



September Meeting Schedule

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

Our meeting will begin **at noon on Saturday, September 13, at the PAA**. We will have lunch, and then listen to Annette as she talks about upcoming elections, and answers questions.

September Birthdays

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

09/21 Eileen Olmstead



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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.



Don't miss the September program. Our speaker will be Annette Shimer.

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

4215 Fifth Avenue Pittsburgh, PA 1521
 10:30 – 11:30 Board Meets
 11:45 – 1:00 Lunch
 1:00 – 2:00 Program

(412) 621-2400
www.paaclub.com

Please R.S.V.P. no later than September 10, 2014 to reserve your seat! Cost of lunch is \$20.00 payable upon arrival.

For more information or to reserve your seat, please send an email to aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org or call 412-482-4419.

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/>

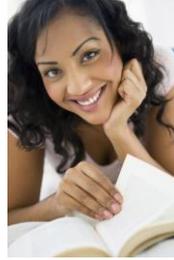
Source: Ask.com

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 October 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 Knit Wits

By Karin Neilson, Group Chair



It's time again to begin knitting our Fall projects. We have had some wonderful and beautiful items to donate to various organizations, and this year we will be expanding the list of recipients.

Last month, we gave afghans to the Pittsburgh Women's Shelter. But did you know that the local Animal Shelters need afghans for their furry residents? Yes! So, let's get busy creating some more wonderful blankets.

NOTE to our non-knitters: You don't have to be a knitter or crocheter to participate in our projects. You can contribute yarn/yarn scraps, so the next time you are in the Wal-Mart or K-Mart, pick up a skein of your favorite color of yarn, and bring it to a meeting. We will gladly incorporate your yarn into our projects.

As always, we will continue to make Chemo Caps to donate to the local hospitals (patterns are available if you need one). And scarves and caps will be a welcome addition to the donations I give to local shelters and collection bins for Vets and the Homeless.

*[Just a quick reminder...Chemo Caps should be made from yarn that does **not** contain wool, afghans and scarves are best when made from some kind of acrylic material, and all items should be machine washable and dryable. Thanks.]*

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 and watch for it to be published in future issues of **The Newsletter of American Association of University Women - Pittsburgh Branch**.

The Show-goers

By Marci Henzi, Group Chair



Last month, I took a look ahead at possible shows for the upcoming branch year. This month, I would like to tell you about some shows I saw this summer.

Though I pass it on my way to work each day, it wasn't until July that I finally went to *Little Lake Theatre* in the McMurray/Canonsburg area. See <http://www.littlelake.org>

The theatre has an interesting history; it opened in 1949 and was the first theater-in-the-round in this area. Beverages are available before the show and during intermission. Dessert orders are taken before the performance and served during intermission. The price of admission is very reasonable and there is no parking fee. A bit of a drive for some of our members, let's keep it in mind. Juniper Grill is so very close by. Please see <http://www.junipergrill.com/peters.php>

I was able to purchase a ticket for the final evening of **Brighton Beach Memoirs** and it was a remarkable performance. The semi-autobiographical play by Neil Simon won several Tony Awards and this particular run was sold out both weekends. The story depicts the playwright as a teenager growing up during the 1930's with his family in Brooklyn. The young man who played the lead role was excellent.

In August, I went back to *Little Lake Theatre* and saw the final performance of **Dancing at Lughnasa**, the 1992 Tony Award winner for Best Play. It is the story of five unmarried sisters who shared a cottage in Ireland since childhood and the events of the summer of 1936 that forever change the family dynamic. Described as spirited, luminous and bittersweet, the play was made into a movie starring Meryl Streep in 1998. See www.youtube.com/watch?v=8OZla9j4j90

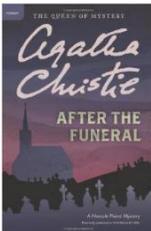
On Thursday August 7, I went to see a movie downtown at the Harris. It was my good fortune to find on-street parking even though the Pirates game was getting ready to start. I saw the delightful film **A Summer's Tale** and it took me on a two hour vacation to the seaside in Brittany. The film has excellent ratings.

http://www.rottentomatoes.com/m/summers_tale The characters were young people in their early twenties and I was taken in by this sweet, light romance in French with subtitles.

President's Report
Submitted by Pat Byerly

I am very excited about the upcoming year here at the branch. Our Program VP, Karin Neilson, has some very good and interesting programs and events scheduled for the year.

It has been a long time in the making but we've finally organized a book discussion group currently known as the APB (AAUW Pittsburgh Branch) Book Discussion Group. At our first meeting in November we can discuss a different name. The first book will be Agatha Christie's *After the Funeral*. Books were handed out at the May meeting but if you didn't attend that meeting copies will be available at the September meeting. The first official meeting of the APB Book Discussion Group will be held on Saturday, November 8, 2014 (coffee and cookies will be provided). I hope to see all of you there.



ABOUT *After the Funeral* by Agatha Christie

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>

I'd also like to mention the AAUW Beaver Valley Branch is having its annual kitchen tour on Saturday, September 27th. It is a great activity and if you can attend you won't regret it!



Beaver Valley AAUW Kitchen Tour 2014

SAVE THE DATE!

2014 AAUW Kitchen Tour, September 27, 2014

13th Annual Touring and Tasting Delights
Visit Marketplace & Cafe, Dutch Ridge Elementary
10 a.m. – 3:30 p.m.
Specialty Boutiques
Bake Sale
Handbags and Accessories Sale
Raffle

Tour Kitchens 11 a.m. to 3 p.m.