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## LEAGUE OF WOMEN VOTERS®

Annette R. Shimer, president of the League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh (LWVGP) will be our speaker at the September meeting (September 13). The LWVGP is a nonpartisan grassroots civics organization and are branching out into other areas of interest. Annette will talk about the upcoming elections (State and Federal) and answer questions.

### August Birthdays



Please join me in extending birthday wishes to the following member:

08/06 Jovita Jones

### Meeting Schedule

Be sure to watch for the meeting schedule for the 2014-2015 year, to be printed in the **September newsletter**.

Like last year, we will have both morning and noon time meetings, and in some months we will have an activity or "road trip" instead of a formal meeting.



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.

### 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

## The Health Corner

By Karin Neilson



During the summer, I will continue to collect 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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**The Knit Wits.** Group Chair, Karin Neilson  
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**The Show-goers.** Group Chair, Marci Henzi  
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**APB Book Discussion Group.** Group Chair, Pat Byerly  
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## Save the Date



**October 11** – In place of the regular meeting, our members will be visiting the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium. Check for details in the September newsletter.

**November 8** – At the November meeting, Pat Byerly (Group Chair) will lead our members in the first gathering of the **APB Book Discussion Group**. Copies of Agatha Christie's novel, *After the Funeral* will be distributed at the September meeting.



## The Show-goers

By Marci Henzi



The Show-goers will be starting the new branch year a little early by going to the Melwood Screening Room to see the movie **Mood Indigo** which opens August 22. Stephen Holden of the *New York Times* called it "A Visually Enthralling Fantasia." Please contact me right away if you would like to go so that we can set the date and time. There will no doubt be other movies to see in the fall.

If you are a Sci-Fi movie fan, you may be interested in hearing the Pittsburgh Symphony Orchestra's **Sci-Fi Spectacular** at Heinz Hall on Sunday, November 16 at 2:30 PM. "This extraterrestrial journey through the music of classic Sci-Fi TV and movies comes complete with special effects and costume changes."

The holiday season opens the following week in the Theatre District when the Irving Berlin classic holiday movie **White Christmas** comes to the stage at the Benedum. Let's plan on this one for a matinee at 2 PM on Saturday, November 22 or Sunday, November 23 at 1 PM or choose another holiday show. Another show with potential is **Gary Latshaw's Pops Christmas Show** on Saturday, December 6 at 2 PM at the Legacy Theatre in Allison Park. You can read about the company. [www.latshawproductions.com/?page\\_id=15](http://www.latshawproductions.com/?page_id=15) Another possibility for that weekend would be to see the **Nutcracker** performed at the Carnegie Performing Arts Center.

In 2015, I'm looking at **Phantom of the Opera** at the Benedum on Saturday, February 21 at 2 PM, **Singin' in the Rain** at Heinz Hall on Sunday, March 15 at 2:30 PM and **Madeline** on Sunday, March 22 at the Carnegie Performing Arts Center. We would like to support the CPAC especially since our new member Monica Ryan is so active in the organization. Please see [www.carnegieperformingartscenter.com](http://www.carnegieperformingartscenter.com)

## Letters to the Editor

By Karin Neilson



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**.

**AAUW – Pittsburgh Branch**  
The 2013-2014 Year in Review

It's been an interesting year for the Pittsburgh Branch. We've seen some changes and adjustments but overall, we had a good time with our projects and each other.

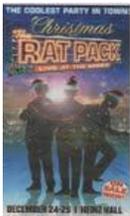
We kept the same venue at the PAA but altered our meeting times this year. On alternate meeting dates, we had a morning meeting when we served pastries and coffee, and our regularly scheduled noon meeting with our usual luncheon offerings.

In **September**, we had a wonderful presentation from John Muench about "Sexual Assault in the Military."



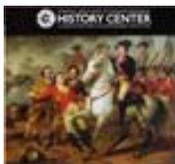
In **October**, a couple of our members went to Phipps Conservatory for lunch and a tour of the gardens.

At the **November** meeting, Sarah Neilson and Corey MacDonald made a powerful presentation entitled, "Abuse Through the Eyes of a Child", focusing on domestic abuse and its repercussions.



In **December**, we continued our tradition of offering gift wrapping services to the patrons of Barnes and Noble. Thanks to arrangements made by Marci Henzi, recording Secretary for the APB, we also got to see the clever and entertaining show, "The Rat Pack", at Heinz Hall.

**January** is the month we traditionally award our scholarship monies to a woman student in one of the STEM fields. This month our recipient was Sarah Robb, a graduate student at Robert Morris University majoring in Biomedical and Mechanical Engineering. She made a presentation about her most recent trip to Nicaragua, where she was investigating the needs and causes of health problems so she can apply her knowledge and skills to health problems there.



The combination of bad weather and personal commitments made it impossible for our members to get to the Archives at the Heinz History Center in **February**. We try to make a visit there each year, to deposit forms, newsletters, and other Branch-related items for safe keeping in their climate controlled vaults. Instead, President Pat Byerly shipped those important items to the Archives.

Marci Henzi, Recording Secretary for APB, gave a remarkable presentation in **March**, entitled, "Women in Mathematics". It was a chronological review of Math from ancient Greece to mid-18<sup>th</sup> century Italy and France, and included the accomplishments of such notables as Theano, Hypatia, and the Marquise du Chatlet.





In **April**, members from all over Pennsylvania attended the State Meeting, this year held in Gettysburg. The weekend program was called, "WOMEN *on All Fronts*."

**May** is always the last membership meeting for the year. This year, we did things a bit differently. Because no one in the branch is able to take on more responsibilities, we did not hold elections. Instead, the current officers agreed to continue their service to the APB for another term.

Also, we began our meeting with a craft project. Following a pattern from the Internet, we constructed little gift boxes from greeting cards. Everyone had a great time making these useful little boxes, and we hope to have more craft projects in the future. (Members in attendance were [l. to r.] Monica Ryan, Shari Muench, and Joyce Martin.)



President Pat Byerly also awarded certificates to this year's winners of "The Outstanding Woman Award" (Jeanne Snodgrass, center in the photo), and "The Branch Spotlight Award" (Marci Henzi and Karin Neilson, left and right respectively in the photo). For those of you who may not know, "The Outstanding Woman Award" honors a member(s) for meritorious service to the branch and the community over multiple years. "The Branch Spotlight Award" honors a member(s) who made a big difference in something important to the branch in the past year.

Throughout the year, we kept busy with various projects and Interest Groups. Marci Henzi kept us apprised of the upcoming performing arts in the Pittsburgh area; she is the Group Chair for "*The Show-goers*". We raised money for our scholarship fund from the sale of both Valos candy and garden flower bulbs from Flower Power. "*The Knit Wits*" donated more than 250 Chemo Caps to various hospitals, and more recently, scarves and afghans to local shelters and charities (Karin Neilson is Group Chair). And we're quite excited about the formation of another Interest Group. In November, Pat Byerly (Group Chair) will launch the **APB Book Discussion Group**. Pat will be distributing copies of Agatha Christie's "After The Funeral" at the September meeting.

It was a productive and busy year. I hope you're looking forward to the 2014-2015 Calendar of events and meetings. See you on September 13.