

October Branch Meeting

Suffrage: the Road to the Vote for American Women

Judy Sutton from Heinz History Center

Thursday, October 14, 2021 9:30 AM

Murrysville Community Center
3091 Carson St.
Murrysville, PA



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Women, don't take your right to vote for granted. Our foremothers had to organize, march in protest, vote illegally, file lawsuits, face arrest, endure time in jail, suffer hunger strikes, and campaign for a change in the law before the ratification of the 19th amendment to the United States constitution in 1920, 101 years ago, stated that "the right of citizens of the United States to vote shall not be denied or abridged by the United States or by any State on account of sex."

Judy Sutton, a Docent and an Ambassador for the Heinz History Center and the Historical Society of Mt. Lebanon, will discuss the history of the early days of women's suffrage in the United States and the women who organized and promoted the suffrage movement in Pittsburgh.

A graduate of Duquesne University with a Bachelor of Arts degree in history and a Master of Library Science degree from the University of Pittsburgh, Judy worked as a children's librarian for over thirty years. Since her retirement, Judy has logged over 1000 volunteer hours for the Heinz History Center and greatly enjoys sharing her love of history with all ages.

Please come together to view Judy's PowerPoint presentation, reflect on women's suffrage and what it means to us today, and **dress in white, the color worn by women who protested for the right to vote.**



Due to concerns over COVID-19, the following changes are being made for the meeting:

- **Everyone attending is required to wear a mask.**
- The meeting will be in the Murrysville Community Center on Carson Street to provide room for social distancing.

President's Letter

AAUW strives to bring thoughtful, educational, and interesting programming to our members and members of the community. We planned for our September speaker in 2019, before COVID-19 changed everything. We planned, not knowing how many people would attend or if attendees would enjoy the program. We planned, until suddenly plans were changed when the speaker could not appear in person. All those issues evaporated due to the cooperation of our speaker, Superintendent Clarke of the Flight 93 Memorial, our program coordinator Diane Kaufmann, and Kat Neidig of the Murrysville Community Library Staff who facilitated the virtual speaker through the technology of the Library's new Tech Nook.



The speaker was recorded; the program can be watched on Youtube using this link:

<https://youtu.be/Q9VEAoKP0Ss>

For more information about the Flight 93 Memorial go to: www.nps.gov/flni and www.flight93friends.org.

Ours was only the second program offered in the Library's wonderful new Tech Nook, a space that will promote learning through a different medium.

Please send your suggestions for future virtual or in person speakers to Diane Conway, Vice-President Programs.

Our October meeting brings another challenge. We will meet for the first time in the Murrysville Community Center instead of in the Library. Wear your mask and join us for camaraderie and another inspiring program.

Janet Sutton



Book Sale

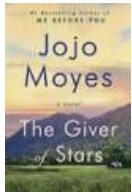
THERE WILL BE NO AAUW BOOK SALE THIS FALL. Because of the uncertainty of the COVID-19 variant surge and health safety guidelines, the Board and I agreed that we could not ask members to work in close quarters and be exposed to the public in general during the traditional three days of our book sale fundraiser. We still plan to give a contribution to the Murrysville Community Library. If anyone would like to contribute to this fund donation by taking books to Half Price Books and sharing their profits from this, please feel free to do so. Treasurer Carol Gezon and I, Annie Rivers, would be happy to pick up your donation contribution.

Annie S. Rivers
Book Sale Chair

PS Half Price Books accepts all categories of books, puzzles, games, movies (DVD, VCR, and old videotapes), records, and collectibles. To quote them: " We buy anything printed or recorded (except yesterday's newspaper)."

Reading for Pleasure

Our October meeting will be on Thursday, October 28 in the Murrysville Community Library meeting room from 10:00 AM - Noon. Diane Eldridge will review *Midnight Library* by Matt Haig. I will work out obtaining multiple copies of the book as soon as possible and email this information to the group.



The November and December meetings will also be in the library meeting room. On November 18th our book will be *The Giver of Stars* by Jojo Moyes. I will be the reviewer.

The discussion of The Paris Library by Janet Charles on December 16th will be led by Betty Hollingsworth.



Please let me know if you are coming so I can set up the room for social distancing and remember your mask, if still required by the library.

If you have books or jigsaw puzzles you would like to share, we can have an informal book and puzzle exchange. Designate items you would like to have back.

Bethia Schulz



Great Decisions

The Great Decisions Discussion Group began on Friday, September 24. We had an interesting discussion on the global supply chain, especially as it impacts the supply of medication and other crucial goods here in the U.S.



If you would like to be a part of this group and signed up and/or purchased a book, please contact Barb Glozik. Books cost \$32. There are five (5) books still available. As in the past, the library has a copy of both the current book and DVD for use on site.

Great Decisions continues through October into November. All AAUW members and their spouses or a family member living in the same household are welcome to join us in the Murrysville Library meeting room from 9:30 AM to 11:00 AM. We will follow the library's current masking guidelines.

The topics for the next three discussions and remaining topics are:

10/1: The coldest war: toward a return to great power competition in the Arctic?

10/8: The two Koreas

10/15: China and Africa

The future of Persian Gulf security

Brexit: taking stock and looking ahead

The World Health Organization's response to Covid-19

The end of globalization?



Honary Life Members

We honored three members at our monthly branch meeting on September 9.

Judy Johnson, Alice Miller, and Nancy Veyo, who, having been AAUW members for 50 years, are now Honorary Life Members of AAUW. Having achieved this milestone, they no longer pay dues to National AAUW, are exempt from paying state dues, and by vote of the Murrysville Branch Board, Branch dues is forgiven. In addition, each was presented with the "AAUW Pennsylvania Achievement Award" certificate and are our Branch's "Named Gift Honorees" for 2021. Congratulations to our Honorary Life Members! Here follows a short bio of each member:

Judy Johnson served as the fourth president of the Murrysville Area Branch from 1976-78 and led many committees including the membership committee. She received the Outstanding Woman Award in 1981 and the Community Service Award in 2003-04.

Judy received a BA in English from Allegheny College. She taught in elementary schools at Churchill, Homewood-Brushton, and Franklin Regional School Districts. In 1978 she left teaching and became Director of Community Relations for Franklin Regional. She really enjoyed this position because she interfaced with all aspects of the Murrysville community. She was also an ombudsman for nursing home residents. Judy has been very involved with the library. One program she helped start was providing reading material to the homebound.

Judy is married and has two children and two grandchildren.

Alice Miller joined AAUW because she really liked the programs they offered. Though not holding as many officer positions as the other lifetime members, she was a very active

member. She enjoyed making changes happen and chaired a political committee for the Branch. Today she is busy contacting government officials in support of requiring elevators in nursing homes and other facilities to be equipped with back up emergency power.

Alice received her B.A. in English from Chatham College and a M.Ed. from the University of Pittsburgh. She taught for eight years in various primary grades in the Homewood Brushton School District, leaving to raise her family.

Alice is an active 93 year old. She is widowed and has two children, four grandchildren and three great-grandchildren.

Nancy Veyo was president of our branch twice, in 1986-88 and 2002-04. Nancy served on the Board for decades in many positions, most recently as finance officer. She was a mainstay during our book sales, start to finish. She received the Outstanding Woman Award in 1983.

Nancy graduated with a B.S. in Home Economics from Carnegie Institute of Technology, now Carnegie Mellon University (CMU). She worked as buyer for Horne's Department Store and had various marketing roles. Nancy received a distinguished alumni award from CMU.

She helped organize the Library Foundation in 2000, and for many years was in charge of the "Secondhand Prose" book sale shelves in the Library.

She worked to set up golf tournaments at Meadowink Golf Club, helped organize her Greensburg High School class reunions, and was an active member of the successful Big Deal Investment Club.

Nancy is married, has two daughters and one grandchild.

Congratulations to these outstanding women, our Honorary Life Members! We have been fortunate to have them as members of our branch!

October 2021			
1	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†
7	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Board Meeting - MCL Meeting Room† Board members please let Janet know if unable to attend.
8	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†
14	Thurs.	9:30 AM	Branch Meeting - Murrysville Community Center, 3091 Carson Street.
15	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†
18	Mon.		Deadline to email Focus articles to Donna Beard
22	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†
28	Thurs.	10:00 AM	Reading for Pleasure - MCL Meeting Room†
29	Fri.	9:30 AM	Great Decisions - MCL Meeting Room†
31	Sun.		Happy Halloween 

† The Murrysville Community Library (MCL) Meeting Room is located at the entrance to the Murrysville Community Library, 4130 Sardis Road.



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