

December Branch Meeting

Indian Attack and Massacre at Turtle Creek, July 1759

Carl Patty

Murrysville Historical Preservation Society

Thursday, December 13, 2018 9:30 AM

Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room
4100 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA



The current 37 plus square mile Municipality of Murrysville has long been a place of human habitation and conflict. The area had important crossroads of Native American paths. Later roads and turnpikes followed those trails. The presentation will discuss some of the events that took place in the mid to late 18th century along Raystown path (known as Forbes Road) during the French and Indian War.

The presenter, Mr. Carl Patty Jr., is a life-long resident of Murrysville whose ancestors have lived here since the building of Forbes Road in 1758. Carl has had an avid interest in history since his student days at the University of Pittsburgh where he majored in anthropology and biology and studied Native American culture. While in college, he began participating as a French and Indian war re-enactor and later as an interpreter at historical sites. He has participated in many school events and with the Murrysville Historical Preservation Society of which he is currently president. For over 60 years, Mr. Patty has spoken with longtime residents from old local families to learn of their history. In addition, he has researched deeds and historical writings pertaining to western Pennsylvania and Ohio. Based on his findings, he has written historical articles for local newspapers.

December's meeting is also a kickoff to the holiday season, so festive cookies, coffee and tea will be served.

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Snow Policy

If Franklin Regional Schools are cancelled,
AAUW meetings are cancelled.
If Franklin Regional Schools are delayed,
AAUW meetings will be held as scheduled.



Presidents' Letter

What a great book sale! Thank you to all the volunteers who contributed to our success! What about next year? Will we have enough volunteers next October to cull, box, sort and staff the book sale? Think about how you may be able to contribute. The book sale is a service to the community, and builds friendships among our members who work together toward a meaningful goal.

At our December branch meeting, don't forget to sign your name in the member's attendance booklet and wear your name tag. Then enjoy coffee, tea, and cookies with branch members and guests. It's our time to relax and socialize before hearing the speaker.

We look forward to seeing all of you, and remember, guests are welcome at all branch meetings.

Janet and Susan
Co-Presidents



*Thank
you*



Frick Tour

The tour to see the Isabelle de Borchgrave exhibit at the Frick Museum has been changed to Wednesday, December 5. Lunch is at 11:00 AM, followed by a docent led tour. The cost for the tour is \$16.00. We will carpool from the parking lot under the Pat Catan's sign at 10:00 AM. We have room for 2 AAUW members, due to cancellations caused by the change of date. Please email Janet Sutton, janetsquilter@aol.com, if you would like to attend.

Book Sale at Murrysville Community Library

Another wonderful Book Sale has come and gone and we are basking in the glory of another successful fundraiser. Even though we had fewer books and rainy, cold weather, we feel we did well. The numbers aren't in yet because we haven't gotten all the money from the leftover books we are taking to Half Price Books, but we feel we made almost as much as last year.

A special thank you goes to all our Book Sale committee members and the volunteers who helped to make it a success. And we especially want to thank our husbands who did the heavy lifting of boxes both during the Super Setup Day and the Tear-Down Day. We couldn't have done it without you!

Our raffle was a big success! We made a decent amount of money on it and one of our co-presidents, Susan Petrie, was the winner of the children's bike and accompanying basket of goodies. Congratulations, Susan!

A final accounting will be announced at a later date. But, we do know we made enough to give the Library a nice donation and to finance our programs for next year, which was our main goal for having the fundraiser.

Thank you to everyone who helped!

Sally Haleen and Susan Petrie

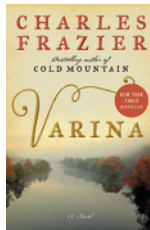
Tree of Life Synagogue

AAUW has long been involved with legal advocacy opposing discrimination in all forms, and supporting constitutional protection for the civil rights of all individuals. AAUW believes in the First Amendment to the Constitution guaranteeing Americans freedom of religion, and believes in freedom from violence and fear of violence, including hate crimes motivated by religious prejudice. AAUW recognizes that gun violence is a public health crisis.

In support of the Tree of Life Synagogue, the Board voted a donation of \$200 to the synagogue, as a statement of concern, support, and sympathy for the unspeakable violence and terror inflicted on the congregation.

Reading for Pleasure

Carol Gezon will lead a discussion of *Varina* by Charles Frasier at the home of Patti Vargo, 2621 Patrice Court on Thursday, November 29, at 10:00 AM. Please let Patti know if you plan to attend at pattivargo@gmail.com, 724-325-1314 (home) or 724-575-3506 (cell).



Members will note that this is a change from our scheduled book announced previously. Due to the availability of books, we have changed the order and Diane Eldridge will review *Little Fires Everywhere* in January. Copies of *Varina* are reserved for us at the library.

Betty Hollingsworth
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Great Decisions Spring 2019



There is still time to order GREAT DECISIONS 2019 Briefing Books for the spring Discussion Group sessions. The books will be available in January. Each book is \$32.00, payable to me

(Annie S. Rivers) if writing a check. Check or cash can be given to Annie S. Rivers, GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator. Please email anniesrivers@yahoo.com or text at 412-354-1411 to order a book.

The topics which will be covered this spring 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
- Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics
- The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested
- State of the State Department and Diplomacy

More information on the topics is available on the website—Foreign Policy Association at www.fpa.org. If you are interested in leading a discussion on one of the topics, please text or email Annie S. Rivers to choose your topic. Thank you.

Annie S. Rivers
GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator

Hollingsworth House Tour



Gene James tells our group about some of the architectural details of his historic home.

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11/29	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure – at the home of Patti Vargo, 2621 Patrice Ct. If you plan to attend, please RSVP Patti at pattivargo@gmail.com, 724-325-1314 (home) or 724-575-3506 (cell).
11/30	Fri.	9:30 AM	Duplicate Bridge – at the home of Sally Haleen, 657 Blue Ridge Rd., Plum. Please RSVP to Sally at sallyhaleen@comcast.net or 724-327-2943.
2	Sun.		
5	Weds.	10:00 AM	Frick Tour – Meet under the Pat Catan's sign for car pools.
6	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
13	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting – Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room†
17	Mon		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com
20	Thurs.	11:00 AM 9:00 PM	MCL Dining to Donate in collaboration with Applebee's
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† The Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room is located at the entrance to the Murrysville Community Library, 4100 Sardis Road.



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