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Newsletter of the Bowling Green, Ohio, Branch

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Celebrate... with desserts!

May 3 Our final meeting of the program year will bring together music, scholarship winners, and yummy desserts! But no one's spending time in the kitchen, because these are "deli" desserts; you need to bring a ready-made treat. We will gather in the Atrium of the Wood County Public Library at 6:30, to hear piano music by the talented Philip Dupont. [Please take your desserts to the meeting room first.] The public will be invited to join us for Philip's performance and to enjoy a dessert. At 7:15, we'll adjourn to our meeting room and award the scholarships made possible by our very successful fundraising year. New officers will be installed. Door prizes include two association memberships [worth \$47], given in a lottery of persons who are new and renewing members that evening. Contact Mary Lou Baty, if you need further information [419.354.1788 or mlbaty@verizon.net].

It takes till April 24!!

Equal Pay Day marks the date in the calendar year at which will finally earn what men earned by December 31 of the previous year. This AAUW e-postcard is available at http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/postcards/payequity/index.cfm

Send it to female and male friends to heighten awareness of Equity Day issues!



Four Outstanding Women Honored by Branch

In the classic setting of the Bowling Green Woman's Club, after a dinner catered by Carpe Diem of Perrysburg, four women were honored for their outstanding contributions to the Branch and to the community. Many thanks to Julie Fiscus for coordinating the selection process.

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[Vickie Askins and Diane Regan]

Diane Regan presented the first award for Outstanding Community Leader [Non-Branch Member] to Vickie Askins, member and officer of the Wood County Citizens Opposed to Factory Farms (WCCOFF), who seek a moratorium on Concentrated Animal Feeding Operations (CAFOs) until the effects on humans and the environment can be determined. Regan said Askins was a "great and passionate presenter," and that "politicians don't want to answer the questions she asks, because she asks the hard ones." Askins accepted her award "on behalf of Larry (her husband) and other citizens in [their] group." She also said that WCCOFF will continue their efforts because "our cause is just and we'll keep fighting for it."

[Michelle Clossick and Deborah Wooldridge]

Branch member Deborah Wooldridge presented the second award for Outstanding Community Leader, Non-Branch



Member to Michelle Clossick, the Executive Director of the Cocoon Shelter, which will celebrate its 2nd birthday in June. In the past two years, they have provided 1200 hours of advocacy to women and children. Wooldridge said of Clossick, "she has a passion to help women and

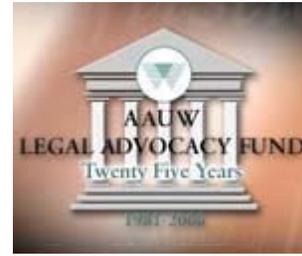
children and has developed a theoretical framework based on empowering battered women. Her model for shelters is nationally recognized and is used in shelters across the country.” Clossick thanked the Branch members, saying, “so much of what we’re able to do comes from the overwhelming, truly overwhelming, support of the community.”

Branch member Ellen Dalton presented the award for Outstanding Community Leader, Branch Member, to Evelyn Bachman. Ellen detailed the numerous ways in which Evie has given to the community. She has been a member of the Woman's Club since 1991, serving as Club President and President of the Garden Group. She is an attorney whose areas of practice are family law, wills and estates. For five years she served as Domestic Relations Magistrate for Judge Kurfess. In her community, she served on the board of trustees for the Wood County Hospital. She is currently serving as the Educational Foundation Chair for the BG Branch of AAUW and in 2003, was named Outstanding Citizen (Woman) by the Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce. She has also been a longtime member of AAUW, League of Women Voters, P.E.O. International, the Wood County Bar Association, Ohio State Bar Association, Bowling Green Chamber of Commerce and the First Presbyterian Church.

The award for Outstanding Branch Member, was presented by Julie Fiscus to Deborah Wooldridge. Currently, she is a professor and Director of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at BGSU. In the community, she is on the Board of Directors for the Destiny House in Fostoria and the Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green, where she orchestrated the recent gala dinner and silent auctions that raised a significant amount of money for the shelter. She also coordinated the Elder-Beerman Community Day activities for the BG Branch of AAUW and currently serves as the co-vice president for programming. Wooldridge accepted her award, saying, “I am honored by this – I’ve only lived here for two-and-a-half years!” She continued, stating how “exciting it is to be a part of (AAUW),” and that it has “helped her to connect to her community and feel at home.”

A brief business meeting followed the awards ceremony. Betty Jean Anderson encouraged members to buy raffle tickets for a painting by fellow branch member, Nancy Leetch. All proceeds from the raffle tickets will be donated to the local scholarship fund, which sends two young women to camp BE WISE every year. The slate of 2006-07 officer candidates was approved and will be voted on at the May 3rd meeting.

--Kate Najact, Public Information/Publicity



LEGAL ADVOCACY FUND in ACTION

Wouldn't it be great to live in a society where women and girls had equal access to education and education-related benefits? Where women's tenure files were assessed fairly and equitably? Where sexual assault never happened on college campuses? Of course it would, but we don't live in that society—yet. Our donations to the AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund comprise one step toward creating that society. Donations from our local members to the Legal Advocacy Fund make a difference to plaintiffs all over the US. Please do what you can to contribute to our goal of \$475 in LAF contributions, so AAUW can continue to help plaintiffs win cases like these:

Sex discrimination cases at Feather River Community College in California

Two separate claims have been filed against Feather River Community College. Both plaintiffs are being assisted by AAUW. Michele Jaureguito, former director of Upward Bound/Talent Search, made formal complaints that a staff member sexually harassed teen participants and gave them alcohol. She was retaliated against for making the report. L.W., former head coach and faculty member, was wrongfully terminated after criticizing the way the college treated women in funding, selecting, hiring, and compensating coaches for women's sports teams. *Our contributions can help these plaintiffs fight for their own—and all women's—rights to equal treatment and protection from retaliation.*

AAUW praised in Berkeley Labor Law Journal for aiding and supporting victims of employment discrimination

In the *Berkeley Journal of Employment and Labor Law*, a publication from the Boalt Hall School of Law at the University of California, Berkeley, AAUW is given well-deserved credit for its assistance to victims of employment discrimination. This is great recognition of the AAUW LAF's ongoing commitment to equality. *Our contributions make this work not only possible but also visible.*

--WHAT CAN WE DO?--

- Make a monetary donation, if you can; our donations keep the LAF healthy and helpful. Your checks are tax deductible.
- Donate objects for the LAF baskets/fundraiser. Objects should reach Beth Hofer (372-9361, ehofer@bgsu.edu) at Jerome Library as soon as possible.
- Go to www.aauw.org/laf/cases and read about current legal cases that our donations support!

If you would like to make a donation to BGSU's Legal Advocacy Fund, please send your check, made out to AAUW Legal Advocacy Fund, to:

Jeannie Ludlow, LAF Chair
910 N. Main Street
Bowling Green, OH 43402

If you have any questions or concerns, please feel free to e-mail Jeannie at jludlow@bgsu.edu or to call her at 419-372-6816.



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.

EACH MEMBER IS CHALLENGED TO RECRUIT ONE PAID MEMBER BETWEEN JUNE 1, 2006 AND JUNE 15, 2007!!

In the past three issues of the Focus, you've seen the list of awards and rewards for recruiting. Think about earning one and helping our Branch grow! More information is available at www.aauw.org.

*--Helene Weinberger and Lona Lect,
co-VPs for membership*

Really long-range planning...

Mark Saturday, November 10 on your calendar—the next Elder-Beerman Community Day fundraiser. President-Elect Deborah Wooldridge has again registered our Branch for the coupon sale. Let's repeat our 2006 success!! Further details at: www.communitydayevent.com.

NEW!!

Here's a great membership “pitch”! Members enrolling now for 07-08 will get April, May, and June **FREE!** Fifteen months for the price of 12!! Now that's a **deal!!** See the new membership form [.pdf] attached to the newsletter mailing.



Planning ahead...

2007 AAUW National Convention

Phoenix, Arizona – June 29-July 2, 2007

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



FROM THE TOP

OK, members--it's time to think of ourselves! Sign up for Equity Day on April 20 at Tiffin and for the State AAUW Convention on April 21 because both days will be filled with mission-based programming related to women's economic security. What could be more important or more basic?! If you read the *Adelante* Selection this month, you will also be reading what many AAUW members in Ohio and across the Association are reading as we begin to seriously discuss our economic security. Liz Perle's *Money, A Memoir: Women, Emotions and Cash* is a great read and very thought provoking and will be discussed at Equity Day from 3:15-4:45. The book examines women's attitudes about money, cash, earning, spending, and investing and should lead us to reflect on how our emotional attitudes about money seriously impact both our short and long-term economic well-being as well as that of our family. Earlier that day, the Ohio State AAUW Equity Day program features *Financially Fit for Life*, a brand-new, just rolled out pilot from the

Association. This program has been developed by the AAUW Leadership and Training Institute with the support of Prudential Financial, and we have the opportunity to be the first in the nation to benefit from it!

April 24 is Equity Pay Day, the day women in the U.S. finally earn what men of similar education, training, and employment earn by the previous December 31! Participate in this day by sending out an electronic postcard to everyone you can think of so that no one can ignore the fact that wage discrimination continues unabated in this country. AAUW's Public Policy Program states that we are committed to supporting "fairness in compensation, equitable access and advancement in employment, and vigorous enforcement of employment anti-discrimination statutes." We must remain committed to bring about equity in these areas because we still only earn \$.77 for every dollar men earn. Part of the reason for this is that occupational segregation continues. Women who still work predominately in "pink collar jobs" will find that their retirements are also reduced, all too often putting them below the poverty.

As author Liz Perle notes we don't feel comfortable talking about money, but if we don't, too many of us are relegated to remain underpaid and facing a life of economic *insecurity* 'til the end. AAUW is taking action in economic areas important to all of us so join in the action! Come to Tiffin on April 20-21 and RENEW your commitment to AAUW by sending in your dues to Joan Gordon, Branch treasurer. There is power in a collective voice.

Just an FYI--as of April 11, the latest reporting date, the branch showing the largest number of NEW members in the state is BG!! Way to go, everyone!!
--Diane Regan Branch President

SHOP AND HELP

Gift Registries to support the Cocoon Shelter



The Cocoon Shelter has four registries in area stores for community members to access. Because the items listed are what the shelter most needs, those wishing to help have a convenient way to get such items to the survivors of domestic violence.

The registries are at the following stores:

1. Target: the Cocoon Shelter has a wish list through Target, which is slightly different than a registry. You can access the wish list on-line at target.com, or at the store at the kiosks located near the entrance. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
2. Home Depot: the registry at the Home Depot is only available on-line. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
3. Elder Beerman: the registry at Elder Beerman is available both on-line at elder-beerman.com, and in the store. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.
4. Meijer: the registry at Meijer can be viewed on-line or in the store. We are listed under first name Cocoon, last name Shelter.

Please note that we do not want you to feel pressured to buy the specific items from these registries, but that the items listed reflect what we need most and continually. If you would rather purchase the same item from one of the registries from a different store, please feel free. Please note also that we prefer to pick items up from the store or from you personally. Our number in the office is 419-373-1730. Thanks so much!
[You may also view the Cocoon Wish list for individual shopping at:
<http://www.cocoonshelter.org/Wish%20List%20Current.pdf>]

SHOP WITH A MISSION!



¡Adelante! Book List

Descriptions of the 2006-07 reading selections are available at the Association website:
http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/index.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 Jeannie Ludlow, 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>

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

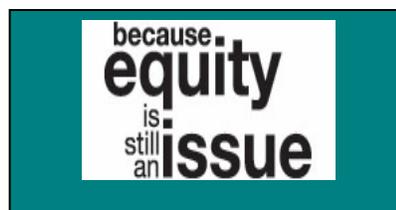
The Cocoon grows its library

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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FREE AD PLACEMENT FOR MEMBERS!!

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 *immensely!!*

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 and Beth Hofer
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Web Manager—Jen Sader
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⇒ 2006-2007 Branch program ⇐

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. Music by Philip Dupont. Wood County Public Library, 6:30-8:30pm.
June 29-July 2	AAUW National Convention in Phoenix