

## 21<sup>st</sup> Century Award

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**21st Century Award**—Marie Johnson/Kriess Ferluga  
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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.



See details on the **May 20** meeting on the last page of this newsletter. Make your reservations now!!

## FROM THE TOP

April is upon us! How do you like this headline? *Women: Are You Worth 24% Less?* It's NOT a rhetorical question, I can assure you. April brings Pay Equity Day on Tuesday, April 25, the date that it takes, on average, for a full-time working woman to earn what a full-time working man makes by December 31 of the previous year! Appalling? You bet! And the problem is bigger for our sisters of color. I hope you will remember such disparity when you think about membership in AAUW. It's clear from Department of Labor statistics that equity is still an issue. Renew your membership in AAUW-BG today and know that your \$63. You



[www.aauw.org](http://www.aauw.org)

**Check out our local website!!**

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

will actually impact women's lives in a positive way. Pay Equity Day is just one public advocacy position that AAUW takes on behalf of its more than 100,000 members nationwide. If you wish to educate yourself on this particular topic, go to the Association website to find the newest AAUW research, *Public Perception of the Pay Gap*. If you can take time to educate five friends or relatives, go to [http://www.aauw.org/issue\\_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm](http://www.aauw.org/issue_advocacy/actionpages/payequity.cfm) to find an electronic postcard you can send with information on this issue. Then on April 20th, take a walk to the Union for the Pay Equity Day lemonade sale that BGSU's Organization on Women's Issues will be hosting in conjunction with our branch. Besides making a political point, we hope to make some money for our local scholarships to be awarded on May 20 at our year-end luncheon program.

See you there!

--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.

## *Meet the new Board members:*

### **Kathleen McLaughlin, Corresponding Secretary**

Kathleen attended South Bend Memorial Hospital School of Nursing, got married, and moved to New Jersey. She and husband Tom have 5 children and 9 grandchildren, mostly granddaughters. She got my undergraduate degree through what is now known as Excelsior College, an external degree program. While in NJ, she held a number of offices in local organizations, served on a school board, helped set the groundwork for the establishment of a community college, and earned a Master's degree in Public Health from Rutgers-UMDNJ.

When Tom retired, they moved to BG, his hometown, where she worked at the County Health Department as a health education supervisor and acting Health Commissioner. She retired in 2003. In her spare time, she compiled a 2000-page genealogy of the Nellis family from New York since 1709. The family has sold over 500 copies!

### **Fiona MacKinnon, Co-VP for Programming**

Fiona is the Associate Dean in the College of Education and Human Development with responsibility for academic advising, student academic appeals, academic honesty appeals, as well as parent and student concerns. She also coordinates curriculum modifications in the College so that academic program areas, such as teaching, athletic training, and child and family studies, meet the Ohio and national licensure requirements. She's had many challenging and interesting experiences such as chairing Faculty Senate, participating in a Fulbright Senior Scholar grant in China for 6 months, and traveling to conferences in Asia and throughout the U.S.

Right now she has a broken foot encased in an orange cast -- but she enjoys skiing with her family, golf, hiking, sewing, knitting, and reading. She has two sons and a daughter-in-law and two cats, Teeny and Tootie, who are named after her grandmother's sisters.

### **Deborah Wooldridge, Co-VP for Programming**

Deborah is a Professor and the Director of the School of Family and Consumer Sciences at BGSU. Earlier parts of her career include being Dean of the College of Family Sciences at Zayed University in the United Arab Emirates and serving as Associate Dean of Education and the Coordinator of External Funding at Southeast Missouri State University, where she was also a faculty member. She was a Fulbright Senior Scholar at the University of Bahrain in the Kingdom of Bahrain and has done consulting with Ministries of Education and Ministries of Labor and Social Affairs in Oman, Kuwait, Bahrain and the United Arab Emirates, as well as acting as a liaison for UNICEF officials in Saudi Arabia for the Dubai and Abu Dhabi areas.

Currently she is on the Board of Directors for the Destiny House in Fostoria and for the Cocoon Shelter in Bowling Green.

For fun, she spends a lot of time playing and walking her 1 year old Havanese dog, Gia. She loves blues, jazz and classical music. Live theater is another one of her interests, especially drama. Deborah collects Islamic artwork, artwork on and about women, Persian rugs, and Native American pottery. She is part of the book group, loves to read plays and has begun quilting since moving to Bowling Green.



## Last chance to make nominations for Branch scholarships

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](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](mailto: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 6<sup>th</sup>]. 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

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 May 6th. Please bring a book of your choice to review!



⇨ 2005-06 CALENDAR ⇩  
[See details on next page.]

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.
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## Diversity Book List

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

[http://www.aauw.org/community\\_programs/adelante/05.cfm](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 Dime: 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 Anchee 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 Ehlert & Sugar TurnerBachrach (2003)

### --August

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

**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. Senior discounts. Haskins Road at Poe, in BG. 419-352-9883.

Send newsletter comments, corrections, or copy to:  
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**AAUW – Awards Ceremony & Business Meeting – March 25, 2006**

*In case you were unable to attend, or in case you'd like an 'official' version of the event, here's the main text of the Sentinel article:*

Joan Gordon presented the first Outstanding Community Leader, Non-Branch Member award to Karen Cota, Lifestyles page editor of the Sentinel-Tribune for 22 years. Gordon explained that Cota doesn't join local organizations because "that is her beat and she must retain her journalistic objectivity." When Cota accepted the award, she added, "Since I cover AAUW, I know enough about what they do that I feel like a member!"

Since graduating cum laude in 1979 from BGSU, Cota has worked for the Sentinel-Tribune, with only brief stints writing for other newspapers. In 2002 she won an award from the State Associated Press and has also been awarded the Paul Ladd VFW Auxiliary service recognition award in 1995.

The second Outstanding Community Member, Non-Branch Member award was presented to Anita Serda by Diane Regan. Regan discussed the importance of Serda's work in the Perrysburg Heights community – known as "Machete Heights" before Serda and two friends applied for grants to clean up the community. When Serda began her work in the 1980s, Regan explained, Perrysburg Heights had unpaved streets and no street lights. Serda took the \$255,000 from the grants she was awarded and built the Perrysburg Heights Community Center, where programs for children focus on education, recreation and social events.

Serda said receiving this award was "one of the most humbling experiences." She discussed her passion for what she does, focusing on community clean-ups, tutoring and "basic community programs, such as Girl Scouts and Neighborhood Watch." Serda is also founder and festival coordinator of the Ohio South of the

Border Festival, which, as the biggest fundraiser for the Perrysburg Heights Community Association (PHCA), is held every year in August. The PHCA received the prestigious Diamante Award in 2004.

Following the presentation of these awards was the award for Outstanding Community Leader, Branch Member. Dorothea Barker received this award from her daughter, Ann Betts, who discussed her mother's lifelong dedication to conservation and equality. Presenting this award to her mother, Betts incorporated numerous anecdotes about her mother's dedication and perseverance. As a teenager, Betts wondered why her mom couldn't "stick to romance novels" instead of books on conservation and the environment and why they couldn't "eat TV dinners like all the cool kids." Finally, she explained, she understood that her mother hoped to teach her that "...not only that I should be free to think independently, but that I am obligated to do so."

This was evident in Barker's life when, in the 1960s, she joined the League of Women Voters, where she has served on its board of directors and is still active on the Land Use Committee. Barker was named Naturalist of the Year in 1989 by the Toledo Naturalists Association and has been on the Wood County Board of Park Commissioners since 1998.

The final award was presented by Lynn Ward to Holly Norton for being an Outstanding Branch Member. Even though Norton works and lives in Lima, and they have their own local AAUW branch, she chooses to remain a member of the BG branch, which she joined in 1993. Shortly after, she began to chair and has, according to Ward, "completely revitalized" the branch's Literature Group. Norton drives from Lima once a month to do just this and remarked that she "felt guilty accepting the award because [the Literature Group] is so low maintenance."

Norton is currently an Assistant Professor and Director of Writing Across the Curriculum at the University of Northwestern Ohio, where she teaches courses in English and Communication.

Before the awards ceremony began, Diane Regan presented another BG-AAUW branch member's work. Radhika Gajjala has been working to help bring cottage industries in developing countries to the global marketplace by selling naturally dyed, environmentally-friendly, handcrafted scarves from India. Regan explained how Gajjala's work has helped "break through economic barriers and improve the standard of living for women and children" in developing nations.

Gajjala explained how, in the face of mega-corporations such as Wal-Mart and Abercrombie

and Fitch, small artisans are reduced to sweatshop labor. She hopes to increase consumer/producer interaction and to augment the "promotion of livelihood in India" by selling these handcrafted scarves locally. She relies solely on word-of-mouth and brought scarves to sell at the meeting. All proceeds will be donated to the AAUW scholarship fund.

A brief business meeting followed the awards ceremony in which officers for the 2006-2008 term were elected. A raffle for a painting by a branch member and a Jane Austen doll was held in addition to a small book sale to help raise money.

--Kate Najacht, Public Information Officer



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## Scholarship Luncheon

Saturday, May 20, at noon

Room 207 [Mylander Room], Bowen Thompson Student Union, BGSU

### -PROGRAM-

Speaker on Leadership: Carol Leupp, Past State President and member, Toledo Branch

Presentation of scholarship awards

Installation of new officers

Our book sale table will be open for business, with proceeds going to local projects and scholarships.

We'll complete the raffle for the lovely watercolor by Nancy Leetch.

### -MENU-

Chef salad [specify *regular* or *vegetarian*]

Dinner roll

Pound cake with seasonal berries

Coffee, Iced tea

[This is a 'served' meal.]

\$12 per person

Make your reservations by **May 10** to Laura Keller

[ljk5730@verizon.net](mailto:ljk5730@verizon.net) or 419-373-0560

[After May 10, all reservations will be considered firm and payable.]

**PARKING INFORMATION:** Free parking in Lot E, directly west of the Union, on the other side of Thurstin Ave. If walking is an issue, contact Diane Regan for a parking pass closer in.

