



At the September Meeting...

We had the privilege of hearing Annette Shimer, president of The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh speak about Mid-Term elections at the branch's September 13th meeting at the PAA. She talked about a variety of interesting topics, including the large number of seats in the House and Senate being fought over in 2014, some interesting gubernatorial races, the importance of Education in the platforms of the candidates, restructuring of voting districts, the difficulty of getting third parties on the ballot, and the importance of getting young people to choose party affiliation, register, and vote in non-presidential election years.



She concluded her Round Table presentation by informing us that online voting still has not been approved, and encouraging all of us to watch the [Gubernatorial debate](#), WTAE (Channel 4) at 7 p.m.

Thank you, Annette, for a most enjoyable luncheon discussion.

October Birthdays

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

10/8 Marci Henzi
10/12 Jean Snodgrass



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President's Report
By Patricia Byerly

Due to a family emergency I was unable to attend our September 13th branch meeting. I want to thank Karin and Marcie for stepping in and taking care of everything. They did a wonderful job and I really appreciated it.

My husband is doing great now. Thank you all for your well-wishes.



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 Knit Wits

Thanks to Carol Gilfillan (who donated 13 darling children's knitted caps and four scarves to be distributed to the local shelter), and the ladies at Jean Snodgrass' retirement community who donated five skeins of yarn for us to incorporate into our future afghans for the animal shelters.

Letters to the Editor

By Karin Neilson

We have been approached by **OASIS Tutoring**, offering information for those who have time and interest in tutoring a school-aged child. Preparation for tutoring will include a training program, and you do not need teaching experience in order to participate. The students involved will be in grades K-4, and will be attending Pittsburgh Public or Woodland Hills School Districts.



For further information, please contact John Spehar, Tutoring Coordinator; 412-232-2021 or idspehar@oasisnet.org.

October Events/Dates

Friday, October 3 - Yom Kippur begins at sundown

Saturday, October 4 – (Eid) al Adha begins at sunset



Monday, October 6 - last day to register to vote in November 4th election
(See below for link)



Wednesday, October 8 - Gubernatorial debate, WTAE 7 p.m. (See next column for details.)

Sunday, October 12 – Day of the Race (Mexico)

Monday, October 13 –
Columbus Day (US) ;
Thanksgiving (Canada)



Thursday, October 16 – National Boss Day



Friday, October 24 – United Nations Day;
Muharram begins at sunset

Friday, October 31 – HALLOWEEN

NOTE: Here is the link to the Pennsylvania Voter Registration Mail Application

<http://www.dosimages.pa.gov/pdf/OnlineVoterRegFormBlank.pdf>

NOTE: Gubernatorial Debate

Thanks to the excellent cooperation and support of WTAE, the League of Women Voters will sponsor one of only three debates between the two gubernatorial candidates, Governor Tom Corbett and former Secretary of Revenue Tom Wolf. The debate will be held in the studios of WTAE, Channel 4 on Wednesday, October 8 at 7 p.m. Sally Wiggin will moderate.



Remember that October is **Breast Cancer Awareness Month**.

Save The Date

Wednesday, October 8 - Gubernatorial debate, WTAE (Channel 4) at 7 p.m. Not only is this an opportunity for us to listen to the responses by our candidates for Governor, it gives each of us a chance to participate.

The League of Women Voters of Greater Pittsburgh has requested that interested constituents submit questions to be used in the Debate. In addition to your initial question, please include a follow-up question. Sally Wiggin, moderator for the Debate, will be selecting the questions to be used.

NOTE: Questions must be submitted by October 1st. You can email them to info@pghlww.org. Also, remember **October 6 is the registration deadline**, if you intend to vote in person in the Mid-term elections; Absentee ballots must be submitted by October 28.

Sunday, October 12 – Members of the Pittsburgh Branch will meet at the Pittsburgh Zoo and Aquarium at **10 am, at the Main Entrance**.

Admission: Adult - \$15; Seniors (60+ years of age) - \$14; Children (ages 2-13) - \$13; Children under 24 months – Free. Parking is free.



Saturday, November 8 – At our regular meeting at the PAA, Pat Byerly, Group Chair for our Book Discussion Group, will be facilitating a discussion of Agatha Christie's novel, **After the Funeral**. If you need a book, please contact Pat.

Also, we plan to have some kind of Craft project during the meeting. This will be a morning meeting, and pastries and coffee will be served.



Sunday, December 7 – In lieu of our regular meeting, interested members will be meeting at **The Frick Café** for High Tea. **We will meet at the Café at 2:30 pm** (watch for the December newsletter with more details).

The Tea service at the Frick Café is delightful. It includes the traditional trays of scones, pastries, and sandwiches, and the restaurant will be decorated for Christmas. In addition, the Café offers its current menu. Also, tours of the Frick mansion are available that day, for those that are interested (reservations required).

For further information, directions and reservations for the House Tour, please consult the Frick website at **TheFrickPittsburgh.org**.

So, grab your pearls and put on your favorite dress, and meet us at the Café.

NOTE: Our reservation is tentatively for eight (8) ladies, but we need a head count before December.

ALL-MEMBER Western District of AAUW-PA Meeting, Saturday, Oct. 18

The Western PA Branch Members of AAUW-PA are invited to attend the District Meeting on Saturday, October 18 from 10 AM-3 PM at the Butler County Community College Cranberry Campus.

Hear an update by Linda Tozier, AAUW-PA Membership VP, from the State meeting that was held in July and the public policy initiatives that are this year's focus for AAUW-PA and its branches. Listen to a panel discussion led by Ron Cowell, head of the Education Policy and Leadership Center (EPLC) on issues facing education in Pennsylvania. Enjoy a lunch with other branch members and get to know what is going on in their branches as well.

-Cheryl Towers & Nancy Weinstein
Co-Coordinators, Western District of AAUW-PA

The Show-goers By Marci Henzi, Group Chair



On August 22, we went to the Melwood Screening Room to see ***Mood Indigo*** expecting a sweet romantic fantasy. The trailer included a most memorable courtship scene of the couple flying over Paris in a cloudlike amusement park ride. It turned out that the story was not as intriguing as the fact that the film was (in the words of Steven Rea of the Philadelphia Inquirer) a showcase for the filmmaker's most inventive and enchanting filmmaking in a decade. Rea said "it's hard not to take delight in (this) whooshing, bendable universe." He described the film as "a jazzy, madcap, surreal romance set in a gravity-free Paris full of flowers and song." The film was loosely based on Boris Vian's 1947 novel *Froth on the Daydream*, a fact alluded to through repeated scenes of a 1950s-style steno pool in a brightly lit room filled with typewriters, all moving down conveyor belts from person to person, each typist tapping out a line from the novel.

The story opens with playboy Colin living in a Paris loft, a kind of expanding train car perched on a rooftop. He is the proud inventor of the "piano cocktail," a musical instrument that concocts a different kind of fancy alcoholic drink depending on which tune you play on it. He lives happily with his personal chef, Nicholas and his tiny, devoted humanoid pet mouse. Nicholas gives Colin advice on life and love and they spin old vinyl jazz records as the mouse traverses the huge distances between the kitchen and the dining room via his own tiny transit system. Nicolas creates bizarre meals where self-segmenting eels march in a formation on a platter, sushi crawl onto and off of dinnerware, and displays of bright fruit swirl around like Disneyland rides. All is stop-motion madness as with the doorbell that morphs into chattering centipedes that skitter down the wall near the door and must be smashed to stop the ringing, mysteriously repairing itself in time for the next visitor. The film is full of playful visuals and unbelievable in-camera effects such as a slow boogie that makes its dancers' legs grow and an indelible scene in which Colin literally cuts the screen in half to create a half-sunny, half-rainy picnic.

On September 7, I saw ***Land Ho*** at the Regent Square Theater, a movie about a couple of sexagenarians (ex brother-in-laws) who take a vacation to Iceland. Unfortunately, Karin was not able to accompany me this time; she knows that it would have been good preparation for her upcoming trip. Cary Darling of the Fort Worth Star said that the movie "is a sweetly simple tale that underscores what we already know but too often forget: Adventurism and finding your bliss are not just for the young." The film had a good aftertaste. The scenery was exotic and breathtaking. Karin is indeed fortunate to be experiencing it for herself at Thanksgiving time.

Upcoming Plans

Saturday, November 1—*Love Loss and What I Wore*, 8 PM, Little Lake Theatre

A scrapbook of stories about unfortunate prom dresses, the humiliation of never carrying the right purse, traumatic lighting in fitting rooms, high heels, and the existential state of having nothing to wear. These fashionable tales not only concern matters of the closet but, also, matters of the heart—sometimes comic, often powerful and compelling. "*Breezy and perfectly enjoyable for the stray men in the room.*"

http://www.littlelake.org/main_stage_2014.htm Cost: approximately \$20. Please let me know if you would like to see this with me.

Sunday, November 16—*Sci Fi Spectacular*, 2:30 PM, Heinz Hall Cost: \$35

Experience an out-of-this-world concert conducted by the world-renowned Jack Everly and featuring music from *2001: A Space Odyssey*, *Star Trek*, *E.T.*, *Close Encounters of the Third Kind* and more. This extraterrestrial journey through the music of classic Sci-Fi TV and movies comes complete with special effects and costume changes. Please notify me by October 15 if you wish to join Karin and me.

Saturday, November 22 – ***Miracle Worker***, 8 PM, Little Lake Theatre, Canonsburg, PA

Saturday, November 29 – ***Tuna Christmas***, 8 PM, Little Lake Theatre

Saturday, December 6—***Pops Christmas Show***, 2 PM, Legacy Theatre, Allison Park Cost: \$31 in advance