



May Luncheon Meeting

Hats Off to History

Jean Kanouff

Thursday, May 9, 2019 11:30 AM

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

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Our guest speaker for the 2019 May Luncheon is Jean Kanouff, who will present the program, "Hats off to History." In this audience participation presentation, we will see and wear vintage hats and listen to short biographies of historical figures.

Jean Kanouff worked most of her adult life in school and public libraries. Her interest in vintage clothing started when her grandmother gave her some family pieces she had saved. She has been presenting fashion shows for over 45 years.



Members and their friends are welcome for lunch, followed by the program. The "Hats Off to History" program is offered in collaboration with the Murrysville Community Library and is open to the public, starting at 1:00 PM.



Come, bring a friend, and enjoy a delicious salad luncheon, engaging program and great camaraderie. **Reservations are required for the luncheon.** Please RSVP by Tuesday, May 7 to MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com.



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Presidents' Letter

A thought provoking program by Seton Hill Professor Dr. Roni Kay O'Dell at our April branch meeting had everyone in the room thinking about the United Nations' Universal Declaration of Human Rights, a list of freedoms that many of us in the United States take for granted. She brought out many timely issues, including Nationalism, the final topic of the Great Decisions discussions.

Thank you, Barb Glozik, for coordinating with our speaker this month. Each Branch meeting needs a coordinator to reach out to the speaker to discuss A/V needs, the time and date for the meeting, and give directions on how to find us. Planning for next year's programs and coordinator's assignments will take place in the Library meeting room on Thursday, June 6, and all members are welcome to attend. Put this on your calendar now!

How exciting to hear Carol Gezon's announcement that she will chair the Book Sale in 2019! She has lots of good new ideas, and will need everyone's help to make the Book Sale another success.

Our slate of officers for 2019-2021 was approved by voice vote. They will be sworn into office at our May meeting and luncheon.

Thank you to Annie Rivers, Great Decisions Coordinator, for running the series of eight discussions. She ordered all the books and DVDs for us, recruited discussion leaders, arrived early to oversee set up of the DVD, and kept the meetings running smoothly. Kudos, Annie!

We hope you enjoyed the art work exhibited at our meeting. As decoration for our table of goodies, it gained much attention. We hope to continue showing art at our Branch meetings.

Looking forward to celebrating Spring and another great year of AAUW activities at our May 9th luncheon meeting! See you then,

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents



November 14, 15, & 16, 2019

Yes, we are going to have a book sale this year thanks to the strong support of a group of our members who encouraged me once again to be the chair. After much discussion it seemed that we had many people volunteering to do many specific jobs, we just didn't have a chairperson to check the completed tasks off the list. My pencil and paper are ready.

I would be remiss if I didn't mention the social aspect of this. It seems that some people are not willing to give up the camaraderie and fun of working together with a goal in mind. They like the party and so do I.

The enthusiastic backing of our new librarian, Emma Beaver, was also motivating. She and her staff are willing to add strong support for the collection of books starting in mid October and their storage, along with extended use of the library meeting room.

Now you need to let me know if you are willing to help. There are many small jobs that need attending to. You are the perfect person.



Carol Gezon
Once again, Book Sale Chair

Great Decisions

GREAT DECISIONS 2019 has ended and many people have to be thanked. Sue Hauser, Janet Sutton, Susan Greenberg, Bjoerg Granger, Joyce Vernon, Charlie Beard, Barbara Glozik and Bethia Schulz all volunteered to research and lead discussions on our eight topics this spring. They all did a great job. THANK YOU! And everyone who attended the meetings and participated deserve thanks also. You know who you were—THANK YOU, too! The Murrysville Community Library staff was very gracious and helpful. A special thanks to Maria Cuccaro who set up the DVD presentation audio-visual equipment and took care of closing everything down at the end of our meetings. Maria did a great job. THANK YOU! We had a couple of non-AAUW members who attended and brought wonderful insight and information to several discussions—THANK YOU, Mimi and Brian!

If you are interested in watching the Foreign Policy Association DVD programs or in reading the articles in the GREAT DECISIONS 2019 Booklet, both the booklet and the DVD are available at the Murrysville Community Library. See you next year!

Annie S. Rivers
GREAT DECISIONS Coordinator

Reading for Pleasure

On Thursday May 23 we will meet at the home of Donna Beard, 3669 Blue Sage Court for our end of year traditional salad luncheon. Beginning at 10 AM, we will choose books, discussion leaders and hostesses for the 2019-2020 meetings. Send your book suggestions to Betty Hollingsworth at sdhollings@aol.com as soon as possible so a list can be compiled. Lunch will follow the discussion. Be sure to let Donna know at djbeard2@gmail.com or 724-212-5758 that you are planning to come so she knows how many to plan for.



Mexican War Streets Tour

On Thursday April 18, we toured the North Side with Pittsburgh History and Landmarks Foundation docents and learned about Allegheny City and the Mexican War Streets.



"Stoop sit" at the home of our tour guide



Interesting Architecture



The famous Randyland



And, of course, lunch.

Dues are Due for 2019-2020



AAUW operates on a fiscal year of July 1 to June 30, and we have begun collecting dues for the year starting July 1, 2019. Dues remain \$85 for members and \$25 for

affiliates. The AAUW National dues are \$59, with \$56 of the \$59 is considered a tax deductible contribution since AAUW National is a 501(c)3 corporation. Of the remaining, \$10 are for the State Association and \$16 are for our branch operating budget.

Please make checks for \$85 payable to Murrysville Area AAUW and send them 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 lonewires@comcast.net or call her at 724-309-2479.

Calendar for Primary Election

- May 10, 2019 AAUW Candidate Night
- May 14, 2019 Last day for absentee ballot applications to be received
- May 17, 2019 Last day for voted absentee ballots to be received
- May 21, 2019 Primary Election

If you will not be in your municipality on Election day, or cannot go to the polls due to illness or physical disability, you may get an application for an absentee ballot at the County website at:

<https://www.co.westmoreland.pa.us/251/Elections>

Applying for an absentee ballot is a sensible backup plan in case of an unexpected event. There is no penalty for applying, but not using, an absentee ballot.

If you have any questions, contact the Westmoreland County Election Bureau.

AAUW Candidate Night

Murrysville Area AAUW is once again hosting a Candidates Night on Friday evening May 10, from 7:00 p.m. to 9:30 p.m. in the Murrysville Council meeting room. The meeting will be televised on Cable Channel 19, and will be repeated several times before the Primary Election on Tuesday, May 21.

Candidates for the positions of Mayor of Murrysville, Murrysville Council and Franklin Regional School Director have been invited. While several of the offices are not contested, we still feel that it is in the best interest of the public to become familiar with the positions of the candidates as they answer questions regarding the offices they seek.

For the local offices, the Primary Election is frequently more highly contested than the General Election. Being informed is critical to using your vote wisely to select the best candidates.




Lane Neff has graciously accepted the role of moderator again, and Graeme Eldridge has agreed to be timekeeper. We will need several greeters who will meet the candidates and assist them in securing their seating by lottery, as well as give them their name cards and name tags.

The questions will be developed by our committee from public input to our email established for this purpose (advertised in local papers, as well as on our Facebook page): AAUW4candidates@gmail.com.

Please contact me to volunteer, or to send me questions for the candidates: sigreenberg@earthlink.net

Susan Greenberg
Public Policy Chair



May			
2	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
7	Tue.		Last day to RSVP for Luncheon Meeting by emailing MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com.
9	Thurs.	11:30 AM	Luncheon Meeting – MCL Meeting Room†
10	Fri.	7:00 PM	Candidate's Night – Municipality of Murrysville Council Chambers
12	Sun.		
13	Mon		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com
21	Tue.	7:00 AM 8:00 PM	Primary Election Day 
23	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure at the home of Donna Beard, 3669 Blue Sage Court.. Please RSVP Donna at 724-212-5758 or djbeard2@gmail.com if you plan to attend.
24	Fri.	9:30 AM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Donna Beard, 3669 Blue Sage Court. Please RSVP Donna at 724-212-5758 or djbeard2@gmail.com if you cannot attend.
27	Mon.		 <i>Memorial Day</i>
28	Tue.	11:00 AM 9:00 PM	MCL Dining to Donate in collaboration with Applebee's.
6/6	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Program Planning Meeting – MCL Meeting Room† All members are invited to attend and provide input.

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

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