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**President's Letter**

This year, for the first time, we held our fun May luncheon meeting in the Murrysville Community Center in order to accommodate the large number of singers from the Sounds of Pittsburgh Chorus. A nice group of visitors attended the choral performance as well. Everyone thoroughly enjoyed this lively and entertaining female a cappella ensemble.



Thank you to everyone who helped make the luncheon so festive, especially our luncheon coordinators Susan Greenberg and Michele Clarke. The floral centerpieces and musical motifs provided just the right "note." (Read more in Susan G's report.)

I wish to thank the entire Board for their service this year and for handling challenges and changes so well. Next year, the Executive Officers will include two new positions: a co-president and an assistant program chair. (See photo on page 2.)

Some reminders:

Dues are due to Sue Hauser by June 21.

If the Summer Reading Group interests you, contact Annie Augustine right away.

Save your used books! Our annual Book Sale will be Nov. 8-10.

Thanks to those who filled out a Program Planning survey. At the June planning meeting, we select the favorites and then quickly confirm speakers and dates. I hope you will attend each and every one. Guests are always welcome.

Have a wonderful summer!

Susan



## Executive Officers Installed

Our new Executive Officers were installed at the May Branch meeting. Pictured below are:  
Celine Kandala, Secretary  
Sue Hauser, Financial Officer  
Betty Hollingsworth, Membership VP  
Michele Clarke, Program VP  
Susan Petrie and Janet Sutton, Co-Presidents  
Not pictured: Diane Conway, Assistant Program Chair



## Dues are Due



AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, so dues are due by June 21 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.

If you haven't already, please write a check for \$85 payable to Murrysville Area AAUW and send it 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 Luncheon Report

It may sound trite to say "this was a team effort", but it's absolutely true. Everyone who volunteered followed through, and both the food and the room setup people did a superb job.



I hope I don't forget anyone, but the following were my "support staff":

For the food, many thanks to Betty Hollingsworth, Rita Landsberg, Annie Augustine, Bonnie Sheridan, Marge Hanes, Janet Sutton, Margie Brannon, Nancy Pottmeyer, Dodie Hagan, Joyce Vernon, Lane Neff, Diane Conway, Jean Bohince, Judy Johnson, Nancy Veyo, Carol Ellis and Diane Fields. Everything was delicious, and looked very appetizing as well. And we "listened" to the Owl, and dug right in to the fruit salad!

The setup crew included: Sue Hauser, Annie Augustine, Diane Eldridge, Annie Rivers, Celine Kandala, Susan Petrie, Donna Beard, Garth Clarke and Diane Conway.

We couldn't have done as well as we did without the work of Michele Clarke, who made sure the Community Center was ready for us, and who shepherded the choral group through the right door into the kitchen area (which was, thankfully, sound insulated so that we didn't hear them warming up during our business meeting).

Finally, thanks to all our members and guests who were not shy about digging in and enjoying the wide variety of food offerings, with some leftovers readily scooped up for an easy addition to dinner. (I made a pig of myself over the rugelach that Carol Ellis made, and I'm not sorry one little bit.)

Susan Greenberg

## Brookline Tour

Seven members and guests took a culinary tour of Brookline thanks to Burgh Bits & Bites on May 17. We had a delicious time sampling authentic tacos, pizza, pita bread still warm from the oven and goodies from 2 bakeries. We visited Sal's barbershop and met Sal, whose Dad started the business over 70 years ago. All four walls of the shop are covered with photos, memorabilia and a vast collection of antique shaving mugs. Brookline has authentic middle eastern and mexican grocery stores as well as the original firehouse from 1910 when the fire wagons were pulled by horses. It was an interesting and yummy tour.



## In Memoriam

Marsha Wong's father and step-mother both passed away earlier this year. We extend our deepest sympathy.



Former member Helen Pollis passed away on May 31. We extend our deepest sympathy to her family.

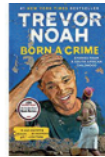
## Summer Reading Group

Our summer reading group will continue this summer. You are invited to participate in our laid back, casually formatted summer reading gatherings. The 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.

On Thursday, June 21, our first gathering will convene at the home of Sue Hauser at 10:00 AM. The book selection is *Thirteen Moons* by Charles Frasier.



Our second meeting will be on Thursday, July 19 at 10:00 AM at the home of Patti Vargo. The book for July is *Born a Crime* by Trevor Noah.



The final summer meeting will be Thursday, August 16 at 10:00 AM at the home of Celine Kandala. The book for August is *Every Note Played* by Lisa Genova.



Contact Annie Augustine at 724-454-4220 or [augustineaaag@comcast.net](mailto:augustineaaag@comcast.net) if you have any questions.

## Stem-Pak™ Volunteers

AAUW volunteers assembled Stem-Pak boxes at the Allegheny IU for a second time. The IU staff is very appreciative for our assistance.



## Summer Reading List

- Carter, Miranda  
*George, Nicholas and Wilhelmina*
- Celestin, Ray  
*The Axeman's Jazz*  
*Deadman's Blues*
- Cooper, Anderson and Vanderbilt, Gloria  
*The Rainbow Comes and Goes*
- Davis, Fiona  
*The Dollhouse*
- Egan, Timothy  
*The Worst of Times*
- Hamid, Hohnsin  
*The Reluctant Fundamentalist*  
*How to Get Filthy Rich in Rising Asia*
- Hannah, Kristin  
*The Great Alone*
- Jenoff, Pam  
*The Orphan's Tale*
- Joyce, Rachel  
*The Unlikely Pilgrimage of Harold Fry*
- Knapp, Caroline  
*The Merry Recluse: A Life in Essays*
- Mann, Charles  
*1491: New Revelations of the Americas Before Columbus*  
*1493: Uncovering the New World Columbus Created*
- Moore, Kate  
*Radium Girls*
- Noah, Trevor  
*Born a Crime*
- Rappaport, Helen  
*Caught in the Revolution*
- Robson, Jennifer  
*Somewhere in France*  
*After the War Is Over*  
*Moonlight over Paris*
- Ryan, Jennifer  
*The Chilbury Ladies' Choir*
- Sweeney, Cynthia D'Aprix  
*The Nest*
- Terrell, Heather  
*The Map Thief*  
*The Chrysalis*  
*Brigid of Kildare*
- Walker, Martin  
*Bruno, Chief of Police (series)*

## Reading for Pleasure

The Reading for Pleasure schedule for 2018-2019 has been set and is given below. Please plan on joining us for interesting discussions.

### September 27, 2018

*The Other Einstein* and *Carnegie's Maid* by Marie Benedict

Hostess: Nancy Veyo

Discussion Leader: Janet Sutton

### October 25, 2018

*Meet You in Hell* by Les Standiford

Hostess: Donna Beard

Discussion Leader: Annie Rivers

### November 29, 2018

*Little Fires Everywhere* by Celeste Ng

Hostess: Patti Vargo

Discussion Leader: Diane Eldridge

### January 24, 2019

*Varina* by Charles Frasier

Hostess: Nancy Pottmeyer

Discussion Leader: Carol Gezon

### February 28, 2019

*Our Souls at Night* by Kent Haruf

Hostess: Sue McPherson

Discussion Leader: Diane Eldridge

### March 28, 2019

*Pachinko* by Mon Jin Lee

Hostess: Susan Petrie

Discussion Leader: Betty Hollingsworth

### April 25, 2019

*Book of Joy* by Dalai Lama and Desmond Tutu

Hostess: Marge Hanes

Discussion Leader: Annie Augustine

### May 23, 2019

Hostess: Carol Gezon

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## Membership

Welcome to our newest member:

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## Summer 2018

6/21	Thurs.	10:00 AM	<b>Summer Reading for Pleasure</b> at the home of Sue Hauser, 5764 Evans Rd., Export. Please RSVP Sue if you plan to attend at 724-309-2479 or LonePineWires@comcast.net.
7/4	Wed.		<b>Fourth of July</b> 
7/19	Thurs.	10:00AM	<b>Summer Reading for Pleasure</b> at the home of Patti Vargo, 2621 Patrice Dr. Please RSVP Patti if you plan to attend at 724-325-1314 or pattivargo@gmail.com.
8/13	Mon.		<b>Focus Deadline</b> for articles to be sent to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com
8/16	Thurs.	10:00 AM	<b>Summer Reading for Pleasure at the home of Celine Kandala</b> , 3508 Calton Dr. Please RSVP Celine if you plan to attend at 412-216-1412 at ckedupgh@gmail.com.



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



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