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AAUW promotes equity for all women and girls, lifelong education, and positive societal change.

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 directly to Branch EF Chair Evelyn Bachman.

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 directly to Branch LAF Chair Lynn Ward.

Annual meeting Saturday, March 25

(WE NEED A QUORUM!!)

Woman's Club

134 N. Prospect, at noon

See last page of newsletter for details.



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Check out our local website!!

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

Events ongoing for Women's History Month

KEYNOTE ADDRESS: *Manifesting Feminism*

Jennifer Baumgardner & Amy Richards, co-authors of *Manifesta: Young Women, Feminism & the Future*, will discuss trends in feminist activism, second/third/fourth (?) waves in feminism, and college women's perceptions of the women's movement. March 28th, 228 Bowen-

Thompson Student Union, 5:30 pm.

Feminist Leadership in the Academy

Presenters Korine Steinke and Tracy Barton will discuss their research on (respectively) "first" female university presidents, and women academic administrators' perspectives on a feminist ethic of leadership. March 31st, 108 Hanna Hall, 1:30 pm.

Women's History Month BG is sponsored by the Women's Center and the Women's Studies program at BGSU.

Shopping for the Cocoon shelter

On page 5 of this newsletter is a "Wish List" from the Cocoon shelter. If you look it over, you will find many ways you can help support this essential community facility. If you enjoy shopping, here's your chance to do it for a very good cause! *Shop for the Cocoon!!*

--Mary Krueger

FROM THE TOP

I just finished reading a number of articles that have recently appeared in the New York Times and the Chronicle for Higher Education and which seem to have particular relevance to AAUW's theme for 2005-07: Education: The Gateway to Women's Economic Security. One article was about the recent inauguration of the first woman to lead Chile; the second was about how CEOs in financial firms like Morgan Stanley are once again relying on their membership in golf clubs and observing how players "performs" on the golf course; the last one was about feminist economists and their predictions on the future financial well-being for the U.S.

What did I learn and want to share with you? That women can be elected to lead their countries and that Chilean President Michelle Bachelet ran and was elected on a platform that pledged to focus on social equality and respect for human rights as well as equity for women in government jobs and posts. That the "good ole boys' network" is alive and well and that women in the U.S. had better learn to play golf and get themselves into the most elite clubs if they hope to get any invitations to join some of the most prestigious companies in the U.S. And finally, that when women economists speak today, it's often about applying a different set of values that we in the U.S. currently adhere to, e.g., we need to "toss out mainstream notions that self-interested market competition is the route to higher rates of economic growth" in favor of

cooperation, collective action, and government intervention in creating meaningful work for all and at a fair wage.

Having those observations in mind, let me now introduce the latest census information: that women aged 15 or older who worked full time, year round, earned only \$.77 for each \$1.00 men earned in 2004, up one cent from 2003! (That one cent and another \$1.50 will get a cup of coffee, but not at Starbucks!)

So it would seem that AAUW was "right on" when its governing board decided that working for economic security has particular relevance for AAUW members as well as women in general. By most measures of educational achievement, girls are now faring as well as boys in school, so we can certainly celebrate the tremendous progress in education over the past 20 years. But most of us also recognize that gender equity issues remain in the K-12 arena and on into the college level, including the pervasive problem of harassment in schools and the continued need to support girls' early participation and advancement in science and technology. The challenge for AAUW members: to continue to find ways to ensure that the school-based achievements of recent decades translate into lasting, lifelong equity and economic security for women and their families.

Yes, from where I stand at the top, *equity is still an issue!*

--Diane Regan, Branch President

We are all recruiters for our Branch! Invite a friend to attend one of our events and to consider joining! We now have 101 members!! To help us continue to grow, a **NEW membership form is included with this newsletter mailing: Print it out for a friend or two.**

A local look at the Patriot Act

The League of Women Voters program for March 23rd at 7:30 p.m. at the Wood County Justice Center Conference Room, 1960 East Gypsy Lane Road, Bowling Green is "Consequences of the U.S. Patriot Act for Wood County," and features a panel made up of Dr. Lorraine J. Haricombe, Dean of Libraries for Bowling Green State University; Mr. Mark Wasylyshyn, Wood County Sheriff; and Dr. James Foust, Associate Professor of Journalism, Bowling Green State University. The public is invited.

Congress passed the U.S. Patriot Act in the fall of 2001 in response to the terrorists' attacks of September 11, 2001. The law gives federal agencies and officials expansive authority to track and intercept communications for law enforcement and for foreign intelligence gathering purposes.

The Secretary of the Treasury is provided regulatory powers to prevent foreign money laundering through U.S. financial institutions. The act gives the federal government new means to secure U.S. borders and to remove suspected terrorists within the United States. Penalties and processes are created to use against domestic and international terrorists.

Although the law has been generally supported by the American public, critics contend that the law goes too far and compromises constitutional rights and basic civil liberties. A number of liberal and conservative groups, the American Library Association, civil libertarians, and politicians from both parties have challenged major provisions of the act.

The Patriot Act was scheduled to expire December 31 of last year. The House and Senate passed different versions of the renewal of the act, so a joint conference committee came up with a compromise. The Congress was unable to agree on the compromise bill and extended the expiration date twice because a group of Senators objected to the provisions of the renewal.

In late February of this year Republican congressional leaders and the White House brokered an amendment to the renewal bill which limited the federal government's power to extract information from individuals targeted in investigations of terrorists. The amendment passed the Senate 95-4. The revised bill passed both houses of Congress and was signed by the President March 9th one date before the original act was to expire.

Although a majority of representatives and senators support the revision of the act, opponents argue that the new protections of civil liberties are cosmetic in nature and meaningless in practice.

Further information: Roger Anderson, 419-354-6451.

--Betty Jean Anderson

Branch scholarships available

The American Association of University Women (BG/Wood County branch) makes available an annual Book Scholarship of no less than \$200 to women who are permanent residents of BG/Wood County. The student must have completed two years of college (or at least be in the process of completing the second year) or, she may be returning to college after having taken some time off, and/or seeking re-training in another field. (non-traditional female applicants who use BG or Wood County as their permanent address will be given preference.

The application form for the 2006-2007 AAUW Book Scholarship is available at http://www.bgsu.edu/colleges/library/AAUW_Scholarship.pdf
Applications must be received by April 21, 2006. Please mail to:

Lorraine J. Haricombe
204 Wm. T. Jerome Library
Bowling Green State University
Bowling Green, OH 43403-0170
or E-mail to: libadmin@bgsu.edu



Baskets filled with support for LAF and EF

Each year at the State convention, Branches are able to raise money toward their LAF and EF commitments by placing "baskets" in the silent auction. Last year we had several baskets for sale and raised a fair amount for our Branch. If you have items that could be included in a theme basket please contact me to arrange pick-up. I will put the baskets together and make sure they get to the State Convention. I would like to have all the items by April 21st so that I have time to arrange and fill in the baskets before the convention date [May 6th]. Any contributions are appreciated. If you don't have "things" but would like to contribute, cash can be used to buy items for filling in those gaps. Please leave a message at 419-686-3707, or call my office at 419-372-9361. Thanks for any help you can give.

--Beth Hofer



→DIVERsITY←

Regular meetings of the Diversity Group are on the 2nd Tuesday of each month, at Grounds for Thought, 5:15-6:30 pm.

The Literature Group gathers on the first Saturday of every month (except for January and July), at noon, at Grounds for Thought. Our next meeting is March 4th. Please bring a book of your choice to review!



⇔ 2005-06 CALENDAR ⇔

[See details in the program booklet and in future newsletters.]

March 25	Annual business meeting and presentation of women's awards. Deli potluck lunch. Book sale. Noon at BG Woman's Club, 134 N. Prospect.
April 8	Program on women in science and mathematics: Jen Sader, PhD. candidate at BGSU and AAUW webmistress. 10 a.m. to noon at Wood County Library Meeting Room.
May 20	Luncheon: installation of officers and scholarship awards. Speaker on Leadership: Carol Leupp, Past State President and member, Toledo Branch. Book sale. Noon, at BGSU Union.



Save that April 8th date for Jen Sader's update on the progress of women in science and mathematics.



Diversity Book List

The Adelante! Book Club selections for 05-06 are now posted on the association's website at

http://www.aauw.org/community_programs/adelante/05.cfm.

Visit the website to read a brief synopsis of each book. Remember to connect to Amazon.com from the AAUW webpage to buy your books and benefit AAUW. A percentage purchased through the site will be donated back to AAUW.

--Beth Hofer, Diversity Chair

September

(Hispanic Heritage Month, Sept. 15-Oct. 15)

The Pearl of the Antilles

by Dr. Andrea O'Reilly Herrera (2000)

October (Disability Awareness Month)

The Curious Incident of the Dog in the Night-Time

by Mark Haddon (2003)

November (Native American Heritage Month)

The Trickster and the Troll

by Virginia Driving Hawk Sneve (1999)

December

Thinking in Pictures: and other reports from my life with Autism, by Temple Grandin (1996)

January

Nickel and Dimed: On (not) Getting by in America

by Barbara Ehrenreich (2001)

February (Black History Month)

The Known World, by Edward P. Jones (2003)

March (Women's History Month)

Founding Mothers, by Cokie Roberts (2004)

April

She Says, by Venus Khoury-Ghata (2003)

May (Asian Pacific American Heritage Month)

The Red Azalea, by Anjee Min (1994/1999)

June (Gay/Lesbian Pride Month)

Trans-sister Radio

by Chris Bohjalian (2001)

July

Sugar's Life in the Hood: The Story of a Former Welfare Mother

by Tracy Ehlers & Sugar TurnerBachrach (2003)

August

1,000 White Women, by Jim Fergus (1999)



New addresses for old friends...

Mona Claflin: 7533 Grand River Road, Suite 127
Brighton, MI 48114

Kriss Ferluga: 1408 Dewberry Pl. NE, Apt. 15
Grand Rapids, MI 45505

CLASSIFIEDS

Waldenbooks, at Woodland Mall

A full-service bookstore.

419-354-1397

No charge for ordering books!

FREE AD PLACEMENT FOR MEMBERS!!

Chrysalis, a discreet all-women fitness center. Full schedule of hours. Competitive membership rates. Haskins Road at Poe, in BG. 419-352-9883.

Send newsletter comments, corrections, or copy to:

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Branch members are encouraged to attend the

Annual meeting

Saturday, March 25, 2006

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Woman's Club

134 N. Prospect, lunch at noon

Bring a guest who would be interested in joining our Branch.



On the agenda: Business meeting at 1 p.m., following lunch

- Awards for Women
 - Member of the year
 - Member of the year community award
 - Community woman of the year who has contributed to the community and the mission of AAUW
- Participate by buying raffle tickets for the Nancy Leetch painting, to benefit the local scholarships fund
- Elections: SLATE OF OFFICERS TO BE ELECTED FOR 2006-07 PROGRAM YEAR

Co-VPs for Programming: Fiona MacKinnon and Deborah Wooldridge

Corresponding Secretary: Kathleen McLaughlin

Treasurer: Joan Gordon



And don't forget – this is our deli potluck meeting! YUM!

Bring something to share that you buy at the deli or ready made at the grocery store. Don't cook or make anything! Beverages and table service will be furnished.



Also, bring your books to sell—and buy a few, too, to benefit our local scholarships. [We do ask that you take home any that don't sell]. Good time to get some different books—spring is almost here, but still too cold to get out in the yard—so read a book or two!

You don't have to **RSVP**, but it would help the planning committee if you contact Ellen Dalton: edalton@bgsu.edu or 419-352-7230.