



AAUW focus

Advancing equity for women and girls through advocacy, education and research.

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Half Cost Association Dues Available For New Branch Members

Beginning January 1, and ending on March 15, any person joining a branch will need to pay only one-half the annual Association dues. This is an ideal way to introduce someone to all the wonderful things AAUW does and why they should become involved in AAUW. That way, when it is time to renew their membership next spring for the 2008-09 year, they will already be committed to continue their membership.



-Lona Leck and Susan Peet
Membership Chairs

Sharing the Vision

Save the Date :
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An AAUW Social Event
Saturday,
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The Importance of the Legacy Circle

A few years ago, Jennifer Wilken served on the AAUW-Illinois Board as the Legacy Circle Chair. Her role was to discuss the meaning and relevance of the Legacy Circle with AAUW Members and Branches. During this two year pilot program, AAUW-Illinois doubled its number of Legacy Circle Members. Throughout the many conversations that Jennifer had with members, one very significant point continued to emerge- many members had already included AAUW in their will or estate plans but had not yet notified the AAUW Development Office. While in Phoenix, AZ this past summer for the 2007 National Convention, Jennifer spoke to two women who noticed her Legacy Circle Pin. The two women inquired how they could obtain this beautiful pin. They also shared with Jennifer that they had already included AAUW in their estate plans but did not know about the Legacy Circle or how important it is to let the AAUW Development Office know about their generous commitment to AAUW.

Are you one of the generous and silent? Please let us know you're out there! Why? First, the Development Office can help ensure that your wishes will be honored by making sure your intentions are clear. Second, notifying the Development Office allows us to say "Thank you" for your generous gift by honoring you with the Legacy Circle Pin. For more information, please contact Carol Rogrud, Manager of Major and Planned Giving at 202.728.7627 or rogncruc@aauw.org.



Check Your Mailbox! AAUW's Every Member Poll has Arrived

The 2007 AAUW Every Member Poll, included with Fall/Winter edition of the AAUW *Outlook* magazine, is your chance to help shape the future of our organization. The poll is easy to complete and can be returned in the pre-addressed return envelope provided. If you prefer, you can complete the poll online. The strong response to the 2005 poll was instrumental in shaping AAUW's strategic initiative, and your input is needed again as we move forward. Please show your support for AAUW by making your voice heard and encourage other members to do so as well! I hope you take the time to provide input, I sent mine input as soon as the survey arrived. Make you voices heard!

--Deborah Wooldridge
Branch President

Clink Your Glasses Together At AAUW's Social Event To Celebrate The 20th Anniversary of BGSU's Dinner Theater

Come and enjoy "The Best of Dinner Theater", a fun-filled and festive musical evening sprinkled with dramatic and comedy skits performed by our students. Keep a look out for performances by your fellow AAUW members, Linda Dobb and Lona Leck. This 20th Anniversary celebration event highlights the achievements of Black entertainment legends and showcases our talented students. Dinner Theater offers a delicious dinner buffet to start the evening off right. Jay Lamont, a nationally-known, stand-up comedian will be our special evening's emcee. Jay has appeared on "Showtime At The Apollo," "Russell Simon's Def Comedy Jam," and "Jamie Foxx presents Laffapalooza." Join us on Saturday, February 23, 2008 at 6:15 p.m. for the AAUW Pre-event Gathering in Room 208 in the Family Room. Followed by the Dinner Theatre in the Bowen-Thompson Student Union Ballroom at 7:00 p.m.

Special thanks to Linda Dobb for providing refreshing libations at our pre-event gathering. Dress is semi-formal to formal.

Deadline for Dinner Theater Tickets: Friday, February 11, 2008

Register by calling Jan Twork at 419-372-6225 or complete the attached form on page 11 of this newsletter.

Book Sale to Support the Education Foundation Fund

We are asking all members for books in good condition for a **BOOK SALE** to benefit our Branch's Education Foundation Fund. Book donations can be dropped off at the main office in Johnson Hall on campus, at 328 West Wooster, BG on the front or side porch, or by calling Adriene Knight at 419-353-7243.

The book sale will be held on **February 2ND** from **9 am – 12 pm** and on **March 1st** from **9:00 am to 12 pm**. Both sales will be held at the **Wood County Senior Center** during the Great Decisions Workshops. Hope to see you there.



Help Wanted

The AAUW International/Multicultural Global Affairs Interest Group is **looking for committee members** to generate ideas for activities that AAUW can support during the upcoming year. If you are interested in this committee, please contact Jan Twork at 419-372-6225 or jtwork@bgsu.edu.

AAUW of Ohio seeks Administrative Coordinator

The Administrative Coordinator position will be open June 30, 2008, when the present coordinator, Caryn Tilly, resigns.

Duties include coordinating state board meetings, credentialing at state conventions, mailings, maintaining the state phone and post office box, answering branch inquiries, compiling the state yearbook, and assisting the president, as needed. Computer expertise and strong knowledge of AAUW are musts for the job.

Anyone interested in the position should send a resume to President Marge Lee, 5241 Pine Grove Ct., Toledo, OH 43615, by Feb. 1, 2008.

Questions? Phone Caryn Tilly at 1-800-910-7075 or e-mail her at coordinator@aauwoh.org

AAUW Educational Fund: Be Part of Change

The AAUW Educational Foundation supports groundbreaking research that has changed the way scholars, policy-makers, and the general public thinks about the experiences and needs of girls and women. Over the past decade, the AAUW Educational Foundation has taken the lead in producing cutting-edge research concerning women and girls and on equity in education. This important research has brought public awareness about differences in the quality and quantity of education among girls and boys, as well as ensuring that girls are better prepared in an increasingly technological world.

Research publications are shown on the [Association](#) Web site. Just click on the [Research](#) link (www.aauw.org/research/index.cfm) to find "Behind the Pay Gap" (2007); "Gains in Learning, Gaps in Earnings" (2007); "Mom's Retirement Security" (2006); "Drawing the Line on Sexual Harassment on Campus" (2006); "Public Perceptions of the Pay Gap" (2005) "Tenure Denied: Cases of Sex Discrimination in Academia" (2004).

The Educational Foundation goal for the BG Branch for 2007 is \$2,000. That is only \$20 per member. Last year we contributed \$2703, which was an all time high.

Let's work together toward meeting our new goal and showing our support for the research and the public awareness being brought to the forefront on the differences in education among girls and boys. Contact or directly send your contribution to Joan Gordon or Adriene Knight. The deadline for contributions for this year is December 31, 2007. Special recognition will be made at the December Winter Solstice Dinner.

Remember *Equity is still an issue!*



BG AAUW 2007 - 2008 Programming

Date: Saturday, September 15, 2007

Topic: "Membership Matters Champagne Brunch" Membership Drive & Orientation

Speaker: Diane Regan, State President of AAUW &

Amanda Monyak, Founding President of NARAL/BGSU

Venue: Bowling Green Country Club

Time: 10:00 am - 12:00 noon

Date: Friday, October 12, 2007

Topic: Embracing Diversity

Speaker: Comedian Kathy Buckley is

Venue: BTSU

Time: 7:30 p.m.

Co-Sponsor of event with the College of EDHD, Office of Disability, Student Affairs

Date: Monday, October 15, 2007

Topic: Silent Witness Program

Speaker: Co-Sponsor with

BG Women's Center

Venue: First United Methodist Church

Time: 6:30 -- 9:00 pm

Date: Saturday, October 27, 2007

Topic: Candidates' Forum

Co-Sponsor with League of Women Voters

Venue: Simpson Building @ 1291 Conneaut Avenue

Time: 9:00 AM (doors open at 8:30 am)

Date: Tuesday, November 13, 2007

Topic: Domestic Violence: Challenges & Opportunities Public Forum

Venue: St. Mark's Church

Time: 7:00 - 9:00 PM

Co-Sponsored event with BG Zonta Club

Date: Sunday, December 2, 2007

Topic: "Winter Solstice Dinner and Music"

Music: "Jazz by Kevin Johnson and Friends"

Venue: Bowling Green Country Club

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Date: January 26, February 2, 9, 16, 23, March 1

Topic: Great Decisions

Speakers: TBA

Venue: Senior Center

Time: 9:30 am

Date: Thursday, February 21, 2008

Topic: "Financially Fit for Life" Panel

Speaker: TBA

Venue: Senior Center

Time: 7:00 – 9:00 pm

Date: Thursday, March 20, 2008

Topic: "Celebrating Contributions of Outstanding Women"

Speaker: Annual Business Meeting and Awards Dinner

Venue: Heritage Inn

Time: 6:00 pm - 8:00 pm

Date: Tuesday, April 22, 2008

"Pay Equity Day"

Topic: "The Art of Negotiation:

Pay Equity"

Speaker: TBA

Venue: Senior Center

Time: 7:00 pm – 9:00 pm

Date: Thursday, May 1, 2008

Topic: "Supporting and Promoting Leadership Deli- Dessert and Coffee"

Speaker: Presentation of Scholarship Winners and Installation of New Officers

Venue: Wood County Library

Time: 7:00 pm - 9:00 pm

Plan Ahead...

AAUW/Ohio 84th Annual Convention and Equity Day

Date: April 18-19, 2008

Place: Ramada Inn, Zanesville

Registration and hotel details will be published in the winter issue of the Orbit. The Ramada Inn has given us an excellent incentive to spend some additional time in Muskingum County in April. They have offered us rooms at the conference rate of \$69 both Thursday night and Saturday night so we can extend our stay in the Zanesville area.

Legal Advocacy Fund puts AAUW mission in action

AAUW LAF Plaintiff Settles Discrimination Suit with University of Colorado at Boulder for \$2.5 Million

Washington - The American Association of University Women Legal Advocacy Fund is pleased to recognize an important victory in the ongoing battle to prevent sexual harassment and assault on university campuses with the settlement agreement between Lisa Simpson and the University of Colorado at Boulder (CU).

The settlement agreement provides \$2.5 million to Simpson and requires that the university create a new position in the Office of Victim Assistance and hire an independent adviser to monitor the school's compliance with federal sex discrimination laws. Simpson requested a lower settlement amount in exchange for the new personnel.

Living 
the Mission

A former student at CU, Simpson sued the university under Title IX of the Education Amendments of 1972 for failing to remedy the sexually hostile environment on campus that led to her sexual assault and harassment by university football recruits and players. She alleged that in December 2001, she and another female student were sexually assaulted by numerous football recruits and players. Simpson and her roommate reported the events to CU's vice chancellor for student affairs and the director of the university's Office of Victim Assistance the following day. Although the university charged the students involved with code of conduct violations, it declined to pursue sexual assault charges against them. In addition, none of the football players lost his eligibility to play in any subsequent football games.

Simpson took legal action against the school to ensure the protection of women students. Throughout the suit, Simpson advocated nationwide reforms to college and university policies to improve the treatment and safety of women on campuses. CU itself overhauled its football recruiting program, and several top officials, including the chancellor and the football coach, resigned in the aftermath.

GREAT DECISIONS 2008!

A great way to spend a Saturday morning, with insider information and good company!

Mark the Date: GREAT DECISIONS Begins

Starting on January 26, AAUW will again present its popular **Great Decisions** series at the Wood County Senior Center. All sessions are on Saturdays, through March 1. The lectures start at 9:30 and usually end by 11 am. The series is coordinated by Branch members Beth Hofer, Radikha Gajjala, and Linda Dobb. This year's schedule is:

January 26	Talking to Our Enemies:	Dr. Neil Englehart, <i>BGSU Department of Political Science</i>
February 2	European Union at 50:	Dr. Stefan Fritsch, <i>BGSU Department of Political Science</i>
February 9	U.S. – China Trade Policy:	Dr. Candace Archer, <i>BGSU Department of Political Science</i>
February 16	Russia:	Dr. Don K. Rowney, <i>BGSU Department of History</i>
February 23	U.S. Defense & Security Policy:	Mr. Luke Nichter, <i>BGSU Department of History</i>
March 1	Latin America: Shift to the Left:	Dr. Amilcar Challu, <i>BGSU Department of History</i>



Moving AAUW forward into the future: New Mission and Vision statements adopted



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

EDUCATIONAL FOUNDATION / EF: AAUW's Educational Foundation provides funds to advance education, research and self-development for women, and to foster equity and positive societal change. Send EF Contributions to Branch EF Chair Adriene Knight, if you want a tax deduction.

LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND / LAF: AAUW's Legal Advocacy Fund provides funding and a support system for women seeking judicial redress for sex discrimination. Send LAF contributions to Branch LAF Chair Jeannie Ludlow, if you want a tax deduction.

¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2007-0 reading selections are available at the Association website:

http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/07.cfm

By selecting the "Buy the book now" links you can purchase the book online at Amazon.com with a portion of the proceeds directly benefiting AAUW.

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



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RESERVATION FORM: Friday, February 11, 2008 is the last day to reserve

Member's Name: _____

Email Address: _____

Phone Number: _____

Total Number of Tickets: _____ X \$20 = Total Amount Paid \$ _____

Send your reservation form to:

Janice K. Twork
Bowling Green State University
Center for Multicultural & Academic Initiatives
425 Saddleire Students Services At Conklin
Bowling Green, OH 43402

Email: jktwork@bgsu.edu

Make Checks payable to: CMAI

Confirmation notice will be emailed to you providing details about our pre-event gathering and where to pick up your tickets.

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the newsletter to:

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