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THE POLITICS OF FRACKING

Marie Cusick, WITF Journalist and StateImpact Pennsylvania reporter will join us on Tuesday, January 24, 2017 to provide an overview of oil and gas industry in Pennsylvania; women in the industry; and what it is like being a woman covering the industry.

Energy is a big industry for Pennsylvania. In 2015 (most current data), Pennsylvania led the fifth straight year of increased natural gas production in the U.S. due to hydraulic fracturing (fracking) combined with horizontal drilling techniques in Marcellus shale. Impact fees and severance taxes are debated every budget cycle. Not living in a production area, we are still impacted by gas pipelines. Nobody knows how many miles of pipeline already exists in the state because Pennsylvania is one of two states (Alaska is other) that does not have one regulatory authority that oversees intrastate gas pipelines.

StateImpact Pennsylvania is a collaboration between WITF in Harrisburg and WHYI in Philadelphia covering the fiscal and environmental impact of Pennsylvania’s energy economy. Marie Cusick and Susan Phillips report on the regulation, economy, influence and impact of the industry in Pennsylvania. Their reports can be found at Stateimpact.npr.org/Pennsylvania and heard on public radio stations, across Pennsylvania. Marie’s stories also air on NPR programs—a search on NPR.org produced twenty-two results!

Marie Cusick attended Lebanon Valley College, majoring in political science and French. She got her start in television, as an intern at WBZ-TV, the CBS affiliate in Boston. After working for several commercial television stations, she landed her first public media job in 2011 at WHMT in Albany, New York, and served as a correspondent for the station’s statewide public affairs TV show, New York NOW. She covered everything from Albany’s nanotechnology sector to the aftermath of Hurricane Sandy in New York City and the debate over New York’s ban on fracking. A native Pennsylvanian, Marie grew up in Lancaster and lives there now with her husband and son. She’s been honored with numerous awards for her reporting, including a national Edward R. Murrow award in 2014.

When I met Marie in September, I asked what she likes about her reporting assignment. She told me that she likes covering a beat because it offers her the opportunity to know the subject thoroughly and develop relationships. To illustrate her point, she referred to something happening that week—a legislator trying to attach an amendment to a bill that was content from a bill defeated two years ago. As she said, she knew the legislator and remembered the bill, so knew it was a story to tell.

Please join us in January to learn a little about fracking and a lot about creating a successful journalist career in a male-dominated industry.

*Ann Pehle
Program Chair*

<u>DATES TO REMEMBER</u>			
Sat., Dec. 3	10:00 a.m.	Branch Meeting & Brunch	Social Hall East HUB
Mon., Jan 9	1:00 p.m.	Book Group	Kathleen Brennan
Tues., Jan 10	7:00 p.m.	Board Meeting	Bosler - Room A or B
Tues., Jan 24	7:00 p.m.	Branch Meeting	HUB
Tues, Feb. 6	1:00 p.m.	BookGroup	Pat McCallum

PUBLIC POLICY COMMITTEE

Title IX

In the November newsletter, we outlined our response for addressing the inaccurate reporting of sexual harassment and gender-based bullying. We are proceeding with our project plan.

- The Board approved a letter to the editor sent to The Sentinel and Shippensburg News-Chronicle on behalf of the branch. **This will be submitted in January.**
- Members who delivered the new Title IX resources to Big Spring, Camp Hill, Carlisle, Cumberland Valley, and Northern York County are asked to send an email to the Title IX Coordinator. **In process.**
- The Public Policy Committee, or interested members will send an email to the remaining school districts in Cumberland County. **Nancy Sigrist emailed East Pennsboro.**
- You can attend a school board meeting and speak in the public comment portion of the agenda. **Watch for more information in February newsletter.**

Equal Pay

Equal Pay Day is April 4, 2017. The committee is beginning to plan local events, however it isn't too early to mark your calendar.

The Public Policy committee meets the first Wednesday of the month. Committee members are Didem Cal, Linda Figueroa, Linkey Green, Nancy Sigrist, Peggy Jennings, Sue Royer. If you are interested in AAUW Public Policy initiatives, even if you are just curious, please join us. Contact Ann Pehle (annp71@comcast.net or 795-4969) for more information.

Ann Pehle
Public Policy Chair



Work Smart committee members are (as of November 20th): Shirley Gehringer, Phyllis Orenyo, Ann Pehle, Sue Royer, Molly Shane, Cindy Sutton. If you are interested, please contact me, Ann Pehle (annp71@comcast.net or 795-4969).

Workshop dates are set -- Wednesday, March 15 from 5:30 - 8:30 and Saturday, March 18 from 1:00 - 4:00pm. Both workshops will be held at the Carlisle YWCA.

LIKE the branch's new Facebook page!
[AAUW Carlisle PA Branch](#)

Did you notice the changes to the website?

Do you think it has the right information for a prospective member?

For you, a member?

Share your thoughts, opinions, ideas with Ann Pehle as she works with committees to update the AAUW-Carlisle website.

The Carlisle Branch is happy to welcome four new members as we begin our 2016/2017 year!

HELEN DAVENPORT

Helen Davenport came to the Carlisle area over 30 years ago when her husband took a position on the staff of the Army War College. But Helen is a citizen of the world, having lived in Norway twice, in England for three years, and in Japan for over a year.

Helen earned a B.S. degree from Regents College in New York, a culmination of a 32 year odyssey beginning at Mary Washington College in Fredericksburg, VA, the University of Maryland where she studied Norwegian, and a semester in Japan studying Japanese language and culture.

Currently, Helen is employed at the Army War College in the Transportation Department as a Travel Clerk, arranging domestic and overseas transportation for members of the military and their families.

Helen is the mother of three daughters, two of whom live in New York City, and one who lives in Bethesda, Maryland. In her spare time she enjoys spending time with her five grandchildren, reading and cooking. She has taught cooking classes at the The Kitchen Shop.

She lives in Newville with her tri-color American Shorthair, Kimmy, a cat rescued from the streets of New York City.

*Pat Markowski
Interviewer*

DIDEM CAL

Another citizen of the world, Didem was born in Turkey and is now a naturalized American Citizen. She came to Carlisle in July 2016 when her husband Don, a Colonel in the U.S. Army, enrolled as a student at the Army War College.

Didem did her undergraduate work in Turkey, and earned an M.A. in International Studies from a University in Seoul, South Korea.

Having lived in Turkey and South Korea for much of her early life, Didem is passionate about women's rights. As a human resources professional in those countries and in the U.S., she has seen firsthand the obstacles that prevent women from reaching their full potential, and seeks to work with organizations to overcome these barriers.

Didem is a busy mother of a five year old son, Alexander. She volunteers at the Project Share Food Bank, and was a committee member for the Buck A Book fundraising event sponsored by the Employment Skills Center.

In the short time since she joined the Carlisle Branch of AAUW, she has become an active member of the Public Policy Committee and has participated in several of the organization's voter registration drives.

*Pat Markowski
Interviewer*

NANCY J. NIXON

Nancy grew up in Rochester, New York, but spent 20 years in Portland, Oregon before moving to the Carlisle area, where she has lived for the past 30 years.

She earned a B.A in English from Dickinson College, which prepared her for an eclectic career path, including working as a customer service representative for a large over-the-road freight company, a day care teacher, welfare case worker, and an administrative assistant at Democracy Rising in Pennsylvania.

She became active in social causes early in life, participating in the anti-war and gay rights movements while living in Portland, Oregon. Nancy continued to contribute to social causes throughout her life, as a CASA (Court Appointed Special Advocate) volunteer, as a volunteer with the American Cancer Society as a Road to Recovery transport driver, Vice President of her homeowners association, and as a volunteer with The League of Women Voters.

She also found time to foster two children, and recently, to be the primary caregiver for her life partner. Following the death of her partner, she successfully appealed the estate tax levy by the Pennsylvania Department of Revenue on her inheritance from this partner of 30 years, getting her relationship reclassified as "spouse." She is currently engaged in an appeal to the Social Security Administration for full survivor benefits.

Nancy joined AAUW after an afternoon spent volunteering at the voter registration booth staffed jointly with AAUW and League of Women Voter volunteers at The Harvest of the Arts. She was attracted to the organization's focus on women's equality issues, including equal pay for equal work, and women's reproductive rights.

VIRGINIA MUELLER

Virginia grew up in Philadelphia, but has lived in Carlisle for over 20 years. She is a world traveler, having visited Spain, England, France, China, Japan and Egypt, and crossing the United States three times in a camper.

Virginia describes herself first and foremost as an artist. She began drawing at the age of five, designing clothes for her paper dolls. She was accepted to the Art Students League as a teen, and holds an Associate degree from Colby College. She also studied art at Moravian College, Lehigh University and Muhlenberg. She is a member of the Lehigh Art Alliance in Allentown, and worked for nine years as an assistant to the Director of the Carlisle Arts Learning Center, where she hung shows, managed membership and performed administrative duties.

When Virginia retired, she opened her own gallery, Hauto-Zat, on E. South Street, displaying her own art.

A widow for 18 years, she has a son who lives in Montana, a daughter in Tamaqua, PA, and grandchildren in Seattle and Florida.

Virginia joined AAUW because of its close association with Dickinson College and because the organization supports and empowers women, goals that match her renewed interest in the rights of women in this country.

*Pat Markowski
Interviewer*

BOOK GROUP
JANUARY

The Secret Chord
Geraldine Brooks

Monday, January 9, 2017, at 1 pm
At the home of Kathleen Brennan
(243-5015 or brennank@comcast.net)

With more than two million copies of her novels sold, *New York Times* bestselling author Geraldine Brooks has achieved both popular and critical acclaim. Now, Brooks takes on one of literature's richest and most enigmatic figures: a man who shimmers between history and legend. Peeling away the myth to bring David to life in *Second Iron Age Israel*, Brooks traces the arc of his journey from obscurity to fame, from shepherd to soldier, from hero to traitor, from beloved king to murderous despot and into his remorseful and diminished dotage.

The Secret Chord provides new context for some of the best-known episodes of David's life while also focusing on others, even more remarkable and emotionally intense, that have been neglected. We see David through the eyes of those who love him or fear him—from the prophet Natan, voice of his conscience, to his wives Mikhal, Avigail, and Batsheva, and finally to Solomon, the late-born son who redeems his Lear-like old age. Brooks has an uncanny ability to hear and transform characters from history, and this beautifully written, unvarnished saga of faith, desire, family, ambition, betrayal, and power will enthrall her many fans.

FEBRUARY

The Turner House
Angela Flournoy

Monday, February 6, 2017 at 1 pm
At the home of Pat McCallum
(243-3668 or seabury@aol.com)

A powerful, timely debut, The Turner House marks a major new contribution to the story of the American family.

The Turners have lived on Yarrow Street for over fifty years. Their house has seen thirteen children grown and gone—and some returned; it has seen the arrival of grandchildren, the fall of Detroit's East Side, and the loss of a father. The house still stands despite abandoned lots, an embattled city, and the inevitable shift outward to the suburbs. But now, as ailing matriarch Viola finds herself forced to leave her home and move in with her eldest son, the family discovers that the house is worth just a tenth of its mortgage. The Turner children are called home to decide its fate and to reckon with how each of their pasts haunts—and shapes—their family's future.

Book Group welcomes new members. If you are interested, please let the hostess know the Friday before the discussion.

Book Group Chair
Wendy Dickinson

CAMP INVENTION 2017

Camp Invention is a nationally recognized non-profit elementary, grades 1-6, summer enrichment program with a focus on STEM. It is backed by the National Inventors Hall of Fame. Camp Invention is held for one week in the summer at Bellaire school.

Last year 28 students, from the free and reduced lunch program, applied for a scholarship to attend Camp Invention.

To fund a scholarship the cost is \$225 per student. When a scholarship is funded, a program called random.org selects the next recipient. A female may be requested to receive a scholarship.

At the November Board Meeting a motion was approved to fund a scholarship for a female student to attend Camp Invention. Individual club members may also fund a scholarship.

Mary Berwick

2016-2017 Board Members

Elected Officers

President – Linkey Green

Membership VPs – Carolyn Freberg, Sue Royer

Program VPs – Carmen Eiserman, Susan Rohrs

Finance Officers – Kathleen Brennan, Mary Long

Secretary – Kathleen Gorak

Past President – Cindy Sutton

Committee Chairpersons

Communications/Interviews — Pat Markowski

AAUW Funds — Marjie Mowery

Historian — Rosemary Smith

Newsletter – Phyllis Orenyo

Webmaster – Ann Pehle

Public Policy — Ann Pehle

Scholarship – Lillian Wong

Yearbook – Carmen Eiserman

Interest Group Coordinators

Book Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

Bridge Flight – Mary Berwick

Community Activities – Don Mowery

Gourmet Group – Wendy Armour Dickinson

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