

January's Program



Jeanne Berdik, from the ARCS Foundation gave a very interesting presentation on issues related to the STEM (Science, Technology, Engineering, and Math) fields.

Jeanne's presentation gave us some very interesting quotes. The following is just a sample.

- "Without high-quality, knowledge-intensive jobs and the innovative enterprises that lead to discovery and new technology, our economy will suffer and our people will face a lower standard of living."
- "Economic studies conducted even before the information-technology revolution have shown that as much as 85% of measured growth in US income per capita was due to technological change."

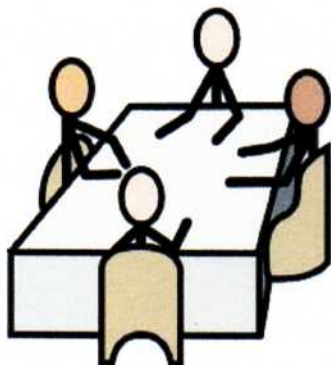
Rising Above the Gathering Storm -- The National Academies, Committee on Science, Engineering and Public Policy, 2007

- "Never underestimate the power of a small but committed group of people to change the world. Indeed, it is the only thing that ever has."

Margaret Meade

If you missed the January meeting be sure to see her presentation on our Web site at www.aauwpg.org/calendar/.htm and click on ARCS Foundation.

Remaining 2011-2012 Branch Meetings



- March 10, 2012 – Phipps Conservatory
- April 14, 2012 – State Convention in Greentree
- May 12, 2011 – Annual Meeting

Happy Birthday

February 15 – Adaeze Ezekoye

February 19 – Jean Henderson

Important February Events in History

- **James Joyce**, Irish novelist and poet, born 1882.
- **Ronald Reagan**, 40th President of the United States, born in Tampico, Ill., February 6, 1911.
- Princess Elizabeth became **Queen Elizabeth II** of Great Britain, February 6, 1952.
- **Mary, Queen of Scots**, executed, February 8, 1587.
- **Susan B. Anthony**, American woman suffrage leader, born February 15, 1820.

February 15 is the 46th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 319 days remaining until the end of the year (320 in leap years).

On this day in history . . .

1879 – Women's rights: American President Rutherford B. Hayes signs a bill allowing female attorneys to argue cases before the Supreme Court of the United States.

Born on this date . . .

1935 – Susan Brownmiller, American feminist writer

1951 – Jane Seymour, British actress

February 19 is the 50th day of the year in the Gregorian calendar. There are 315 days remaining until the end of the year (316 in leap years).

On this day in history . . .

1963 – The publication of Betty Friedan's *The Feminine Mystique* reawakens the Feminist Movement in the United States as women's organizations and consciousness raising groups spread.

Born on this date . . .

1888 – Aurora Quezon, First Lady of the Philippines (d. 1949)

1965 – Cathy Lane, English Swimmer

February's Horoscope

Aquarius Horoscope (Jan. 21-Feb. 18): Some sort of public recognition and praise should occur and it could be rather unexpected. If the public doesn't recognize your gifts then your family will. If your family doesn't then your pets certainly do. Anyway, the stars call you to a vacation somewhere. Can you comply? Are you free? Money arrives.

Pisces Horoscope (Feb. 18-March 20): You will feel an internal pressure and search for your authentic working style for you need your life to feel fuller, more interesting, more worthwhile. This occurs automatically as you slow down a bit, downshift, so to speak, and live and work at a slower pace. You then fulfill yourself and seek not the "other."



Source: <http://www.entourages.com/barbs/february.htm>
<http://www.horoscope2012free.com/2012-february-horoscope.html>



Don't miss the February 11, 2012 meeting . . .

This month's topic is "Women in Politics" and our speaker is Dr. Jackie Filla from Chatham University.



Dr. Jackie Filla

Jackie Filla is Assistant Professor of Political Science and scholar for the Center. Previously an Assistant Professor of Political Science and Geography at Old Dominion University in Norfolk, Va., her research interests include direct democracy, political participation, public policy, urban politics, women and politics, and Constitutional law. Her current research includes "The Impact of the Initiative on Municipal Politics and Citizen Participation," a book manuscript based upon her dissertation. Most recently she was awarded the John Randolph Haynes Doctoral Dissertation Fellowship Award (2008-2009), which included a \$20,000 research grant. Dr. Filla earned her Bachelor's degree in Political Science from California State University – Fullerton and her Master's and Doctorate degrees in Political Science from the University of California – Riverside.

The meeting will be held at the PAA in Oakland located at:

4215 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

(412) 621-2400
www.paaclub.com

10:30 – 11:45 Board Meets
12:00 – 12:20 Membership Meeting
12:20 – 1:00 Lunch is Served
1:00 – 2:00 Program

Please R.S.V.P. no later than February 9, 2012 to reserve your seat! Cost of lunch is \$17.00 payable upon arrival.

For more information call Pat Byerly (412) 482-4419 or email her at pabyerly@aaupgh.org

Why it is important to R.S.V.P.

It is important that if you plan on attending the meeting that you R.S.V.P. by the deadline above. The reason that we ask you to do this is two-fold: (1) we know how many members to expect and (2) in the event we have to cancel the meeting for any reason we know who to call. Please direct any questions to Pat Byerly at the number above.

Write, Read, Write Project

By LaTrina Hall

The second phase of the Write, Read, Write Project has been successfully completed!!

Near the end of September, the Write, Read, Write Project was started with the fourth grade students of Propel Montour School in Kennedy Township. The group consists of two fourth grade classes, approximately 38 students. The Project consists of three steps: writing a letter, reading a book, and writing another letter. In September and October, the students wrote letters describing themselves and a book they would enjoy. Then, the letters were collected and distributed to AAUW members to read and purchase a book for each of the students. The books were collected at the December AAUW meeting and wrapped for distribution.

During the month of December, the books for the Write, Read, Write Project were distributed. The students from both classes were able to receive their book with a response letter, bookmark and ne pencil. The students were excited to receive a new book and most began reading right away! The students will be writing their final letters in the next few weeks and we look forward to collecting them to distribute to our participating members. Thank you to everyone who made this Project such a great success!!

These pictures were taken of the children receiving their books.



Recipe of the Month

Chicken Enchiladas

By Shari Muench

- 1/4 cup chopped onion
- 1 Tbs butter
- 2 cups cooked, shredded chicken
- 1 8-oz can stewed tomatoes
- dash salt
- dash pepper
- 6 flour tortillas
- 1 10-oz can enchilada sauce
- 1 cup shredded Monterey Jack cheese
- 1 tub sour cream
- 1 can black olives

In skillet, saute onion in butter. Add chicken, tomatoes, salt and pepper and stir and heat. Pour 1/3 of the enchilada sauce into a 12X8X2 baking pan. Dampen each tortilla with water, one at a time. In a hot, ungreased skillet, heat and turn tortilla until soft and pliable. Place 1/4 cup chicken mixture on tortillas and then roll. Place in baking dish. Repeat. Top with remaining enchilada sauce and cheese. Cover and back at 375F for 25 minutes. Garnish with parsley or cilantro, if desired. Top with sour cream and black olives. Makes 6 enchiladas. To make a meal, serve with Spanish rice and refried or black beans. For ambience, serve with Blue Margaritas.



I used to enjoy eating chicken enchiladas while attending a yearly summer session in my doctoral program with Fielding Graduate University, held at the Westward Look resort in the mountains of Tucson, Arizona. This is my version.

If you're not in the mood for Mexican, you can always try this . . . yum!

All-American Old-Fashioned PBJ Sandwich

By John Muench

2 slices of white bread ('Wonder'—the one that helps build strong bodies 12 ways)

'Welch's' Grape Jelly (the kind in the beveled glasses we later used for milk)

'Skippy' Creamy Smooth Peanut Butter (later changed to 'Jif' due to lowered salt content)

On one slice of bread, generously spread the grape jelly. On the other slice of bread, generously spread the peanut butter. Join the two halves and enjoy—don't bother to cut in half!

This was my favorite lunchtime sandwich while I was growing up. I remember racing the 1/2 mile home from Denkmann School in Rock Island, Illinois, to get another one. It is still a favorite of mine.



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Scholarship Fund

The purpose of the AAUW Scholarship Fund is to enable and advance women and girls through continuing their intellectual growth. You are the key to a better future for women and girls.

If you would like to make a donation to support educational and lifelong learning opportunities for women, please send a check made payable to AAUW to:

Bernie C. Cerasaro
13879 Lincoln Way
North Huntingdon, Pa. 15642

Be a Member Detector!

New members are the lifeblood of every organization, including ours. We encourage everyone to invite their friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to our meetings throughout the year.



Fat Tuesday/Mardi Gras

The terms "Mardi Gras", "Mardi Gras season", and "Carnival season", in English, refer to events of the Carnival celebrations, beginning on or after Epiphany and culminating on the day before Ash Wednesday. *Mardi gras* is French for **Fat Tuesday**, referring to the practice of the last night of eating richer, fatty foods before the ritual fasting of the Lenten season, which begins on Ash Wednesday; in English the day is sometimes referred to as **Shrove Tuesday**, from the word *shrive*, meaning "confess." Related popular practices are associated with celebrations before the fasting and religious obligations associated with the penitential season of Lent. Popular practices include wearing masks and costumes, overturning social conventions, dancing, sports competitions, parades, etc. Similar expressions to Mardi Gras appear in other European languages sharing the Christian tradition. In English, the day is called Shrove Tuesday, associated with the religious requirement for confession before Lent begins.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Mardi_Gras

TIDBITS . . . Did You Know

In December 1913 the first automobile service station, built by Gulf Refining Company, opened in Pittsburgh at Baum and St. Clair Street in East Liberty. It was designed by J. H. Giesey.

Pittsburgh played a crucial role in the early oil industry. The world's first big commercial oil strikes took place in towns along the Allegheny River, and Pittsburgh naturally became a distribution hub for the oil they produced. One of the first oil companies, Gulf Oil, got its start here and was financed largely with Mellon money. (by Chris Potter)



Credit: Courtesy Bob Beck/Gulf Oil Historical Society

In 1913, Gulf Refining Company opened the nation's first drive-in service station at the corner of Baum Boulevard and St. Clair Street in Pittsburgh. The pagoda-style brick facility offered free air, water, crankcase service, and tire and tube installation. On its first day, the station sold 30 gallons of gasoline at 27 cents per gallon. On its first Saturday, Gulf's new service station pumped 350 gallons of gasoline.

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STEM Initiatives – Why So Few?



AAUW is supporting nationwide initiatives regarding STEM— science, technology, engineering, and math. Our branch is looking for current or new members who have interest in these fields—perhaps you have a degree in one of these areas, or have taught or worked in one of these areas. We would like to do a project that would bring this concept of encouraging girls and women to be engaged in these fields to people's attention. We have a toolkit, a DVD, and a Power Point Presentation—now we just need active participants and a plan, which is open to interpretation. We have a book from AAUW, called *Why So Few*, for all our members that we distributed at the September meeting. Please let us know if you would be interested in bringing this vital information to the forefront.

