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120th Anniversary

On February 24, 1895, the AAUW Pittsburgh Branch was chartered. There is a lot of history at our branch and we should all be proud that it is the oldest branch in the state of Pennsylvania.

At our March 14, 2015 meeting we will celebrate our 120th Anniversary.

We have a full morning planned, starting with our book discussion, followed by a craft project, then the celebration. Coffee and cookies will be served during the book discussion and craft project. We will have cake during the meeting and celebration.

I really hope many of you can make it. We have a small gift for everyone who attends.

Give-a-Grad-a-Gift

With May fast approaching our daughters, nieces, friends, etc. will be graduating from College. Wouldn't it be nice to give them an AAUW membership as a gift? The first year is free. Isn't there someone that you know who would appreciate a gift like this?



AAUW-PA 86th Annual Meeting
April 10-11, 2015
Ramada Conference and Golf Hotel
1450 South Atherton Street, State College, PA 16801
(814) 238-3001, www.ramadasc.com
Civil Rights + Voter's Rights + Women's Rights



If interested in attending, go to <http://aauw-pa.aauw.net/meetings/conventions/meeting-reg/> for more details.

AAUW-PA Summer Retreat
July 11, 2015
Best Western Plus Country Cupboard Inn
7701 West Branch Highway
Lewisburg, Pennsylvania, 17837
Phone: 570/524-5500



Watch for more details in the June & July Newsletters



The March meeting will be held on *Saturday, March 14* at the PAA in Oakland located at:

4215 Fifth Avenue	9:30 – 10:30	Board Meets
Pittsburgh, PA 15213	10:30 – 11:00	APB Book Group
(412) 621-2400	11:00 – 11:30	Craft Project
www.paaclub.com	11:30 – 12:00	Branch Celebration & Meeting

See page 2 for detailed information about our book this month.

The craft project for this meeting will be beads go to this site for information about String Beading.

<http://www.beadforlife.org/en/frontpage/us>

Why it is important to R.S.V.P.?

It is important that if you plan on attending the meeting that you R.S.V.P. by the deadline above. The reason that we ask you to do this is two-fold: (1) we know how many members to expect, and (2) in the event we have to cancel the meeting for any reason we know who to call. Please direct any questions to aauwpgq@aauwpgq.org.

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.

Be a Member Detector!

New members are the lifeblood of every organization, including ours.

We encourage everyone to invite their friends, relatives, co-workers, and neighbors to our meetings throughout the year.



APB Book Discussion Group

Please come and join us in the APB (AAUW Pittsburgh Branch) Book Discussion Group's March 14th book discussion. All branch members are welcome. You can even bring family and friends if they are interested.



This meeting of the APB Book Discussion Group will be held on March 14, 2015 (coffee and cookies will be provided) at the PAA. The discussion will start promptly at 10:30.

I am excited about this book selection. The book selected is *The Alchemist* by Paulo Coelho

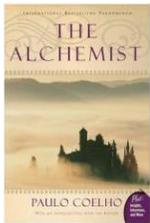
The Alchemist was first published in 1988 and then published May 1st 1993 by Harper Collins.

Paulo Coelho's enchanting novel has inspired a devoted following around the world. This story, dazzling in its powerful simplicity and inspiring wisdom, is about an Andalusian shepherd boy named Santiago who travels from his homeland in Spain to the Egyptian desert in search of a treasure buried in the Pyramids. Along the way he meets a Gypsy woman, a man who calls himself king, and an alchemist, all of whom point Santiago in the direction of his quest. No one knows what the treasure is, or if Santiago will be able to surmount the obstacles along the way. But what starts out as a journey to find worldly goods turns into a discovery of the treasure found within. Lush, evocative, and deeply humane, the story of Santiago is an eternal testament to the transforming power of our dreams and the importance of listening to our hearts.

Source: http://www.goodreads.com/book/show/865.The_Alchemist

The Alchemist
by Paulo Coelho

About the book . . .



Santiago, an Andalusian shepherd boy, has a dream about finding a treasure in the pyramids of Egypt. A gypsy woman and an old man claiming to be a mysterious king advise him to pursue it. "To realize one's destiny is a person's only obligation," the old man tells him. "And, when you want something, all the universe conspires in helping you to achieve it."

With the courage of an adventurer, Santiago sells his sheep and travels to Tangiers in Africa. After a thief steals his money, Santiago takes a job with a crystal merchant who unwittingly teaches Santiago important lessons for his long journey ahead. After working at the crystal shop for a year, Santiago earns enough money to cover his losses and return home. But then something unexpected happens. On a desert caravan, Santiago meets an intriguing Englishman. The Englishman's passion for knowledge and his relentless quest to uncover the secrets of alchemy inspire Santiago to pursue his own dream of finding the treasure. As the Englishman searches for the two hundred year old alchemist who resides in the desert oasis, Santiago falls in love with a young woman, Fatima. Exposed to the greatest and eternal alchemy of all—love—Santiago thinks he has found the treasure. But the greatest test of all is yet to come.

With the help of the alchemist, Santiago completes the last leg of his journey—dangerous and infused with discoveries of the most profound kind—to find that the treasure he was looking for was waiting for him in the place where he least expected.

This story, timeless and entertaining, exotic yet simple, breaks down the journey we all take to find the most meaningful treasures in our lives into steps that are at once natural and magical. It is about the faith, power, and courage we all have within us to pursue the intricate path of a Personal Legend, a path charted by the mysterious magnet of destiny but obscured by distractions. Santiago shows how along the way we learn to trust our hearts, read the seemingly inconspicuous signs, and understand that as we look to fulfill a dream, it looks to find us just the same, if we let it.

Paulo Coelho

About the Author . . .



One of the most influential writers of our time, Paulo Coelho is the author of many international bestsellers, including *THE ALCHEMIST*, *ELEVEN MINUTES*, and *MANUSCRIPT FOUND IN ACCRA*. Translated into 80 languages, his books have sold more than 165 million copies in more than 170 countries. He is a member of the Brazilian Academy of Letters and has received the Chevalier de l'Ordre National de la Légion d'Honneur. In 2007, he was named a United Nations Messenger of Peace.

Source: <http://www.readinggroupguides.com/reviews/the-almchemist>



We are looking for suggestions for next year's book selections. We will have book discussions in November 2015 and March 2016. Contact Pat Byerly at aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org if you have a book you would like to be considered.

The Show-goers

By Marci Henzi

I am looking forward to seeing *Phantom of the Opera* on March 1, and will mention that at our March Meeting. We can also talk about the Oscars awarded on February 22.

At the meeting, we will set a date (March 20, 21, or 22) to attend the ballet at the Carnegie Performing Arts Center – *Madeleine*.

Several of us will be seeing *Jesus Christ Superstar* at the Palace Theatre in Greensburg on Good Friday, April 3rd at 7:30 p.m. Tickets can still be purchased at www.thepalacetheatre.org. Please contact me if you would like to be included in either of these events but cannot attend the March meeting.