

THE READING BRANCH LINES

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Important January Meeting

January 13, 2020

12:00 Noon

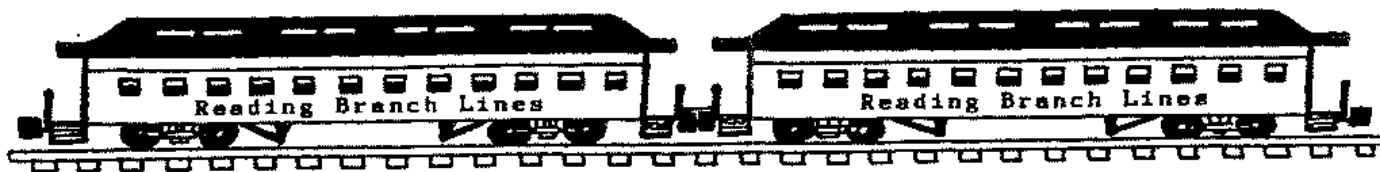
**Wyomissing Public Library's Community Room
9 Reading Blvd, Wyomissing, PA 19610**

This meeting will address three very serious concerns within our Reading Branch:

- 1) Leadership**
- 2) Membership**
- 3) Participation.**

Members should have received a letter announcing this meeting, which included a list of questions to address issues that need to be discussed. A branch board member should call you to discuss these questions before the meeting occurs. Please review the questions to plan to share your ideas about the issues when the board member calls.

Soup, salad and dessert will be provided at the meeting. If there is a winter storm a snow date will be announced. Please attend this meeting if possible. RSVP to Virginia Schulze-Johnson at 484-663-3674 or at vsjflutedoc@gmail.com , or Cheryl Moretz at 610-372-4092. If you have a transportation problem, please let us know.



Interest Groups

January

Culinary Diversity, Wednesday, January 15 – 11:30 AM

Lunch – Judy's on Cherry

332 Cherry St., Reading, PA 19602

610-374-8511

Contact: Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – No events currently planned. If members have ideas for group activities contact Suzanne

Contact: Suzanne Churgai - 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, January 22 – 11:30 AM

Lunch – Say Cheese Restaurant & Cheese

Program: Tour of exhibits at Art Plus Gallery

600 Penn Ave, West Reading, PA 19611

610- 406-5390

Home Arts – Wednesday, January 8, 7PM

Program – “Antiques plus Appraisals” by Chris Papadakis & Brian Hart, Antique Dealers

Contact: Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508

Literature I – Monday, January 27, 1:30 PM

Program – What Are You Reading

Hostess: Ellie Hunt – 610-670-1808

February

Culinary Diversity – Wednesday, February 19- 11:30 AM

Lunch – B2 Bistro

701 Reading Ave, West Reading PA 19611

610 - 898-4314

Contact – Joanne Wrigley – 717-445-3015

Cultural Arts – No events Currently planned

Contact: Suzanne Churgai – 610-488-9269

Fine Arts – Wednesday, February 26

Snow date, if needed, for our January event

Home Arts: - Wednesday, February 5 - 7 PM

Program – “Postcards – Smart Phones of Yesteryear” by Paul Druzba

Contact - Judy Druckenmiller – 610-678-3508

Literature I – Monday, February 24, 1:30 PM

Review of – Educated: A Memoir The Lilac Girls by Martha Hall Kelly

Reviewer – Karen Parish

Location - The Heritage

Contact – Delite Hawk – 610-775-0535

Condolences:

Heartfelt condolences to the family and friends of Judy Druckenmiller on the death of her husband..

Address changes: Mary Jane Garbo, 1031 Sandstone Drive, Wyomissing, PA 19610

Fran Malley, 1017 Sandstone Drive. Wyomissing PA 19610

Email change: franmalley@gmail.com

Branch Members Enjoying December Events



Fine Arts Christmas Luncheon



Cultural Arts trip to the Governor's Mansion, Harrisburg

Several of our branch interest groups enjoyed festive meetings in December. If you haven't been participating in our current interest groups take a look at the upcoming activities of the groups. We are also open to new ideas for interest group activities that interest our members. I hope some of you can join us for these activities. Let the group contact know if you need help to get to the group activities. The group contact can let other group members know if you need a ride.

Upcoming Spring Events

We have several events planned for the first half of 2020. We have a Lunafest planned again this year. It will be held on Sunday, March 8. The films on current women's issues are interesting. It is a lovely social event open to members of the community.

Several of our branch members will also be doing a play and presentations portraying woman suffragists for the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment giving women the right to vote in the USA. We hope our branch members will be able to join us at our annual business meeting on March 11th at the History Center, 7:00 PM. We plan to perform our play at that meeting.

There will also be a Berks 2020 Centennial Kickoff program at the History Center on Saturday, March 14 at 9:30 AM. Our members will also perform our play as part of that program. That will be a community activity.

March is a busy month. Our annual Women's Recognition Breakfast is scheduled for March 28, 9:30 AM at Christina's Creekside Inn. It is nice to see our local AAUW scholarship recipients receive their awards. These are women who will shape the future through their careers after attending college. We raise fund for the scholarships and it is nice to meet the recipients. Our group portraying the suffragists will perform podium speeches on that day.

The AAUW-PA Convention takes place in April. The Woman's Suffrage Group also plans on performing speeches during the Convention. The 2020 AAUW-PA Convention April 24-26, 2020 at the Central Hotel & Conference Center in Harrisburg, PA. The Convention theme is "Purple Sashes and Persistent Women" in honor of the 100th anniversary of the ratification of the 19th Amendment.

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3045 Linda Lane
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Diversity Statement

In principle and in practice, 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. Membership is not by invitation.

Mission Statements

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

AAUW Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research, and self-development for women and to foster equity and positive societal change.

AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination.

Branch Lines

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Jewelry Sale

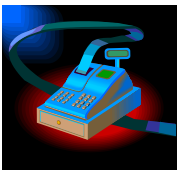
I am still collecting vintage jewelry to sell to supplement our branch program budget. I'm watching the papers for opportunities to take it to flea markets to sell it. Members have done an excellent job supporting this project with their no longer used jewelry. I will also bring the jewelry to our Lunafest again this year. If you need to contact me about the jewelry sale I can be reached at 510-582-2421 or by email at eileen@ritz.ws.

AAUW Wilmington Book Sale

2018 BOOK SALE! Feb. 28,29 and March 1, 2020 at Concord Mall, Rt. 202, Wilmington.

Great selection of fiction, non-fiction children's books, gardening, cookbooks, CD's DVD's and more!

Redner's Register Tapes



Our members have done a great job saving Redner's register tapes. That project helps to support our operating budget. The money helps with publication costs, branch expenses and to obtain guest speakers for our meetings. Thanks to everyone who has donated. It is a great help. Please continue sending those tapes to Ellie.

Board Meeting

The next board meeting is Tuesday, February 11, 2020 at 7:00 PM in room 100 of Roessner Hall at Albright College.