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Barnes & Noble Gift Wrap December 14, 15, & 16



Working for tips!!



This year we will be wrapping gifts for free! That's right - we will be going to the Barnes & Noble at the Monroeville Mall and the Waterfront to wrap gifts for free. We will be setting up a tip jar. Money donated will go to the branch's scholarship fund.



Gift wrapping will be held at the Barnes & Noble at the Monroeville Mall on Friday, Saturday, and Sunday December 14, 15 & 16 between 3 and 10 pm each day.

Gift wrapping will also be held at the Barnes & Noble at the Waterfront on Friday December 14 between 2 and 10 pm. and Saturday & Sunday, December 15 & 16 between 4 and 8.

We need your help!! Volunteers are needed at both locations. Contact Pat Byerly at aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org to volunteer.

November Program



In her presentation, Dr. Zoraida Aguilar gave us an overview of the most important biomedical applications and devices using nanomaterials. These applications in medicine include drug delivery, medical imaging, gene therapy, nanorobots, implants, tissue engineering, biosensors and diagnostics. Her presentation was intended for layman and very easy to understand. This presentation served as a guide to various important aspects of nanomaterials in order to hasten the realization of its far-reaching applications in medicine.

If you missed the meeting, you can view Ida's entire presentation on our Web site at: www.aauwpgh.org/whatsnew.html

Dr. Miriam Hartner, AAUW Fox Chapel Branch Member

Miriam attended our November meeting. Being in the medical field she was interested in the research of nanomaterials.



Don't miss the December 8, 2012 meeting . . .



How many rituals do you engage in each year that are the result of habits established long ago in your family? How many new rituals have you established in your own life as an adult?



At the December Branch meeting we will be celebrating our traditions. Each member is encouraged to bring something that represents a tradition in her life, and during our meeting, she will share with the group what that tradition is and why it has endured in her life.



Although December is usually a time for religious celebrations (Hanukah, Kwanza, Christmas, etc.), you should not feel compelled to limit yourself to that theme. Any item that represents a tradition in your life will be a welcome part of the meeting.

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

4215 Fifth Avenue
Pittsburgh, PA 15213

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 December 5, 2012 to reserve your seat! Cost of lunch is \$20.00 payable upon arrival.

For more information or to reserve your seat and your journal, please send an email to aauwpgh@aauwpgh.org

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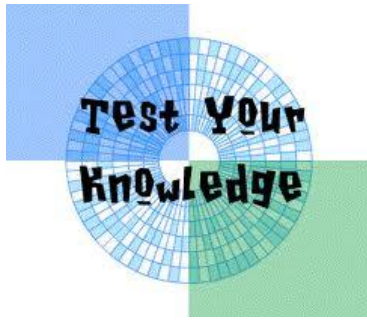
AAUW advances equity for Women and girls through advocacy, education, and research.

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.

An American History Quiz



How well do you know your American history?

We will be celebrating our nation's 236th birthday this year and there were 25 questions developed for *American Profile* by the American Historical Association, the nation's oldest and largest society of history teachers, professors, and historians.

Each month you'll be presented with 5 questions. Are you ready for 11 through 15?

1. The Underground Railroad carried Americans:
 - A. From Manhattan to Brooklyn
 - B. Across the Mississippi River
 - C. Under the Chesapeake Bay
 - D. From slavery to freedom
2. What was the first Southern state to secede, or declare it was no longer part of the United States in 1861?
 - A. Texas
 - B. Mississippi
 - C. South Carolina
 - D. North Carolina
3. During the 1860s, the federal government:
 - A. Provided an easy way for Americans to acquire land from the federal government to start farms
 - B. Provided land grants as a way for states to raise money for colleges and universities
 - C. Purchased Alaska from Russia
 - D. All of the above
4. The 100th anniversary of the nation's founding was in 1876, when this important event took place:
 - A. The Battle of Little Bighorn (Custer's Last Stand)
 - B. The invention of the automobile
 - C. The Gadsden Purchase
 - D. The founding of the National Hockey League
5. When was the women's suffrage amendment to the U.S. Constitution ratified?
 - A. 1869
 - B. 1898
 - C. 1920
 - D. 1934

Source: www.americanprofile.com

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Attention!!

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Effective with the January 2013 issue of the newsletter, anyone who received the December issue of the Keystoner via email will now receive the branch's newsletter the same way. If you receive the Keystoner via U.S. mail you will receive the branch's newsletter by mail. If you are receiving the Keystoner via email and want to receive a paper copy of the branch's newsletter you must notify Pat Byerly so she can get you on the "paper" mailing list.

SAVE THE DATES

STEM, Teacher Appreciation, Share the Future Reception – March, 2013

World Book Night – April 23, 2013

This is an event that the board is very excited about. Learn more at <http://www.us.worldbooknight.org/> and watch for more information in future issues of the newsletter. It would be great if we can get everyone to participate in this very important event.



AAUW Pittsburgh Branch Blood Drive – spring 2013.

We are working with Chatham University to sponsor a blood drive. Volunteers will be needed to pass out refreshments. More details will follow.



First Annual Wine Tasting – April 20, 2013.
Watch for details in future newsletters.

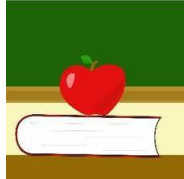


STEM and Shape the Future Reception

We finally have a plan to move forward with the branch's STEM Initiative Project. A committee has been selected: Marci Henzi (Mathematics) – Committee Chair, Trina Hall (Technology), Michele Buford (Technology), and Susan Banerjee (Science & Engineering). Each committee member has been assigned an area of STEM and will develop materials to be displayed at the reception. If any member would like to be a part of the committee, please contact Marci Henzi.

A school has been selected and once approval has been received from the school we will move forward. The event will tentatively be held on a Thursday (after school) in March and we will be asking all members to participate. We'll need volunteers to work at the reception as well as baking desserts and finger foods from our cookbook.

The theme for the reception will be **“Teacher Appreciation”**.



Answers to quiz: 11 (D), 12 (D), 13 (D), 14 (A), 15 (C)

40 Years Ago at the Pittsburgh Branch, AAUW (December)

The Pittsburgh Branch of AAUW held its December 1972 meeting in the Faculty Dining Room in Skibe Hall at CMU. The topic was “The Spirit Of Christmas In Our Time”, and the speaker was The Rt. Reverend Gerasimos, Bishop of Abydos. Chairman of the Fellowships Committee was Miss Coultisa Kuntz. Luncheon was \$3.50 (including gratuity).

The following was an article appearing in December's bulletin:

“The AAUW Fellowships Program, established in 1888, is the oldest and largest, non-university program of graduate fellowships for women in the U.S. According to Dr. Elizabeth Stanton, Chairman of the Committee on Fellowships, the nationwide competition for fellowships this year was keen and exciting. There were 10 qualified candidates for every dissertation or post-doctoral fellowship awarded, and recipients of the limited number of fellowships for women in (their professions) were selected from a top-flight group nominated by professional schools around the country.

Two-thirds of the 1972-1973 AAUW fellows will be completing research and writing their doctoral dissertations while 10 post-doctoral fellows will be engaged in projects ranging from theoretical physics and genetic research to archeological studies, and preparation of a book on the sociology of war and peace. 17 are mothers with children ranging in age from infancy to 22 years; also, there are four Black women, an American Indian, and an Iranian who is now a permanent U.S. resident.

83 women from 27 states and the District of Columbia will receive \$300,000 in Fellowships from the Educational Fund of AAUW. In addition to the Fellowships for American women, the Foundation also awards about 50 International Fellowships a year. AAUW members throughout the country support the program by contributing about \$650,000 per year for stipends and to build the \$6 million Fellowship Endowment for the awards to women who show promise or distinction in their fields, whose projects will provide significant contributions to knowledge, and to women who will provide constant educational leadership on return to their countries.”

Submitted by Coultisa Kuntz

Planned upcoming events in 1973 included a crafts fair (“Eggs-citing Handicrafts”), a book fair, and a variety of tours with destinations such as Ohiopyle, Pennsylvania Dutch Country, and a theater tour to New York City.

(Karin Neilson)



Red Thread Movement

By Michele Buford

Human trafficking is the illegal trade of individuals for the main purpose of commercial sexual exploitation (Wikipedia.com). Human trafficking is currently the 2nd largest criminal entity and is gaining momentum across the world (U.S. State Department). Human trafficking, unfortunately, does not limit itself to older females, as children represent nearly 2 million of the 12.3 million victims of human trafficking (UNICEF). However, human trafficking also exists here at home. An estimated 100,000 minors are currently in the commercial sex trade right here in the United States (Polaris Project).

In an effort to raise money and awareness to help eliminate sex trafficking in the country of Nepal, the Red Thread Movement was started by two Abilene Christian College students in 2008. The movement, created by Brittany Partridge and Samantha Sutherland, started with the sale of red bracelets to raise money and awareness for this hideous act of slavery. This act of conscious awareness for two young ladies has now turned into a global fight to end human trafficking.



The Red Thread Bracelets, made by the women in Nepal, make a huge difference in three different ways:

1. Provides wages for the Nepalese girl that hand wove the bracelet.
2. Provides funding for anti-trafficking border patrols in India to prevent human trafficking victims from crossing out of Nepal.
3. Increases awareness of human trafficking and its victims (redthreadmovement.org).

And we can help! By purchasing a Red Thread Bracelet we join the fight against human trafficking and raise awareness of this form of slavery. We must join together in this fight and get everyone we know fighting with us! SPREAD THE RED!

End Human Trafficking. Combat Modern Slavery.



Red thread bracelets will be available at both the December and January meetings.

Sources:
<http://www.redthreadmovement.org/>
www.polarisproject.org
www.redthreadmovement.org
www.state.gov
www.unicef.org
www.wikipedia.com

TIDBITS . . . *Did You Know*

Founded in 1850 in Philadelphia, The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania was the first American institution to train women in medicine with the aim of bestowing a medical degree. The college changed its name to Women's Medical College of Pennsylvania in 1867. The school's first graduating class had eight women.

The associated Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia was founded in 1861.



The first graduation in December of 1851 (medical schools demanded only two years then) saw eight women receive degrees, including Hannah Longshore, who became Philadelphia's first active woman doctor, and Ann Preston who stayed with the College and in 1866 became the first female dean in an American medical school. Following European training, another graduate, Emeline Horton Cleveland (class of 1855), taught at the College and became one of the first American women to perform major surgery.



Ann Preston, First Woman Dean of the Women's Medical College

Sources disagree on the founders of the college. Clara Marshall (1847-1931), graduate of MCP and dean from 1888-1917, considered the founder of the school to be Bartholomew Fussel, M.D. Other students considered Joseph S. Longshore and William J. Mullen to be the primary founders. Most considered these three men, whether official founder or not, to be instrumental in the creation of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania.

The Female Medical College of Pennsylvania faced difficulties in providing clinical training for its students. Almost all medical institutions were confronted with the demand for more clinical practice due to the rise of surgery, physical diagnosis, and clinical specialties. During the 1880s, clinical instruction at the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania relied mainly on the demonstration clinics.

In 1887, Anna Broomall, professor of obstetrics for the Woman's Medical College of Pennsylvania, established a maternity outpatient service in a poor area of South Philadelphia for the purpose of student education. By 1895, many students cared for three or four women who were giving birth.

But winning acceptance by the medical world proved difficult. The Philadelphia County Medical Society denied admission to its graduates, and forbade its members to meet with them and the school's faculty until 1888, when the Society voted in Mary Willits, a graduate of 1881 from a Berks County farming family.

Also in 1888, Clara Marshall, an 1875 graduate who taught "materia medica," became dean. Marshall guided the school through the difficult period that saw the reform of medical education in the United States, and in the early 1900s initiated the founding of a small hospital to fulfill new requirements.

When the number of American women seeking medical education declined in the early 1900s, and once all-male medical colleges admitted small numbers of women, enrollment and revenue at "Woman's Med" dropped. But its doors remained open, even through the grim years of the Great Depression. Since women won few faculty positions in United States medical schools before 1960, WMCP became an important source of such opportunities, and its hospital remained a crucial site for internships.

The Feminist Movement during the early to mid 19th century contributed to support for the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania. The Society of Friends in Philadelphia, a large group of Quakers, were supportive of the women's rights movements and the development of the Female MCP.



Women medical students

MCP was first located in the rear of 229 Arch Street, Philadelphia, (the address was later changed to 627 Arch Street when Philadelphia renumbered streets in 1858). In July of 1861, the board of incorporators of the Female Medical College of Pennsylvania chose to rent rooms for the College from the Woman's Hospital of Philadelphia on North College Avenue.

In the late 1920s, the college raised money to build a new campus, designed by Ritter & Shay, the most successful of the Philadelphia urban architecture firms in the 1920s. The East Falls Campus was the first purpose-built hospital in the nation. The design allowed both teaching and hospital care to take place in one facility, helping provide for more clinical care. Post-WWII housing shortages in the city were a catalyst for development of additions to the East Falls Campus, the first of which was the Ann Preston Building (designed by Thaddeus Longstreth), which provided housing and classrooms for student nurses.

Today, the building is known as the Falls Center. It is operated by Iron Stone Strategic Capital

In 1993 the Medical College of Pennsylvania merged with Hahnemann Medical College, retaining its Queen Lane campus. In 2003, the two medical colleges were absorbed as a part of Drexel University College of Medicine, creating new opportunities for the large student body for clinical practice in settings ranging from urban hospitals to small rural practices.

Sources: www.americanprofile.com
http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Woman's_Medical_College_of_Pennsylvania
<http://explorepahistory.com/hmarker.php?markerid=1-A-380>

Eleanor Roosevelt Award Fund

Established in 1989, the Eleanor Roosevelt Fund Award honors an individual, project, organization, or institution for outstanding contributions to equality and education for women and girls. The award is given for a broad range of activities including classroom teaching, education and research, and legal and legislative work in equality for women and girls. While the award focuses on education, the recipient need not be an educator.

To help support this fund, holiday tissue box covers (tissues included) will be sold at the December meeting for \$7 each. Five dollars of the proceeds will be sent to the Eleanor Roosevelt Award Fund and \$2 will be given to the branch's scholarship fund.



Won't you bring some extra money and contribute to two worthy causes?

Source: <http://www.aauw.org/learn/awards/erfund.cfm>