

Newsletter Editor

Do you have a suggestion, a journal entry about a recent trip, adventure or talent, a tip that will benefit others?



Please feel free to send ideas and suggestions to Karin Neilson at aaupgh.newsletter@gmail.com.

Birthdays

Happy Birthday to the following members who will be celebrating their special day during January:



01/04 Shari Muench
01/09 Ann Ruben
01/24 Patricia Byerly

"The Show-goers"

Productions

On Saturday, December 28, three of our members saw a Vegas-style Christmas Show right here in Pittsburgh. **Rat Pack Christmas** was a fun and festive afternoon journey to a glamorous bygone era with Frank, Sammy and Dean (impersonators) – a thoroughly entertaining and spectacular show.

Please join us at 2:30 PM on Saturday, February 9 at Heinz Hall as NASA video footage of the planets accompanies the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra performance of Gustav Holst's **The Planets**. It will be an iconic musical portrayal of the planets and their astrological significance with richly colored orchestration and memorable melodies. Please contact Marci Henzi at [412-894-3653](tel:412-894-3653) or aaupgh.secretary@gmail.com.



January's Program

At our meeting on January 11, Branch Secretary Marci Henzi will give a slideshow presentation based on Lynn M. Osen's book *Women in Mathematics*. This short talk will be more biographical than mathematical in nature, and will follow chronologically from ancient Greece to mid-eighteenth century Italy and France. Marci will briefly examine intellectual accomplishments as well as gems and twists in the lives of Theano, Aspasia, Hypatia, Hroswitha, Agnesi and the Marquise du Chatelet.

Marci Henzi joined AAUW Pittsburgh since 2010 shortly after relocating here from the Harrisburg area, and currently serves as Corresponding Secretary for our organization. She grew up in Baltimore County, and she spent ten years of her young adult life in Arkansas where she graduated from the University of Arkansas in 1980, and taught Mathematics for five years in public schools in the Ozarks. She received her M Ed at Shippensburg University in 1999 and immediately became both a Professional Math Tutor at Penn State York and an Adjunct Professor at York College.

She has been a hard working and valuable employee at Harrisburg Area Community College for ten years teaching a full spectrum of mathematics courses through Pre-Calculus. Marci also began teaching a single Statistics course at the Moon Campus of Robert Morris University in 2010. In 2012, she accepted a second part-time professional position as a tutor at the *Mathnasium* in McMurray.

Letters to the Editor



Do you have something you want to say? Well, here is an opportunity to let everyone know what you think. If you have something you want to speak out about please say your piece in an email to aaupgh.newsletter@gmail.com and watch for it to be published in future issues of *The Newsletter of American Association of University Women - Pittsburgh Branch*.

New Meeting Times for AAUW-Pittsburgh Branch

September & January meeting at PAA

10:30 – 11:15 Board meeting
11:45 – 12:00 Lunch orders will be taken at 11:50
12:00 – 12:15 Member meeting
12:15 – 1:00 Lunch (\$20.00)
1:00 – 2:00 Program and Q&A

November & March meeting at PAA

9:30 – 10:30 Board meeting
10:30 – 11:00 Member meeting - coffee and pastries will be served
11:00 – 12:00 Program and Q&A

May Annual Meeting at a place to be determined

9:30 – 10:30 Board meeting
10:30 – 12:00 Member meeting

Please be sure to mark these changes on your calendar. We have some good programs scheduled for the upcoming year, and we don't want you to miss one word.

Pittsburgh Branch Executive Board

Elected Officers

President, Patricia A. Byerly
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Program Vice President, Karin Neilson
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Finance Officer, Bernie Cerasaro
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Supporting Liaisons and Committees

Public Relations Liaison, Rosemary Martinelli
Scholarship Committee Chair, Bernie Cerasaro
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Nominations Committee (2013-14), Bernie Cerasaro and Karin Neilson

Interest Groups

The Knit Wits. Group Chair, Pat Byerly
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The Show-goers. Group Chair, Marci Henzi
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The Old Doberman

An old Doberman starts chasing rabbits and before long, discovers that he's lost. Wandering about, he notices a panther heading rapidly in his direction with the intention of having lunch.

The old Doberman thinks, "Oh, oh! I'm in deep trouble now!" Noticing some bones on the ground close by, he immediately settles down to chew on the bones with his back to the approaching cat. Just as the panther is about to leap, the old Doberman exclaims loudly,

"Boy, that was one delicious panther! I wonder, if there are any more around here?"

Hearing this, the young panther halts his attack in mid-strike, a look of terror comes over him and he slinks away into the trees.

"Whew!," says the panther, "That was close! That old Doberman nearly had me!"

Meanwhile, a squirrel who had been watching the whole scene from a nearby tree, figures he can put this knowledge to good use and trade it for protection from the panther. So, off he goes.

The squirrel soon catches up with the panther, spills the beans and strikes a deal for himself with the panther.

The young panther is furious at being made a fool of and says, "Here, squirrel, hop on my back and see what's going to happen to that conniving canine!"

Now, the old Doberman sees the panther coming with the squirrel on his back and thinks, "What am I going to do now?," but instead of running, the dog sits down with his back to his attackers, pretending he hasn't seen them yet, and just when they get close enough to hear, the old Doberman says

"Where's that squirrel? I sent him off an hour ago to bring me another panther!"

Moral of this story...Don't mess with the old dogs... Age and skill will always overcome youth and treachery!
BS and brilliance only come with age and experience.

The Knit Wits

Do you knit or crochet? Would you be interested in using your free time and scrap yarn to benefit others? Consider participating in **The Knit Wits**, one of our branches Interest Groups.

Many women who have lost their hair due to chemo- and radiation therapy have found Chemo Caps a welcome alternative to traditional wigs and scarves. They are colorful, comfortable and lightweight.

To-date the Knit Wits have made and distributed 235 caps. Caps distributed so far:

- 40 InterCommunity Cancer Center in Monroeville (Jul 2013)
- 40 Don Monti Cancer Center in New York (Aug 2013)
- 40 West Penn Outpatient Services in Monroeville (October 2013)
- 15 UPMC Cancer Center in the South Hills (October 2013)
- 50 InterCommunity Cancer Center in Monroeville (December 2013)
- 50 West Penn Outpatient Services in Monroeville (December 2013)

Contact Pat Byerly with any questions about this Interest Group; her email is aaupggh.president@gmail.com.