



Gift Giving- AAUW Style

If you believe everything you see and hear in the media, there's not a moment to waste "the holidays" and "time for gift-giving" are upon us and it is time for you to SHOP!

Here's an alternative to all the hype and pressure to join the crowds out there looking for the perfect gift. The "perfect gift" can be found as close as your computer keyboard. What is it? Of course, it's the gift of AAUW membership!

Think about it-how many times have you said, "I really would like to give a gift to (name), but I don't know what I'd get. And, besides, I don't have time to go to the mall to search for something special." Then think about giving the gift of an AAUW membership. It might be your next door neighbor who has helped you out numerous times-you know s/he is eligible because s/he has talked about his/her days as a teacher. You also know this person would be a good branch member. What better way to thank them than with a gift that gives to them all year.

Or it might be your sister, brother, sister-in-law and/or brother-in-law who lives in another state who is very interested in public policy issues. An MAL membership might be just the perfect gift for you to give to connect with them. There are no UPS or other delivery charges to send your gift to them and no waiting in line at the post office to mail your packages.



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Save the Date :

"Winter Solstice Dinner and Music"

Sunday, December 2

To give the gift of branch membership, simply complete a membership application and submit to BG Treasurer, Joan Gordon.

Newsletter of the Bowling Green, Ohio, Branch

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

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Message from the BG Branch President

As we all know, AAUW advances equity for women and girls through advocacy, education, and research. This may be our mission, but what are we doing in Bowling Green, Ohio to advance equity? We are doing a lot. I believe we are thinking about the future in our efforts. *It's not just about where we are today, it's about where we want to be tomorrow.* Change and advocacy take time.

At the beginning of the year, we published the Bowling Green Action Plan for 2007-2009. In that plan we set forth five goals to:

- Increase membership to 100 members and engage the membership in opportunities for mission focused advocacy, education and research.
- Provide opportunities for organization and community leadership development within the Board and among the membership.
- Increase positive visibility of the Branch.
- Focus on diversity through membership recruitment, programming, interest groups and community engagement activities.
- Work individually and collectively to effect positive societal change.

All of these goals were set to help us advance equity and accomplish our mission. We are moving forward on all these goals. Our membership, including undergraduate student members, is 104 strong. Membership is diverse as to age, programming interests and community engagement activities. Many new faces are stepping up and taking leadership roles along with promoting the mission for AAUW with strong mentoring from established members. We are mission focused in our programming and community engaged in advocacy and education. What an awesome Branch!

The goal we will focus on this month is increasing positive visibility for the Branch in the local community. One of our strategies for increasing visibility for the Branch was through expansion of collaborations with other community groups with similar goals. Groups such as BG Zonta Club, League of Women Voters, Cocoon Shelter, BGSU Women's Center, BGSU's Student Money Management Office, BGSU Center for Multi-cultural and Academic Initiatives, BGSU Center for International Programs, campus student groups and the like are groups that we can and are co-sponsor community events which support the AAUW mission.

As we work on public policy programs, we are building on the work of AAUW and building upon a century of responsible public participation already in place. Issue advocacy isn't just about AAUW lending its name to an issue or speaking up on Capitol Hill. Issue advocacy is about AAUW members and all citizens concerned with equality and being knowledgeable and aware of the current status of important issues. Strong partnerships are essential as we work on national and local issues. Partnerships are so important because we live in a time when there is a more optimistic view about capacity building, sustainable communities and social capital. The real opportunity in the work of partnerships is to find new and effective ways for each of us whether from the business, nonprofit, education or government sectors to make our distinctive contributions. Nationally, the attention being given to partnerships might legitimately be seen as part of the process of rethinking and reworking how we affect change and participate in policy advocacy. I think through our partnership building in Bowling Green we can facilitate collective action.

I see the partnership activities this fall as being successful and moving toward greater visibility and a good use of social capital. So what have we accomplished so far?

1. We were one of the co-sponsors on October 12, 2007 for comedian Kathy Buckley's presentations on **Embracing Diversity**. Both sessions were well attended and those in attendance were challenged to rethink and reevaluate reactions and views on diversity.
2. We were one of the co-sponsors on October 15, 2007 for the **Women Center's Silent Witness Program**. Many of you assisted and were readers in the program. What a powerful program and a reinforcement of how we must be involved with policy change in the area of domestic violence.
3. We were one of the co-sponsors with the League of Women Voters on October 27, 2007 for the **Candidate's Forum**. Many of you participated in being informed about the local candidates. Public policy can only be changed if we are informed and then take action.
4. We were a silent auction sponsor on November 3, 2007 for the 3rd Annual Cocoon Shelter Benefit Dinner. Not only did we assist with fundraising but many of the local members were part of the special events planning committee for the event. Several members were in attendance at the event or supported the Shelter through personal donations.
5. We were one of the co-sponsors with BGSU's Student Money Management Services on November 8, 2007 for the **Smart Money Workshop**. This workshop informed local teachers how to help high school students understand personal finance. We assisted with welcome, registration and door prizes. A display was set up about AAUW and several candidates for membership were identified.
6. We initiated the **Public Forum on Domestic Violence: Opportunities and Challenges** on November 13, 2007 and co-sponsored it with BG Zonta Club and Phi Upsilon Omicron Honor Society. This was well attended by membership from both groups but more importantly the public and media representatives were in attendance.

Through these events we were able to connect and partner with more than one hundred non-profit organizations, local businesses and corporations. Collectively, we can educate, advocate and affect public policy. What was exciting to see at all the events was AAUW members taking leadership, participating and focusing on issues each person was passionate about. We all have different interests and being 100+ strong we can address different local and national issues that we are passionate about. Through partnership building we can:

- Funnel our energy toward the common good.
- Restore confidence in our abilities to achieve desired outcomes through collective action.
- Remove barriers so that we can find effective ways to connectShare responsibility for social change.
- Share resources such as time, energy, money, expertise and information.
- Be effective, efficient, creative and heard.

Partnership building is important because equity is still an issue!

- Deborah Wooldridge, BG Branch President

New Ohio High School Core Requirement Focus of Smart Money Workshop

The audience of 200 high school teachers was attentive and enthusiastic for the *Smart Money: Helping High School Students Understand Personal Finance Conference* on November 8, 2007 at Bowling Green State University. The Conference was supported by BGSU Student Money Management Services, Colleges of Education and Human Development and Business Administration, the Bowling Green Branch of AAUW and the Northwest Ohio Partnership for Economic Development. The Workshop was designed to introduce high school teachers to the new Ohio law that mandates a financial literacy course of study in high schools by 2010. The new law is the brain child of Rich Cordray, Treasurer of the State of Ohio in the cabinet of Governor Ted Strickland. The Treasurer Cordray was the keynote speaker and recounted stories of young people amassing student loan debt beyond any reasonable measure and the continuous bombardment of the credit card companies to college students.

Cordray recognized the societal need and the State Legislature followed. The State law is very much in keeping with AAUW's goal to sponsor programs aimed toward the financial literacy of women.

Kudos to BG Branch AAUW Member D.J. Kern-Blystone for presenting the new Ohio Department of Education curriculum on personal finance.

Submitted by Fiona MacKinnon, Co-VP for Programming



VP for Membership, Lona Leck informs participants on AAUW



AAUW members, Sue Bigaila, Kathy Beattie and Debra Zappitelli greet participants at the registration table.

AAUW Names Next Executive Director

After completing a national search with the assistance of the search consulting firm Association Strategies, Inc., AAUW's Search Committee is excited to announce Linda D. Hallman will be appointed AAUW Executive Director, effective January 7, 2008.

We are pleased to introduce Linda Hallman, who joins AAUW after a long history of Washington DC area association and foundation executive level leadership experience. She is currently serving as Vice President of Policy and Government Strategy, External and Member Relations, with National Alliance for Health Information Technology (NAHIT), from their Washington, DC office. Highlights of Linda's extensive prior nonprofit experience include service as Executive Director of the American Medical Women's Association (AMWA) and AMWA Foundation, as well as President and Chief Executive Officer of American Horticultural Society. Further, she served in the United States Army and U.S. Army Band and Chorus, receiving an honorable discharge. Linda earned her master's degree (M.A.) in Organizational Management from George Washington University and bachelor's degree (B.A.) in Music Education from Indiana University. She has acquired extensive continuing professional development and is affiliated with relevant organizations for professionals in the field. In addition, Linda has been an AAUW member.

On behalf of both the Association and Educational boards of directors, we are most appreciative of the efforts and commitment of the Search Committee members representing both boards and the general membership -- Kathleen Cha, Carolyn Garfein, Patricia Ho, David Kirkwood, Ronni Nivala, and Linda Silakoski. In addition, we thank Association Strategies – Pamela Kaul and Jim Zaniello – for their recruitment efforts to achieve a successful conclusion to the search. We are confident you will share our excitement about Linda joining AAUW's leadership team.



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

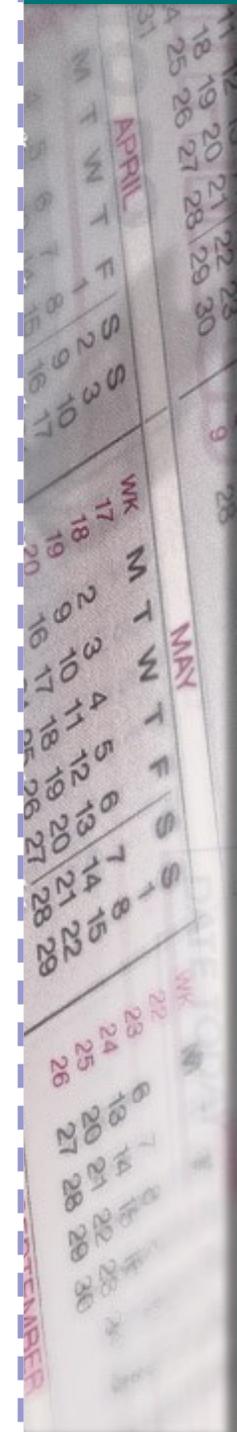
Date: Thursday, May 1, 2008

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...

Put this date on your spring calendar!

2008 AAUW Ohio State Convention

Zanesville, Ohio April 18-19, 2008

For details, go to: <http://www.aauwoh.org/>

Legal Advocacy Fund puts

AAUW mission in action

HELP LAF DO ITS WORK!

- Make a monetary donation; our donations keep the LAF healthy and helpful. Your checks are tax- deductible.
- 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 the 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, e-mail



The Literature Group's November meeting will be on the 3rd (the first Saturday of the month, as usual) at Grounds for Thought, at noon. December 1st they will meet at Naslada Bistro for lunch, 12:00-1:00, and then walk to Grounds for Thought for our regular book discussion, which usually ends at 2:30. We encourage anyone who has books to discuss to come to one or both of these meetings and share them.

--Holly Norton, literature group leader

A SNEAK PEEK AT GREAT DECISIONS 2008!

Once again, Radhika Gajjala, Beth Hofer and Linda Dobb will be coordinating the Great Decisions series at the Wood County Senior Center. For those of you who are new to AAUW, *Great Decisions* is a weekly series of talks on world issues that is presented every Saturday from 9:30-11:00, January 26-March 1. The speakers are usually BGSU faculty members with expertise on the topics and countries under review. A companion book (\$15) is made available for attendees.

This year's potential topics are listed below. Speakers and exact dates will be posted in the next newsletter issue. All sessions are free and refreshments are served:

-Iraq end-game

What will be the end-game for the U.S. in Iraq?

How will U.S. decisions affect Iraq, and the Middle East, and the upcoming Presidential campaign?

-European Union at 50

Has the EU been successful? Should Turkey be part of the EU?

-Talking to our enemies

How should the U.S. deal with countries like Cuba, North Korea and Iran?

What approach should the U.S. take with groups like Hamas and Hezbollah?

-Russia

Should the U.S. and Europe be concerned with Putin's recent policy changes? Will our relationship to Russia impact the next election?

-U.S. defense & security policy

Should U.S. military forces be restructured and deployed differently to meet new security challenges?

-Latin America: shift to the left?

What factors have prevented the U.S. and Latin American countries from forging a strong relationship? What challenges confront U.S. policy in Latin America, especially left-leaning Venezuela?

-U.S.-China trade policy

Recent product safety scares have thrown the spotlight on the enormous role China plays in supplying products to the U.S. Could the large and growing trade imbalance with China have an adverse effect on the U.S. economy?

-Private philanthropy

Can private donors be more effective than governments in tackling world problems?

LOOK for an update on the Great Decisions series in the news AAUW newsletter!

-Linda S. Dobb



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!!



THE 25TH ANNUAL BOWLING GREEN AAUW AWARDS TO OUTSTANDING WOMEN

The Bowling Green Branch, in keeping with the goals of AAUW, annually makes three awards. The purpose of the awards is to make known to the community outstanding achievements of women and to increase the visibility of the Bowling Green Branch and its contribution to the advancement of women.

All members of the branch may nominate in any or all of the categories. In the case of a tie in any category, duplicate awards may be given and/or the Board may make the final selection. If you have any questions, contact Phyllis Henry, 419-372-7626 or email pwhenry@bgsu.edu. Return your nomination form no later than January 4, 2008, to Phyllis Henry, 17121 Middleton Pike, Bowling Green, Ohio 43402 or email (above).

CRITERIA FOR AWARDS

THE OUTSTANDING MEMBER OF THE BOWLING GREEN BRANCH:

Shall have been a member of the Bowling Green Branch for a minimum of three years.

Does not have to be a board member or have been a board member in the past.

Has maintained interest by participating in branch activities such as committee work, special projects, interest groups and branch meetings.

Has made outstanding contributions to on-going branch activities and/or special projects.

THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER (BOWLING GREEN BRANCH MEMBER):

Shall have been a member of the Bowling Green Branch for a minimum of three years.

Shall have contributed outstanding service to the community through (a) a service organization, (b) a professional organization, (c) elected office, (d) appointed office, (e) volunteer activities, or (f) a combination of the above. This service may be a result of paid or non-paid positions.

Shall have contributed to the enhancement of women in the community.

THE OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER (NON-BOWLING GREEN BRANCH MEMBER):

Will not currently be a member of the Bowling Green Branch and will not have been a Bowling Green Branch member during the past three years.

Shall have contributed outstanding service to the community through (a) a service organization, (b) a professional organization, (c) an elective office, (d) an appointed office, (e) volunteer activities, or (f) a combination of the above. This service may be the result of paid or non-paid positions.

3. Shall have contributed to the enhancement of women in the community.

1984-2007 BOWLING GREEN BRANCH AAUW OUTSTANDING WOMEN AWARDEES

| YEAR | BRANCH MEMBER | LEADER-BRANCH MEM- | LEADER, NON-MEMBER |
|------|---------------------|---------------------|----------------------------|
| 2007 | Deborah Wooldridge | Evelyn Bachman | Michelle Clossick & Vickie |
| 2006 | Holly Norton | Dorthea Barker | Karen Cota & Anita Serda |
| 2005 | Marcy St. John | Mary Krueger | Donna Dill |
| 2004 | Linda Dobb | Nancy Wikoff Leetch | Anne Graves |
| 2003 | Diane Regan | Joan Gordon | Elaine Paulette |
| 2002 | Joan Saldana | Ellen Dalton | Sarah Tomaschefski |
| 2001 | Evelyn Bachman | Diane Regan | Maxine Miller |
| 2000 | Nancy Wikoff Leetch | Beryl Parrish | Karen Thompson |
| 1999 | Alice Davidson | Helene Weinberger | Frances Brent |
| 1998 | Mary Lou Baty | Linda Hamilton | Adelia Peters |
| 1997 | Marilynn Ward | Ellen Dalton | Sue Kinder |
| 1996 | Jan Woodend | Pearl Oppliger | Doris Herringshaw |
| 1995 | Ruth Larabee | Joan Gordon | Marilyn Pahl |
| 1994 | Gwen Ohlinger | Ruth Larabee | Lolita Guthrie |
| 1993 | Marilynn Wentland | Becky Bhaer | Sue Clark |
| 1992 | Elfreda Rusher | Margaret Miller | Margaret Tucker |
| 1991 | Joan Gordon | Mona Claflin | Colleen Smith |
| 1990 | Marie Johnson | Virginia Platt | Pearl Oppliger |
| 1989 | Margo Skaggs | Evelyn Bachman | Joyce Kepke |
| 1988 | Ethel Spangler | Gladys Cook | Sheilah Fulton |
| 1987 | Sara Littleton | Margo Skaggs | Bertha Gleason |
| 1986 | Ann Bowers | Irene Barckert | Nancy Kinney |
| 1985 | Mary Ellen Pratt | Pat McGinnis | Amy Torgerson |
| 1984 | Beryl Parrish | Joan Gordon | Kay Sergent |

2008 NOMINATION FORM
THE 25th ANNUAL BOWLING GREEN AAUW AWARDS
TO OUTSTANDING WOMEN

FOR **OUTSTANDING BRANCH MEMBER**, I NOMINATE:

LIST ONE OR TWO ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR NOMINEE:

FOR **OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER** (*BOWLING GREEN BRANCH MEMBER*), I NOMINATE:

LIST ONE OR TWO ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR NOMINEE:

FOR **OUTSTANDING COMMUNITY LEADER** (*NON-BOWLING GREEN BRANCH MEMBER*), I NOMINATE:

LIST ONE OR TWO ACTIVITIES OR ACCOMPLISHMENTS OF YOUR NOMINEE:

[Continue on the back of the sheet, if necessary.]

RETURN THIS NOMINATION NO LATER THAN JANUARY 4, 2008 TO:

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|---------------------------------|---------------------|
| Local Scholarship Fundraising | Betty Jean Anderson |
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