

February's Program



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Thank you Dr. Filla for a very informative and interesting presentation.

If you missed the February meeting be sure to see her presentation on our Web site at www.aauwpgh.org/calendar/htm and click on Women and Politics.



Don't miss the March 10 2012 meeting . . .

This month's meeting will be held at the Phipps Conservatory.

Access to Schenley Park and Phipps Conservatory and Botanical Gardens is via Schenley Drive. Just look for the big Victorian glasshouse, directly across from Flagstaff Hill.



GPS Locator Address: 700 Frank Curto Drive - Pittsburgh, PA 15213

Directions from the North:

- Take I-279 South to Pittsburgh, toward the Fort Pitt Tunnel
- Follow signs toward Monroeville and I-376 East
- Continue on I-376 East, take the Forbes Ave/Oakland exit (old exit 5, new exit 2_A)
- Follow Forbes Avenue
- Turn Right Onto Schenley Drive
- Turn Left at the traffic light
- Continue to follow Schenley Drive into Schenley Park
- Phipps is on the right

Directions from the South:

- Take I-279 North toward Pittsburgh, to the Fort Pitt Tunnel
- Follow signs to Monroeville and I-376 East
- Continue on I-376 East, take the Forbes Ave/Oakland exit (old exit 5, new exit 2_A)
- Follow Forbes Avenue
- Turn Right Onto Schenley Drive
- Turn Left at the traffic light
- Continue to follow Schenley Drive into Schenley Park
- Phipps is on the right

Directions from the East/Turnpike:

- From the PA Turnpike, take the Pittsburgh exit (old exit 6, new exit 57)
- Take I-376 West to the Oakland exit (exit 73) bearing Right to the stoplight.
- Turn Right onto the Boulevard of the Allies
- Go through two stoplights and over the Anderson Bridge
- At the second exit into Schenley Park, turn Right (this takes you under the Anderson Bridge and over the Panther Hollow Bridge)
- You will begin to see the east side of the Conservatory straight ahead
- At the fork in the road, bear Left into Schenley Park
- Phipps is on the Left.

Parking is free to Phipps guests in numbered spaces in the center island on Schenley Drive. Metered parking is also available on Schenley Drive in front of the Conservatory. Ample covered parking is available at the Carnegie Museums, directly across the Schenley Bridge that connects Schenley Plaza to Phipps and Schenley Park.

Lunch will be at the Café Phipps at noon. Go to http://phipps.conservatory.org/pdfs/general-resources/CafePhipps_Menu.pdf to see the menu.

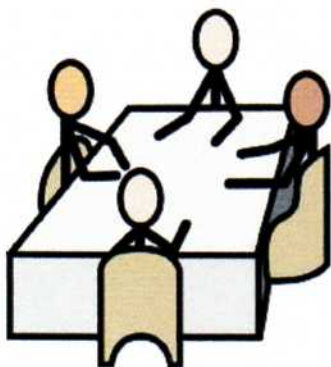
Please R.S.V.P. no later than March 10, 2012. Cost of admission is \$12 (\$11 for seniors) plus the cost of lunch.

For more information call Pat Byerly (412) 482-4419 or email her at pabyerly@aauwpgh.org

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 Pat Byerly at the number above.

Remaining 2011-2012 Branch Meetings



April 14, 2012 - PA State Convention in Greentree

May 12, 2011 - Annual Meeting

Recipe of the Month

Baian Fish Stew

By Nancy Patton Mills



6 grinds fresh black pepper
1/2 tsp cumin
1 Tbs chopped coriander
1/2 dried kombu (seaweed)
1 small sprig fresh rue
1 1/4 cups medium white wine
2 lbs mussels in the shell, washed
3 3/4 cups water
3-4 fresh scallops, chopped
1 oz pine nuts, lightly browned

Baiae was a popular seaside resort near Naples, which is presumably where Apicius tasted this delicious fish soup/stew. The original suggests "sea nettles" which is interpreted as a seaweed. To make: Heat oil and gently cook celery, pepper, cumin, and coriander. Add seaweed, rue, and white wine; bring to a boil and simmer for several minutes. Bring up to a fast boil, add the fresh mussels, put on a lid and cook for 3-5 minutes over a high heat until the shells have all opened. Add the water, bring back to a boil and simmer for 10 minutes. Remove the sprig of rue; then remove mussels from their shells and return them to the soup pot. Add the chopped scallops and the pine nuts and continue to cook for several minutes until scallops are done. Season to taste.

This recipe is from Apicius, an author who wrote what is thought to be the first recipe book. It is from the third century AD, but is based on earlier origins. The recipes include foods that were plentiful at that time, such as vegetables, Mediterranean seafood, poultry, game, and pork. There was very little beef and lamb in that region. Wine was used extensively both in cooking and to accompany the meals; oil was the main cooking fat; honey the main sweetener; pepper, fresh coriander, thyme, rue, savory, fennel, and oregano were used constantly, as was vinegar.

My son Richard J. Mills, Jr. and I wrote our dissertations at the same time--mine was about the American family in the 1950s and his was on Community and the Meal. The content of his dissertation included recipes from the Classical Period, The Renaissance and Enlightenment, and Modernity and Postmodernity. We enjoyed these recipes from ancient Rome more than any others. Richard and I wrote our dissertations together, defended them on the same day, and received our Ph.D's the same day (2006). These recipes bring back very fond memories for both of us.

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.



Happy Birthday



March 26 – Kelly Whalen

March 26 is the 85th day of the year (86th in leap years) in the Gregorian calendar. There are 280 days remaining until the end of the year.

On this day in history . . .

1942 – World War II: In Poland, the first female prisoners arrive at Auschwitz.

1974 – Gaura Devi leads a group of 27 women of Laata village, Henwalghati, Garhwal Himalayas, to form circles around trees to stop them being felled and giving rise to the Chipko Movement in India.

1976 – Queen Elizabeth II sends the first royal email, from the Royal Signals and Radar Establishment.

Born on this date . . .

1957 – Leeza Gibbons, American television host

1960 – Jennifer Grey, American actress, best known for her role in "Dirty Dancing"

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/March_26

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TIDBITS . . . Did You Know



Jeannette Business District (Clay Avenue)

With a current population of around 10,000, Jeannette lies near the center of Westmoreland County between Routes 30 and 22. It is approximately 25 miles east of Pittsburgh and four miles east of the Irwin interchange on the Pennsylvania Turnpike.

Jeannette began in the spring of 1888, when several local farms were purchased for the development of the Chambers and McKee Glass Works. Long rows of brick houses were built in order to provide homes for glass plant workers. Jeannette, named after the wife of H. Sellers McKee, was ideally positioned for the early glass industry. Its resources in coal and natural gas, location along early railroads, and proximity to Pittsburgh all provided the impetus for quick growth. The first glass blown was on May 20, 1889. In time there would be seven great glass factories and a rubber plant, including the largest tableware glass factory in the world. Soon Jeannette took on another nickname The American Workshop. Jeannette was incorporated into a borough on June 7, 1889. Then on January 1, 1938 Jeannette became a third class city with Attorney John M. O'Connell as the first mayor.

One key historical factory was the American-Saint Gobains Industries, Inc. plant, which helped establish the commerce that would support the growing city of Jeannette. Originally founded as the Chambers and McKee Glass Works, the first owners of the plant, J. A. Chambers and H. Sellers McKee named Jeannettes Main Street after their financial backer, Richard W. Clay.

The factory was designed to be a hand-cylinder operation. A glob of molten glass was collected in the end of a metal tube and skilled blowers worked it into a large globe. The semi-molten globe was held downward and swung slowly while the blowing continued. The resulting cylinder was split in half and flattened to make windowpanes.

In 1889, the American Window Glass Company was incorporated in Pennsylvania and consolidated a number of smaller manufacturers, including the Chambers and McKee facilities. In 1903, American Window became the first company to produce sheet glass using a device known as the Lubbers cylinder machine. This process and the machine were named after its inventor, John H. Lubbers. In time, developments were made to minimize distortion of waviness and to eliminate the greenish cast of glass, which affected its transparency and light transmission. The entire glass industry adopted these methods. In 1958 American Window Glass was merged with Blue Ridge Glass to form American Saint Gobain Corporation, the only United States producer of all three types of flat glass, plate, sheet, and patterned-rolled. In 1970 the company was renamed ASG Industries, Inc.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Jeannette_Pennsylvania
<http://www.inwestmoreland.com/wclocalinfo/towns/jeannette/index.aspx>

Pittsburgh Branch Welcomes A New Member



Patricia (Patty) MacDonald Hansz

Patty was born and raised in Michigan. After she was married, the family moved to Texas when her children were small. She moved to Pittsburgh about 20 years ago. Her three children are grown now and none of them live in the Pittsburgh area. She has worked mostly in finance at companies like Morgan Stanley. Since she has no family obligations in Pittsburgh she has a lot of free time on her hands. She is a member of the League of Women Voters and joined AAUW in January of this year.

We are very happy to have Patty as a branch member and look forward to working with her. So let's all give Patty a warm welcome.

AAUW-PA State Convention

The AAUW-PA Convention and 83rd Annual State Meeting will be held at the DoubleTree by Hilton Hotel in Greentree. The convention will begin on Friday, April 13, at 9:00 a.m. with "Get Out the Vote" and conclude on Sunday, April 15, with the AAUW Funds Breakfast.

The DoubleTree is located at 101 DoubleTree Drive, Pittsburgh, PA 15205. Phone number is (412) 922-8400.

This year's convention deals with topics supporting "Building a Powerful Network".

Be sure to look at the available workshops on the attached registration form and note there is a charge for any meals you plan on having at the convention.

Since the convention falls the same weekend as our monthly branch meeting, we will not be meeting in April. Instead we encourage all members to attend the workshops on Saturday, April 14th. To help defray the cost of registration, the Pittsburgh branch will reimburse its members \$20 upon verification of registration. If you have any questions, please feel free to contact Pat Byerly at (412) 482-4419 or pabyerly@aaupgh.org.



Members are invited to attend the state convention for FREE on Friday, April 13, for the 'Get out the Vote' activities from 9-11:30 for Part I and from 1:15-4:45 for Part II. This is a non-partisan voting training to engage the millennial generation and others in the voting process. Please support your branch and come if you can, for no charge!

Women in Congress



Kelly A. Ayotte

Kelly A. Ayotte (born June 27, 1968) is the junior United States Senator from New Hampshire and a member of the Republican Party. She earlier served as the Attorney General of New Hampshire.

2010 Election

Incumbent Republican U.S. Senator Judd Gregg decided to retire, instead of seeking re-election in the 2010 senate election in New Hampshire. Ayotte resigned as Attorney General on July 7, 2009 to explore a run for U.S. Senate in 2010. Ayotte was recruited by the National Republican Party (National Republican Senatorial Committee) in Washington to enter the race. On September 14, 2010, Ayotte defeated lawyer Ovide Lamontagne, businessman Bill Binnie and Jim Bender in the Republican Senate primary. In the general election, Ayotte ran against Democratic nominee U.S. Representative Paul Hodes, Libertarian nominee Ken Blevens, and Independent Chris Booth.

Endorsements

Many prominent GOP figures went to New Hampshire to help Ayotte in her 2010 campaign, including John McCain, Sarah Palin, Mitt Romney, Haley Barbour, and Rick Santorum. According to one senior GOP aide, "The addition of a Republican woman from New England who's young, who's a mom ... all of these things broaden the Republican party's appeal and say to different segments of the population, 'This party has folks in it that are just like you.'"

Political Positions

Abortion: Ayotte is pro-life and believes that abortion should be prohibited except in cases of rape, incest or health of the mother. Where abortion is legal, Ayotte supports parental notification before abortions may be performed on unemancipated minors and opposes any federal funding for elective abortions in accordance with the Hyde Amendment. Ayotte has expressed her determination to be a strong vocal advocate for unborn children in the U.S. Senate.

Labor rights and minimum wage: Ayotte opposes passage of Employee Free Choice Act ("Card Check"), a bill currently under consideration by Congress that proposes to amend the National Labor Relations Act to reform the process by which employees decide whether to form or join a labor union.

Ayotte opposes passage of legislation that mandates that employers provide paid sick leave to their employees.

Source: http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Kelly_Ayotte

Congratulations Nancy



Six weeks ago Nancy Patton Mills, one of our branch Co-Vice Presidents of Programs, was named Chair for the PA Democratic State Committee. She is the only woman on the State Committee.

In October 2010, Nancy was the Vice-Chair of Allegheny County Democratic Committee and one of three speakers who spoke about how they "work to elect democrats". She later became a valued member of our branch in April 2011.

Nancy Mills was born and raised in Allegheny County. She is a life-long democrat who has actively worked to elect democratic candidates to public office in Allegheny County and throughout the state of Pennsylvania. Nancy is the Managing Partner for Roselea Farm Partnership. In addition, Nancy is an author for Pearson/Prentice Hall Publishing, writing a college text book "Hospitality Law".

Nancy is a member of the Democratic State Committee, the Allegheny County Democratic Women's Division, The Pennsylvania Federation of Women, and the Allegheny County Democratic Women's Caucus, and in 2008, was a delegate to the Democratic National Convention in Denver, CO.

"My primary goal is to elect qualified democratic candidates. I am currently working with Chatham University to encourage women to become involved with the political process and run for public office in Allegheny County and the State of Pennsylvania."

In addition to her passion for politics, Nancy is a member of the board of the Pittsburgh Botanic Garden serving on the Strategic Planning Committee and the Marketing committee. She also serves on the board of Settler's Cabin Park, The Moon Township Planning Commission, the Women's International Club of the University of Pittsburgh, and is a former Moon Township Supervisor.

Nancy earned a B.A. in Communications from Chatham University in 1989 and a Ph.D. in Communications and Rhetoric from Duquesne University in 2006. Through education and experience, Nancy provides a new voice for unity, communication, and strength in the Allegheny County Democratic Party.

Source: <http://alleghenydemocrats.com/content/jim-burn>

