



AAUW *focus*

Newsletter of the Bowling Green, Ohio, Branch
February 2007

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Quorum needed!

Celebrating the Contributions of Outstanding Women

At the annual business meeting on Thursday, March 22, three local women will be honored for their contributions to the Branch and to the community. Come to applaud and be inspired by their efforts and accomplishments! Speakers for this noteworthy event include past AAUW-Ohio presidents Jane Wilson and JoAnn Benesler.

We will also be electing officers for the posts open in 2007-08, so a quorum will be necessary.

Officers to be elected:

Branch President: Deborah Wooldridge

Recording Secretary: Jean Gerard

Co-VP for membership: Susan Peet

If you need encouragement to attend, there will be a catered supper buffet from Carpe Diem! Details and a reservation form appear later in this issue of the newsletter. Mark your calendars and make your reservation now!

Inspiring awards, informed speakers, delicious gourmet fare—definitely put this event on your calendar!!



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/>

Incentive to attend the Brown Bag luncheon mentioned above!!

KEEPING AN EYE ON EQUITY

Securing Women's Economic Security

The Women's Institute for a Secure Retirement reports the top five retirement challenges for women:

1. **Two out of three working women** earn less than \$30,000 per year.
2. **Nine out of 10 working women** earn less than \$50,000 per year.
3. **Half of all women** work in traditionally female, relatively low-paid jobs without pensions.
4. Women retirees receive **only half** the average pension benefits that men receive.
5. **Women's earnings still average \$.76 for every \$1.00 earned by men**--a lifetime loss of more than \$300,000.

--Diane Regan, Branch President

Check out the new AAUW Ohio state website:

www.aauwoh.org.

It's a great source of timely information! More to the point, you can download a reservation form for the state convention in Tiffin on April 20-21.

Expertise in Action: Branch members reach into the community

Twelve campus-community partnership projects will receive grants this year totaling \$45,000 from Partnerships for Community Action (PCA) and the Center for Innovative and Transformative Education

(CITE). *Two of the projects were conceived and will be led by two active BG Branch members: Mary Krueger, branch public policy chair and Director of the Women's Center, and Lona Leck, co-vice president for membership, Ph.D. student, and full time employee at the Ice Arena. And you thought you were busy!!!*

PCA provides funding for projects that address community needs and are built on partnerships between BGSU and the community. CITE is dedicated to fostering collaborative efforts in urban and regional Pre-K–12 education and in interdisciplinary university programming at undergraduate and graduate levels. PCA/CITE programs are based on reciprocity, mutual benefit and equal participation.

The recipients will be introduced during the eighth annual PCA/CITE Grant Launch at 11:30 a.m. on Feb. 16 in the Lenhart Grand Ballroom of the Bowen-Thompson Student Union. This year's theme is "Authentic Commitment: Celebrating 10 Years of Partnership Activity."

- "For HER (Honesty, Equality, Respect)," coordinated by **Dr. Mary Krueger**, director of the BGSU Women's Center, and Cheryl Rucker, Shay's for Life Foundation/Shay's Hearts LLC, will focus on dating-violence awareness education as well as legal advocacy services and support groups for high school-age students in northwest Ohio public schools.

- "Foundations on Ice" is a partnership between **Lona Leck** and Laura Dunn from the BGSU Ice Arena and James E. Gault, principal of Toledo's DeVeaux Junior High School, to build leadership and self-esteem in junior high students through the instruction of ice skating skills.

Making life better for women and girls is what AAUW is all about. If we don't make it happen, who will??
--Diane Regan

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One seminar remains in GREAT DECISIONS series

The Great Decisions series continues at the Wood County Senior Center, with the two final seminars on Saturday, Feb. 17 and Saturday, 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.

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.]

Seeking Scholarship nominees

Our BG Branch will be offering two book scholarships of \$600 each 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.

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:

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Bowling Green, OH 43403
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FROM THE TOP

Why does AAUW continue to exist? Because EQUITY is STILL an Issue! And while in this country, we often use slogans to make a point or establish a position, in this case, the slogan is an undeniable fact. And the longer the fact remains *unchanged*, the more women and girls are *short-changed*. Let me tell you about the efforts of some women who are trying to change the facts about inequity, including BG Branch member, Janet Parks.

2007 is the 35th anniversary year of Title IX. And among the women who in 1972 co-authored the Title IX legislation was AAUW member Congressional Representative, Patsy Mink, D-Hawaii (a personal heroine of mine). Patsy Mink was no stranger to inequity. Early on, she found inequity in education: she was the only woman on an athletic scholarship among 8000+ female students at the University of Hawaii. Her "sport"? Drum majorette. She wanted to be a doctor, but after graduating with a BS in zoology and biology, in 1948, none of the 20 medical schools she applied to accepted women. Foiled, but not down, she decided to become an attorney and applied to the University of Chicago, which accepted her because she was an "international" student! Apparently, someone forgot to tell their admissions director that Hawaii was a state, not a foreign country. Upon receiving her law degree, she returned home to Hawaii to practice law, but no law firm would hire a woman, so she started her own private practice. She was the **FIRST** Asian American woman to practice law in Hawaii.

All of Patsy Mink's experiences made her the right person to lead legislation that would address clear and long-standing gender-based inequities in education. She knew from personal experience that girls and women would continue to be denied *equal access* to educational opportunity unless the Higher Education Act was amended to mandate that equality in education became the law of the land. While Title IX is most often associated in people's

minds exclusively with women's athletics, the scope of the law goes much further and is truly academic: equal access in admissions, grant and scholarship opportunities, lab equipment, library resources, enrollment in major fields of study to name a few. It's much more than a chance to compete on the athletic field--it's a chance to prepare to compete in life.

That leads us to the current work of BG's Janet Parks. Some of you will remember that Dr. Parks offered a branch program on Title IX and the state of women's athletics just a year ago. Since then, she has been working with a coalition of women to build a conference about Title IX's 35th year in conjunction with the NCAA's Women's Final Four Basketball Tourney. Appropriately, the Title IX conference, **WOMEN ROCK**, an academic and legal conference, will be held at Cleveland State University on March 30-31, 2007, and will address the past, present, and future challenges to the legislation. Keynote speakers include Martha Burk (also a BG Branch speaker several years ago), past chair of the National Council of Women's Organizations; the Honorable Birch Bayh, who was in the Senate when Title IX was debated; Dr. Bernice Sandler, Senior Scholar at the Women's Research and Education Institute and a woman who helped develop the legislative language of Title IX; athlete Billie Jean King; and journalist Christine Brennan. Lisa Maatz, AAUW's Director of Public Policy and Government Relations and Interim Director, AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, will speak on Saturday, March 31 at 2 pm. It promises to be a wonderful event and opportunity to see why we, as AAUW members, must be watchful for continuing attempts by politicians to scale back or gut this important guarantee of women's rights.

Right now the conference organizers are looking for **VOLUNTEERS** to assist with the conference and the Final Four activities. If you are interested or know a student, friend or family member who might be, please think seriously about signing on. It took many people "signing on" to get Title IX passed. Now you can do your part to keep it in the forefront. Go to www.womenROCKcleveland.com to volunteer. To find out more information about the conference, you can use the same website.

Remember, getting and keeping public policy that is good for women and girls is **NOT A SPECTATOR SPORT!**

--Diane Regan, Branch President



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.

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.
- The state that brings in the highest number of new members by percentage receives an exclusive AAUW: Keys to the Future banner.

More information is available at www.aauw.org

--*Helene Weinberger and Lona Leck*

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.

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:

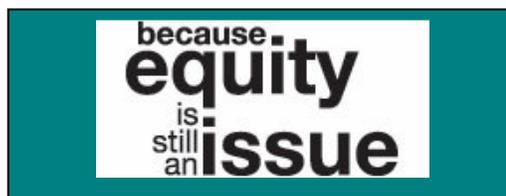
<http://www.bgsu.edu/offices/women/Pages/brownbag.htm>

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 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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Chrysalis , a discreet all-women fitness center. Open workouts. Classes. Competitive membership rates. Senior discounts. Haskins Road at Poe, in BG. 419-352-9883.
Shop ELDER-BEERMAN , whose Community Day program has benefited our local scholarship fund <i>immensely!!</i>

⇒2006-2007 Branch program⇐

Saturdays from Jan. 26-Feb. 24	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. <i>[See info page in this issue.]</i>
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! Get details at www.aauwoh.org .
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

Cultural Calendar [collated by Margit Heskett]

Feb. 22	Alles auf Zucker [comedy]	JEBT	7:30pm	movie
Feb. 15, 16, 17	Siftin Skins [Asian Folk]	EMST	8pm, 2pm	theater
Feb. 23, 25	Dialogue of the Carmelites	KH	8pm, 3pm	opera
Mar. 1, 16, 17	Unity [Influenza, SASK]	JEBT	8pm, 2pm	play
March 12	Kate Boyd	BRH	8pm	piano
March 17	Senior Thesis	DUB, WWG	7pm	art
March 17	Dr. MCP Artsong finals	BRH	8pm	voice
March 27	Little Chinese Seamstress	JEBT	7:30pm	movie
April 14	Eva Marie Saint	EMST	matinee	reading

1st MC 1st United Methodist Church
BRH Bryan Recital Hall, BGSU
BTU Bowen Thompson Union, BGSU
DUB D.U. Bryan Hall
EMST Eva Marie Saint Theater

JEBT Joe E. Brown Theater
KH Kobacher Hall, BGSU
ScA School of Art
WWG Willard Winkleman Gallery

Taking a nibble at the AAUW mission...

Sabrina Byers, a local woman, has returned to Bowling Green to create a new life for herself and her young son. She trained at Johnson and Wales in Rhode Island and has cooked in a variety of professional settings. She would love to open her own [delightfully named] pastry shop one day. The menu below will allow you to order any of her wonderful treats, as she builds up her client base. And if you know of any full-time cooking job in the Wood County/Lucas County area, let Sabrina or Marcy St. John [419.352.8715, mestjohn@yahoo.com] know!

One of AAUW's priority goals for 2006-2008 is to help provide means for economic security for women. Sabrina is "beginning again", and if you need any baked goods, do think about ordering them from her. Enjoy!!

Cloud 9 Pâtisserie, by Sabrina Byers

Phone: (419)902-4893 email: Cloud9patisserie@yahoo.com

Please order at least 36 hrs in advance for
small baked goods and at least 14 days for specialty cakes.

For breakfast, brunch and lunch:

Coffee cakes (serves 12 to 16) \$15

Cinnamon crunch, Pecan, Chocolate
walnut, Apple cinnamon, Berry

Breakfast rolls (1 dozen) \$13.50

Cinnamon rolls, Orange Glazed, Caramel
Pecan, Cinnamon raisin and German chocolate

Quiche (9 inch) \$12

Ham and cheddar, Greek, Asparagus, BLT
(bacon, leek and tomato), Spinach and mushroom

Savory tarts (9 inch) \$10

Provençal tart with gruyere and herbes de provence
Zucchini tart with curried custard and dries currants
Roasted-potato tart with fresh tarragon and mushrooms
Caramelized leek and celery tart
Roasted Ratatouille tart

Scones (½ dozen) \$7.50

Orange scones with chocolate chips
Buttermilk scones with currants
Summer berry scones
Candied ginger scones
Honey cornmeal scones
Cheddar scones with fresh dill

Sweets for any time

Sweet tarts (9 inch) \$11.50

Chocolate banana tart
Baked lemon tart
Black plum and honey tart
Free form peach and blueberry tart
Coffee pecan tart
Apple Frangipane with walnuts and raisins

Cookies (1 dozen) \$6

Too many varieties to name! If you need cookies, we'll talk
variety.

Brownies (16 to an order) \$8

Add \$2 if you want to add nuts

Last but not least...Cakes!

Like the cookies, I have a large variety of flavors
for you to mix and match for your special occasion cake
(weddings, graduations, birthdays, anniversaries or
just because). The price will vary depending on the number of
guests and the complexity of the decorations, so
call and set up an appointment to talk about the
cake of your dreams!

Celebrating the Contributions of Outstanding Women



Annual Business and Awards meeting



Thursday, March 22

6:00-8:00 p.m.

Bowling Green Woman's Club

134 N. Prospect Street

[on the southeast corner of N. Prospect and E. Court]

PROGRAM

Speakers: JoAnn Benesler and Jane Wilson [past AAUW Ohio presidents]
Awards to Branch leaders and to a community member
Election of 2007-08 officers

CATERED DINNER BUFFET by CARPE DIEM

Assorted Pasta Marinara, Cajun Chicken Alfredo, and Pesto sauces,
Lasagne, Garlic Toast, Caesar Salad, Dessert and Beverages.



\$16 per person, by reservation only.

Reserve with Mary Lou Baty:

•mlbaty@verizon.net

•419.354.1788

•802 E. Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green, OH 43402

Guests welcome!

Mary Lou must have your reservation[s] by March 16.
Reservations will be considered firm and billable after that date.

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Name _____

Guest name[s] _____

number of reservations at \$16 per person: _____

total amount due _____