

AAUW ACTION @ BG

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The Bowling Green OH Area Branch 2011 Champagne Brunch *“Membership Matters”*

Members of the Bowling Green Branch of the American Association of University Women (AAUW) met Saturday, September 24, 2011 at 10 a.m. at the Bowling Green Country Club. The brunch event was the first of the new membership year for the organization, whose mission is to promote education and equity for women and girls. More than thirty women attended the membership brunch. Keynote speaker was Mary Sobecki and Dr. Philomena. The presentation was lively and humor-

ous even though she discussed an important issue in our lives—stress.

Deborah Wooldridge, Ohio's AAUW President-elect, encouraged the membership to continue working for women's equality, safety and financial security which remain issues in the United States. Diane Regan, Ohio AAUW Past President, call members to action to get the word out about AAUW and recruit members.

Mary Krueger provided an overview of the programming for the year and we welcomed several new members to the groups. The next AAUW formal event is Wednesday, October 19, 2011 at 7:00 pm—8:30pm in BG Public Library. The topic is *Vouchers, charter schools and their impact on public education* and the speaker is Mr. Stephen Dyer, Education Policy Fellow Innovation Ohio.



Special points of interest:

- Champagne Brunch
- Welcome New Members
- **Public Policy**
- **Events and Programming for November**
- **Adelante! Book List**

Mark Your Calendar !

Fundraiser for the Cocoon Shelter

Wednesday, October 26, 2011

Simpson Building

7:00 pm

Tickets: \$50 per person

For tickets call 419.373.1730

Silent Witness and Domestic Violence Awareness Month

October is Domestic Violence Awareness Month...although for battered women, every month is "domestic violence awareness month."

Each October, the BGSU Women's Center hosts an unveiling of the Northwest Ohio Silent Witness Project collection.

The event honors and memorializes girls and women from Northwest Ohio who were murdered by intimate partners.

In the past decade, 51 such murders have occurred in our community.

Approximately 330 people attended this year's Unveiling, which took place on October 5th at Maumee United Methodist Church.

There was significant press coverage from local television and newspapers, and attendees from at least four states.

AAUW BG was a co-sponsor of this event.

Below is a photo of Barbara Waddell, who was one of the Readers.

Other BG branch members who served as readers were

Diane Regan, Sarah Jefferson, Sarah Rainey. Members who served as greeters: Deborah Wooldridge and Susana Pena.



Welcome New Members

**Kathy Best
Delores Black
Clare Drennan
Lee Hakel
Valeria Hayden
Jean Hines
Mary Jon Ludy
Maya Stone
Amanda Muhammad**

**Yeon Ju Oh
Adelia Peters
Mary Lynn Pozniak
Jane Rosser
Kirby Shuey
Christine Whorton
Kenny Wooldridge
Kim Turner Young**

Dues are \$70

Please mail your form and your check to:

**Linda Hamilton, Treasurer
15530 Sand Ridge Road
Bowling Green, OH 43402**



EVENTS AND PROGRAMMING FOR NOVEMBER



Date: November 25—December 16, 2011

16 Days of Activism Against Gender Violence Campaign

<http://16dayscwgl.rutgers.edu/>

Date: November 8, 2011

Time: 5:30

Topic: 130th Years for AAU Wine Tasting and Social

Venue: Naslada Bistro Time: 5:30 pm



Date: Tuesday, November 15, 2011

Time: Dinner at 6:00;

Program 6:30 - 7:30 pm

Venue:: Wood County Senior Center

Topic: Strong Women--Powerful
Financial Strategies

Save the Date for the 2012 AAUW Ohio Conference

April 14-15, 2012

Findlay Inn, Findlay Ohio

Public Policy Issues In the News

A STEP TOWARD ENDING VIOLENCE PREVENTING WOMEN FROM ATTAINING THEIR EDUCATIONAL DREAMS

With the 17th anniversary of the passage of the Violence Against Women Act (VAWA), we have an opportunity to join with other advocates and call for renewed efforts to prevent dating violence and sexual assault against teens and college students. In a video just released, Vice President Joe Biden reminded us to "speak up and act and make it clear that violence against women will not be tolerated at your school, on your campus, at any time, for any reason."

The Campus Sexual Violence Elimination (SaVE) Act (H.R. 2016) would help to end sexual assault and violence on campus by requiring schools to spell out their policies, conduct prevention activities, and ensure necessary assistance for victims. It would



Demand Strong Title IX Enforcement

Title IX, the civil rights law that prohibits discrimination in education programs and activities that receive federal funding, has made a real difference for women and girls. Not just about equity in sports, Title IX ensures students have equal opportunity to pursue their academic goals regardless of gender. When schools are compliant with Title IX, students have equitable access to science, technology, engineering and math

(STEM) fields and study on safer campuses.

Title IX doesn't work simply because it was signed into law -- it works because of strong, meaningful enforcement from the Office for Civil Rights (OCR). Recent investments in OCR have ensured the federal agency can pursue its mission of investigating discrimination complaints, conducting compliance reviews, and other activities protecting fairness in education. OCR is prepared to fight to make sure you, your peers, children and grandchildren have equitable access to the benefits of quality education.

But with both parties in Congress committed to extensive spending cuts over the next few months, there's the danger that OCR will lose the funding it needs to enforce Title IX in our nation's schools. That's why we're asking you to send a message to Congress telling them to make sure OCR has the resources it needs to enforce Title IX: Ask them to maintain or improve upon current funding levels for OCR. Remember: You can always help strengthen AAUW's efforts to support enforcement of Title IX and other civil rights laws by making a tax-deductible donation to AAUW's Public Policy Fund!

Double your impact! Tweet, Facebook, and forward this action alert to friends and family.

A Shared Commitment

SOCIAL SECURITY

Across the Generations



Help Keep the Promises of Social Security

AAUW thinks of Social Security as a promise, a commitment that we as Americans make to care for one another across the generations. Although Social Security is among our nation's best and most efficiently-run anti-poverty programs, it's particularly critical for elderly women -- more than half of whom would fall into poverty without it. So, we are interested when good ideas come along aimed at strengthening and improving Social Security.

Well, a new bill recently introduced by Sen. Bernie Sanders (I-VT) presents us with a great idea: We can close Social Security's funding gap by lifting the cap on payroll taxes for Social Security purposes. If it sounds complex, it's not. Right now, 94 percent of Americans pay into Social Security on the basis of their whole salary -- but the wealthiest 6 percent do not. Because the cap for individual income stands at \$106,800, someone who makes that much pays exactly the same amount into Social Security as does a millionaire or a billionaire. The Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act (S. 1558) would gradually lift the cap so that by 2033, the wealthiest 6 percent of Americans will be on equal footing with everyone else. This plan would extend the full solvency of Social Security for the next 75 years, ensuring that the program continues to help provide retirement security for future generations. **Take Action!** Ask your Senators to become a cosponsor of the Keeping Our Social Security Promises Act (S. 1558). You can send a message by visiting [AAUW Two Minute Activist](#).

Have a smartphone? AAUW Two Minute Activist now works on your iPhone, Android handset, or Blackberry!

<http://ww.aauw.org>

BG BRANCH LEADERSHIP

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

VISION STATEMENT: AAUW will be a powerful advocate and visible leader in equity and education through research, philanthropy, and measurable change in critical areas impacting the lives of women and girls.

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.



¡ADELANTE! BOOK LIST

Descriptions of the 2011-2012 reading selections are available at the Association website:

<http://www.aauw.org/connect/adelante/titles.cfm>

This link will also give you the reading lists from years past, in case you're looking for a lot of good reads!!





2011-2012 BRANCH DUES REPORT FORM

Dues Year: July 1, 2011 to June 30, 2012

Be part of a professional organization dedicated to making positive societal change for women and girls

MEMBER INFORMATION: Please print clearly or type and fill in all spaces.

Date: _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City/State/Zip: _____

Phone (h) _____ (w) _____

E-Mail: _____

Fax: _____

Highest degree earned: _____ Year: _____

College/University: _____ State: _____

Current Occupation: _____

Annual DUES for the (National) Association, State, and BG Branch: \$70

<p>For Treasurer's Use Only</p> <p>____ New MOB</p> <p>____ Renewing MOB</p> <p>____ Grad Student (\$39.81)</p> <p>____ Student Affiliate (\$20)</p> <p>____ Life (MBL) (\$21)</p> <p>____ Honorary Life (HMBL)</p> <p>____ Dual</p> <p>____ Transfer</p> <p>____ C/U Representative</p> <p>Breakdown of dues:</p> <p>\$49 Association</p> <p>\$11 State</p> <p>\$ 9 Branch</p> <p>\$ 1 Educ. Fnd.</p>	<p>Amount for dues: \$ _____</p> <p>Amount donated for each:</p> <p>_____ Local Scholarship</p> <p>_____ Be Wise Camp</p> <p>_____ Educ. Foundation</p> <p>_____ Legal Advocacy Fund</p> <p>Total Amount</p> <p>Donated: \$ _____</p> <p>Total Amt of Check: \$ _____</p> <p><i>(Dues plus Donations)</i></p>	<p>MEMBERS:</p> <p>If you recruited this member or if you are sponsoring her in some way, please print your name here.</p> <p>Make check payable to: AAUW BG Branch</p> <p>Mail this form and your check to:</p> <p>Linda Hamilton Treasurer 977 Deer Ridge Run Bowling Green, OH 43402-4485</p>
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NOTE: A portion of your AAUW dues may be deductible as a charitable contribution within the limits of IRS tax code, i. e. \$46. Some members may be able to deduct dues as ordinary and necessary business expenses.