



September Brunch Meeting

Fairview Park

Fawn Burch

Thursday, September 13 at 9:30 AM

Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room

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Fairview Park, situated right in our midst in Salem Township, is a beautiful legacy of an ugly time in history – Jim Crow segregation. Fairview Park, designated on the National Register of Historic Places, was conceived at a time when African-Americans were prohibited from entrance into amusement parks and picnic groves.

Fairview Park was developed in 1945 by the Monongehela Valley Sunday School Association as an amusement park, complete with a roller coaster and merry-go-round, and a picnic grove with a softball field and a swimming pool. It was the first African-American owned amusement park. The park served as a venue for church picnics and other gatherings for organizations in Allegheny and Westmoreland Counties.

The process of purchasing the land and acquiring funding was fraught with difficulties in the mid century but the tenacious spirit of those dedicated to the cause prevailed.

Presently the park is run by the Fairview Park Association and continues to serve as a gathering place. In August, Fairview Park celebrated with their annual picnic.

Come and celebrate the new season of programs offered by the Murrysville AAUW/Murrysville Community Library. Enjoy a complimentary brunch before the presentation on this fascinating local historical Fairview Park. Reservations are necessary, so please RSVP no later than Tuesday, September 11 by emailing MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com.



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President's Letter

Welcome back to another year of AAUW programs and activities! Topics, tours and coordinators are in place. Thank you, Michele Clarke, for organizing our programs before making the big move to the city. Best wishes in your new home!

Thank you, Annie Augustine, for organizing the second annual Summer Reading Group which met three times. The Reading for Pleasure group has selected many enticing books for the coming year (see the schedule on page 4).

The 2018 Book Sale has an enthusiastic committee in place (including several "new" helping hands) and preparations are well under way. See the Book Sale article on page 3 for details. Collect those books!!

Your 2018-19 Board is listed in the adjacent column. We are grateful for all of the Board members' continued efforts and their willingness to help out wherever needed to maintain the vibrancy and excellent organization of our wonderful Branch.

Our September Brunch is always a treat. Bring a guest and don't forget to RSVP!

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents



Your 2018-19 Board

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Dues

Fall is rapidly approaching and annual dues for the coming year were due last June. If this slipped your mind, now is the time to catch up and start the new year fresh.

Please send your dues to: Sue Hauser
5764 Evans Rd.
Export, PA 15632

Make checks for \$85 payable to Murrysville Area AAUW. Also, please include any changes in address, phone numbers or email, so that we may correct the information in the branch directory. If you have any questions, email Sue at lonepinewires@comcast.net or call her at 724-309-2479.

Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library

Book Sale Time!

It is time to start collecting books for our annual fund raiser – the BOOK SALE! This year the sale will be held on November 8 – 10 with Super Sort Day on November 7. Beginning October 1st we will be collecting books at the Murrysville Library.

Thank you in advance for saving your books for our sale. Please pass the word to your family and friends about the sale dates. We need books and shoppers for a successful sale!

As in the past, at the Book Sale we will be raffling off two gift baskets, one for children and one for adults. Starting at the September branch meeting we will be accepting donations toward these gift baskets in the form of monetary donations, gift cards or actual products. More information about these donations will be forthcoming at the branch meeting. In the meantime, if you wish to make a donation please call Sally Haleen or Susan Petrie.

We also need you to help make the sale a success. We ask that everyone come and help on Super Sort Day. This is the day when we set out the books and, of course, you who volunteer to help get first choice on the books!

Watch for the Super Sort Day sign-up sheet at the October Branch meeting. We hope everyone can help!

Sally Haleen and Susan Petrie

Wanted – Books

Beginning October 1st we will be collecting books at the Murrysville Library.

The following categories will be accepted:

- Best Sellers
- Non-fiction
- Fiction & Mysteries
- Biographies
- Children & Young Adult
- History
- Classics
- Science
- Holiday Books and & CDs
- Cookbooks
- Audio Books on CD
- Crafts & Gardening



Books that we are not accepting are:

- Coffee Table Books
- Music Albums & Cassettes
- Condensed Books
- DVDs & Videotapes
- Encyclopedias
- Religious
- Manuals & Textbooks
- Self Help
- Harlequins & Silhouettes
- Sports
- Musty and Moldy Books



Reading for Pleasure

The Reading for Pleasure schedule for 2018-2019 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

Reading for Pleasure

Join us for a discussion of two books by Marie Benedict: *The Other Einstein* and *Carnegie's Maid*.

Note that Marie Benedict will be our speaker at the October Branch Meeting.



We will meet at Nancy Veyo's home, 3237 Lake Ridge Drive, at 10:00 AM on Thursday, September 27. Please let Nancy know if you plan to attend – 724-327-1834 or nan3vee@aol.com.



Betty Hollingsworth

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In Memoriam

We are saddened to share the news that one of our AAUW Branch members, Diane Fields, passed away on August 7. She was a relatively new member but also was a member years ago before they moved away.



We were also saddened to learn of the passing in Utah of Bobbie Fabbish on June 17. She was a long-time member of the branch prior to moving to be with her daughter and was the previous Focus editor for many years.



Future Branch Meetings

We have a variety of meeting topics lined up. Come to the meetings and be enlightened.

September 13 "Fairview Park" with Fawn Burch

October 11 "Author's View: *The Other Einstein* and *Carnegie's Maid*" with Marie Benedict

November 8-10 AAUW/MCL Book Sale

December 13 "Indian Attack and Massacre at Turtle Creek, July 1759" with Bob Learzaf and Carl Patty

January 10 "Anti-gerrymandering" with John Nagle

February 14 "Household Toxins" with Rob Brown

March 14 "Digital Photomontages as Composite Art" with Chris Ruane

April 11 "Human Rights in International Relations" with Roni Kay O'Dell

May 9 "Vintage Hats and the Women Who Wore Them" with Jean Kanouf

Recently Moved

Please note Michele Clarke's new address:
5810 Kentucky Ave., Apt. 2
Pittsburgh PA 15232

Her cell phone number is unchanged.

Future Tours

Friday, October 19 Tour of the Hollingsworth House - Greensburg

Thursday, November 15 Day at the Frick, Pittsburgh

Wednesday, February 20 Wine and Food Pairing at Eighty Acres, Plum

Thursday, March 21 Bayernhof Music Museum, O'Hara Township

Thursday, April 18 Mexican War Streets Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Tour

October Tour

The Hollingsworth House is one of Greensburg's oldest residences and has been on historic house tours and featured on cable TV. The current owners have graciously agreed to let us tour the home on Friday, October 19 at 1:30 PM. We will have lunch prior to the tour. Details will be in the October Focus, but for now I need to count interested participants. There is a 20 person limit, but we can make a waiting list for a possible second tour, so please let me know as soon as possible if you would like to attend. There is no charge for the tour.

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September 2018

3	Mon.		
6	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†. Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
11	Tues.		RSVP – Last day to RSVP for the branch meeting at MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com.
13	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†.
17	Mon.		Focus Deadline – Email articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com.
27	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure – at the home of Nancy Veyo, 3237 Lake Ridge Drive. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Nancy at 724-327-1834 or nan3vee@aol.com.
28	Fri.	9:30 AM	Duplicate Bridge – at a location to be determined.

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



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