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Brown Bag Lunch series offers financial management advice:

Being Credit Smart

A noontime Brown Bag Lunch gathering co-sponsored by the Branch on February 21 will present John Walters, from the Consumer Credit Counseling Service of Northwestern Ohio, speaking on individual financial credit issues. Pack yourself a lunch and come to the BGSU Women's Center [107 Hanna Hall] for a most informative hour! Easy parking is available on the east side of campus, with shuttle buses running every 15 minutes. A campus map showing parking lots and shuttle stops is available at <http://www.bgsu.edu/map/>



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

-GREAT DECISIONS BEGINS-

Starting on January 20, AAUW will again present its popular Great Decisions series at the Wood County Senior Center. All sessions are on Saturdays, through Feb. 24. 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.
January 20 SOUTH AFRICA—Prof. Patty Kubow South Africa is the most developed country in Africa and has been an active leader on the continent, yet is still struggles with major issues in the post-Apartheid era. What are the political challenges facing South Africa? What impact is the AIDS epidemic having on South Africa's economy and society?
January 27 CENTRAL ASIA –Prof. Neil Englehart

Rich in energy supplies and strategically located, the five countries of Central Asia attract attention from the Middle East, China, Russia, and the United States. How will international competition for energy supplies affect each country? What are U.S. interests in the region?
February 3 CLIMATE CHANGE --Prof. Shannon Orr How much are human practices contributing to substantial and irreversible changes to the environment? What effect are changes to the climate having in different areas of the planet? What response can the international community adopt to lessen the impact of dramatic climate change?

February 10 CHILDREN—Prof. Candace Archer Ensuring the safety and proper development of children is the stated goal of the global community, yet in some countries, children are exposed to unsafe labor practices, human trafficking, and participation in combat. What role do private donors, governments and international organizations play in ensuring health care, education and safety for the world's children?

February 17 MIDDLE EAST—Prof. Marc Simon Although the U.S. will remain closely engaged in Iraq during the next year, other factors have emerged to challenge stability in the region. Iran's nuclear program, the outcome of the conflict in Lebanon, and Israeli-Palestinian negotiations will all play a key role. How will these issues shape the Middle East?

February 24 MIGRATION—Prof. Vinnie Gajjala The movement of people across international borders can be initiated by conflict, economic reasons or the chance to achieve political freedoms. Migration issues have taken center-stage in the U.S. and EU, as citizens increasingly worry about job security and terrorism. What are the advantages and disadvantages for countries that are affected by migration?

"Half-price Sale"!!



Membership fees [Branch, State, and Association] have been reduced for sign-ups between January 2 and June 30, 2007. Half-year memberships are now just \$32!!

What a great time to renew or recruit! See the membership form attached to the e-mail that brought you this newsletter issue. [If you receive a paper newsletter, the membership form is included in the mailing envelope.]

Local Scholarship award amounts upped!

At the January 2 Board meeting, a decision was made to increase the amount of our two book

scholarships to \$600 each and the support for two girls at Be Wise Camp to \$245 each [slightly over one half of the program's cost]. This was possible because of the tremendous success of our Community Day coupon sale at Elder-Beerman. Our coupon sale and our share of store profits that day totaled **\$2,325** !!!

*****Please continue to support the BG Elder-Beerman store when you go shopping!!*****

Do you know a good candidate for a scholarship?

Our BG branch has always made available at least one annual Book Scholarship of no less than \$200 to women who demonstrate financial need and are permanent residents of Wood County. Applicants must have completed at least one year of study in a degree program. Non-traditional female applicants who have returned to school to finish or begin a degree or retrain who use BG or Wood County as their permanent address will be given preference.

This year, we are pleased to announce that two \$600 scholarships will be available. The application form for the 2007-2008 AAUW Book Scholarship is available at:

<http://www.bgsu.edu/organizations/aauw/scholarship.pdf>

Applications must be received by **March 13, 2007**. Please direct completed applications to:

Lisa McHugh Cesarini
Office of Academic Enhancement
104K University Hall
Bowling Green, OH 43403
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AAUW Keys to the Future: "A Member-Get-A-Member" campaign

Research shows that the most effective way to get new members is by PERSONAL INVOLVEMENT from a current member! This campaign will focus on essential keys to AAUW's future: equity, advocacy, lifelong learning,

leadership training, public policy, a diverse membership, and our unmatched legacy.

This is the way it works: EACH MEMBER IS CHALLENGED TO RECRUIT ONE PAID MEMBER BETWEEN JUNE 1, 2006 AND JUNE 15, 2007!!

Here are the rewards for recruiting a member:

- Names of recruiters on website-Hall of Fame.
- Certificate of recognition to everyone who recruits a new member.
- Exclusive 125th Logo Award Winner Lapel Pin to those who recruit five (5) new members.

And Special Incentives are:

- \$100.00 gift certificate to Amazon.com for member who brings in the most new members.
- \$50.00 gift certificate to Amazon.com for Branch with highest number of new members.
- \$50.00 gift certificate to Amazon.com for Branch that brings in highest number of new members by percentage.
- The state that brings in the highest number of new members receives an exclusive AAUW: Keys to the Future banner.
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More information is available at www.aauw.org

--Helene Weinberger and Lona Leck

BG Branch opens doors to the future in EF fundraising campaign



The Bowling Green Branch believes that AAUW is the **KEY TO A BETTER FUTURE FOR WOMEN AND GIRLS** through the AAUW Educational Foundation. Our members proved it this year through their contributions to EF. Our goal was \$2,525, but we contributed \$2,704. What wonderful support for EF! This is the first time that we have made our goal for EF! **THANK YOU SO MUCH FOR YOUR GENEROUS SUPPORT, EVERYONE!**

Our theme this year to raise our funds for EF was "Together we make a beautiful bouquet". Special thanks go to the following women:

ROSE LEVEL (\$100 OR MORE)

Diane Regan, Evelyn Bachman, Brenda Bachman, Marlene Purdy, Rebecca Bhaer, Joan Morgan, Mary Ellen Pratt, Helene Weinberger, Beth Casey, Linda Hamilton, Deborah Wooldridge, Ellen Dalton, Julie Fiscus, Mary Lou Baty, Joan Gordon, Beth Hofer, and Laura Keller.

CARNATION LEVEL (\$51 TO \$99)

Alice Davidson

DAISY LEVEL (\$25 TO \$50)

Bettina Shuford, Anne Graves, Dorothea Barker, Kathleen McLaughlin, Marilyn Ward, Janet Parks, Judith Olson, Linda Dobb, Marie Johnson, and Margit Heskett.

OTHER CONTRIBUTIONS

Maria Simon

Mary Ellen Pratt donated flowers for us to sell after the holiday dinner for EF.

Sale of Silent Auction items at the State convention

It is through the support of Branch members that AAUW's Educational Foundation will continue to be the largest endowment in the world providing support exclusively to women.

AGAIN THANK YOU SO MUCH, EVERYONE!

-- Evelyn Bachman, EF Chair

FROM THE TOP

The start of a new year always makes me think that I need to resolve to do some things differently. You, too?? How about committing yourself this year to attending at least one AAUW event? Or inviting someone you know to join the organization as part of our Member-Get-A-Member campaign? Or making yourself available to serve as a branch officer? I can't even imagine what our branch would be like if each of our nearly 100 members each did just one of those things. We would be a bigger and stronger voice in the community, be better informed, and would be led by new women who would bring fresh ideas to the table. PHEW! Who could say those outcomes wouldn't be worth the individual and collective effort it would take?

AAUW continues to be an important agent for the quality of life for the women of this community, state and nation. For example, just before leaving office, Governor Taft excluded some jobs from the minimum wage that went into effect on January 6. Care to guess who is most impacted? Mostly women (and by extension, their children), who hold those newly excluded jobs! When the voters in November in Ohio passed (overwhelmingly) a ballot initiative to increase the minimum wage in this State, they didn't say, "but don't give it to folks, mostly women, in those lower level service jobs." They said it was time to assist the working poor-- ALL of them-- as they struggle to provide shelter, food, medicine and education for themselves and their children.

The best or worst part of this news is where I learned about it. I didn't see anything about this in

the newspaper. Did you? I doubt it was there. Rather, I got that information from the AAUW State officers who head up our Public Policy / Issues Advocacy Interest Group. They are our "watch dogs," and more and more, it seems as if we need them badly, because even approved ballot initiatives don't always end up the way you think they will. As members of AAUW, we must continue to be vigilant on behalf of those who aren't in a position to do so.

So do something for yourself this year, and for AAUW. Come, invite, lead.

--Diane Regan, Branch President



Happy AAUW New Year: Celebrate Our Successes in 2006!

Thank you for playing an integral role in the success of the AAUW Action Network this past year. Your advocacy and that of tens of thousands of others in our nationwide network of e-activists has helped AAUW make an impact on public policy issues throughout 2006. The growing power and reach of this network can claim some impressive achievements. Just consider that over the past year, together, we have:

- Convinced the House and Senate to reauthorize the Carl D. Perkins Vocational and Technical Education Act, with improved provisions for women and girls.
- Helped defeat several attempts to repeal the estate tax, and told the truth about the impact of continued budget and tax cuts on services critical to women and girls, especially education programs.
- Turned out the women's vote by sending reminder e-cards celebrating Women's Equality Day, and others urging women to register to vote and to go to the polls on Election Day. Action Network also ensured the distribution of AAUW's [Woman-to-Woman Voter Turnout Guide](#), resulting in voter education programs across the country.
- Held members of Congress accountable using the [AAUW Congressional Voting Record](#). Action Network members thanked members of Congress who scored well for their support of AAUW priority issues, and the [AAUW Capitol Hill Lobby Corps](#) hand-delivered voting records and thank you notes to all members scoring 80 percent or above.

- Increased awareness of the wage gap between men and women through programming based on AAUW's [Pay Equity Resource Kit](#) and forwarding Equal Pay Day e-cards across the country.
- Supported successful efforts to pass the reauthorization of the Voting Rights Act, holding true to AAUW's suffragette past and the conviction that all citizens should have the right to vote free from intimidation and discrimination.
- Protected the United States Constitution by ensuring that discrimination was not codified in the most sacred democratic document by defeating the Federal Marriage Amendment. AAUW was founded at a time when women were relegated to second-class status and addressing that injustice has been at the heart of our mission ever since.
- Successfully advocated for the passage of the South Dakota ballot initiative, which overturned a state law that would have banned all abortions, making no exceptions even in cases of rape, incest or the health of the mother.
- Persuaded the Food and Drug Administration to finally approve over-the-counter sale of emergency contraception to women after years of political delays.
- Ensured that proposed "Sunset Commissions," which likely would have cut critical social programs outside the democratic process, were not advanced within the House and Senate.
- Helped to kick off AAUW's 125th anniversary celebrations, recognizing a [125 year legacy of leadership](#).

Also, hundreds of Action Network members responded to the challenge to write letters to the editors of their local papers to increase awareness on a variety of topics including:

- Women's retirement security, based on an [AAUW Mother's Day Poll](#)
- Dispelling [the so-called boy crisis in education](#)
- International Women's Day
- Celebrating Title IX's thirty-fifth anniversary
- Publicizing the pervasiveness of sexual harassment on campus using AAUW's report, [Drawing the Line: Sexual Harassment on Campus](#)
- Celebrating Social Security's seventy-first birthday
- Urging Congress to make education a priority, and
- Celebrating AAUW's 125th anniversary

You can see just a few of the published letters in [AAUW's Newsroom](#).

AAUW urges you to resolve in the New Year to help others speak their mind, too! Help Action Network grow and be even more of a force in our nation's capital. Urge your friends and family to join AAUW and AAUW's

Action Network today! **Take Action!** Encourage your friends to sign-up for the AAUW Action Network. Just follow this link to the [Tell A Friend](#) page where you can enter their e-mail addresses to send them an invitation to join: <http://capwiz.com/aauw/taf/>.

State AAUW Convention in Tiffin April 20-21

[full details in the next issue of Orbit]

The State Convention will right in our neighborhood this year, making it easy to attend sessions without having to overnight. [Or do stay overnight—it'd be a great getaway!] Friday evening's program includes a discussion of the book [Money, A Memoir:](#)



[Women, Emotions, and Cash](#), by Liz Perle. Following this is a reception for all attendees. [Friday is also Equity Day.]

The Saturday schedule lists an interactive program on AAUW strategies, a luncheon, sessions for awards and elections, break-out sessions on AAUW issues, and a Town Meeting entitled "The Face of Our Future," featuring BGSU's Emily Resnik, President of the Organization for Women's Issues, SAAFE Advocate, and BGeX Peer Facilitator, accompanied by AAUW/Ohio College/University Chair Mary Lou Baty, plus Gail Conrad and Carol Leupp [AAUW Leaders in Residence at the University of Toledo]. There will be silent auctions and branch sale tables to browse through.

Consider attending our State AAUW's big annual event—you're sure to be inspired!!

SHOP TILL YOU DROP—FOR THE COCOON



Thanks as always to AAUW members who have supported the Cocoon Shelter. For those who are interested, here is a new way to do that!

Shelter staff have created gift registries at local retail outlets to help focus the community's generosity. To date, we are registered at Home Depot, Target, Meijer, and Elder-Beerman.

All the registries are available online at the stores'

websites, under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter. NOTE: Home Depot's registry can only be accessed from Homedepot.com, and cannot be accessed in the store. At Target, the Cocoon list called "Wishlist," as opposed to a registry, because the only registry options they provide are for weddings or babies.

All the items for which the Cocoon is registered will be used to help those who have been victims of domestic violence.

Spread the word!

Planning ahead...

Put this date on your summer calendar!

**2007 AAUW National Convention
Phoenix, Arizona – June 29-July 2, 2007**

For details, go to: <http://www.aauw.org/convention/Conv2007/index.cfm>



¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2006-07 reading selections are available at the Association website:

http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/06.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.

The Literature Group

gathers on the first Saturday of every month (except January and July), at noon, at Grounds for Thought. Please bring a book of your choice to review!

--Holly Norton, literature group leader



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Author! Author!

Everyone is invited to join the Writers Group at the Women's Center. We meet every Tuesday from 7:30 to 8:30pm in the Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall, on the BGSU campus. The Writers Group is an informal weekly gathering of writers, people who enjoy writing, and people dragged along by their writer friends. It is open to university students, faculty, and community members. In the past the Writers Group has done free writing and other writing activities using prompts, as well as informal workshops. We are always open to suggestions for writing activities and creative methods of venting!!

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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 Evelyn Bachman, 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 Lynn Ward, if you want a tax deduction.

BGSU Women's Center offers great resources



Check out these links for new events, outlooks, and helpful resources:
Women's Center home page:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/index.htm>

Brown Bag lunch series:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/brownbag.htm>

To subscribe to the e-newsletter:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/subscribe.htm>

Women's Research Network:
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/wrn.htm>



The Cocoon grows its library

The Cocoon Shelter, Bowling Green's battered women's shelter, has an account in the used book section of Grounds for Thought. One can drop off books (either print or audio), and ask that proceeds from one's sales be credited to the Cocoon Shelter's account. ALSO, anyone with a current positive balance on another book consignment account can donate the balance to the Cocoon's account. --Mary Krueger



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Shop **ELDER-BEERMAN**, whose Community Day program has benefited our local scholarship fund immensely!!

⇒2006-2007 Branch program⇐

Saturdays from Jan. 26-Feb. 23	Great Decisions Series at Wood County Senior Center, 305 N. Main. 9:30-11am.
Weds., Feb. 21	"Being Credit Smart". Speaker. BGSU Women's Center, 107 Hanna Hall, noon-1pm.
Th., March 22	Annual Business Meeting and Awards Presentation: "Celebrating Contributions of Outstanding Women". Speakers: JoAnn Benesler and Jane Wilson, past Ohio AAUW Presidents. Bowling Green Woman's Club, 134 N. Prospect, 6-8pm.
Fri.-Sat., Apr. 20-21	Ohio AAUW Convention in Tiffin. Since this is virtually a "local" event, do plan on attending some or all of the proceedings!
Th., May 3	Deli-Dessert and Coffee: "Supporting and Promoting Leadership". Presentation of Scholarship Winners and Installation of New Officers. Wood County Public Library, 7-9pm.
June 29-July 2	AAUW National Convention in Phoenix

