her at 724-309-2479.



May 2018			
3	Thurs.	9:30 AM	<b>Board Meeting</b> - Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room† Board members, please let Susan know if you cannot attend.
8	Tues.		<b>RSVP cut-off</b> for Luncheon meeting
10	Thurs.	11:30AM	<b>Branch Luncheon Meeting</b> - Murrysville Community Center, 3091 Carson Ave.
10	Thurs.		<b>RSVP cut-off</b> for Burgh Bits & Bites Tasting Tour.
13	Sun.		<i>Mother's Day</i>
14	Mon.		<b>Focus Deadline</b> for articles to be sent to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com
15	Tues.		<b>Primary Election Day</b> 
17	Thurs.	9:45 AM	<b>Burgh Bits &amp; Bites Tasting Tour</b> - Meet at the Pat Catan sign to carpool.
24	Thurs.	10:00 AM	<b>Reading for Pleasure</b> at the home of Patti Vargo, 2621 Patrice Dr. If you plan to attend, please RSVP to Patti at pattivargo@gmail.com or 724-325-1314.
25	Fri.	9:30 AM	<b>Duplicate Bridge</b> at the home of Diane Fields, 6855 Stephanie Court, Delmont. Please let Diane know if you cannot play.
28	Mon.		<b>Memorial Day</b> 
6/7	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Program Planning Meeting - Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†

† The Murrysville Community Library 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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