



On October 12th...

...a couple of members went to the Pittsburgh Zoo and PPG Aquarium. That's Marci Henzi, Secretary for our



Branch, crossing one of the wooden plank bridges (right).

We walked the main path, getting a glimpse of animals of the Serengeti, The Asian forest, and the jungle. Plus, we visited the Aquarium, where we viewed sharks, amphibians, fish and even polar bears. (upper left photo)

It was a glorious day, with perfect Fall weather, and we got some exercise as well. We missed the rest of you; I hope more members are able to join the group if we decide to return next year. *Submitted by Karin Neilson*

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Pittsburgh Branch of AAUW

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

4215 Fifth Avenue
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www.paaclub.com

9:30 – 10:30 – Board Meeting
10:30 – 11:30 – Program and Book Club. Coffee and pastries will be served.

Please R.S.V.P. no later than November 5, 2014 to reserve your seat. Please send an email to aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org or call 412-482-4419.



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

Oops. My apologies to Marci Henzi; I didn't include her name in the list of those ladies who gave us some wonderful skeins of yarn to include in the afghans we are donating. A belated thank-you to you, Marci.



If you have any knitted or crocheted items to donate to the hospitals or one of the shelters, please feel free to bring them to the November meeting. Karin will be collecting anything you have. Thanks.

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 jdspehar@oasisnet.org.



November Events/Dates

Sunday, November 2 – Daylight Savings Time. Please **turn BACK** your clocks before you go to bed on Saturday night.

Tuesday, November 4 – Election Day. This is a wonderful election opportunity. With so many seats available in the House, the Senate, and various governorships, it's especially important that we each cast our ballots.

Tuesday, November 11 – Veteran's Day.



"Despite social backlash against them for disrupting the makeup of the traditional family and the Armed Forces, more than 150,000 women served their country in the 1940s as part of the U.S. Women's Army Auxiliary Corps (WAAC). WAAC members worked as switchboard and radio operators, photograph analysts, typists, cryptographers, pilots, mechanics and technicians in the lab that produced the atomic bomb. Here AAUW members of

the WAAC pose with the AAUW General Director Kathryn McHale (front row, far left) during her August 20, 1943 visit to the WAAC Training Center in Des Moines, Iowa."



Thursday, November 27 – Thanksgiving

The event we now know as "the First Thanksgiving" was in fact neither the first occurrence of our modern American holiday, nor was it even a

"Thanksgiving" in the eyes of the Pilgrims who celebrated it. It was instead a traditional English harvest celebration to which the colonists invited Massasoit, the most important sachem among the Wamapanoag.

The association of the Pilgrims with the Thanksgiving holiday has a complicated history. The holiday itself evolved out of a routine Puritan religious observation, irregularly declared and celebrated in response to God's favorable Providence, into an annual, quasi-secular New England autumnal celebration. The first national Thanksgiving was declared in 1777 by the Continental Congress, and others were declared from time to time until 1815. The holiday then reverted to being a regional observance until 1863, when two national days of Thanksgiving were declared, one celebrating the victory at Gettysburg on August 6, and the other the first of our last-Thursday-in-November annual Thanksgivings. Although the Pilgrims' 1621 harvest celebration had been identified as the first American Thanksgiving as early as 1841 by Alexander Young, the common Thanksgiving symbolic associations in the 19th century centered on turkeys, Yankee dinners and an annual family reunion, not Pilgrims.

Save The Date



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**.

This will be a morning meeting, beginning at 10:30 am, and pastries and coffee will be served.

Sunday, December 7 – In lieu of our regular meeting, interested members will be meeting at **The Café at the Frick** for High Tea. **We will meet at the Café at 2:30 pm**. The price for the regular tea is \$18/person and if you choose to have the Royal Tea, the price is \$25/person. You can decide which you want once you arrive.



Contact Karin Neilson before November 30 if you are planning on attending so she can make the reservation.

The Café at the Frick is located at 7227 Reynolds St, Pittsburgh, PA 15208 (412-371-0600)



Saturday, January 10 – We will have our regular meeting at the PAA, including lunch, beginning at 11:45 a.m.. The program will include the awarding of the annual Scholarship, and a short presentation by Karin Neilson about her trip to Iceland.

November Birthdays

Believe it or not, none of our members have birthdays in November. But stay tuned for December's list.

President's Report

I am very excited for our upcoming November meeting. This will be our first ever meeting of the APB (AAUW Pittsburgh Branch) Book Discussion Group. Our first book is Agatha Christie's *After the Funeral*. I hope to have a lively discussion so please be sure to bring your book with you to the meeting.

The Scholarship Committee is hard a work and will have selected a recipient by the end of November. The scholarship will be awarded at the January meeting.

Have a safe Halloween and I look forward to seeing everyone at the Saturday, November 8th meeting. Remember that this is an early meeting and we'll be meeting at 10:30 for coffee and pastries

The Show-goers

By Marci Henzi, Group Chair



We have already purchased tickets for the PNC Pops concert "**Sci-Fi Spectacular**" for 2:30 on November 16 at Heinz Hall, but if you change your mind and have decided to join us, please let me know ASAP!

George Takei, who first came to fame as Mr. Sulu on the original "Star Trek" television show will host and narrate **an out-of-this-world concert experience** featuring music from "2001: A Space Odyssey," "Star Trek," "Close Encounters of the Third Kind" and much more! Takei is an actor, social justice activist, social media mega-power, star of the Broadway musical "Allegiance," host of the AARP-produced YouTube series "Takei's Take" and subject of the documentary "To Be Takei." The concert will come complete with special effects and costume changes. And, I ask **"what should we wear on this extraterrestrial journey?"**

By the time this reaches your mailbox, we will have a different perspective from which to answer such questions for we will have seen the play "**Love, Loss, and What I Wore**" at Little Lake Theatre on November 1 at 8 PM. It is claimed to be 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." I will report at our meeting on November 8 on this play and "**My Old Lady**"—the new Maggie Smith/Kevin Kline movie seen recently at Regent Square Theater.



Things really start to take off then! I have penciled in something for every Saturday from November 22 until December 13. I will have more specifics at our AAUW Pittsburgh Branch meeting on November 8. I look forward to your feedback and I hope you will consider joining us!

The Miracle Worker at Little Lake Theatre at 8 PM on November 22.

Has there ever been a more inspirational and triumphant story than that of the relationship between Helen Keller, a child locked in a mysteriously silent and uncommunicative world, and the teacher, Anne Sullivan, who champions the remarkable intelligence and spirit of her young pupil? http://www.littlelake.org/News_10_15_14.htm

A Tuna Christmas at Little Lake Theatre at 8 PM on November 29

Sell-out audiences rave about this holiday favorite...so for the 5th time on our stage—this silly, side-splittin' barrel of redneck monkeys. Radio personalities, Thurston Wheelis and Arles Struvie, report on the Yuletide activities of all the good folks in Tuna, Texas. Spend your holidays with Aunt Pearl, Bertha Bumiller, Petey Fisk, and those cowboy lovin' Tastee Kreme waitresses, Inita Goodwin and Helen Bedd.

Pops Christmas Show on December 6 at 2 PM at Legacy Theatre Allison Park Cost: \$31 if purchased in advance

The Nutcracker at the Carnegie Performing Arts Center on December 13 at 8PM or December 14 at 2 PM. \$15