



September Brunch Meeting

Natural Areas of Westmoreland County

Dick Byers

Thursday, September 12, 2019

Brunch 9:30 AM

Program 10:30 AM

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

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Murrysville Area AAUW and the Murrysville Community Library begin the AAUW season with a program by nature columnist Dick Byers. For many years, he has written The Conservation Corner for the Penn-Franklin News. He is an active member of many conservation organizations and is currently on the executive committee of the Westmoreland Bird and Nature Club. The club has published a book, *Natural Areas in and around Westmoreland County*, which will be the topic of Mr. Byers' presentation.

Dick Byers is a retired high school biology teacher. For many years, he was a Murrysville resident and now resides in Stahlstown. During his teaching career, he taught seven summers at the National Audubon Society's Ecology Workshop in Greenwich, CT. He is a past president (10 years) of the Westmoreland Bird and Nature Club. His hobby of nature photography will make for an enjoyable program.

Our September meeting is always a brunch and RESERVATIONS ARE REQUIRED. Guests are welcome, but they, too, need a reservation. Email to MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com to reserve your spot by Tuesday September 10. Brunch will be served prior to the program which will begin about 10:30.

RSVP to MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com
by Tuesday, September 12 to attend.

Presidents' Letter

September is just around the corner. Diane Conway has organized a fantastic year of programs, beginning on September 12 with our always delightful Branch Brunch Meeting.

Please take a moment to read this informative issue. Take a hike, go out to lunch, discuss a book, play bridge – something for everyone! As always, if you have ideas or suggestions, feel free to contact a Board member.

A grateful thank you to the outgoing Board members. Your 2019-20 Board is listed in the next column. Special welcome to new Board members Jean Bohince, Diane Kaufmann, Dodie Hagan and Laura Livingston.

The directory will be distributed by email in early October. If you have changed your address, email or phone, please send those changes to Diane Kaufmann, 12dKaufmann@gmail.com.

Yes, we will be holding a 2019 Book Sale! See Chair Carol Gezon's articles for details.

Note: From now on, AAUW-PA will be emailing you information directly, including The Keystoner. Add aauwpainfo@gmail.com into your contacts list to ensure you receive their emails.

Our September Brunch is always a treat. Bring a guest and don't forget to RSVP. Susan will be away; Janet will see you in September.

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents

Morning Duplicate Bridge

Interested in playing duplicate bridge? We meet the fourth Friday of each month. We are looking for regular monthly players and substitute players. All skill levels are welcome. We would love to have you join us. For more information, contact Dodie Hagan at 724-325-3262 or dodiehagan@gmail.com.

Welcome 2019-20 Board

Co-President	Susan Petrie
Co-President	Janet Sutton
Program VP	Diane Conway
Membership VP	Jean Bohince
Secretary	Celine Kandala
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Bridge, Morning Great Decisions	Dodie Hagan Annie Rivers/ Barb Glozik
Reading for Pleasure	Laura Livingston

Membership

The September Brunch is always an enjoyable meeting and the perfect opportunity to invite prospective members to see what Murrysville Area AAUW is all about.

Ask your friends, neighbors and family members to join us. Membership is open to all, including men, and our affiliate membership is available for those without a college degree.

Membership materials will be available at the September meeting. Contact me with any questions.

Jean Bohince
412-600-0578
jeanbohince@hotmail.com

Book Sale

at Murrysville Community Library

November 14, 15, & 16, 2019

Time for Action

Yes indeed, it is time for the Book Sale! This year the sale will be held on November 14-16. Beginning October 14, we will be collecting books at the library.

It is time to start spreading the word. We will need quality books and quality shoppers for a successful sale.

Can you assemble a gift basket? In the past we have had a raffle featuring two gift baskets assembled by our members. In order to do it again this year we will need two volunteers, one to organize each basket before October 14. We plan to display them in the Library prior to the sale. If there are no volunteers, the raffle will be abandoned.

We also need help with the books. We are looking for people to cull in the weeks leading up to the sale and others to set up the room during the three days prior to the sale. Remember, people helping to sort get the first chance to select their books.

At the October Branch meeting there will be sign up sheets. We hope everyone can help. This is our best social activity of the year! Join our party.

Carol Gezon
Book Sale Chair

Books for the Sale

Beginning October 14, 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
- Holiday Books & CDs
- Cookbooks
- Audio Books on CD
- Crafts & Gardening



Books that we are **not accepting**:

- 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

On September 26 at 10:00 AM, Janet Sutton will lead us in discussing *The Hunchback of*



Notre Dame by Victor Hugo. We will meet at the home of Sally Haleen, 657 Blue Ridge Road, Pittsburgh, PA 15239. Please let Sally know if you plan to attend. Her cell number is 412-310-4164 and her email is sth657@comcast.net.

Summer Reading for Pleasure

This summer we met once a month to discuss the books we chose to read. In June we read a trilogy of sorts set in Paris by Antoine Laurain titled *The President's Hat*, *The Red Notebook*, and *The French Rhapsody*. July's book was *The Island of the Sea Women* by Lisa See about Korean women divers and their struggles under Japanese rule. The selection for August, *Where the Crawdads Sing* by Delia Owens is a coming of age book set on the rural coast of North Carolina, before grand beach houses.

In addition to reading and discussing books, these meetings allowed us to keep in touch during the summer months.

Future Tour Schedule

September 19, 2019

Visit an Old Growth Woodland with Dick Byers

October 17, 2019

Westmoreland Museum of American Art

April 16, 2020

The History and Architecture of Third Presbyterian Church, Shadyside

May 4, 2020

Oakmont Country Club

Future Branch Meetings

All programs are offered in partnership with the Murrysville Community Library and are open to the public.

September 12, 2019

Natural Areas of Westmoreland County with Dick Byers

October 10, 2019

A Deep Dive in the Dark Web: Insights from Eight Years of Online Anonymous Marketplaces Measurements with Nicolas Christin from CMU

November 14-16, 2019

AAUW/MCL Book Sale

December 12, 2019

Canzoni e Tradizioni del Natale: Songs and Traditions of an Italian Christmas with Marco Fiorante

January 9, 2020

The Current State of Public Education in Pennsylvania with Ronald Cowell

February 13, 2020

The Innocence Movement and Prosecutorial Misconduct with Bill Moushey

March 12, 2020

The History of Schenley High School with Jake Oresk

April 9, 2020

Ethics and Research: What does the All of Us Research Program mean for all of us? with Lisa Parker from Pitt

May 14, 2020

Renowned Pittsburgh Palette Knife Painter, Joyce Werwie Perry: The Woman, Her Art, Her Journey with Joyce Werwie Perry

2019-2020 Reading for Pleasure

September 26, 10:00 AM

Book: *The Hunchback of Notre Dame*

Author: Victor Hugo

Discussion leader: Janet Sutton

Hostess: Sally Haleen

October 24, 10:00 AM

Book: *The Reluctant Fundamentalist*

Author: Mohsin Hamid

Discussion leader: Annie Rivers

Hostess: Bethia Schulz

December 5, 1:00 PM

Book: *Persuasion*

Author: Jane Austen

Discussion leader: Laura Livingston

Hostess: Bjoerg Granger

January 23, 10:00 AM

Book: *The Ender's Game*

Author: Orson Scott Card

Discussion Leader: Diane Eldridge

Hostess: Laura Livingston

February 27, 10:00 AM

Book: *Wonder*

Author: R. J. Palacio

Discussion leader: Judy Johnson

Hostess: Nancy Pottmeyer

March 26, 10:00 AM

Book: *America's First Daughter*

Authors: Stephanie Day and Laura Kamole

Discussion leader: Diane Kaufman

Hostess: Susan Petrie

April 23, 10:00 AM

Book: *Circe*

Author: Madeline Miller

Discussion leader: Annie Augustine

Hostess: Patty Vargo

May 21, 10:00 AM

Salad Luncheon

Hostess: Carol Gezon

Visit an Old Growth Woodland

On Thursday, September 19, Dick Byers will lead us on a walk through Spruce Flats Bog, a piece of Canada dumped in Pennsylvania with a few mysteries and interesting insect trapping plants in Laurel Summit State Park.

Our car pool will leave from the north end of the Delmont AMC Classic Movie Theatre parking lot near the RiteAid, at 8:30 AM sharp. The group will meet Dick Byers at 10 AM in the Laurel Summit State Park Wolf Rocks parking lot.

To get to Laurel Summit State Park, Dick offered these directions:


- Route 30 East from Ligonier about two miles. Turn right onto Route 381. Follow this into Rector (3 or 4 miles)
- Turn left onto Linn Run Road and go clear to the top of the mountain. When the road turns to dirt and gravel, you're almost there. Dick has assured me that the road is in good condition and not a problem for cars.
- Turn left into the parking lot when you see the large picnic pavilion. There's a very rustic restroom on the right before entering the parking lot.

Spruce Flats Bog is about a thousand foot walk from the parking lot on level ground to a boardwalk at the bog. Comfortable closed toe walking shoes are recommended.

To reserve a space on this tour, contact Janet Sutton, JanetSQuilter@aol.com. There will also be a sign up sheet at the September 12th Branch meeting, the last day to reserve for the tour. Cost for the tour is \$5.00. Following the tour, we will stop for lunch in Ligonier.

Here is a link to a brochure about the bog:
www.docs.dcnr.pa.gov/cs/groups/public/documents/document/dcnr_20033271.pdf

September

2	Mon.		
5	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan know if unable to attend.
10	Tue.		Last day to RSVP for Brunch Meeting by emailing MurrysvilleAAUW@gmail.com
12	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Brunch Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Please RSVP by Tuesday if planning to attend.
12	Thurs.		Last day to RSVP for Spruce Bogs Tour
16	Mon.		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard at djbeard2@gmail.com.
19	Thurs.	8:30 AM	Spruce Bogs Tour - Meet in the AMC parking lot in Delmont for car pooling
26	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure at the home of Sally Haleen, 657 Blue Ridge Rd., Plum. Please RSVP Sally at 412-310-4164 or sth657@comcast.net if you plan to attend.
27	Fri.	9:30 AM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Donna Beard, 3669 Blue Sage Court. If you cannot attend, please let Donna know at 724-212-5758 or djbeard2@gmail.com.

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

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