



October Branch Meeting

The Importance of Excavating Women's Histories from the Past

Marie Benedict

Author of *The Other Einstein* and *Carnegie's Maid*

Thursday, October 11 at 9:30 AM

Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room

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Marie Benedict is a lawyer with more than ten years' experience as a litigator at two of the country's premier law firms. She is a magna cum laude graduate of Boston College with a focus in History and Art History, and a cum laude graduate of the Boston University School of Law. While practicing as a lawyer, Marie dreamed of a fantastical job unearthing the hidden historical stories of women and finally found it when she tried her hand at writing.

She embarked on a new, narratively connected series of historical novels with *The Other Einstein*, which tells the tale of Albert Einstein's first wife, a physicist herself, and the role she might have played in his theories. The next novel in this series is *Carnegie's Maid* and it will be followed by *The Only Woman in the Room* in January 2019. Writing as Heather Terrell, she also published the historical novels *The Chrysalis*, *The Map Thief* and *Brigid of Kildare*.

Marie currently lives in the Pittsburgh area with her family.

This program is offered in cooperation with the Murrysville Community Library and is open to the public. No advanced registration is required.



President's Letter

Our year was off to a good start with our annual September brunch and social time. Chairs of the event, Patti Vargo and Nina Damato, and their team of superb cooks gave us a delicious variety of dishes and festive fall decor. The coffee was donated by Starbucks. We all appreciated their efforts, and extend our thanks to everyone on the committee, and to Starbucks!

Recognizing the AAUW partnership with Murrysville Community Library, we encourage our members to participate in the Dining to Donate collaboration with Applebee's. Pick up a flyer in the library, and eat at the Murrysville Applebee's on the selected day of the month (usually the fourth Tuesday) between 11 AM and 9 PM. Upon presentation of the flyer at the restaurant, Applebee's will donate 15% of total sales to the library. The date this month is Tuesday, October 23.

Thanks to Michele Clarke and Diane Conway for bringing us the September speaker, Fawn Burch, who relayed the story of the Fairview Park in Delmont. Although so close by, many of us were unaware of the long history of the amusement park developed by churches for the African American community.

Starting October 1, books for the Book Sale can be dropped off at the Murrysville Community Library. Encourage your friends and neighbors to donate books so that we have a good inventory for our sale.

If you would like to be more involved in AAUW, we invite you to attend our Board Meetings on the first Thursday of each month at 9:30 AM in the Library's Community Meeting Room.

Don't forget to check out our website, murrysville-pa.aauw.net, and find us on Facebook.

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents

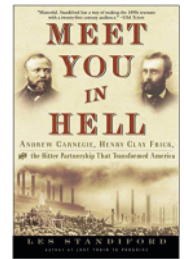
October Tour

On Friday afternoon, October 19, we are invited to tour the Hollingsworth House, one of Greensburg's oldest homes in the Academy Hill neighborhood. First we will have lunch at Old Route 66 Grille, so you need a reservation. Deadline to reserve is October 11 at the Branch meeting.

Tour details: meet at the Delmont movie theater (formerly Wynnsong) parking lot, on the north end near Rite Aid at 11:15 AM. We will carpool to the restaurant and then to Greensburg. Our tour begins at 1:30 and there is no charge. Contact Betty Hollingsworth with any questions at sdhollings@aol.com or 724-733-8064.

Reading for Pleasure

Join us for our October 25 discussion of *Meet You in Hell: Andrew Carnegie, Henry Clay Frick and the Bitter Partnership that Transformed America* by Les Standiford. This book provides a fascinating look at an important era in our local history and in the story of American industry. Annie Rivers will lead the discussion beginning at 10:00 AM at the home of Donna Beard, 3669 Blue Sage Ct. Please let Donna know if you plan to attend at djbeard2@gmail.com or 724-212-5758.



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Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library

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!

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!

If you cannot help on Super Sort Day or at the sale, there are other ways you can help. We are taking donations for the gift baskets we normally raffle off at the book sale. This year the “baskets” are bike baskets! We will be raffling off two bikes, an adult’s bike and a child’s bike with baskets full of books and other great things. The donations we are looking for are in the form of gift cards, money and merchandise. For ideas on merchandise, please call or email Jean Bohince, Annie Rivers or Nancy Pottmeyer. Their phone numbers and email addresses are in the directory. Or you can call Susan Petrie or Sally Haleen. Because the bikes are expensive, the donations would be greatly appreciated! These donations can be given to any of the people above. Donations in the form of a check can be made out to “Murrysville Area AAUW”.



Watch for the sign-up sheet on the membership table at the October Branch meeting to sign up for times to help during the Book Sale. You can come help for a couple hours, a day or even the whole sale! We would love to have you. It is always fun to see all those excited shoppers and cute children looking for books! And again, you can do some shopping of your own.

Let’s make this year’s Book Sale as great a success as it has been in the past!

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



Great Decisions Spring 2019



It's that time of year to start thinking about our spring GREAT DECISIONS discussion group and to order books. Please think about a topic you would like to lead in discussing.

The preliminary list of topics for GREAT DECISIONS 2019 are as follows:

- Refugees and Global Migration
- The Middle East: Regional Disorder
- Nuclear negotiations: Back to the Future?
- The Rise of Populism in Europe
- Decoding U.S.-China Trade
- India and Its Neighbors
- Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- The United State and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- State of the State Department and Diplomacy

The books are \$32.00 this year and the series of discussion meetings will probably be mid February until mid April (hopefully finishing by Easter, April 21st).

There will be a sign-up list at the October AAUW Meeting to plan on participating and to order books, etc.,. You can also text (412-354-1411) or email at anniesrivers@yahoo.com to sign-up and order a book. Because of the Book Sale occurring on our usual November AAUW meeting day, I would appreciate book orders as soon as possible. The books are mailed out in early January.

Annie S. Rivers
GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator

Mid-Term Election Information

The Mid-Term Election on November 6 is approaching, and there are important dates to remember:

Tuesday, October 9: The last day to register or change your registration.

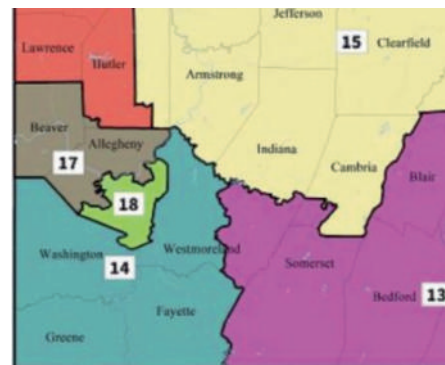
Tuesday, October 30 by 5:00 PM: The last day to apply for a civilian absentee ballot.

Friday, November 2 by 5:00 PM: The last day to return a completed absentee ballot.

Note: The ballots may be delivered directly to the Westmoreland County Board of Elections by 5:00 PM at: 2 North Main Street, Suite 109, Greensburg, PA 15601.

For information, their phone number is: 724-830-3150. Additional information may also be obtained online at: www.VotesPA.com

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



Your vote is important!

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Join us on Thursday, November 15, for a docent led tour of the *Isabelle de Borchgrave: Fashioning Art from Paper* exhibit at the Frick Pittsburgh.

Co-organized by the Frick in collaboration with four other American museums, this major exhibition presents the full breadth of de Borchgrave's exploration of historical costume through contemporary paper sculpture. If you've never seen the artist's work, you will be delighted by these breathtaking, life-size renditions of historic clothing created completely from artfully painted, pleated, crumpled, and manipulated paper.

Belgian artist Isabelle de Borchgrave's work is meticulously crafted and astonishingly beautiful. The artist's interest in creating paper costumes was sparked by a visit to the Metropolitan Museum of Art in 1994, where she found herself inspired by the historic costumes on display.

At the Frick, de Borchgrave's work will be exhibited throughout the museum, creating a dialogue with the museum's collection. Joining the exhibition will be the Frick's recently commissioned piece inspired by one of our best-known masterpieces – Peter Paul Rubens' Portrait of Charlotte- Marguerite de Montmorency, Princess of Condé.

The details: Our group will car pool from the parking lot under the Pat Catan's sign, on Thursday, November 15, leaving at 8:45 AM. Lunch is Dutch treat at the Café at the Frick following the tour. The cost of the tour is \$16, payable by check to Janet Sutton. Your reservation is confirmed upon receipt of your check. Checks are due at the Branch meeting on October 11. Reservations are limited to 12 people. For further information: JanetSQuilter@aol.com



October 2018

4	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†. Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
11	Thurs.		RSVP – Last day to RSVP for the Hollingsworth House tour at sdhollings@aol.com or 724-733-8064. RSVP – Last day to RSVP and make payment for the Frick Tour on November 15. Checks for \$16 should be given to Janet Sutton.
11	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†.
15	Mon.		Focus Deadline – Email articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com.
19	Fri.	11:15 AM	Hollingsworth House Tour – Meet in Delmont for carpools.
23	Tues.	11:00 AM 9:00 PM	MCL Dining to Donate in collaboration with Applebee's
25	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure – at the home of Donna Beard, 3669 Blue Sage Ct. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Donna at djbeard2@gmail.com or 724-212-5758.
26	Fri.	9:30 AM	Duplicate Bridge – at the home of Annie Rivers, 3002 Wedgewood Court. Please RSVP to Annie at anniesrivers@yahoo.com or 724-327-8712.

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



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