



## Remembering Henny

On Sunday, June 15, 2014, we lost one of our members, HENNY ADORANTE. She was the beloved daughter of the late Maria and Guerino Adorante, and is survived by her sister, Carmella Kesicki (Robert); her nephews, Daniel Kesicki, Fr. Michael Kesicki, Fr. Timothy Kesicki, SJ; and her niece, Mary McDermott; and children, Andrew and Elizabeth McDermott.

Henny taught nursing in the Pittsburgh Public School system for many years. She was a member of the Erie Branch of the AAUW for about 20 years and a member of the Pittsburgh Branch since 1991.

Henny was dedicated to helping others. A massive earthquake struck Haiti just before 5 p.m. on Jan. 12, about 10 miles southwest of Port-au-Prince, the country's capital. The quake was the worst in the region in more than 200 years. Henny went to Haiti in May with the Functional Literacy Ministry of Haiti in an effort to provide medical treatment and care for those in need.



Friends were received at JOHN A. FREYVOGEL SONS, INC., 4900 Centre Avenue at Devonshire Street. The funeral was held on Wednesday, Mass of Christian Burial, St. Paul Cathedral at 11:00 a.m. Private interment was in Holy Cross Cemetery, Upper Darby, PA. - See more at: [http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=henny-adorante&pid=171370640&sthas\\_h.Jravrycn.dpuf](http://www.legacy.com/obituaries/postgazette/obituary.aspx?n=henny-adorante&pid=171370640&sthas_h.Jravrycn.dpuf)

## Save The Date

July 12, 2014 – AAUW PA Summer Retreat is being held in Lewisburg. You can find more information and register for the retreat at <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/>.

## Give a Grad a Gift

AAUW members can give recent college graduates a free, one-year AAUW (national) membership within two years of graduation, at no cost to you or them. State and local dues are just \$21.

Expose the grad to the power that comes from belonging to a national women-led organization of more than 150,000 members and supporters who believe in and advance equity and education for women and girls.

Expand their networking opportunities through career development opportunities and community action projects.

Keep them current on the events and people that affect their life as they receive *Mission & Action*, *AAUW Outlook*, Action Network alerts, and more.

Increase their buying power with access to member only discounts.

Please contact Pat Byerly if you would like to give a grad a gift.



The Pittsburgh Branch of AAUW will be in recess until our meeting at the PAA in September.

In the meantime, have a happy summer, and if you have any questions about the Branch, do not hesitate to contact Pat Byerly.

## AAUW MISSION

AAUW advances equity for Women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

### About AAUW

AAUW values and seeks a diverse membership. There shall be no barriers to full participation in this organization on the basis of gender, race, creed, age, sexual orientation, national origin, disability, or class.

Because AAUW is a 501(C)(3) charitable membership organization, most of your national dues are tax deductible on your personal federal income tax return.

## "The Show-Goers"

By Marci Henzi

Stay tuned for the August newsletter for updates on "The Show-goers." Marci Henzi, who heads up this Interest Group, will be researching programs and movies in the area for the next couple of months, to find theater offerings for the new year.



We saw some wonderful shows this past year; be sure to watch for what Marci finds for us in the 2014-2015 season.

## July Birthdays



Birthday greetings are in order for Cynthia Maleski Groch, whose birthday is July 4th.

## How Congress Voted



Even in non-election years, our elected officials are acting on our behalf in the consideration and passage of national and state legislation. In a democracy, it is the inherent responsibility of each citizen to remain informed not only about issues that affect Americans, but also the voting records of our representatives. With the following you can easily track how congress votes on bills and resolutions.

<http://www.govtrack.us/>

This is also an interesting site: <http://www.opencongress.org/>

Source: Ask.com

## Karin's Travels

By Karin Neilson

I have finally returned from my trip to Africa, and thought you might enjoy seeing some photographs.

In order, me and the golf cart I had to drive around the compound, the Island of Bioko (tip of an extinct volcano), a large, scary bug, a palm tree full of bats (see the clumps? Those are the bats), and something you rarely see in the U.S., **sunset** over the Atlantic



## The Knit Wits

By Karin Neilson

We won't always be reporting on our knitting projects in this column. Sometimes there is exciting yarn-related information to share.

If you've already had a chance to visit the Farmer's Market in Market Square this summer, you may have noticed a delightful little booth displaying a lovely and unique variety of yarn. William Churchill and Frederick Stowell are the two enterprising gentlemen who established and have operated Underhill Farm for more than two decades. I thought you might like to know a bit more about them; following is a piece they sent me about their business.

*Next year will be the 25th anniversary of Leicester Longwool sheep program started in Colonial Williamsburg, Virginia in 1990. This breed was very important to the early colonists and yet these sheep disappeared from North America due to poor breeding programs. This breed has historical documentation with the breed listed on the ledgers of George Washington and Thomas Jefferson. It had less than 200 registrations last year which keeps this breed on the critical list of livestock breeds. These sheep produce an elegant and strong fiber that is lustrous and beautiful to use. Our breed will be showcased at the Maryland Sheep and Wool Festival in 2015. You could go to our website [www.underhillfarmpa.com](http://www.underhillfarmpa.com) or the Leicester Longwool Breeders Association and gather tons of information.*

**William Churchill . Frederick Stowell**  
[underhillfarm@atlanticbb.net](mailto:underhillfarm@atlanticbb.net)

We are still collecting knitted and crocheted items. Karin took 11 afghans to the local Women's Shelter. She also sent 25 Chemo Caps to the Don Monti Cancer Center in New York, and donated seven scarves to the Paralyzed Veterans.

Since it is summer vacation for most of us, we will not be officially making gifts for charities but we will start up in earnest again in September. If you have enough scraps of yarn to knit or

crochet squares that can be put together into simple afghans, scarves or Chemo Caps, please consider participating in our projects. If you have questions or ideas for more projects, please do not hesitate to contact Karin Neilson; her



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## The Health Corner

During the summer, I will be collecting articles from local physicians and professionals designed to heighten our awareness of health matters that affect all of us.

If you have a particular topic that you would like to see featured, please do not hesitate to contact Karin Neilson, Newsletter Editor at [aauwpgh.programVP@gmail.com](mailto:aauwpgh.programVP@gmail.com).

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## Letters to the Editor

By Karin Neilson

This came to the Editor from Marci Henzi, Secretary for the Pittsburgh Branch of AAUW. She found it in the Winter 2014 edition of **Outlook** (p. 2).

*"I love your organization. I am a product of your efforts. In 2003 I won a \$300 scholarship from the AAUW Racine (WI) Branch for an essay contest while I was incarcerated. I had just obtained my GED and wanted to go to college. I knew education was the key to my success. I am glad to say I am about to begin my doctorate degree. I have also regained custody of my children and have not reoffended since my release. I am no longer just a number. Instead I am an advocate, professional speaker, mentor, community change agent, and published author.*

*A very heartfelt thank-you for assisting and investing in me and my success. I stand strong and proud on the shoulders of many people who have helped me to become who I am."* Bonita J. Fahy

Isn't it wonderful to know that all our efforts make a difference to other women?

If you have something you want to speak out about please say your piece in an email to [aauwpgh.newsletter@gmail.com](mailto:aauwpgh.newsletter@gmail.com) and watch for it to be published in future issues of **The Newsletter of American Association of University Women - Pittsburgh Branch**.

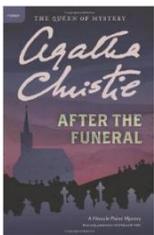
## \*\*\*\* Announcing the formation of a new Interest Group \*\*\*\*

### APB Book Discussion Group

By Pat Byerly

Please come and participate in this long-awaited interest group. The APB (AAUW Pittsburgh Branch) Book Discussion Group welcomes all branch members. You can even bring family and friends if they are interested.

The first meeting of the APB Book Discussion Group will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 (coffee and pastries will be provided). Watch for more details in the November newsletter.



The first book will be Agatha Christie's *After the Funeral*. Books will be distributed at the September 13<sup>th</sup> meeting. If you attended the May 10<sup>th</sup> meeting you've already received your copy. This mystery by Agatha Christie was first released in January 1953.

When the head of the Abernethie Family dies it's sudden but no surprise. "But he was murdered, wasn't he?" says his sister, before being brutally murdered herself. In desperation, the family solicitor turns to Hercule Poirot to unravel what happened next . . .

Source: <http://www.agathachristie.com/christies-work/stories/after-the-funeral/21>

Please contact Pat Byerly if you have any questions.

