



March Branch Meeting
The Photography of Christopher Ruane:
Layers of Art, Culture and Technology
Christopher Ruane

Thursday, March 14, 2019 9:30 AM

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

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As Nobel Prize and Pulitzer Prize winner Saul Bellow said: "Only art penetrates what pride, passion, intelligence and habit erect on all sides – the seeming realities of this world."

Throughout the ages, art has revealed the evolving human experience of life, beauty and emotion from creations shared, as the newly-evolved tools of the era were incorporated into these creations of art.

So it is with our March speaker, Christopher Ruane. Using technical media with traditional media, artist Christopher Ruane has created Augmented Reality pieces with thousands of layers of photo and video montages which move and unfold to the viewer. These works unveil a viewpoint into our culture, our world and our origin.

The work of this local artist, Mr. Ruane, has had a steady exhibition profile from The New Media Film Festival in Los Angeles to the Carnegie and Andy Warhol Museums to the Brooklyn Museum of Art, to name a few. Christopher has also created and launched his own mixed media app titled ART, available on iTunes and Google Play.

Join us to be amazed by art and endowed by discussion. This program is offered in cooperation with the Murrysville Community Library and is open to the public. No advanced registration is required.



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AAUW-Murrysville Branch

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

Good weather and a hot topic brought 20 members and 20 guests out to our February Branch meeting to hear Dr. Rob Brown give an enlightening talk on "Household Toxins." Copies of his book sold out quickly. Meeting coordinator Sue Hauser not only provided cookies and coffee for a sweet Valentine's touch but also purchased a connector to enable Mac laptops to communicate with the projector, ensuring a smooth presentation. We are gifting this connector to the Library.

Great Decisions began February 22 and continues into April. We hope you will participate in one or more sessions. The topics chosen by the Foreign Policy Association are timely.

Notable dates:

The AAUW Western PA District meeting will be held on March 30 in Clarion.

The voting deadline for three Board positions in AAUW-PA is March 31. See information at

<https://aauw-pa.aauw.net/2019-officer-election-2/>

and go to

<https://www.surveymonkey.com/r/2019AAUWElection>

to vote online.

March is Women's History Month. Is there a memorable woman in your history?

Do we want to hold a Book Sale in 2019? Please share your thoughts with any Board member.

As we begin to assemble next year's Board, consider serving in one of the appointed positions (see Directory). If interested, contact Janet or Susan.

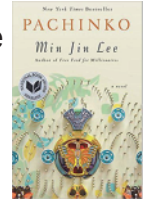
As rainy days continue, remember March showers bring May flowers!

See you on the 14th at the Branch meeting.

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents

Reading for Pleasure

Join us March 28 at Susan Petrie's home, 4292 Trouthaven Drive at 10:00 AM. We will discuss *Pachinko* by Min Jin Lee with Betty Hollingsworth leading the discussion. Please let Susan know if you plan to attend –
petriesusan@comcast.net,
724-327-7979 home,
412-965-9671 cell.



Please note that the book for discussion in April has been changed to *Reading Lolita in Tehran* by Azar Nafisi.



Save the Date

We have a tour scheduled for Thursday, April 18 of the Mexican War Streets district in Pittsburgh. Our docent from Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation resides in the neighborhood, so it should be quite informative and interesting. Details will be in the April Focus, but keep the date clear if you would like to participate.

Betty Hollingsworth
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724-733-8064

Great Decisions Spring 2019



GREAT DECISIONS Discussion Group Meetings began on February 22 and are held every Friday morning from 10:00 AM to 11:00 AM

until April 12. The meetings are in the Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room. The official Foreign Policy Association GREAT DECISIONS DVD will be shown prior to the discussion at 9:30 AM in the same room. Watching the thirty minute DVD is optional but highly recommended.

The schedule of meeting topics and leaders are as follows:

March 1 – Janet Sutton

Decoding U.S.-China Trade

March 8 – Bjoerg Granger

Refugees and Global Migration

March 15 – Susan Greenberg

The United States and Mexico: Partnership Tested

March 22 – Joyce Vernon

Nuclear Negotiations: Back to the Future?

March 29 – Charlie Beard

Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics

April 5 – Barbara Glozik

State of the State Department and Diplomacy

April 12 – Bethia Schulz

The Rise in Populism in Europe

The meetings and DVD viewings are open to the public. Feel free to bring a friend to any discussion.

Annie S. Rivers
GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator

Bayernhof Music Museum Tour

Please come, join in and tour the Bayernhof Music Museum! You will experience breathtaking views of Pittsburgh, Highland Park and Oakland from a unique mansion built by Charles B. Brown to showcase his vast collection of rare musical instruments.

On Thursday March 21, we will have a guided tour of the 19,000 square foot mansion, built high on a hill in Sharpsburg, the mansion's very secret hidden passageway and other distinctive architectural eccentricities, highlighting the extensive collection of old, rare automatic musical instruments and Victrola machines displayed in almost every room of the house.

Don't miss this opportunity! That being said, this tour involves many steps, so be ready! The tour begins at 10:00 AM on March 21. Please meet at 9:00 AM on the east side of the Pat Catan parking lot to car pool. The cost is \$10 and the tour is limited to 12 members.

RSVP to Diane Conway at
dianeconway52@gmail.com.





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WOMEN'S HISTORY MONTH

Paycheck Fairness Act Advocacy

Following the robust introduction of the Paycheck Fairness Act in Congress at the end of January, advocates and members of Congress alike have continued to work toward its swift passage. The House Education and Labor Subcommittees on Civil Rights and Human Services and Workforce Protections held a hearing on the Paycheck Fairness Act. Advocates testified to the current problem of pay inequity and explained how the Paycheck Fairness Act would help to address the gender pay gap. AAUW submitted a statement for the hearing record, as well as an AAUW-organized coalition letter signed by 264 groups. We also provided the members with updated statistics of the wage gap in their congressional districts. In addition, AAUW Senior Vice President of Public Policy and Research Deborah J. Vagins spoke at a rally for women's economic security, where she and other advocates called on Congress to pass both the Paycheck Fairness Act and the Raise the Wage Act.

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Murrysville AAUW Candidates Night

The Pennsylvania Primary Election will be held on May 21, and our local Candidates Night will be on Friday evening, May 10 (if approved by Council). Application has been made to the Municipality of Murrysville for approval of holding the meeting in Council Chambers on that date.


Lane Neff has been asked to be the moderator once again, and she has accepted. A small committee is necessary to prepare for this event. Please email me if you would like to be a part of this activity.

Susan Greenberg
Public Policy Chair
sigreenberg@earthlink.net

AAUW-PA Public Policy

AAUW-PA continues its advocacy for Equal Pay with the celebration of Equal Pay Day on April 2, and the Equal Pay Rally in the Capital Rotunda in Harrisburg on April 9. I received postcards, as Public Policy Chair, to be given to our legislators if we make a visit to their office. Additionally, if we meet with any legislators or go to their local office before then in our community, we can use that as an opportunity to leave a postcard with them or their staff.

Susan Greenberg
Public Policy Chair

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1	Fri.	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Great Decisions – Decoding U.S. - China Trade. DVD at 9:30, discussion starting at 10:00 in the MCL Meeting Room.†
7	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
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14	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting – MCL Meeting Room†
15	Fri.	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Great Decisions – The United States and Mexico DVD at 9:30, discussion starting at 10:00 in the MCL Meeting Room.†
18	Mon		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com
21	Thurs.	9:00 AM	Bayernhof Music Museum Tour – Meet by the Pat Catan's sign to car pool.
22	Fri.	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Great Decisions – Nuclear Negotiations. DVD at 9:30, discussion starting at 10:00 in the MCL Meeting Room.†
22	Fri.	1:00 PM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Loretta Panian, 4215 Royal Court. Please let Loretta know if you cannot come at 724-327-2004 or djpanlap@comcast.net .
26	Tue.	11:00 AM 9:00 PM	MCL Dining to Donate in collaboration with Applebee's.
28	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure at the home of Susan Petrie, 4292 Truthaven Dr. Please RSVP Susan at 724-327-7979 or petriesusan@comcast.net if you plan to attend.
29	Fri.	9:30 AM 10:00 AM	Great Decisions – Cyber Conflicts and Geopolitics. DVD at 9:30, discussion starting at 10:00 in the MCL Meeting Room.†

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