



March Branch Meeting
History of Pittsburgh's First High School:
Schenley High School

Jake Oresick

Thursday, March 12, 2020 9:30 AM
Murrysville Community Library Meeting Room
4100 Sardis Road, Murrysville, PA

The Murrysville Area AAUW, in conjunction with the Murrysville Community Library, invites you to meet Jake Oresick, author of *The Schenley Experiment: A Social History of Pittsburgh's First Public High School*, which the Pittsburgh Post-Gazette called "curious and compelling." His forthcoming book, *The Pittsburgh Novel: Western Pennsylvania in Fiction and Drama, 1792-2014* – co-authored with his late father Peter Oresick – is an annotated bibliography of all known fiction set in Pennsylvania's 26 westernmost counties.

The Schenley Experiment is the story of Pittsburgh's first public high school, a social incubator in a largely segregated city that was highly – even improbably – successful throughout its 156-year existence. Established in 1855 as Central High School and reorganized in 1916, Schenley High School was a model of innovative public education and an ongoing experiment in diversity.

Mr. Oresick attended John Carroll University, Carnegie Mellon University, and the University of Pittsburgh School of Law, and he works as an attorney at Creenan & Baczkowski, P.C. in Murrysville. His books will be available for purchase at the Branch Meeting.

This program featuring a local author is sure to be interesting. It is free of charge and open to the public. Please join us.

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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

We had another great turnout with many guests, including a large group of high school students, at our February meeting which addressed prosecutorial misconduct and false incarceration. It is an interesting if disturbing subject.

We hope you will introduce yourself to the new director of the Library, Amy Riegner. We welcome her to Murrsville and to our AAUW/Library partnership!

PLEASE CONSIDER VOLUNTEERING for some important Board positions. We need leadership if we want our Branch to continue. The positions are a Co-President and Secretary, each a two-year term, and the second year for VP-Membership. Unfortunately, our current Membership Chair, Jean Bohince, had to resign due to family matters. Thank you, Jean, for doing an excellent albeit too brief job!

The slate for these three Executive Committee positions must be presented to the membership at the March Branch meeting in accordance with our Bylaws.

A Hospitality hostess is needed for the upcoming May luncheon meeting. This is a fun job and many members are willing to help.

Please call or email Janet or Susan if you are interested in any position.

Great Decisions is off and running after an excellent first session on climate change.

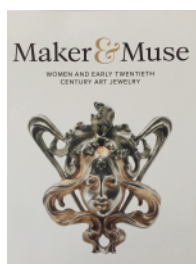
Hope everyone is staying well. Dare we say that Spring is around the corner? Daylight savings begins March 8.

See you at the March 12th Branch meeting.

Susan and Janet
Co-Presidents



Frick Tour



Please join us on Thursday, March 19, 2020, for a docent led tour for AAUW Branch members at The Frick Pittsburgh to see the special exhibit, **MAKER & MUSE: WOMEN AND EARLY 20TH CENTURY ART JEWELRY.**

Carpools will leave at 9:30 AM under the tall sign in the Michael's parking lot. We will browse the exhibit until the docent led tour begins at 11 AM. If fewer than 15 members make reservations, the tour will be open to guests of members. Email Janet Sutton to reserve your spot on the tour by **THURSDAY MARCH 5.** Payment of \$16 per person is due at the Branch meeting on 3/12/2020. Please make your check out to Murrsville Area Branch AAUW, and give it to Janet Sutton or Carol Gezon.

Reading for Pleasure

The next Reading for Pleasure is Thursday, March 26 at 10:00 AM at the home of Bethia Schulz.

America's First Daughter by authors Stephanie Day and

Laura Kamole will be discussed with Diane Kaufman as the discussion leader.



Laura Livingston

Great Decisions 2020

Our GREAT DECISIONS discussion group meetings are under way. The Foreign Policy Association (FPA) seeks to bring a more profound understanding of world affairs to the public. The common purpose has not been to impose a particular view, but to consider and weigh many views. The FPA tries to clearly brief global issues and invites all to join in a collective dialogue on our future in an interdependent world. As FPA points out: "No decision in foreign policy is made in a vacuum, and the repercussions of any single decision have far-reaching effects across the range of strategic interests on the U.S. policy agenda." Come join our discussions on five more world topics.

Our March/April schedule of topics and discussion leaders is:

- March 6, India and Pakistan, led by Barb Glozik
- March 13, U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle, led by Joyce Vernon
- March 20, Artificial Intelligence and Data, led by Charlie Beard
- March 27, Red Sea Security, led by Chuck Greenberg
- April 3, The Philippines and the U.S., led by Bethia Schulz

GREAT DECISIONS discussion meetings are done in collaboration with our AAUW and the Murrysville Community Library. They are open to the public. A copy of the FPA book and the corresponding DVD are available for use in the library. The meetings take place in the MCL Meeting Room which is the first room to the left as one enters the building. A highly recommended but optional thirty-minute Foreign Policy Association DVD on each topic is presented from 9:30 to 10:00. The Discussion Meeting begins at 10:00.

Great Decisions Co-Coordinators
Annie S. Rivers Barb Glozik

Membership

We are happy to welcome our newest AAUW member, Pam Metcalfe. Please say hello to her at our next meeting.



April Tour

Save the Date!! Thursday April 16, we will tour the historic Third Presbyterian Church in Shadyside. Details will be in the April Focus. If you want to reserve early or have any questions, contact Betty Hollingsworth.



March 2020			
5	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting – MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Susan and Janet know if unable to attend.
5	Thurs.		RSVP Deadline for Frick Tour
6	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions – India and Pakistan MCL Meeting Room
12	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting – MCL Meeting Room†.
13	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions – U.S. Relations with the Northern Triangle MCL Meeting Room†
16	Mon.		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard.
19	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Frick Tour – Meet by the Michael's sign for carpooling to the Frick.
20	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions – Artificial Intelligence and Data MCL Meeting Room†
24	Tue.	11:00 AM to 9:00 PM	MCL Dining to Donate at Applebee's
26	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure – at the home of Bethia Schulz. Please RSVP to Bethia if you are planning to come.
27	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions – Red Sea Security MCL Meeting Room†
27	Fri.	1:00 PM	Duplicate Bridge at the home of Loretta Panian. If you can not attend, please let Loretta know.

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

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